

NEWSLETTER

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2023
*Welcome back
Readers*





Year 7 News

The KS3 Diploma is launching this week!

The programme runs for 18 months and assesses three major components of school life: academic, pastoral and CAS (Creativity, Action and Service). Pupils will be awarded an overall grade: Distinction, Merit or Pass and celebrate at an award ceremony in the summer term of Year 8. The Diploma encourages pupils to take ownership of their learning and is brilliant preparation for KS4 and Sixth Form.

Please also keep an eye out for the launch letter which will be sent home soon. Full details of the Diploma can be found via a link in the Diploma letter or via the school website.
Good luck Year 7!

Mrs Boulden
Director of Studies, Year 7





Year 8 News

Autumn Term Round Up

I find myself looking back at the last few weeks of the autumn term as well as looking forward to the start of the new term and New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students as they were the top **merit earners** in their tutor group for the autumn term. Each has been rewarded with a lunch pass for the week. This entitles them to go to the front of the Year 8 lunch queue!

8CED - Zafir Chandhuri & Andrei Mocanu and Amy Spillet and Caitlin Gorman

8JMP - Rayon Matheson and Tadana Muhaso, Lisa Cao and Shraya Virk

8STA - Vidhya Bhat and Belinda Bautista-Gazda and Thomas Jaggs and Avaneesh Shanmugam Manikandan

8MPM - Yasmin Mofakham, Giulia Montanari Brown, Daniel Lambin and Adam Albu

8FTA - Millie Warner and Sophie Allen and Dylan Baker and Aman Mohamed

8ERE - Cedric Mamodesen and Kristian Nachev, Emily Chan and Ruby Rogers

Miss Milbank and I were also very pleased with the first set of Year 8 reports, congratulations to all of the students in Year 8 for their hard work and efforts since September. Some of our most successful students in our year group have been, **Emily Chan 8ERE, Benjamin Bowring 8FTM, Tianming Xie 8JMP, Freda Pereira 8MPM, Caitlin Gorman 8CED and Avaneesh Shanmugam Manikandan 8STA**. Keep this up as knowledge and skills are being developed.



I would also like to congratulate **8CED** for winning the annual Christmas door competition. The theme this year was picked by the student council, and it was Christmas films. This year it was battle of the Elf but it was a clear win for 8CED due to their unique design!

Thanks to **Reggie Cyril-Osunde** for allowing 8CED to celebrate their vision of you as an Elf!

Congratulations!

LUNCH PASS

This pass has been awarded to the following student



This means that this student is allowed to go to the front of the year 8 queue for lunch access

DURATION: Wednesday 4 Jan - Wednesday 11th Jan

Mrs Belton-Owen



8JMP, were inspired by the Grinch! We loved the cheeky Grinch face poking around the side of the door!



8STA, a nice design, although the film link was not so clear.

8FTM, our second Elf link. We loved the clever paper star and paper chains in this design!



8MPM, a nice design but the film link was not so easy to spot!.





8ERE - linked their door design to the Nightmare before Christmas.

An impressive effort from all of the year 8 tutor groups and we look forward to seeing what Christmas 2023 will bring.



As we start this term, the tutor groups are focusing on their First Give projects and in the coming week, each tutor group will be visited by their chosen charity. This week **8MPM** were visited by local representatives from Cancer Research UK to help plan a range of fundraising activities as well as develop their understanding of what this charity does.



There will be a presentation event in the week beginning the 6th February when all of the tutor groups will present their First Give projects which we look forward to seeing. Further information will come out to you nearer the time.

Mrs Belton Owen,
Director of Studies, Year 8



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If you're in Years 7-13 and studying French or Spanish, we
invite you to enter this year's

FRENCH & SPANISH FLASH FICTION COMPETITIONS



The aim is to write a complete story, written in French or
Spanish, using no more than 100 words.

Our judges are looking for imagination and narrative flair, as
well as linguistic ability. Winners will be awarded a top prize
of £100!



