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22nd June 2022



NEWSLETTER

BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S
PRODUCTION OF:



BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN, SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH

BOOK AND LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

5TH-8TH JULY 2022

7:00PM START

TICKETS:

REGULAR : £9.00

CONCESSION : £7.00

**AVAILABLE FROM 15 JUNE 2022 - SEE EVENTBRITE:
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Congratulations!

Year 7 and 8 students make a trip into Space!

7 and 8 students made two separate trips into space this month, as part of competitions run by the Computer Science department. James Norrington, Sam Geary and Tymon Arendt, all from 8LPV, took part in the MARSBalloon challenge hosted by Thales Aerospace (www.thalesgroup.com/en/futuremartians). Their experiment, which included microorganisms called tardigrades and samples of their own hair was carried to an altitude of 32km - the very edge of space - by a weather balloon. The conditions at this altitude are very similar, in terms of temperature, pressure and radiation, to those on the surface of Mars. Their experiment was recovered successfully by parachute, landing somewhere in the Mendip hills and should be back at school in the next week or two, ready for our team to inspect their payload.

Victor Zhuang (7MAM), Lucas Hicks (7FTM) and Archie Williamson (7STA) also became astronauts of a kind, when their code was run aboard the International Space Station, as part of the AstroPi project, run by the European Space Agency (astro-pi.org). Each student designed a computer program that took readings from the environment sensors aboard the Space Station and printed a message that scrolled on a screen for the ISS crew. The certificates they received include an orbital track showing the International Space Station was above the Earth, when their code ran.

Well done to all the students! If you would like to take part in these or similar competitions, come along to one of our after-school clubs - either Unicode club on Wednesdays, or Robot Club on Thursdays.

Mr Villazon, Head of Computer Science



**EUROPEAN
ASTRO PI
CHALLENGE
2021-2022**
**MISSION
ZERO**



Certificate of participation

This is to certify that
Lucas

from team
lithobraking

from
Bexley Grammar School

had their computer program run on the International Space Station
as part of Mission Zero 2021-2022.

Hugo Maric
Head of ESA Education Office

Philip Colligan
CEO of Raspberry Pi Foundation


Samantha Cristoforetti
ESA Astronaut


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2021-2022**
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Archie

from team
Pi space

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Bexley Grammar School

had their computer program run on the International Space Station
as part of Mission Zero 2021-2022.

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2021-2022**
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Victor Zhuang

from team
Name should be Olive Tree

from
Bexley Grammar School

had their computer program run on the International Space Station
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Congratulations!

To Infinity and Beyond!

Isaac Summerfield and a few lucky members from his Scout Jamboree Troop were invited to attend the UK premier of Disney Pixar's Lightyear in Leicester Square.

After seeing a specially screened Disney preview of Lightyear on Saturday Isaac formulated some questions and was given a wonderful opportunity to meet and interview some of the Disney stars including Chris Evans, Taika Waititi and Scouts ambassador Sir Tim Peake.

If you would like further information on Isaacs' Korean Scout Jamboree trip in 2023 and to support him please visit his fundraising page at <https://gofund.me/9e16342b>

Mr Skinner, Director of Studies, Year 9





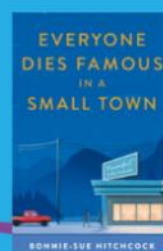
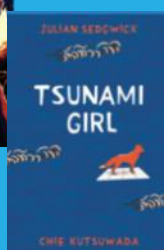
Carnegie Reading Group

It was our final book group last Tuesday, and we celebrated with a quiz, cake and a vote on our favourite books. The vote was far closer than in previous years and, wonderfully, each of the books were someone's favourite. Our winner was the beautiful *Tsunami Girl* by Julian Sedgwick, a mixture of prose and manga which tells the story of a 15 year old girl and her grandpa who are caught in the 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

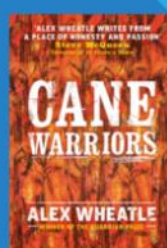
The runners up were *Guard Your Heart* by Sue Devin and *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle. We look forward to Thursday when we will find out the National winner at a virtual awards ceremony.

Thank you to all students who participated this year, it was a great book group! If anyone would like to borrow any of the Carnegie books they are available in the Library.

Mrs Carey, School Librarian



Yoto Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2022



#CKG22



Welcome to the

Uncovering the talent within our school...



