



International Week 2022

The week of 26th-30th September saw the school celebrating International Week, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and appreciate our own global school community. There were a whole range of cultural activities and competitions for the students to participate in throughout the week, culminating in 'Culture Day' on Friday 30th when students and staff were invited to come into school wearing the traditional cultural dress of their heritage or an accessory with their uniform. We were delighted to see so many students and staff participating in this event and joining in so enthusiastically with some of the other events on offer!

The week got off to a very exciting start with students hunting for and identifying twenty International flags hidden all around the school and then racing up to the MFL department to collect their prize! Lunchtime activities included origami, French board games, petanque, Italian culture, make your own 'Schultüte', cheese tasting and some very energetic Latin American bailes en ligne!

Across the school, departments taught international themed lessons and there was even a special international menu available in the canteen. Registration was conducted each day in a different language including Tamil, Nepali, Irish, Malayalam and Punjabi.



International Celebration Week

NEWS LETTER



12th October 2022

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Cheese tasting

When was the last time you had cheese? Maybe in a sandwich, or a pizza. Most people just think of cheese as a yellow lump with holes in it - but in fact, there are thousands of types of cheese across the world. Some are pretty interesting, like maggots cheese in Italy, and some we eat a lot, like cheddar. Last Thursday, we went to the cheese-tasting event with Mr Adams and Year 12 language prefect James for international week. It was really fun as we got to have crackers to try out different French Cheeses- from goats' cheese to a smelly blue Roquefort. When you actually pay attention, you'd notice that cheese has all sorts of flavours and textures - strong, mild, hard, soft, and much more! It was also very entertaining watching people's reactions, especially if they didn't like the cheese.



Diep Anh, Elin & Hana, Year 9

Culture Day

We all came together and decided to dress up for Culture Day as it would be our last year to do this with each other. Even though Harleen and I came up with the idea, the real credit goes to the people who spread the message around. We all thought it would be a great idea to do and that it would be great for photo opportunities as well and for our Yearbook later this year. We all enjoyed this day wearing clothes that make us feel proud and it will definitely be a memory that we will not forget!



Gunit Year 11

Great International Bake Off

This year's 'Great International Bake Off' saw some delicious treats prepared by some of our budding bakers. The winner this year was Dhiren (Year 10) with an absolutely delicious Gajar Ka Halwa and Indian Spice cake which not only tasted great, but was beautifully presented!



Well done Dhiren!

International Week at BGS was amazing! There was so much food and so many different activities. There was really something for everyone. A personal favourite of mine was "Bailes en Ligne". This was line dancing from Italy. It was a great activity to try out and you couldn't help but join in. It went from partner work all the way to a conga that went outside! A huge thank you to all the teachers that made this all possible and it was great to see everyone joining in with trying new food and wearing cultural clothes. If you didn't try one of the lunch time activities this year you definitely should next time!

Matilda Year 10



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As a Language Leader, I participated in the bailes en línea workshop which was set up. It was great fun to do with my friends and I really got an insight into the Spanish culture behind it :)

Deya Year 10



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PE News

Rugby

What a start for the Year 7 Rugby team! In their first competitive action, they won 3 games, and drew 1. The highlight was our tackling, which was tremendous from the first minute.

Well played boys!

Mr Lines, Head of PE



Marvellous Marathon!

Amelia Baulch in Year 13 completed the London Marathon in a time of around 5 hours! An outstanding achievement, bringing pride to the school and some wobbly legs to boot!

Congratulations Amelia!



Miss Aspill

Director of Studies, Year 13





Football

Congratulations to the many pupils who participated in football fixtures last week.

The week started with the Year 8 football team suffering a narrow loss (3-2) against Bonus Pastor. Despite the loss they were happy with their performance and how they battled right to the end of the game in an effort to get a result. Believe it or not, the smiles on their faces were actually at the end of the game despite missing out on victory! They worked incredibly hard and were close to a fantastic comeback.

On Tuesday our Year 7 squad got their season underway against a very strong Farringtons B Team. This was their first game and 16 players all rotated around and had their first chance to represent BGS in a football fixture. It was a proud moment for them all and I hope that you keep getting involved as you have done so far. Despite an optimistic start in the first half the final result was 5-1 to Farringtons B.

