

BGS hosts the Regional MFL Spelling Bee Final

On Tuesday 17th January, BGS hosted the Regional MFL Spelling Bee Final. This was open to KS3 language students in their first two years of learning. We welcomed students from Wilmington, Dartford and Beths Grammar schools to compete in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Mandarin.

Our students performed exceptionally well, spelling words in the alphabet of their language with amazing speed and accuracy!

Congratulations to overall winners: Teniola, Lev, Hana, Maya, and Ayaka!

Mrs Savage, MFL Department



Congratulations!



NEWS LETTER



1st February 2023

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German Spelling Bee Competition

Round 1

We were informed by our teachers about our upcoming German Spelling Bee and they gave us a list of 50 words in German to LEARN. Once we were all familiar with the words and we had practised in class and revised at home it was time for ROUND 1.

In class, we were all put into groups of four and each person got tested on their spelling. As a group we identified the best speller who went head to head with the top spellers in the other groups to narrow it down to just 4 spellers in the class. Next, the 4 spellers stood at the front of the class (adding much more pressure) and each of us had 1 minute to get as many spellings correct as possible. The rest of the class kept track of the scores. At the end, I and another one of my peers that got the most spellings in 1 minute. To my relief my classmate and I were chosen to advance to ROUND 2 against the best spellers in Year 7 and 8!



Round 2

A few weeks later, my friend and I received a long awaited email congratulating us and advancing us into the next stage. Later on in the week we started ROUND 2 of the Spelling Bee. There were many languages: French, Italian, Spanish, and Mandarin - and of course the one I participated in, German.

I was ever so thrilled and delighted WHEN I MADE IT THROUGH! All my hard work had paid off; I could not wait to go to the finals. Although, I was overwhelmed with happiness on the inside, I still had to stay humble on the outside. My journey was still not over, as the final was where my hard work and spelling knowledge would really be put to the test... Grand Final, here I come!

Round 3 (Grand Final)

As my school was hosting the competition, I was on home soil and I entered the room feeling better than ever, I was ready for whatever challenges came my way. I found the table that said 'German' on it and I took my seat. I then met with the contestants from the other schools including Dartford Grammar School, Wilmington Grammar School and Beths Grammar School. We all helped each other practise and get ready and in no time, we were set for the real thing. The rules were simple; you had 1 minute and 30 seconds to spell as many words correctly as possible from the 50 word list.

Eventually, we got cracking. We all had our turn which was picked at random. I remember it all like it was yesterday. I spelt 27 words correctly in 1:30 minutes and I had the most words correct at that moment. No time to celebrate though as there was still 1 person left to go. My heart was racing. When that person had finished he got 21. I have won, right? Not quite, I still have one mini stage to go. The rules were, the top two with the most scores go head to head to find out who would be crowned the 2023 German Spelling Bee Champion. We watched all the other languages perform as the exact same rules applied to them. Then, it finally came to us. It was all down to this. I came into the room feeling slightly anxious but excited and then at the same time thinking about what emotions I will be feeling once I exit the room? Disappointment, Defeat, Anger or Victory, Pride or Joy?

It was time. We did the classic game of rock paper scissors to see who would go first and unfortunately, I could not win that battle, so I went first. This was it, I had done all I could to get to this moment. I just spelt. I spelt, and spelt until I couldn't spell anything anymore, I didn't think, I just spelt. At the end, I felt that I had done all I could in my power to win - all I could do now was just watch, but I couldn't because my eyes were half shut so I then resorted to just listening. At the end I was delighted to hear that I had achieved 32 words in 1:30 minutes and the opposition had got... 24.

I had done it, I was the German Spelling Bee Champion! I breathed a big sigh of relief. Nothing could take this victory away from me. This was my moment. And now the rest is all history.

Teniola Adeosun, Year 7



BGS PA

PRE-LOVED
SCHOOL UNIFORM

SALE!

THIS
SATURDAY!