In Bexley Grammar, there are many under - appreciated artists that deserve more recognition. Their talent is nothing like you've seen before, and unique to every person, however, they fly right past our noses. Four of these talented artists have been selected and interviewed to be featured in the BGS Arts Corner, something that you can participate in too!

Naima Mendjeli

Naima Mendjeli is an aspiring artist, who normally sticks to drawing from real life, however, has recently begun to explore the world of doodling, and a more simplistic art style. Naima's journey began when she had started doodling a person bored at school on a post-it note. Later, she decided she wanted to create a completely new work of art, using the idea of the post-it note doodle as a reference.



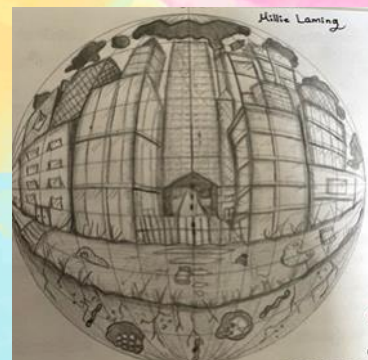
It's never too late to add some humour into your work, which Naima frequently does to make her doodles more relatable, as to why this one is set in a school environment.

Naima plans to continue using her doodling style, and do commissions once her style has become more developed, however, will simply stick to drawing for fun. Despite this, she encourages others to give their opinion on her work, and any feedback they may have!

Millie Laming

Millie Laming is a young, hardworking artist, inspired to begin drawing due to the talented family members and friends she was surrounded by, and saw it as an outlet to de-stress and relax.

The artwork here was originally meant to be completed as a homework assignment, however, Millie found it extremely enjoyable to complete, thus putting more effort into the work. She decided she should convey a message about how serious pollution is becoming, and how we need to spread awareness about it, and put in more effort to halt its growth as much as possible. You can help with this, by changing the slightest things in your daily life, such as biking to school instead of using public transport, or even walking when possible. These small actions can help reduce the amount of pollution there is currently,



otherwise it's predicted by 2030 the air will become so poisonous, it will be necessary to use an oxygen kit wherever we go.

Millie expects that she will continue with their perspective artwork and the theme of pollution, as it's extremely enjoyable for her, and loves creating art.

Jessica Hine

Jessica Hine began drawing when she was very young, and always loved using her creativity on any arts and crafts she could get her hands on, such as using chalk on the pavement, using free crayons in a restaurant, making pipe cleaner stick figures, you name it. Her parents have always encouraged her to be creative, and because of completing the GCSE art course, she was motivated to try different styles, especially realism.

The piece below was part of Jessica's GCSE coursework; she had attempted to recreate an artwork created by Dante Gabriel Rossetti. She likes to believe how art can be seen differently in the eyes of a viewer, as every time something is repainted by a different artist, a part of the artist's style is mixed into the composition, even if it's by complete accident, sometimes changing the whole original meaning of the piece.



Mia Millin

Mia Millin started drawing at quite a young age, starting out as a simple hobby, and eventually falling in love with painting and sketching. After some time, she decided to move away from paper, and onto stencilling her unique and gorgeous designs onto shirts, thus growing her love of stencils and screen-printing. Mia struggles to find any shirts that are fashionable and comfortable enough to wear to the gym, so came to the conclusion of starting a T-shirt company.

The T-shirt below is one of many unique designs that Mia hopes is comfortable and stylish for many, and inspires others to begin lifting weights, as she finds it quite fun.



She would highly appreciate any support and feedback, which you can express on her Instagram at @massacre._clothing, and Tik Tok on @sugar_isnt_free!

Alex Potocnik Hahonina, Year 8 BGS Art Prefect



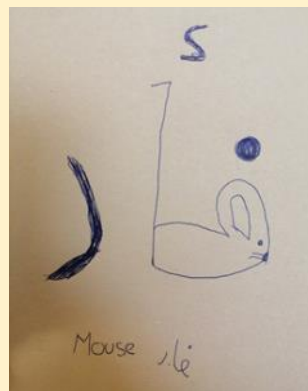
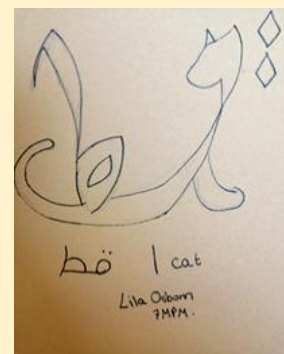
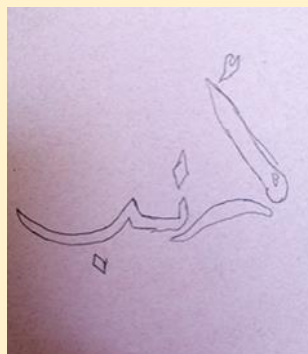
Arabic language and culture