On Wednesday the Sixth Form team carried on their great run of form. After a difficult first half where we missed a number of chances, the second half saw a much improved performance and the final score was a 6-0 win to BGS. A special mention goes to Alvyn who was injured and took on the role of manager. He did a superb job!

Well done to all involved!

Mr Mackle, PE Department



Special Educational Needs Department

Free Time Friends

Twelve Year 8 pupils have trained and 'passed out' as Free Time Friends. They will be around at break and on lower school lunch. They will not be in a certain area but just going about their own business and having their lunch break but will be on the lookout for students that might look lonely, isolated, and friendless. They have been trained in initiating conversation and how and where to signpost (clubs or places) that might be appropriate.

They have all been issued with a 'Free Time Friend' badge so easy to spot.

**Mrs C Haslam,
SEND & Inclusion Manager**





English Department News - October

Reading. Essential to mastering the English language and to the brain's development, it is one of, if not the most important exercise for a growing brain, but it is something that many students do less of as they go through secondary school. To help with this, BGS have a 'Reading Journal' section in the students' planners, where they can note what books they've read, how they felt reading it and what they plan on reading next. The English department encourages all parents to take action with their child's reading and encourage them on a reading journey by checking these journals and discussing the child's reading with them.



OX?LORE

Continuing on the theme of the brain's development, the University of Oxford has a free website called 'Oxlore', designed to engage 11-18 year olds with thought provoking questions

across a range of topics. The website was created to take students on a supported journey to find new skills and become critical thinkers; 'Oxlore' does this by including research, in the form of quizzes, images, videos, podcasts and articles, within each question. It's accessible to all students and we as a department encourage any Year 7s or Year 8s to use 'Oxlore' and tell their teacher about their experience.

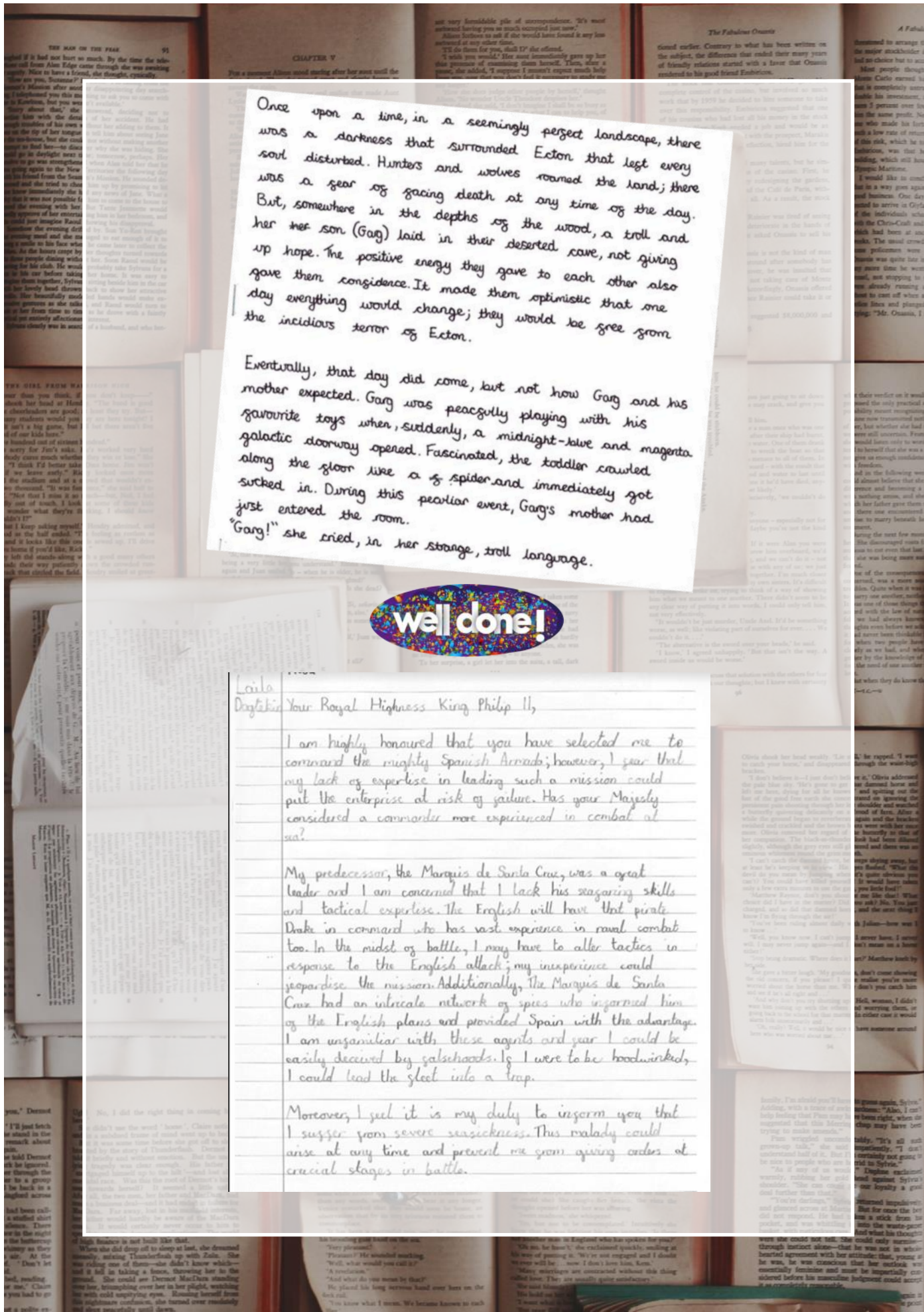
Last but not least, BGS have encouraged any new Year 7's from primary schools in Bexley borough to bring in their most impressive piece of work. Big congratulations to Yousaf Mian (piece 1), Lowenna Bainbridge (piece 2) and Laila Dagtekin (final piece) who brought in their work. I am sure they'll be producing more writing of the same quality, and even better, as they continue their study of English here at BGS.

