

NEWSLETTER

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1st March 2023



WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 3rd March 2023

World Book Day
on Friday 3rd March 2023.

Please click on
the link here
for more information!



PE News

Year 8 Football

The Year 8 (A) team secured their place in the North Kent semi-finals after a dominant performance over King Henry, winning 6-0. Special mention to Jesse for scoring two, but player of the match went to Valentino for his commanding play from start to finish.

Mr Skinner, PE Department



Year 7 Football

The Year 7 team managed a 5-1 win against Beths with a fantastic and professional performance on Monday. The effort and attitude of the squad was brilliant. They were respectful and humble as they played some amazing football. It is a pleasure to be involved with such a group of players who work so well together.

Congratulations to all involved! Semi-final next...

Mr Mackle, PE Department



Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 rugby team took a strong squad to the Kent Sevens competition at Dartford Grammar School on Tuesday and had a fun day out despite the cold. The boys made huge progress, bouncing back from an opening game defeat to ultimately reach the quarter finals of the competition.

Mr Lines, Head of PE





Year 7 News

Year 7 Prefect Team

Congratulations to the newly appointed Year 7 prefect team! We are very much looking forward to working with them over the course of the year. They will be a voice for their peers on various projects and will help to bring new ideas to the school community. Well done to everyone who volunteered their services. We will be looking to elect pupils for other positions of responsibility over the coming weeks and so hope you will apply for one of these.

7NRC Elsie & Henry
7NEQ Leila & Teniola
7FIM Anushka and Aris
7ERR Princess and Alice
7KLH Nibodh and Elwood
7LGD Louie and Jess



Dino Competition!

Monday 30th January was National Draw a Dinosaur day. The only way we could think to celebrate this event was to have a Draw a Dinosaur competition. Well done to everyone who took part. We submitted all of your drawings and look forward to hearing back from the organisers soon!



Mrs Boulden,
Director of Studies, Year 7





Year 9 News!

Well done Year 9 for a brilliant response to completing the GCSE Options form.

All 224 students submitted their form by the required Tuesday deadline. You won't hear anything further on this for now, whilst they are processed.

I look forward to seeing your efforts on the ILP as they are submitted this week.

Great efforts!

Mrs Spencer, Director of Studies





HOUSE SHOWCASE EVENING 2023

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH
7PM

Highlights from
House Music
House Drama & Dance
Competitions 2022 - 2023

Tickets £3/ students under 18 free
Via **ParentPay**



All money raised will go towards supporting our Houses



Formula 1 Club

DISCUSS THE SPORT, MAKE PREDICTIONS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE. COUNTS TOWARDS CAS, FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.



EVERYONE WELCOME!

WED
3:15 - 3:50
BEGINNING
15/3
IN M16





The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators



THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Translation competition open to all students of French, German, Italian, Mandarin and Spanish (Year 7-Year 13, all IB levels welcome!)

Join our GC groups to submit an entry:

- 1. German [gzsc2ge](#)**
- 2. Italian [h3shchd](#)**
- 3. Spanish [gznoh6k](#)**
- 4. French [qq6in7m](#)**
- 5. Mandarin [yefdq3f](#)**

Glossaries are provided for each text, but students are welcome to use dictionaries and online resources when completing their translation at home. All translation tasks are into EN.

**For further information, please contact Miss Giglione
(giglione_m@bexleygs.co.uk)**

Deadline: Thursday 30th March 2023, 4pm



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



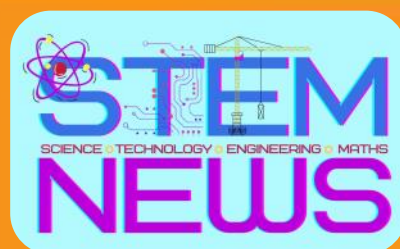
The aim is to write a complete story, written in French or
Spanish, using no more than 100 words.
Our judges are looking for imagination and narrative flair, as
well as linguistic ability. Winners will be awarded a top prize
of £100!

Join our GC group:

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For further info, please contact
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Signup on Eventbrite 

Lauriann's STEM Club Presents

EASTER CODING WORKSHOP

ONLINE CODING CLASS

Coding taster session suitable for ages 8-14 years old



Fundamentals of Coding



Giveaways



Coding taster workshop

Introduction into Coding



Learn from professionals

Careers in Coding

Learn how to code



What is coding?

Industry guests

1-day workshop runs Wednesday 5th April 2023

10am - 3.30pm

Book onto a session

Date: Wednesday 5th April 2023

Venue: Online

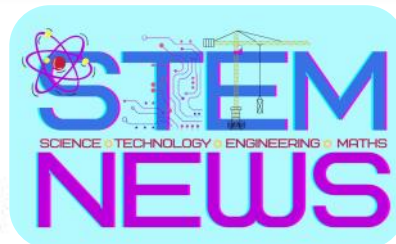
For Ages 8-14 years old

Eventbrite

www.lauriannsstemclub.co.uk | info@lauriannsstemclub.co.uk



OPENING UP ARCHITECTURE



Professional-led events exploring sustainability and the future of the built environment aimed at opening doors for aspiring young architects.