MFL News

During Power Day 5, two exceptional assistants helped with the delivery of a session on Arabic language and culture for Year 7 students - **Zayan Khan and Hussein Nada (7MPM)**.

The session aimed at providing some general information about Arabic speaking countries and teaching students greetings and introductions in Arabic, as well as practising writing through calligraphy. Zayan and Hussein took their role of Arabic experts with great professionalism: they delivered an introductory talk and modelled good pronunciation for their peers through a role play.

Miss Giglione, MFL Department





PE News

Year 9 Sports Leaders

Our brilliant Year 9 sports leaders ran a Year 5 girls' football festival on Wednesday afternoon. It was to develop their leadership skills, and to give girls in Year 5 a chance to spend some time at a local secondary school. Everyone had a brilliant time, and all enjoyed a well-deserved lolly at the end in the sun.

Mr Lines, Head of PE





Cricket

A cracking captain's knock of 50* by Matthew Smith sadly wasn't enough in a thriller for the u14s against Hurstmere on Monday. Hurstmere ended up winning by 2 wickets after a brave fightback from the middle order. Well played Matthew, who has been excellent for us this year.

Mr Lines



Splat the Teacher - 8ACR's Summer Fayre Stall

On a roasting hot Saturday on the school field, many students kindly paid up to splat their favourite teachers with a refreshingly soaked sponge. Some students were even thoughtful enough to pour buckets over their teachers' heads.

8ACR raised an amazing £243 this year and it's all thanks to the teachers who were willing to be "splatted". Our special thanks go to Mr Kinsella who is clearly so popular with the students that crowds of them came flocking over when he was on the stocks.

Can you spot your teacher in these photos?

Thanks from 8ACR, Mrs Rubbera & Mrs Moreton

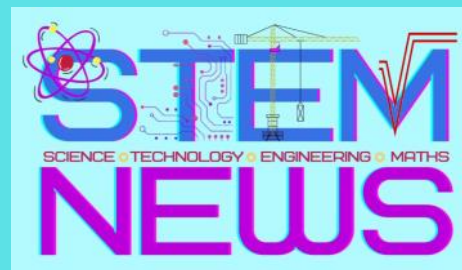




Stem News

Summer 'Careers Advice' Workshop

- Free CV Check
- STEM Careers Advice
- 1-1 sessions
- Routes into Science, Tech, Engineering, Maths
- Advice about Apprenticeships, placements, University
- Ask a Professional
- Pathways into STEM (STEM Pathways)



Age Group: Year 9-13 (Ages 13 – 18)

Date: 13th August 2022

Location: The Exchange, the Old Library, Walnut Tree Rd, Erith DA8 1RS

Time: 12-3pm

Attendees can sign up on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>

Signup on Eventbrite

Lauriann's STEM Club Presents

SUMMER STEM SURGERY POP-IN SESSION

Completely FREE Walk-in and Advice from STEM Graduates, Industry Experts and More.

FREE CV Check including Cover letter

Science . Technology . Engineering . Math

Lauriann's STEM CLUB

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Freebies

STEM Activity Workshops

Ask a professional

Find your Route into STEM

Female Industry Guests

'Ask an Engineer'

1-1 Careers advice

School leaver options

Saturday: 13th August
at 12 PM – 3PM

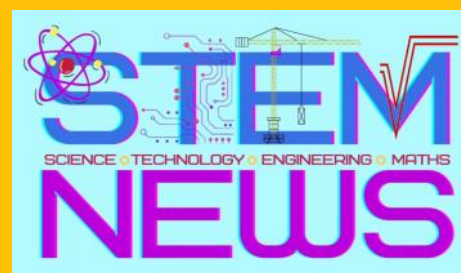
Venue: The Exchange – Erith
The Old Library
Walnut Tree Road
Erith DA8 1RS
www.theexchangeerith.com
www.lauriannsstemclub.co.uk | info@lauriannsstemclub.co.uk

the exchange



Summer 'Coding Camp' Workshop

- We are offering your school **5** places on this workshop as numbers are limited.
- Introduction Into coding; what is coding
- Fundamentals of coding
- Taster session - How to code
- Industry professionals
- Career Pathways in coding