**Leon Paci,
English Prefect, Year 12**



The Woman in black

My head spun. My heart stopped. Inwardly, I screamed for help. The solitary bird stood upon the dilapidated chapel, watching as stone grey clouds blanketed the once bright sky. Darkness descended upon me, like a gauntlet hunting its prey, resuming the dead to walk again. Withered graces stood guarding the ancient shelter, their names moss-covered and degenerated by age. I stood, fossilized in my gear. Her eyes gleamed as the wasted grave; the ink-black garments she adorned matched the eerie air which covered the once holy cemetery. The chapel stood that had once ~~accommodated~~ many priests now lay in ruin. My eyes widened as my eyes caught a glimpse of her wasted features, her skin as pale as snow, her hand clasped in prayer but seemed to chant a melancholy hymn. Ice-cold gear crawled down my spine as my eyes landed on her rotting face, as her eyes caught mine and her gaze costorted into a soul. Trees towered over me glaring down at me. Suddenly, I felt as if I was miles away from humanity, no soul residing near me, except for her, she was Janet Humphrey the women who had ~~replaced~~ my parents.





YEAR 10 NEWS

DOS Golden Weekly Award

3rd-7th October

Congratulations to all the recipients of the award this week:

- Dev Asar - 10EAB (donations to harvest box)
- Seth Hemmise - 10MGG (engagement and consistency)
- Soahasina Ramanoelina - 10IAB (solo performance in house music - generally awesome)
- Tilly Owen - 10AMM (consistently been an asset to form)
- Tarin Houston - 10MEM (came 3rd place in Italian Oxford University Challenge)
- Alex Trillow - 10JEA (always being lovely)
- Ruth Yehualashet - 10ELS (putting in the most spoken and written effort in PSHCE sessions)

Congratulations!

Year 10 Form Attendance Award

3rd-7th October

The form with the highest attendance this week is:

10EAB

Congratulations to all students in Mr Bularelli's form.
Let us do it again next week

Opportunity of a lifetime can only be experienced within
the lifetime of the opportunity.

Mr Oyedeji



Dear Habiteers,

First, an update. People are still responding to the [anonymous survey](#) with tales of how their lives are changing. Reading seems to be the new trend among our... readers..., with recent respondents reporting more time spent with books. Here is one response that I particularly liked, which fits with the encouragement to put phones away, the initial tip to make changes small at first, and the idea of taking an old habit and making it better:

habits

"I have kept my routine the same, but in times where I would be on my phone (doing nothing productive) I've decided to instead do reading - it's the same principle, but reading books is helping me learn more about my subjects and the career I want in the future. Definitely more productive."

