



25th January 2023
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Young Voices Trip to the O2!



This trip was an absolutely spectacular experience! The whole Junior Choir had been practising the songs for Young Voices for months all leading up to this day and we were buzzing with excitement. When we arrived at the O2, we were sorted into pairs and walked all the way from the coach park to the actual arena itself. We were situated in Arena 9 and we ascended the stairs to the very top row of seats.

It was a breath-taking view from up there as we could see the whole arena from where we were sitting. We were also surrounded by many other school children, all also very excited at the prospect of singing as one voice!

Soon, we began the full rehearsal for the night's performance and the Choir was introduced to David Lawrence (Conductor), The Beatbox Collective, Anna Phoebe (Professional Violinist), Urban Strides (Street dance Group) just to name a few people.

I have to give a special mention to Heather Small (who performed at Young Voices with us). Heather was the lead singer of the hit band 'The M People' (a famous band in the 1990s) and shot to fame thanks to her hit single 'Proud'. She became so good and so well known that Oprah Winfrey especially asked her to do a last - minute performance on the Oprah Winfrey Show (in 2012) and 'Proud' was also played at the starting ceremony at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London!

After our rehearsal, we had a 2 hour break to eat our dinner and to relax before the final show took place.

At 7pm, the real performance began and it was an amazing thing to be a part of! The time flew by as we sang and watched the brilliant performers entertain the crowd (as well as us!). The Young Voices Choir was fantastic and the sound of 3000 children singing as one voice was powerful and filled the arena. The teachers were also dancing and singing along to the songs with all of us and we all had a great time.

Overall, the experience of Young Voices was wonderful and I had an amazing time and would definitely do it again if I had the chance!

Caitlin Gorman, Year 8



PE News

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 rugby team played valiantly against strong opposition at Buller's Wood on Monday 16th January, finally losing 35-5. Hail, rain and rainbows all part of the fun. Well done boys!



well done!

Basketball

Well done to the Year 8 basketball team, who enjoyed their first action this year with games against Beths, Trinity and Haberdasher's Crayford on Wednesday evening. Some really good basketball played, and lots to work on for the next set of games.



An unusual double-header on Thursday for the Year 9 and 11 basketball teams in the Kent Cup vs our friends at Trinity school. Both teams secured good wins. The Year 9s were particularly impressed with Anthony's performance, as you can see!

Well played!





Cross Country Championships

Well done to all our cross country runners who braved a chilly and challenging course at Central Park in Dartford to represent Bexley in the Kent School's AA Cross Country Championships on Saturday 21st January.

For many of them it was their first competitive cross country action, and they produced some very impressive results. Well done everyone.

Year 7: Sebastian Matthews,
Joshua Jolly (pictured)

Year 8: Austin Tanner, Lucas Drake, Kaden John

Year 9: Parris Brockwell-Low

Mr Lines, Head of PE



well done!

Year 10 Netball

Our Year 10 girls are modelling the new netball kit kindly purchased for the PE department. Proud to wear them despite the arctic conditions on Tuesday afternoon. Total commitment from you all at the Bexley borough tournament.

Thank you for representing the school. Your hard work paid off with a well-deserved second place...Well done ladies!

**Mrs Kemp and Mrs Howard
PE Department**



Year 7 Football

On a pretty chilly afternoon the Year 7 team put in a brilliant performance to beat Harris Garrard 7-2. The squad demonstrated its strength in depth once again with more pupils making their debut. A great attitude was shown throughout, and the conduct of all players involved is the most pleasing aspect of the match to me. The Year 7 squad and all those that have been coming to training are a superb bunch to work with! Well done to the goal scorers and in particular Yannis and Ethan who got 2 each! Hopefully the weather for our next match will be a little warmer!

Mr Mackle, PE Department



Business Studies & Economics Book of the Month Claudia Goldin Career and Family

This book is eye opening to read as it informs you of the large inequalities that are present still in many aspects of the workplace, especially in relation to family. It shows that we still have a lot more to work on and make right if we want true equality.

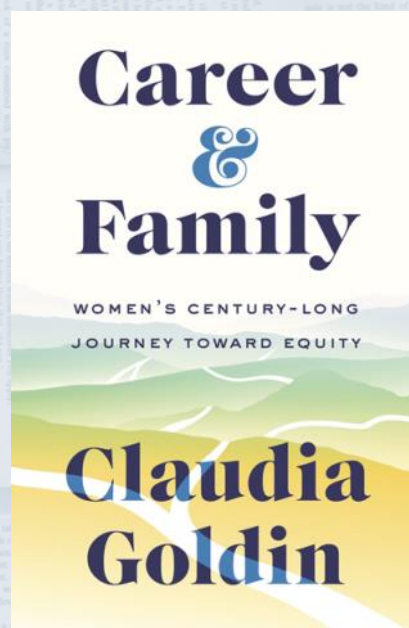
A renowned economic historian traces women's journey to close the gender wage gap and sheds new light on the continued struggle to achieve equity between couples at home.

A century ago, it was a given that a woman with a college degree had to choose between having a career and a family. Today, there are more female college graduates than ever before, and more women want to have a career and family, yet challenges persist at work and at home. This book traces how generations of women have responded to the problem of balancing career and family as the twentieth century experienced a sea change in gender equality, revealing why true equity for dual career couples remains frustratingly out of reach.