Join our GC group: **6j4tnbf**

For further info, please contact Miss Giglione

giglione_m@bexleygs.co.uk



The 12 Days of Christmas – Update

Last term, from the 5th to 16th of December, we organised a '12 Days of Christmas' musical fundraiser for the Evelina Children's Hospital in London, supporting seriously ill babies and their families in hospital over the Christmas period.

We uploaded 12 festive ensemble performances to the 'Music at Bexley Grammar School' YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@musicatbexleygrammarschool7831>) and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated as well as give a massive thank you to everyone who supported the cause by watching the videos and donating to our Just Giving page.

So far a very generous £193.75 (£160 + gift aid) has been sent off to the Hospital!

Thanks so much again to all of those who donated to our page and the Evelina, and if anybody else wishes to donate, the link will be up until the 18th January.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bqsmusic12>

Thank you!

Noah Hanley-McClatchie, Year 13



Thank You

ABRSM Exams March 2023

ABRSM EXAMS - 24 March 2023

If you would like to enter your child in for ABRSM exams, we will be holding a session on Friday 24 March 2023. **Click here to access the form**. The deadline for entries is 6 February 2023 - please sign up as soon as possible as we are likely to fill up this date.

Mrs Goddard, Head of Music





MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLES 2022-2023

Monday

Clarinet Ensemble

Ac Mon, MU2

Led by our clarinet teacher for those
Grade 5+ Clarinet



Flute Group

Ac Mon, MU1

A group for flutes! Must be grade 3+.



Chamber Choir

After School, MU2

A small vocal group for Y11-13. By invitation only.



Tuesday

Junior Jazz (Y7-9 only)

Lunchtime, MU1

Wind, brass, rhythm section (piano,
guitar, bass and drums). Grade 1+.
Must read music.



Big Band

After School, MU1

Wind, brass, rhythm section (piano,
guitar, bass and drums). Grade 4+.
Improv Group continues after for
exceptional performers.



Wednesday

KS3 Orchestra (Y7-9 only)

Lunchtime, Hall

All orchestral players welcome - must
be having music lessons on an
instrument.



Symphony Orchestra

After School, Hall

Wind, brass, strings, percussion
including Piano - Grade 4+.



Thursday

String Group

Ac Mon, MU1

For violinists, violists, cellists and
double bassists of all levels.



Senior Choir (all years)

After School, MU1

3/4-part choir, singing modern
classical to pop and beyond.

Friday

Samba Band

Ac Mon, MU1

Led by our drum teacher.
By invitation only.



Junior Choir (Y7-8)

Lunch, MU1

Open to all singers. There will
be a trip to Young Voices at
Wembley too!

Rock Groups

Lunch and After School, MU2

By invitation only - if you are a
serious performer on guitar,
keyboard, drums or singing. Space
is limited.

Save The Date!

Come and meet the family in our music production **'The
Addams Family'**

Tuesday 4 - Friday 7 July 2023, 7pm.
Tickets to be released Easter 2023!





PE News

A real game of two halves depending on who had the wind in their favour today. Wilmington Grammar had all of the possession in the first half but failed to capitalise thanks to our resolute defence with Leonard even saving a penalty. After a brief team talk at the break about taking our chances the boys took the game to Wilmington and it wasn't long before the deadlock was broken. A well finished goal from Luke M and a brace from Valentino saw us secure the win and the game finished 3-1 to BGS.

Mr Skinner, PE Department



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GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS
FOR 12-14 YEAR OLDS



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Premier League *KICKS* January Trials



COMMUNITY TRUST
At The Heart Of The Community

Want to represent CACT's PL Kicks Team?