4TH FEB

9.30-11.30AM

BGS school canteen

- ♦ for parents & students
- all items £1-£5 (cash and card accepted)
- ♦ washed uniform items can be
dropped off at school reception

Children's Mental Health Week 2023

6th to 12th February 2023

This year's theme is Let's Connect



Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

[Click here for a video showing Dr Alex George](#) reflecting on the importance of building connections.

At BGS, we will be looking at different ways to connect with each other during form time activities this week. It is also important to think about our impact on the local community, and the connections that we might make through volunteering or taking part in community activities.



ABRSM EXAMS – 24th March 2023

If you would like to enter your child in for ABRSM exams, we will be holding a session on Friday 24th 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.

My LSSO Experience by Mia Nguyen, Year 9

One of our Year 9 students, Mia Nguyen, successfully applied for a place with the London Schools Symphony Orchestra (LSSO) this term. Managed by the Centre for Young Musicians, the orchestra aims to give its students exposure to some fantastic orchestral repertoire and to work with distinguished conductors and soloists. Mia has written up a short summary of her experience - we're so please that you enjoyed it Mia!

When I had first joined LSSO I was quite scared to see what the experience was like, however I enjoyed it a lot. For about 3 weeks, we had quite an intensive course handling difficult repertoires which turned out to sound amazing and were fun to play. After these intense rehearsals from 10am-5pm we performed at the Barbican and it was one of the best experiences! I am looking forward to having more of these opportunities in the future as I enjoyed this occasion a lot.

Mia Nguyen, Year 9





Year 7 Motte and Bailey Castle Design Project



For the last half term, Year 7 have been studying the Norman Conquest and the reign of William the Conqueror. King William was a big fan of building castles, especially in the design of Motte and Bailey. These castles were unique as they had a keep at the bottom and then the actual castle at the top of a connected hill.

Our task was to build a model of our own mediaeval castle from William the Conqueror's reign out of Lego, cardboard, and other materials. Our castles didn't have to be of a Motte and Bailey design, but had to be realistic to the 11th century. The classes (7KLH, 7NRC, 7ERR, 7NEQ, 7LGD and 7FIM) were eager to begin creating their models, and the end product looked breath-taking. The persistent work, dedication and time that was put into these models was unbelievable. From castles made of concrete to cardboard, to castles made of cake.



Here are some examples from 7KLH:



Noah Hemmisse's cake castle!



Adam Sulcas' castle



Nibodh Shrestha's castle

These are just a few of the truly great designs that Year 7 had to offer. It is a shame we couldn't show all of them but the majority were at this standard.

Casey Osborn and Firdaus Adelasoye, Year 7



Well Done 8CED!

A big well done to members of 8CED for volunteering their time to support The Trussell Trust Charity.

Students volunteered at the local food bank warehouse as part of their First Give Projects. It was eye opening for them to experience the unpaid hard work that goes on behind the scenes to keep families supplied with essentials they need at this tough time.

Mrs Sitch, Form Tutor





PE News

Thank you Parents' Association

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our generous friends in the Parents' Association. They opened up the purse strings to fund some graphics to give the department a makeover.

Students now get a new welcome to the department and can get some inspiration from the walls in the fitness suite, too.

Thank you!

Thank You



Table Tennis

Huge congratulations to Dylan Banks (Year 9) who represented Bexley at the East London Regional Table Tennis Finals last weekend. Dylan performed brilliantly - topping his group and going on to reach the quarter finals.

Well played Dylan!

Mr Lines, Head of PE



The Dance World Cup

Edie (Year 7) has been selected, along with the elite dance team from her Dance School, DSPA, to represent England at the Dance World Cup which is to be held in Portugal in July 2023.

The Dance World Cup is made up of 120,000 competitors from 62 countries! She is so excited to be part of this fantastic event and be given the opportunity to represent her country.

What an achievement... we wish her the best of luck!

Mrs Kemp, PE Department

Good Luck!



Football Opportunities!

Charlton Women Free Community Game

Charlton women are inviting all Bexley residents to sign up for free tickets to their game vs Coventry this Sunday 5th February. This would be a great opportunity to see a live game. Everyone welcome to apply. See flyer below to book tickets.

