



## Junior Choir performs at the O2



On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, the Junior Choir went to Young Voices 2017. It was at the O2. I'd never been there before, so it was quite an experience. I think I was one of the only people from Bexley Grammar who had never been there before. It was huge, both on the inside and the outside, and the number of other children there made it seem even **bigger**.

We set off at 1 o'clock during lunchtime. We got on the coach, and there was an extremely excited atmosphere. When we arrived, we were escorted to the O2 by officials. Once inside the arena, we started rehearsing along with the other 7495 children. It sounded incredible!

After the rehearsals, we had a well-deserved break and something to eat. Then the break was over, and the parents started filing in. Once we were ready to perform, the lights went down and the concert started. We sang about 10 songs, but it wasn't just the singers: there were plenty of other performers, including world-champion beat boxers.

The concert went well, but I was relieved to get home as it was so late! Thanks to all the teachers who came: we all had a great time!

*Oscar Zurdo, Year 7*

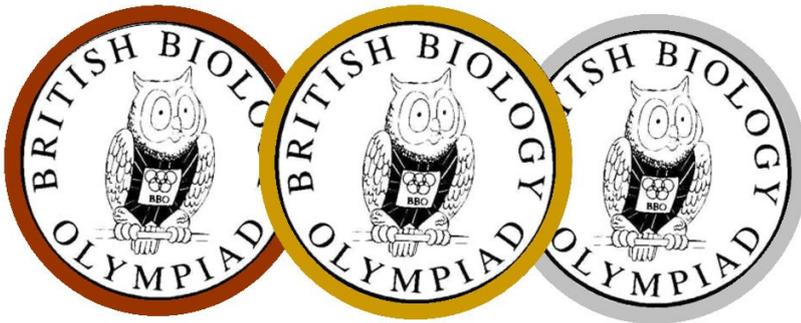


## British Biology Olympiad Success

Last week a group of Year 13 Biologists took part in the British Biology Olympiad. This is a tough online competition designed to test students' knowledge of Biology far beyond the school curriculum. All the students achieved impressive scores, but a particular mention should go to Lisa Clinch and Menaka Santhakumar who both achieved Silver awards.

Later in the year we will be entering a group of Year 12s into the Intermediate Biology Olympiad.

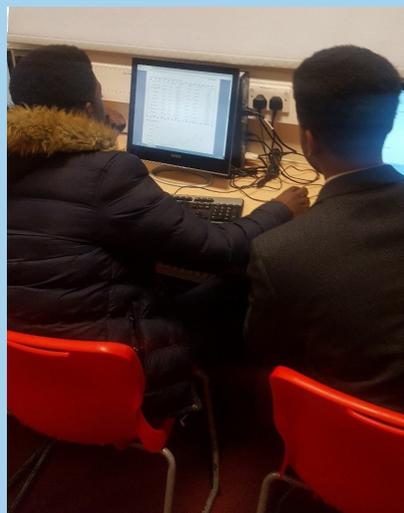
*Mrs Earl, Science Department*



## Students enter the world of stocks

Eleven Year 12 teams of four Business and Economics students participated in The London Institute of Banking and Finance's Student Investor Challenge competition, designed to give students a taste of the stock market. The competition required students to buy and sell virtual shares on the London Stock Exchange's FTSE 100 index. Market conditions made this particularly challenging as students had to keep up to date with news and current affairs at a particularly volatile time in global politics and trade flows, as these affected what was happening to stock prices. Round One of the competition started on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and has just finished on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. During this time, one of the teams, "INTIME" (consisting of Shyon Gredley, Seyi Ogunnaike, Osaru Ediae and Daniella Atibaka) managed to qualify for the semi-finals of the competition (which starts on the 20<sup>th</sup> February). INTIME qualified by making virtual profits of over £20,000 and was placed in the top 250 teams out of a total of 6,414 teams competing in England. Seyi, a member of INTIME said 'It was a very interesting process: I had to do research into a number of businesses and examine how their role in the economy might be affected by the market... it was difficult at times but good when it paid off!'. If given the opportunity, we would strongly advise you to give it a go! Wish us luck for the next round!

*Shyon Gredley &  
Seyi Ogunnaike, Year 12*



## Year 9 Parents' Evening Additional Options Sessions Talk at 6.30pm

Some parents have asked for an extra Options Session at the end of the Parents' Evening to enable them to fit in all their appointments with subject teachers. We will therefore repeat the session at 6.30 pm.

The twenty-minute Options sessions will therefore run during Parents' Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at the following times in the Sixth Form Centre: 4.30 pm, 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm.

The Year 9 Options Booklet can be accessed by clicking on the link below

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**Programme of Study  
Year 10 and 11  
Core & Options**

[Click here to access the Options Booklet](#)

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**Friday 3 February**  
**Doors open 7pm for 7:30 start**  
**Tickets £5 per person, max. 8 per team**  
**Bring own food & drink**

You can register your team by clicking on the link below or by completing the form which has been emailed via ParentPay.

[Quiz Night Application Form](#)

## Forthcoming Events

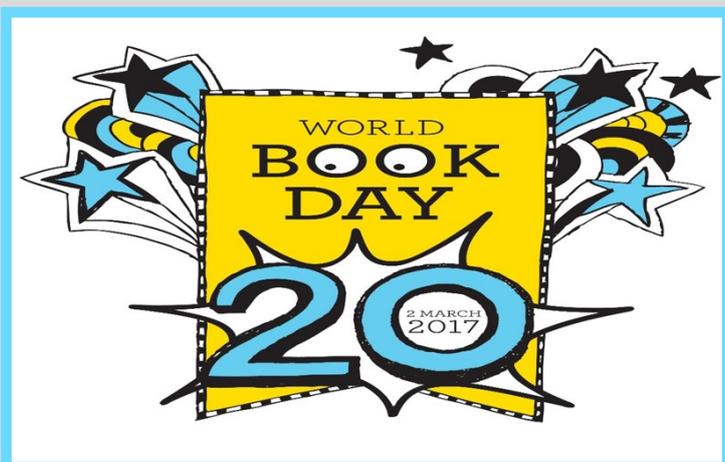
### February

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ Half Term
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ First school day after half term
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** ~ PA Meeting

### March

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ World Book Day
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ A Level and IB Solo Recitals
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ A Level and IB Solo Recitals

## News Items You May Have Missed



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**BRIDGE CLUB**



When: Every Thursday after school, starts @ 3.15 pm, ends 4.30 pm.

Where: L6.

What: Bridge is a team-based strategy card game, which rewards good memory, deductive reasoning, bluffing, bartering and counting cards. It is for those who like to take risks, but know when it is best to let their opponents fall on their swords instead!

Come along to learn to play and compete for your house in HOUSE BRIDGE (House Bridge is on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, you must attend bridge club at least 4