I'd love to continue hearing from you.

Snoozing on cold, dark mornings

The first frost of autumn appeared this morning at BGS, glistening on the roofs of the buildings I look down on from my office window. It has heralded a gloriously sunny day, but it makes it more difficult to get out of a warm bed in the morning. The creeping darkness doesn't help most of us, either. Well, strange as it might seem, one of my first thoughts in the morning when my alarm goes off is that to hit 'snooze' would be to betray you. Hitting the snooze button means denying that first cue of the day, the one that is supposed to get me out of bed. Therefore, I turn off my alarm and get out of bed, not wanting to let you down by failing to practise what I preach. Remember: ignoring the cues you have given yourself to improve your behaviour becomes a habit in itself, and then forming better habits becomes ever more difficult. Can you avoid snoozing this winter?

Positive thinking

Have you ever reflected on the fact that bad things tend to stick in the mind more than the good? Sadly, this seems to be a biological throwback to when humans (or our ancestors) faced significant evolutionary pressures. From a survival perspective, it makes a lot of sense to remember things that have threatened us, because then we might be more likely to survive them in the future. The same is less true for positive things. Therefore, if we want to think more positively, it might be necessary to build up a habit of doing so. How?

In my third article I suggested a daily review of lesson content to support learning. How about a different sort of review (or an add-on, if a daily review is already habitual)? Write down one thing (or two, or three) that was good in your day. This doesn't have to be huge, just positive. Did you have a good chat with a friend? Did something stick in a lesson where previously you'd struggled? Was lunch tasty? Did you hand in all of your work on time? Small things that make life better are worth noting and celebrating. The more frequently you do this, the more positives you will notice, no matter what else is going on in your life. If you write them down, you will build up a record of the nicer side of life, and that's got to be worth having, right?

I hope that you have a week full of positives that you remember, and find something nice to make up for getting up when it's cold and dark!

Mr Asker, Head of Psychology





To Celebrate
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Join the DT Department for a cultural
cook-off!

All year groups welcome!
Bring your Best, **COOKED**, Black Heritage
inspired homemade dish, to H5 on

Wednesday, October 19th

Place your item in the silver fridge between
8-8.25am, return during lunch P5 or P6.
You will be given a plate to present your
amazing creation.

Win a prize!!
Add your name to the list at school.
May the best chef win!





Check out books from the **library** that are part of Mrs Carey's Black History Month collection.



Black History Month Science Trail

Who am I? - Black Scientists Competition! For Year 7 and Year 8

Please visit all of the Science rooms. On the doors you will find information on some famous Black Scientists, use this information to find out the names of the scientists on each door (hint use the library/internet).

Please collect a form from your Science teacher.
Once completed please submit to Mrs Moore
(Head of Science) in the science office
(next to M15).

**THERE IS A PRIZE FOR THE FIRST
FORM WITH ALL CORRECT ANSWERS!!**



Good Luck Year 11

Dear Year 11

Good luck in the mock exams! You are well prepared and you should be confident that all your hard work will pay off. Once they are out of the way, have a restful break over half term. Then I kindly request that you make the most of your work experience placements. Ask questions, get involved and enjoy it. We look forward to hearing all about them when you return to school.

Thanks

Mr Mackle, Director of Studies

Good Luck!

Notice for Year 11 Parents/ Carers & Students

The Year 11 Revision Booklet can be viewed by clicking on the link [here](#) or on the school website under the header ***Teaching and Learning/ Year 11.***

Bexley Grammar School



Year 11
Preparing for Revision
2022 – 2023

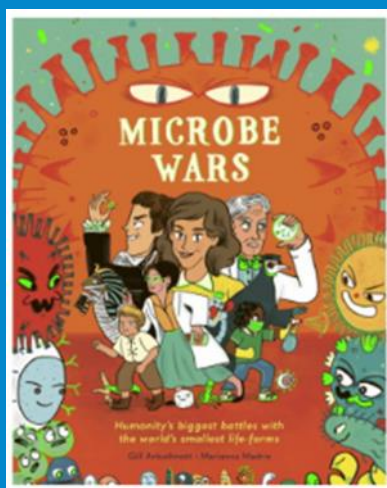
News items you may have missed

ROYAL SOCIETY YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCIENCE BOOK PRIZE

Year 7&8 Competition

The Young People's Book Prize aims to promote literacy in young people and to inspire them to read about science. It also supports the writing of excellent, accessible STEM books for under-14s.