Antidiscrimination laws and unbiased managers, while valuable, are not enough. *Career and Family* explains why we must make fundamental changes to the way we work and how we value caregiving if we are ever to achieve gender equality and couple equity.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/career-family-professor-claudia-goldin/id1282553335?i=1000538712269>

A podcast with Claudia about her book.





YEAR 10

DOS Golden Weekly Award (16th January ~ 20th January)
Congratulations to all the recipients of the award:

- * **10EAB** – Younes Mribiha (*improved behaviour/contributions in Academic Monitoring*)
- * **10MGG** – Parris Brockwell-Low (*improved behaviour*)
- * **10IAB** – Elizabeth Smirnova (*persistently doing the right thing*)
- * **10AMM** – Davina Gordynska (*always doing the right thing*)
- * **10MEM** – Joseph Hall (*achieving an excellent grade in the recent chemistry assessment*)
- * **10JEA** – Ibrahim Miah (*his courage*)
- * **10ELS** – Lucy Gowing (*consistent positive contributions to form activities*)

Congratulations!

Year 10 Form attendance Award (16th January – 20th January)
The form with the highest attendance is:

10ELS

Congratulations to all students in Mrs Savage's form.

Time waits for no one. Do not procrastinate!

Mr Oyedeji



National Apprenticeship Week: STEM Opportunities

Join **STEM Ambassadors** during National Apprenticeship Week to find out about their experiences as apprentices within the STEM sector. *See below for more information about the various opportunities available. Please share these opportunities with colleagues and students that may benefit.*



Pharmaceutical Apprenticeships: GSK Webinar

Join **STEM Ambassadors** from **GSK**, a global biopharma company, in this webinar which will discuss different GSK apprenticeships and the benefit of completing one, there will also be time for a Q&A.

Monday 6th February, 4.30pm-5.15pm - for individual students with an interest to attend after school.

GSK is a global biopharma company with a purpose to unite science, technology & talent to get ahead of disease together. Apprentices are a crucial part of the GSK work force and are well integrated within the business.

For Teachers: To sign up, please share the Eventbrite link with your students and ask them to sign up individually. Links to each webinar will sent via email. Email addresses will only be viewed by members of the London STEM Ambassador Hub. Students will have the option to opt-in to receiving communications about other opportunities.

[More Info & Registration](#)



Engineering Apprenticeships: BakerHicks Webinar

Join STEM Ambassadors from BakerHicks, a design engineering company, in this webinar to meet some of their apprentices who can tell you about their apprenticeship routes, career journeys and why an apprenticeship might be for you.

Thursday 9th February, 4.30pm-5.15pm - for individual students with an interest to attend after school.

Learn about different apprenticeship routes for different types of engineering with BakerHicks. BakerHicks is a design engineering company working in civil and structural, electrical, mechanical, process engineering and architecture.

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Acoustic Apprenticeships:

AECOM Webinar

Acoustic Apprentices at AECOM, give a live talk about their career paths into engineering consultancy via an



Construction

Apprenticeships: Arc Group Webinar

Join STEM Ambassador Amy, from the Arc



apprenticeship route.

Tuesday 7th February, 8.40-9.10am

[More Info & Registration](#)

Group, for a live talk, describing how she started her career path in construction via an apprenticeship route!

Wednesday 8th February, 8.40-9.10am

[More Info & Registration](#)



Engineering Apprenticeships: Siemens Gamesa Webinar

Join STEM Ambassador Laura, Electrical Engineer at Siemens Gamesa, for a live talk about her journey via an apprenticeship into engineering

Friday 10th February, 8.40-9.10am

[More Info & Registration](#)



Construction Apprenticeships: Mace Webinar

Join STEM Ambassador Megan, Project Assistant at Mace, during National Careers Week for a live talk about her journey via an apprenticeship into construction.

Thursday 9th March, 8.40-9.10am

[More Info & Registration](#)

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





**The BGS PA Lotto is a monthly draw
to raise funds for the school.**

How does it work?

Each month there is a prize draw with a
first prize of £15 and a second prize of £10.

To enter the draw you need to purchase a share.

Each numbered share costs £5 for the year and is
entered into the following 12 monthly draws plus
an additional Christmas bonus draw.

***You can join any time.**

*You must be over 18 to enter.

*There is no limit on the number of £5 shares you can buy.

to order your shares, visit:

bgspa.co.uk/lotto



BGS PA
PRE-LOVED
SCHOOL
UNIFORM

SALE!

SATURDAY
4TH FEB

9.30-11.30AM

BGS school canteen

- for parents & students
 - all items £1-£5
- washed uniform items can be dropped off at school reception



News items you may have missed



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



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 **2023 - 2025** Core & Options



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**

**open to BGS
families & friends**

**To book your tickets:
bgspa.co.uk/boardgames**



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

Monday 30th ~ Appointment booking **opens** at midday for the Year 9 In-person Parents' Evening OPTION SUBJECTS

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

February

Saturday 4th ~ PA Pre-loved uniform sale 9.30-11.30am (see notice)

Monday 6th ~ Appointment booking **closes** at midday for the Year 9 In-person Parents' Evening OPTION SUBJECTS

Tuesday 7th ~ Year 9 in-person Parents' Evening OPTION SUBJECTS (letter [here](#)).

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