This is a free event aimed at 15 to 19 year olds that will be held at 66 Portland Place on 18 March 2023 from 4pm to 8pm.

There will be an array of exciting presentations given by top architects exploring sustainability and what architects are doing to address the climate crisis. There will also be a range of practical and hands-on activities led by artists and built environment professionals. During the event, young people will be able to meet and network with likeminded peers, professionals, creatives and academics.

If you would like to attend the event please book your free ticket [here](#).



Practical Workshops

- Modular Trees and Protest Leaves

Join U-Build to explore the potential of modular timber construction and build a huge tree to express your views on climate change.

Florence Hall, 4pm to 8pm

- Build a BRICC (Biodiverse, Renewable, Immersive, Climate, Community)

From orange peel to coffee granules, experiment with creating eco-friendly building materials of the future. With artist Alex Hirtzel.

Clore Learning Studio, 4pm to 8pm

- Stixx in the City

Sticks and stones may break your bones, but these stixx are made for building. Join artist Katie Kennedy to roll recycled newspapers into stixx and rods that you can use to build your own cityscape!

Florence Hall, 4pm to 8pm

- Revive Alive

Reuse old furniture to create a new life. With architects Sahiba Chadha and Marcela Escobar.

Lutyens Room, 5pm to 7.30pm

- Eco-Friendly Expression

Explore the beauty of natural inks and create posters that are not only visually stunning, but also environmentally conscious. Join artist Harriet Hill to embrace your creativity and make a statement with Eco-Friendly Expression.

Clore Learning Studio, 4pm to 8pm

- Future Proof

Join the Building Centre to investigate eco-friendly building materials of the future.

Florence Hall, 4pm to 8pm

- Crinkle Crinkle Walls

Investigate the unique qualities of the K-brick and enjoy building a Crinkle Crinkle Wall.

Florence Hall, 4pm to 8pm

- EcoFix - A Radical Retrofit Challenge

Join Grimshaw, Mace and MOBIE to discover more about the 2023 EcoFix Student Design Challenge and how you can participate. Take part in hands-on activities exploring sustainable design strategies.

Florence Hall, 4pm to 8pm

- Unlock the Vault: Explore Our Vault of Contemporary Art Projects in VR

In this interactive workshop, you'll have the opportunity to explore Make's vault of contemporary art projects in virtual reality. Through the use of cutting-edge technology, Make have created a fully immersive experience that allows you to step inside the artwork and experience it in a whole new way. Make will provide a unique learning experience that combines art, technology, and creativity, all in one workshop.

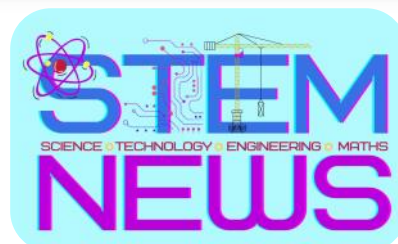
Aston Webb Room, 4pm to 8pm

- Closing the Loop, the Circular Construction Game with Re-Fabricate Collective

Come and meet the Re-Fabricate team to play their specially designed and interactive game to learn about the circular economy. Participants will play out the life of a building by working through the various challenges of the modern age as they strive to reduce the building's carbon footprint, increase a home's energy efficiency and reduce day-to-day bills.

Florence Hall, 4pm to 8pm

OPENING UP ARCHITECTURE



Architect Presentations

- Urban Mining and Material Passports, Orms

In a sustainable world we need to minimise the amount of natural resources that we use, but we still need lots of materials to make new buildings or improve our existing ones. The concept of urban mining offers us an opportunity to reuse materials that we already have, but no longer need. This can be very challenging, and so we have developed an approach to produce 'passports' for all materials that can help make this happen.

Jarvis Hall, 4pm to 4.25pm

- Design for Sustainable Cities, Buro Happold

The increasing social and environmental crises we face demonstrate just how important it is that we view sustainable design as the new normal and not only as a progressive edge or specialism. This talk will explore what it really means to design sustainable cities, looking at five core principles that change the way we see built environments and good design.

Jarvis Hall, 4.30pm to 4.55pm

- Design in the Age of Emergency: Employing Closed-Loop, Circular Systems to the Built Environment, Baker Brown
We mine and harvest our planet's raw materials to make goods, which we use for moments, and for the most part then throw away, but there is no 'away', and as we now know the rubbish that humans make is having a negative effect on our beautiful planet, whether that is plastic in our oceans or vast rubbish dumps and landfill sites. Applying 'circular systems' to the design and manufacture of things means that waste from one system becomes a useful resource for another: just like the natural world. In other words, future architects will 'design out waste' from their projects, so that, for example, new buildings will one day become 'material stores' for future buildings rather than just rubble.