Featured books have
been purchased for
the Library



A [Shortlisting panel](#) made up of scientists, an actor, a teacher, and children's authors has whittled down dozens of titles to six of the year's most fascinating books. We have selected the three most suitable for Year 7 students.

Your challenge is to read one (or more!) and write a book review.

The best reviews will be featured in the school magazine and on the school website.

Email your book reviews to lusted_r@bexleygs.co.uk

Royal Society Science Book Prize

This year's shortlisted books, chosen from over 200 submissions, represent the very best in popular science writing from around the world for a non-specialist audience.



Since 1988, the Royal Society has celebrated outstanding popular science writing and authors. Over the decades, the Prize has celebrated some notable winners including Bill Bryson and Stephen Hawking, and most recently Merlin Sheldrake and Dr Camilla Pang in **2021** and **2020** respectively.

Each year our panel of expert judges, comprising eminent scientists, authors, journalists and broadcasters, choose the book that they believe makes popular science writing compelling and accessible to the public.

The Final Winner will be announced on November 29th 2022.

GET INVOLVED: Read a book and submit a review for the school magazine.

Email book reviews to lusted_r@bexleygs.co.uk by 29th November.

IT'S OFFICIAL HE'S GOING TO BUILD A ROCKET!

Bexley Grammar School Rocketry Club

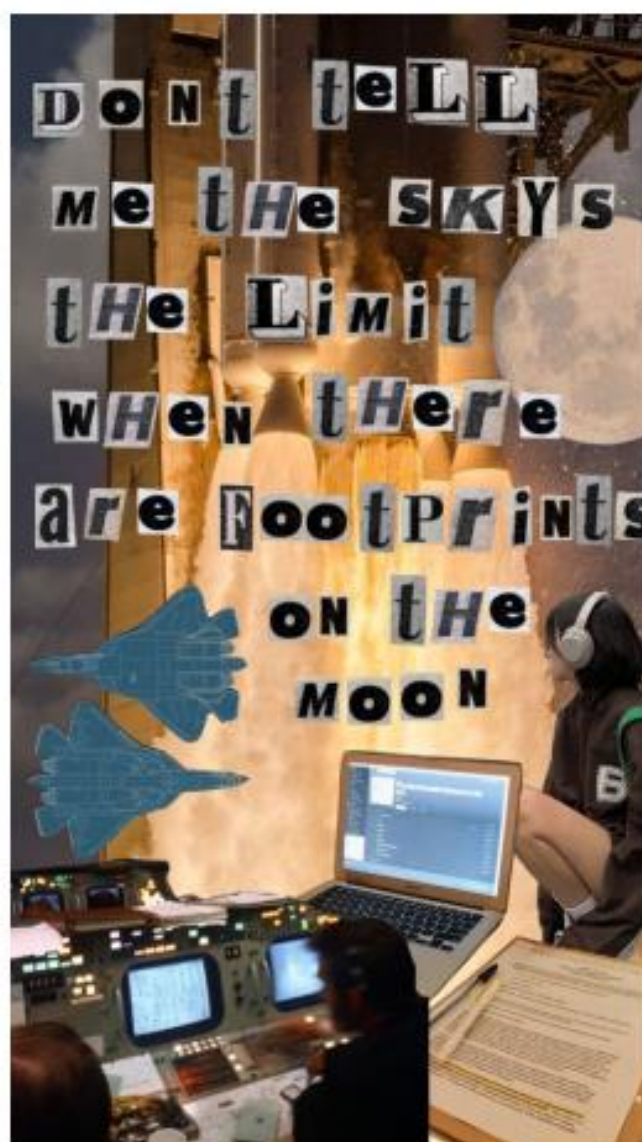
My plan is to build a fully functioning model rocket that can launch an egg and safely return it to earth. The rocket will be participating in the Regional Heats of the UKROC in April 2023, with National Heats and International Heats at the Paris Air show (if we win the regional heats). Looking for people who have a genuine interest in engineering, space technologies, physics, chemistry, design and technology, and maths - who are willing to commit to the project long term.