Charlton Athletic welcomes you to our game vs Coventry United (H)

WOMEN

WOMEN

Sunday, February 5th | KO 2pm
The Oakwood | DA1 4DN

Bexley Partnership Fixture

Email billy.holdsworth@cact.org.uk to get your tickets now

Secondary Pathway - Squad Girls Centre

Squad girls is an FA initiative to get girls from 14 - 16 enjoying football. No playing experience is required and the focus is on fun, social, and improving skills. See attached a flyer with all details. The sessions are £3 and parents can sign up online here:

<http://faevents.thefa.com/bookevent?eventID=6393>

Mrs Kemp, PE Department

JOIN THE SQUAD

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SQUAD
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS
FOR 12-14 YEAR OLDS

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

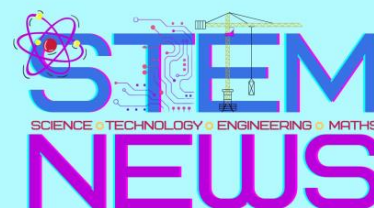
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[VICKY.BULL@WELLINGUNITED.COM](mailto:vicky.bull@wellingunited.com)

SPORT ENGLAND



Virtual routes into STEM for students in Year 9 & 10

If you are enjoying your **Tech, Design, Maths or Science** subjects and would like to know what exciting future these subjects could lead to then join us on our Virtual Routes into STEM course during the February half-term!



Not only the course provides **guided learning** for you to work through **flexibly** and find out all about **college, university, apprenticeships and careers in STEM** from the experts, you will also have a selection of tailor-made **STEM projects** and **activities** at their fingertips. A variety of **live sessions** will be running in half-term week for student to join and ask questions to the panels of experts, students and apprentices.

Throughout the duration of the course students will have a unique opportunity to access content from:

Universities	Colleges	Workshops by companies
Abertay University	Calderdale College	Design and the Built Environment with Arup, Murphy, Balfour Beatty and others
University of Bedfordshire	Cardiff and Vale College	
University of Birmingham	City College Plymouth	Transport and Flight with BAE Systems, Network Rail, Leonardo etc and Studying Aerospace Engineering at University
University of Cambridge	Coleg Gwent	
Durham University	Cornwall College	The future of Technology by WCIT, studying IT at college and university, Phyton Tutorial and more
Heriot-Watt University	Coventry College	
University of Hertfordshire	Dundee & Angus College	The Future of Medicine at University, GSK and NHS Careers
University of Liverpool	Forth Valley College	
University of Nottingham	Kendal College	The Electric Revolution and Net Zero Explained by Innovate UK, Siemens, Rolls-Royce and many more
University of Plymouth	Leicester College	

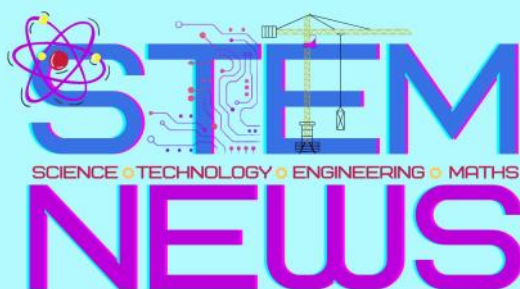


Universities	College	Workshops by companies
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Newcastle College	Energy including Babcock International, Cory Riverside Energy, Bechtel etc
University of the West of England	North Hertfordshire College South and City College Birmingham	
University of Westminster	South Thames College	Problem Solving – Maths and Forensics including Maths at University, Maths Careers, Forensic Science etc.
	Warwickshire College	

This is an opportunity not to be missed! Do not delay and **apply by the 5th February.**

For more information and the application form please visit

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/routes-into-stem-read-more>





Do you want to know something?

MOTHER EARTH NEEDS YOU

Protecting the planet is
every person's job.

BE IT BIG OR SMALL, YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!