Jarvis Hall, 5pm to 5.25pm

- Embodied Carbon - What's the Point?, van Heyningen and Haward Architects

In the UK, the response to climate change has focused on the energy consumption of buildings. We will look at how the energy used to create, maintain and demolish buildings is as important, and why it is essential to consider embodied carbon. This should make us think about how we can reuse buildings, and build less, build new ones more intelligently, and use natural materials where possible.

Jarvis Hall, 5.30pm to 5.55pm

- Museum of London - A Case Study in Adaptive Reuse of Existing Buildings, Stanton Williams

Working in collaboration with Asif Khan Studio and Conservation Architect Julian Harrap, Stanton Williams are leading the transformation of parts of West Smithfield Market into an exciting new home for the Museum of London. In this talk, Stanton Williams' Anne Fehrenbach will present the complex strategies adopted to breathe new life into this historic part of the City, whilst striving to reuse/repair most of its existing fabric and to recycle as many construction materials as possible.

Jarvis Hall, 6pm to 6.25pm

- Low Carbon Research Laboratory in Rural Scotland, Jestic + Whiles

The project has been designed to carry out transformative research to decarbonise the dairy industry, moving it towards a circular bioeconomy. The low carbon building will house state-of-the-art research and development facilities alongside a co-innovation hub, combining hybrid workspace, meeting facilities, café and learning spaces. The building aims to be an exemplar for sustainable construction.

Jarvis Hall, 7pm to 7.25pm

- Passivhaus and Retrofit, Levitt Bernstein

In the face of climate emergency, Levitt Bernstein shares a recent history of working with others in campaigning for change in the built environment to achieve a zero-carbon future. The practice believes some of the first steps towards this are to create an ultra-efficient building design and to prolong the lifespans of existing buildings. This presentation will share some fundamentals of how this can be achieved using low energy design, looking at Retrofit and Passivhaus Principles in practice.

Jarvis Hall, 7.25pm to 8pm



TEA & TALK

★ PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP ★



Bexley Voice welcomes all parent/carer members and non-members at our Tea & Talk sessions. Come along and meet with other parent/carers and get information and signposting on any SEND (special educational needs & disabilities) issues.

Come to all or part of the morning. You only need to book in advance if you would like an individual session with the professionals attending the event. **See website.** The next drop in session will be:

Thursday 9th March 2023, 9:30am-12:30pm

Madison Myers will be joining us to talk about Social Prescribing for children & young people.

Mrs C Haslam
SEND and Inclusion Manager





Thank you

to all students and parents
for attending our first ever
Board Game Night!

**£255 was raised
from this social**

BGS Parents' Association



News items you may have missed

Come and try.. **ORIENTEERING**



Danson Park, Bexleyheath, Saturday 18 March

Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport which involves navigating around a course using a detailed map. Dartford Orienteers are holding an event at Danson Park, Bexleyheath on Saturday 18 March. It's open to everyone, with courses suitable for absolute beginners, family groups, or those with more experience.

Courses start at 2km, up to 4.6km for those who are more confident. You can start the courses at any time between 11am and 12pm. Entry is £3 for under 21s, £5 for those over 21 or £8 for family groups.

Find out more and book your entry online by going to dfok.co.uk/events






United Judo - Inclusive Judo Sessions

- Disability inclusive judo sessions for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children and young people
- All disabilities/abilities welcome
- Learn judo movements with contact and non-contact both possible
- Fun judo-orientated games
- Loan of a judogi (judo kit) will be available for all.

- Where: United Judo, Bourne Road, DA5 1LW
- When: Every 3rd Saturday of the month (first session 18th March)
11.30 am - 12.30 pm
- Ages: 8-15
- Cost: First session free, £5 thereafter



Register here:

 <https://bit.ly/UnitedJudo-Inclusive>
Or scan the QR code

Once registered, you will receive the booking information for Spond.
You must be registered on Spond before attending.

For more information, please contact:

 020 7993 9883

 Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk





BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

'OUT OF THIS WORLD'

A MUSICAL ODYSSEY

Monday 20 March, 6 - 8.30pm
£6.50/£4 concessions

From Star Wars to Avatar, to the moon and back again, we look forward to performing for you

Purchase your tickets here:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CEYP>



BGS Parents' Association

Mother's Day

♥ SHOP ♥

Gifts for your mum from £1 - £5

Open during lunch in the canteen on:

Thursday 9 March

Friday 10 March

Monday 13 March

Tuesday 14 March





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

March

Friday 3rd ~ World Book Day (see notice)

Monday 6th ~ Appointments booking **opens** at midday for the Year 10 virtual Parents' Evening

Monday 13th ~ Appointments booking **closes** at midday for the Year 10 virtual Parents' Evening

Tuesday 14th ~ Year 10 Parents' Evening 4pm– 7pm (click on Mr Skinner's letter [here](#))

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

June

Wednesday 28th ~ GCSE EXAMS CONTINGENCY DAY