JOIN HIM!

FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS!

The plans is to commence after October Half-Term if numbers are sufficient. Please email 17amlani.n@bexleygs.co.uk if you plan on attending the club; with your name and year group. Expected to run once a week on either Mondays or Thursdays (potentially at lunch time however it may be easier for all to do it after school).

Nabi Amlani, Year 12





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INVITATION FOR PARENTS:

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SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

HOW TO COACH TEENAGERS TOWARDS A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

We are delighted to announce the first events in our Success Beyond School series for this academic year. These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.

The events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

12TH OCTOBER: MAKING IT IN MEDICINE

Expert advice on how to get into medical school

16TH NOVEMBER: FUTURE-PROOFING STUDENTS

Preparing students for the jobs of the future

30TH NOVEMBER: FINDING A FUTURE IN FINANCE

Gaining the skills for a career in Finance

Register Now



EXPERIENCES IN 19 CAREERS

Explore our life-changing, immersive career opportunities for ages 12-18, which take place at UCL and live online.

Weekend programmes are available throughout this term, we are currently offering a 15% discount on our flagship summer programmes.

Register Now



**YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE****Friday 14th October to Thursday 20th October 2022****(Art Mock Exam – Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November in H8)**

Date	Start Time	Subject	Length	Venue	Candidates
FRIDAY 14 th October	8.30am	English Language Paper: 'A Christmas Carol' + 'An Inspector Calls' + Unseen Poetry	2hrs	Gym/Hall	192
	11.15am	Geography	1hr15	Gym	103
	1.15pm	Latin	2hrs	Gym	50
MONDAY 17 th October	8.30am	Science - Biology	1hr45	Gym/Hall	192
	11.00am	History	1hr30	Gym/Hall	89
		Ancient History	1hr45	Gym/Hall	21
		Religious Studies	1hr45	Gym/Hall	12
	1.15pm	DT	2hrs	Gym	12
		Food	1hr45	Gym	23
		PE	1hr45	Gym	20
TUESDAY 18 th October	8.30am	Maths (non calculator + calculator)	1hr + 1hr	Gym/Hall	192
	11.00am	Business Studies	1hr10	Gym/Hall	59
		Economics	1hr30	Gym/Hall	52
	1.30pm	Psychology	1hr45	Gym	52
WEDNESDAY 19 th October	8.30am	Science - Chemistry	1hr45	Gym/Hall	192
	11.00am	German	2hrs	Gym	98
		French	2hrs	Hall	120
	1.30pm	Computer Science	1hr30	Gym	59
		Drama	1hr45	Gym	32
THURSDAY 20 th October	8.30am	Science - Physics	1hr45	Gym/Hall	192
	11.00am	French (MFL 2)	2hrs	Hall	20
		Japanese	2hrs	Gym	13
		Chinese	2hrs	Gym	13
		Spanish	2hrs	Gym	53
		Italian	2hrs	Hall	32
		Russian	2hrs	Hall	17
	1.30pm	Music	1hr45	Hall	22
		CLASHES			11

Good luck ☺



Year 13 IB Mock Examinations Timetable
Tuesday 1st November - Wednesday 9th November 2022

(IB Visual Arts Mock Exam - Wednesday 23rd November in H7 - all day)