**Trials on: 14th January 2023
3.00-4.30pm**

- Boys & Girls trials available
- Must be in Year 10 & Year 11

**Location: CACT Community
Pitch, Foots Cray Rugby Club,
SE9 2EL**



Book your place today:

Girls trial: kim.dixon@cact.org.uk

Boys trial: jay.adam@cact.org.uk



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the
Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps,
please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



To BEXLEY GRAMMAR

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £ 358.92



Safeguarding Update

Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids

YouTube is hugely popular, but historically parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. Things have changed and YouTube now gives parents and carers a greater degree of control. The page below has a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

Personal Gmail accounts

Parents and carers may also wish to encourage children to set up their own Gmail account to be able to manage accounts for children much more effectively e.g. managing the account via a Google Family Link. Once done, parents can set up 'Supervised Experience' on YouTube which gives the option of 3 levels of content filtering, based on the age of the child, and managing this from a single parental account.

Please remember that students should not be using their BGS Gmail accounts for anything unrelated to school.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Happy New Year,

Mr S Auckland
Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Head

Special Educational Needs Department



Autism Advisory Service

Bexley's Autism Advisory Team will be available to have informal chats with parents/carers of children with a diagnosis of Autism or awaiting diagnosis. Advisory Teachers and Specialist Support Team will cover from Early Years to Secondary School aged children.

Date: Thursday 19th January 2023

Time: 10am—12pm

Venue: Hall Place Education Room, (Opposite the Café)

Hall Place & Gardens
Bourne Road
DA5 1PQ

Bexley Autism Advisory Service provides advice, support and training to schools and families. We help them meet the needs of children and young people with autism.





BGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



All BGS parents/carers are
welcome to attend PA meetings!

The next meeting dates are:

Wednesday 18 January

Wednesday 22 February

Wednesday 22 March

Meetings are held at BGS
from 7.30-9pm in the 6th form
building. Parking is available
near the tennis courts.



BGS PA

**FRIDAY
24 FEB**

7.30-9.30pm

Board Game Night



**Adults £5
Students £3
(8-18yrs)**

**bring your
own snacks
& drinks**

**classics,
international
games and chess**

SAVE THE DATE!

**ticket booking
starts 24 Jan**



Items for PA fundraisers... Mothers' Day Shop, Christmas Shop & Raffles

If you're doing a bit of a clear out, the PA would be happy to receive any of the below items to be used in our fundraising events.

Donations can be left at the School Office in a bag marked 'PA'.

Many thanks!

BGS PA

e: bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk

Wine plus

Doing dry January this month or trying to be healthier? If you have any unopened bottles of alcohol, we'd be happy to take them off you to be used a raffle prize!

Surplus gifts

Did you receive Christmas gifts that are 'surplus' to your requirements? Too many socks, perfume that's not quite you or your bathroom cupboard is overflowing with bath bombs? Things like new candles, bag charms, key rings, jewellery, gloves, hats, ornaments and small games can all be sold in the shops we run for the students or used as prizes.

Crafting bits

We are looking for faux flowers and greenery to make small wreaths for the Mother's Day Shop. Also, if you have any fabric ribbon you don't use, we'd be happy to upcycle it.



How to apply for Free School Meals

Are you entitled to free school meals? Click on the link [here](#) to check your eligibility.

Lost Property

If your child has lost any of the items shown above or anything else, please click on the link [here](#) to report lost property or email us directly reception@bexleygs.co.uk.

Reception Team



Forthcoming Events

January 2023

Tuesday 17th ~ Appointment booking **opens** at midday for the Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening CORE SUBJECTS

Wednesday 18th ~ PA Meeting 7.30-9pm (see notice)

Tuesday 23rd ~ Appointment booking **closes** at midday for the Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening CORE SUBJECTS

Tuesday 24th ~ Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening for CORE SUBJECTS letter [here](#).

Tuesday 31st ~ Inset Day (school closed to student)

February

Tuesday 7th ~ Year 9 in-person Parents' Evening OPTION SUBJECTS

Wednesday 22nd ~ PA Meeting 7.30-9pm (see notice)

Friday 24th ~ PA Board Game night (see notice)

March

Wednesday 22nd ~ PA Meeting 7.30-9pm (see notice)

June

Wednesday 28th ~ GCSE EXAMS CONTINGENCY DAY