If you are interested in discussing
pressing environmental issues,
raising awareness and making
positive change come join us!
Thursdays after school (G13)
from 3.15pm to 4pm

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... from concept to creation

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31st January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers in Years 3-8,

**BRAND NEW MULTI-CAMERA STUDIO IN BEXLEY! BRAND NEW WORKSHOP CONTENT!
TWO DAY HALF TERM TV & FILM WORKSHOP IN FEBRUARY BOOKING NOW!**

Following our successful workshops ran in partnership with the British Film Institute last year, we are thrilled to be running a 2 Day TV & Film Holiday Workshop in our *multi-camera green screen studio & production control room* at Hurstmere School in Sidcup, during the next school holidays starting on Thursday 16th February. With brand new exciting content, the workshops are suitable for young people aged 8-14, including those who have attended e2e Clubs before as well as absolute beginners. This hands on workshop will explore different elements of TV Production & film making and use professional broadcast equipment in a multi-camera green screen studio and production control room; including experience of real life production roles.

The two-day workshop will run from Thursday 16th - Friday 17th February 10.00-3.00pm.

end2end TV is a professional TV Production Company where young people are the film and TV programme makers, creating digital content with impact, in a multi-camera green screen studio and out on location.

We welcome young people from Bexley, surrounding areas and nationally. **Feedback from previous workshops can be found on our [blog](#) on our [website](#).** Booking is open now, and places are limited.

To find out more information please follow this link:
<https://www.end2endtv.co.uk/clubsandworkshops>

We are always happy to answer any questions you may have, please feel free to email:
admin@end2endtv.co.uk

We look forward to meeting your children soon!

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2 DAY TV & FILM WORKSHOP!



16-17

Feb 2023



Hurstmere School

Hurst Road Sidcup DA15 9AW

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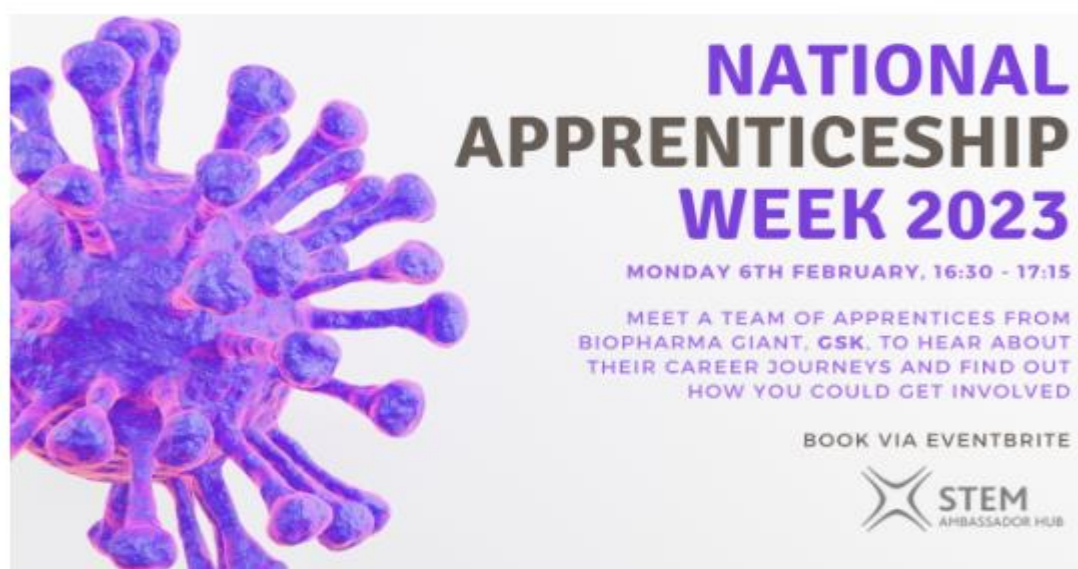


News items you may have missed



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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[More Info & Registration](#)



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



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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



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**



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**



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

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](#)).

Friday 10th ~ Last full school day before half term (**all students in school**)

Monday 13th to Friday 17th Half Term (school closed to students)

Monday 20th ~ First day back following the half term (**all students in school**)

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