Date	Session	Subject	Length	Students	Venue
TUESDAY 1 st November	8.30am	English Guided Literary Analysis HL	2hrs15	H:77	Gym/Hall
		English Guided Literary Analysis SL	1hr15	S:102	Gym/Hall
		Literature + Performance	1hr30	S:26	Gym/Hall
	11.15am	History	H:1hr35/S:45m	H:28/S:14	Gym/Hall
		Geography	H:2hrs/S:1hr15	H:28/S:16	Gym/Hall
WEDNESDAY 2 nd November	8.30am	Social Anthropology	H:2hrs/S:2hrs	H:8/S:4	Gym/Hall
		Philosophy	2hrs	H:8/S:3	Gym/Hall
	11.15am	Computer Science	2hrs	24	Gym/Hall
		Latin	H:2hrs/S:2hrs	H:3/S:7	Gym/Hall
THURSDAY 3 rd November	8.30am	French (reading + writing)	1hr+1hr30/1hr15/1hr	H:13/S:45/Ab:15	Gym/Hall
		Spanish (reading + writing)	1hr+1hr30/1hr15/1hr	H:8/S:32/Ab:20	Gym/Hall
		Italian (reading + writing)	1hr+1hr30/1hr15/1hr	H:5/S:8/Ab:3	Gym/Hall
		Chinese (reading + writing)	1hr+1hr30/1hr15/1hr	S:6	Gym/Hall
		German (reading + writing)	1hr+1hr30/1hr15/1hr	H:4/S:43	Gym/Hall
	11.30am	Business Management	1hr45	H:47/S:10	Gym/Hall
	1.45pm	German (listening comprehension) HL	1hr	4	Tbc
		German (listening comprehension) SL	45m	43	Gym
		Chinese (listening comprehension) SL	45m	6	Tbc
FRIDAY 4 th November	8.30am	Maths (Analysis and Approaches) HL/SL Non Calculator + Calculator	1hr + 1hr	H:43/S:22	Gym/Hall
		Maths (Applications and Interpretation) SL Calculator	2 hrs	138	Gym/Hall
	11.00am	Global Politics	H:2hrs/S:1hr15	H:30/S:11	Gym/Hall
		Classical Greek and Roman Studies	1hr30	9	Gym/Hall
	1.30pm	Spanish (listening comprehension)HL	1hr	8	Tbc
		Spanish (listening comprehension)SL	45m	32	Gym
		Spanish (listening comprehension)Ab	45m	20	Hall
MONDAY 7 th November	8.30am	Biology	H:2hrs/S:1hr15m	H:38/S:19	Hall
	11.00am	Sports Science	H:2hrs/S:2hrs	H:18/S:5	Hall
	1.30pm	French(listening comprehension)HL	1hr	13	Tbc
		French (listening comprehension)SL	45m	45	Hall
		French (listening comprehension)Ab	45m	15	Tbc

Year 13 IB Mock Examinations Timetable
Tuesday 1st November - Wednesday 9th November 2022

TUESDAY 8 th November	8.30am	Physics	2hrs	H:51	Hall
	11.00am	Psychology	2hrs	H:20	Hall
		Economics	H:1hr45	H:56	Hall
	1.30pm	Italian (listening comprehension)HL	1hr	5	Tbc
WEDNESDAY 9 th November		Italian (listening comprehension)SL	45m	8	Tbc
		Italian (listening comprehension)Ab	45m	3	Tbc
	8.30am	Chemistry	2hrs	H:42	Hall
		DT - Paper 1	1hr30	H:17/S:2	Hall
	11.15am	Environmental Systems	1hr15	52	Hall
		DT - Paper 2	1hr30	H:17/S:2	Hall
	1.30pm	CLASHES		5	

Good luck 😊

School Photographs

Message for Parents/ Carers of Students in Years 7, 10 & 12s

Please note: student photo id cards have been distributed via form trays this week for students in Years 7, 10 & 12.

To take advantage of the **Early Bird Discount**, please follow the instructions on your photo pack and **place your order by Wednesday 19th October**.

If you have any queries please email customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net.

Thank you

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Fireworks Art Competition

We are running an art competition in the lead up to the Danson Park Fireworks! Entries should depict fireworks in whichever medium you like! Photographs of entries should be emailed to dansonfireworks@gmail.com by 17th October 2023. The winning images will be collected from the school after half term.

Winners across 3 age ranges (up to age 7 / 7 to 13 years / 13 to 18 years) will receive 4 tickets to the event and can go up on stage to meet the Mayor of Bexley!



We are planning another intake into the MPS Volunteer Police Cadets in the next few months. Should there be enough interest we are also looking at opening another unit on the borough as our current unit is around 80 strong and extremely successful.

This is mostly aimed at 13-17 year olds but the junior session caters to those as young as 10.

There is no prerequisite to want to join the MPS although any student who does should consider this as an option. We have specific Police Cadet to PC programmes that will fast-track applications and support those involved in the VPC. The unit is open to all and we will always do our best to accommodate everyone who comes along.