Age Group: Year 8-9 (Ages 11-13)

Date: 1st-5th August 2022

Location: Online

Time: 10-3.30pm

Attendees can sign up on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/356323652637>

Signup on Eventbrite

Lauriann's STEM Club Presents

SUMMER CODING CAMP

ONLINE CODING SESSIONS

FREE coding taster sessions suitable for ages 11-14

Science • Technology • Engineering • Math

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Giveaways

Fundamentals of Coding

Introduction into Coding

Coding taster workshop

What is coding?

Careers in Coding

Learn from professionals

Learn how to code

Industry guests

5-day workshop runs between Monday 1st-Friday 5th August 2022

10am - 3.30pm

Book onto a session

Dates:
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th of August

Venue: Online

www.lauriannsstemclub.co.uk | info@lauriannsstemclub.co.uk



.b Mindfulness Course

All of Year 7 have now studied the first half of the .b Mindfulness course (7JOO and 7FTM are still completing their lessons this half term). There are lots of apps around to guide you through mindfulness practices, but there are many ways to practise mindfulness without technology. In fact, there are added benefits to taking time away from your phone.

Mindfulness is essentially taking the time to be aware of what is happening around you in the present moment, and so you can do this anywhere. Why not try some of the above ideas to support your practice?

Ms S Brand, Mindfulness & Mental Health Lead

Year 9 Kooth Assembly

Last week Year 9 were fortunate to have an outside guest speaker for their assembly, Michelle Smith from Kooth - an online mental health organisation.

Michelle led a discussion on the topic of stress and anxiety - spotting signs of these, and tactics to help manage them.

Students were then given an overview of the resources and support available through the Kooth website - accessible for all students aged up to the age of 25.

The assembly was organised to complement the PSHCE focus on Mental Health last half term. We hope that students will feel more aware of the support and resources available to them.

Here is a link to a short introduction to Kooth : <https://www.kooth.com/video>

Mrs Spencer
Senior Academic Mentor, Year 9

kooth

Kooth is here, year round. Even when schools are out.

Find support for your mental wellbeing, no matter what's on your mind.

Visit [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) today





Plant Positivity!

Meet us at the canopies near art on **Monday 27th June** for our next session of Plant positivity! You can spend the session painting a plant pot how you wish and then either using it to plant seeds or hold your pens!

Who: Anyone in Ks3

Where: My the canopies on the field near the Art rooms

When: 3:15 on the 27th June

Why: To spread positivity!

What can you bring?
Seeds!





Special Educational Needs Department



The local offer is an online guide to the services in Bexley that are available for children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disabilities

www.bexleylocaloffer.uk

Mrs Haslam
SEND & Inclusion Manager

Is your son or daughter a young carer?

Check Imago on youngcarers@imago.community or contact Mrs Haslam
haslam_c@bexleygs.co.uk

e-Safety and Safeguarding Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've sent through information before about in-game purchases such as packs and loot boxes which children are exposed to in many of the popular console games currently available.

This article, forwarded by e-Safety advisor Alan Mackenzie, gives practical advice for parents / carers on how to make sure that appropriate parental controls and settings are in place for the most commonly used consoles and devices.

<https://www.waynedenner.com/blog/how-to-avoid-getting-your-bank-account-emptied-with-your-children-gaming/>

Best wishes,

H.J. Gilmore
Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead





Thank you for helping us give nature a home.

The money you've raised by fundraising will help us protect birds and other wildlife.

Thank you to Bexley Grammar School, Welling - you have helped us by raising £131 so far in 2022

"Our natural world has never needed a helping hand more than it does right now. Thank you so much for giving your support and making a real difference".

