



NEWSLETTER



As part of Year 8s First Give Project, 8MPM have decided to team up with Cancer Research UK to help combat the global problem of Cancer. As a class, we decided this an extremely worthy charity of our time, as we established that well over half of the members of our class know or knew of a person who influenced their life that had cancer in some form. Sometimes these people fortunately survived, however, in many situations (including mine) they sadly passed away. My grandfather unfortunately had prostate cancer and passed away in 2005 at the age of 58.



My Grandad

Some reasons why we decided that cancer is an extremely deserving cause include the following facts: cancer is the second-leading cause of death worldwide; 10 million people die from cancer every single year; 50% of cancer patients die because of the illness - with your help, they are trying to lower the rate to 25%; and finally, more than 40% of cancer-related deaths could be preventable as they are linked to modifiable risk factors such as smoking, alcohol use, poor diets and physical inactivity. With you knowing this, you can prevent this happening to yourself and the people you know. Cancer Research UK is the world's leading charity attempting to improve these statistics.

Since we teamed up with the charity, we have been studying all the fantastic work the charity does for the cause. It has events such as The Race for Life (its biggest fundraiser), Cycle Races, The Big Hike, Bubble Runs, etc., or if you're not into anything sporty, you can join your local bingo or quiz evening! We were fortunate enough to be able to have a charity representative, the wonderful Joan Preston, visit us and aid us in coming up with ideas of different social actions to help raise money and awareness for her charity - something that is very close to her heart as she, like many of you, knew close relatives that passed away because of cancer. If you happen to see one of 8MPMs fundraisers at the indoor fair, or around the school, please feel free to contribute!



*8MPM meeting Joan and Leon Preston of Cancer Research UK.
Their visit was inspirational.*



The kind, caring people at Cancer Research UK are constantly working on how to figure out the tragic disease of cancer, things such as how it is caused and most importantly, how it can be cured. Right now, they are attempting to find a drug that enables cancer to be more manageable for the unlucky people this affects. This is the first step to completely cutting out the illness. 8MPM will continue to support the charity throughout this time as we are convinced that when this research has a successful output, the world will be changed for many people, maybe even people you and I know.

George Barnes, 8MPM



Well Done 8CED!

A big well done to 8CED and everyone who attended - They raised a total of £113.03 for The Trussell Trust which supports our local food banks. A really worthy cause.

Mrs Sitch, SEN Department





YEAR 10

◆ DOS Golden Weekly Award (3rd January ~ 13th January)
Congratulations to all the recipients of the award:

- * 10EAB – Samia Islam (great contributions in Academic Monitoring)
- * 10MGG – Aleks Valchanova (your work in ethics)
- * 10IAB – Gracie Gosling (persistently positive, hard work and kindness)
- * 10AMM – Red Skorjanec (always being helpful & maintaining a positive attitude)
- * 10MEM – Luke Finlay (positive approach)
- * 10JEA – Kasper Shrestha (always on time, works hard, intelligent contributions)
- * 10ELS – Jean-Pierre Duah (outstanding performance)
- * 10MEM – Samuel Mutti (your work in ethics)
- * 10IAB – Tega Ese-Owede (your amazing memory with DOS' question in assembly)

Congratulations!

Year 10 Form attendance Award (3rd January – 13th January)

The form with the highest attendance is:

10MGG

Congratulations to all students in Miss Giglione's form.

Let your New Year's resolution be something meaningful.

We are more powerful when we work together.

Mr Oyedeji



Message for Parents/Carers of Students in Year 9

The GCSE Options Booklet has been issued to Year 9 students.
Please click on the link [here](#).

Bexley Grammar School



Programme of Study Years 10 and 11 2022 – 2024 Core & Options



Safeguarding Update

Vaping/ e-Cigarettes

The long-term health effects of vaping are still not clear, but the legal age to use or purchase vapes and associated materials is 18 and they should not be sold to, or used by, school children. As with any age-restricted item, bringing such material into school will have serious consequences.

Vapes are also ecologically disastrous: 1.3 million single-use vapes are being thrown in UK landfills every week: enough to cover 22 football pitches in a year. Single-use vapes made up 52 percent of all vapes bought in the UK among 18 to 34 year-olds last year.

We have heard that there are some newsagents and other outlets in the local area who have been selling vapes to under 18s without carrying out rigorous age checks. An additional concern is that some vapes are being designed to look quite innocuous, such as single use Elf Bars, pictured below:

Mr S Auckland
Designated Safeguarding Lead
and Deputy Head



Important Message from the Finance Office

Payment of School Trips

Please be advised that once payment has been received for a School Trip, this payment is non-refundable. Therefore, we ask you to liaise with your child before making any payments.

Only in certain circumstances will a refund be issued and if a replacement can be found.

Finance Office





News items you may have missed

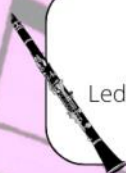
MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLES 2022-2023

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!





FACULTY OF
MEDIEVAL
AND
MODERN
LANGUAGES

Faculty of Medieval & Modern Languages

University of Oxford

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



PA Monthly Meetings

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

Next meeting dates:

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 PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION**



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.



Forthcoming Events

January 2023

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