If you have any further questions please get in touch.

PC Lillian Brader | 2330SE
Bexley Volunteer Police Cadets

E-mail: [**bexley.cadets@met.police.uk**](mailto:bexley.cadets@met.police.uk)

Address: Bexleyheath Police Station, 2 Arnsberg Way, Bexleyheath, DA7 4QS

[**https://youtu.be/okCTPCb4LI**](https://youtu.be/okCTPCb4LI) - Introduction to the MPS Volunteer Police Cadets 2022 YouTube

[**https://youtu.be/BKPnB4vygxU**](https://youtu.be/BKPnB4vygxU) - MPS VPC Competition 2022 Parade and results YouTube



Native speakers of **Spanish**, French, German, Italian, Russian or Chinese...



We are looking for members of our school community, who are native speakers of **Spanish**, French, German, Italian, Russian or Chinese, who would like to join our amazing team of Modern Foreign Language teachers in September 2022 in maximising the exposure our Sixth Form students have to authentic conversation in their chosen language of study.

The Language team would organise a schedule around your availability, which would allow for small workshops and conversation classes of 2-5 students. We are looking for native speakers who could ask students questions and support them to articulate and develop their responses accurately. Our Language teachers would support you with the planning of the workshops and topics for discussion. Topics are interesting and include: Identity, Traditions, Tourism, Food, Culture, School Systems, Equality and The Environment.

If you would like to know more, please see this link to our FLA Advert [here](#) (also available on the school website). Alternatively you can email reed_j@bexleygs.co.uk. We would welcome the chance to include our wider community in our mission to continue to provide an outstanding curriculum.

The MFL Team





Bexley Grammar School Parents' Association ~ Registered Charity Number: 278843

**BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION
INVITE YOU TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
12th OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00PM
BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL**



**Parents'
Association**

As a parent, guardian, or carer of a child at Bexley Grammar School you are automatically a member of Bexley Grammar School Parents' Association (BGSPA).

During this meeting we will discuss the funds raised over the last school year and ask for your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, and continued support going forward. During these unprecedented times when meeting in person and hosting events is limited, any ideas to raise funds for the school will be appreciated and considered by the PA.

There will be elections for the Trustee posts during the meeting and a description of these posts is provided below.

The Trustees positions are:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Vice Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice Secretary

The Trustees currently holding the posts of **Vice Treasurer and Secretary** are willing to continue in these roles for the next academic year.

The PA needs volunteers to fill the roles of **Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Vice-Secretary**

Should you wish to be considered for any of the Trustee roles or have any questions, please send your nomination/question to bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk ahead of the AGM. You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their knowledge and permission).

Trustee Roles:

If you are nominated and accept a Trustee position your details will be published on the Charity Commission's website.

Chairperson

Organise the PA, chair meetings, represent the PA at key school events.

Vice Chair

Assist and stand in for the chair as needed

Treasurer & Vice Treasurer

Providing financial reports for each meeting and for the AGM. Maintaining accounts and overseeing bank accounts, providing floats for events, banking funds after events, ensuring signatories are up to date, paying bills, ensuring charity details including names of trustees are updated after change of officers, and arranging for accounts to be audited.

Secretary & Vice Secretary

Preparing the agenda for each meeting, taking and circulating the minutes of each meeting, maintaining details of volunteers, helping to arrange the AGM and preparing the annual report.

General Members

Regularly attend monthly meetings help with running the PA and fundraising events.

We are an informal group of enthusiastic parents and guardians who help raise money to provide the little extras to support the education and wellbeing of our children. You can do as much or as little as you want, so please join us.

Kind Regards,

Deann Peetoom (Chair)



Forthcoming Events

October

Wednesday 12th PA AGM (see notice)

Thursday 13th Open Morning for prospective Year 7s (Sept 2023)

Friday 14th to Thursday 20th ~ Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams (see timetable)



Wednesday 19th ~ School photo early bird discount deadline (see notice)

Thursday 20th ~ Last full school day before half term (**all students in school**)

Friday 21st to Monday 31st Half Term (School closed to students)



November

Tuesday 1st ~ First day back following the half term (**all students in school**)

Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 9th ~ Year 13 IB Mock Exams (see timetable)