Beccy Speight,
RSPB Chief Executive





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Bexley trials for the London Mini Marathon 2022

**Distance
5km**

Saturday 16 July & Saturday 20 August at 9am
Danson Park, Danson Road, Welling, DA6 8HL

**U13
Boys & Girls
U15
Boys & Girls
U17 Men &
Women**



You must live or attend
school within the London
Borough of Bexley



Email: adamswinch@aol.com



If you would like to be part of the Bexley team for the London Mini Marathon 2022, the trials will be taking place as part of two upcoming Danson Park parkrun events. Here are the details:

- ▶ **Dates and time:** Saturday 16 July & Saturday 20 August at 9am (you are welcome to attend either or both events)
- ▶ **Venue:** Danson Park, Danson Road, Welling, DA6 8HL
- ▶ **Distance:** 5km
- ▶ **Eligibility:** You must live or attend school within the London Borough of Bexley
- ▶ **Age categories:**
 - U13 Boys & Girls (School Year 7 and 8)
 - Must be 11 on the day of competition or 12 on 31st August prior to the commencement of the competition year
 - U15 Boys & Girls (School Year 9 and 10)
 - Age 13 or 14 on 31st August prior to commencement of the Competition Year
 - U17 Men & Women (School Year 11 and 12)
 - Age 15 or 16 on 31st August prior to commencement of the Competition Year

If you are interested in taking part:

- ▶ You will need to register with parkrun and bring along the printed barcode as this will be scanned at the finish to give you a time www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?section=form
- ▶ You MUST also confirm your attendance by contacting Kevin Winch adamswinch@aol.com / 07816616755 at least 24 hours before the event so that we have your details to contact you if you are successful in qualifying for the team
- ▶ Please be aware that the Danson Park parkrun is a popular public event and can be busy, so please give yourself plenty of time to arrive and get to the start line.



Qualifying:

The top 6 finishers in each of the age categories at the parkrun will be selected for the Bexley London Mini Marathon team and the 7th and 8th finishers will be reserves (an exception to this is if a young person competes at County standard middle-distance, then a discretionary place may be given).

The London Mini Marathon takes place on **Sunday 9 October 2022** and is held over the final 5km of the London Marathon Course, shortly before the elite runners start.

If you are interested in joining Bexley Athletics Club please visit www.bexleyac.org.uk





**TUESDAY
12TH JULY,
2022 6PM**

**BEXLEY GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**

**JAZZ
EVENING**



**ON THE SCHOOL
FIELD,
WEATHER
PERMITTING**

**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED BY THE
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE EVENING WILL BE MOVED INSIDE TO THE SCHOOL HALL

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/JA
ZZ-EVENING-2022-TICKETS-344127353177](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jazz-evening-2022-tickets-344127353177)**

£6/£4

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Translate into English **any** poem from **any** language – ranging from Arabic to Urdu, from Japanese to Russian - 9 cash prizes available **up to £150!**

Join the Google
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- Translate any poem out of any language into English
- Write a commentary (up to 300 words)
- Three categories: 14-and-under, 16- and-under, 18-and-under
- Free to enter (individually, in pairs or in groups)
- **Deadline: Monday 11th July**

Romanian Spotlight

The 'Romanian Spotlight' is a special strand of the Stephen Spender Prize.

- **3 cash prizes** available (£100 each).
- The three winners will have their translation published online and in the 2022 prize booklet.
- Up to three highly commended runners-up per category will have their names printed in the prize booklet and their poems published on the official website.

P.S. no need to be perfectly fluent native speakers :)



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into a Fair Isle sweat er that
sleeps out in the rain.
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its breath. The hair elastic changed fore
ver into a black snail, changed forever into a pony
tail that dropped mid-flight. The microphone on the air
cmen changed forever into a neglected football, changed
forever into the wet slippery rock agape to this day. The panic
changed forever into silence from the freshwater crayfish and
the sleeping princesses. The grief forever changed into vines
overflowing with roses. The grief changed into a decade of
sleep while the roses climbed the asphalt, spread along the
concrete, floor by floor, forever growing in the
broken windows.

ENDRE RUSET, NORWEGIAN POET
IN MEMORY OF THE 2011 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NORWAY

Translated by Harry Man
Winner 2021 - Open category (age 19+)

Parents can also
submit an entry :)
more info on the
official website!

For further information, please contact Miss Giglione (giglione_m@bexleygs.co.uk)



Forthcoming Events

June

July

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th Little Shop of Horrors (see notice)



Tuesday 12th ~ Jazz Evening (see notice)



Please

click [here](#) to the full summer term calendar of events

click [here](#) to read Mr Skinner's/ Miss Anderson's Dates for your Diary Letter