



My Interview with Gareth Southgate

Sky Sports asked me to do an interview with Gareth Southgate for a program called Game Changers.

I drove to St Georges Park. When I got there I saw the trophies England's youth teams won last year. I didn't know this, but the England senior team got a trophy because all England's youth teams won a trophy. The man who showed us around told us to have a drink at Starbucks and we would see some of the England players. Soon after arriving there we saw Harry Kane the England Captain. My dad saw Kieran Trippier and he signed a shirt he had given to me from the World Cup Semi Final in Russia. I was also lucky enough to meet Dele Alli, John Stones, Harry Maguire and Ruben Loftus-cheek.

It was then time to get changed and head to the set for filming, I read over the script and had a practice run with the producer before it was time to interview Gareth Southgate. After we had finished filming I spent about 20 minutes talking to Gareth who gave me some advice for both my school team and my Sunday league team. He also told me some funny jokes!

My interview with Gareth Southgate airs today (Thursday 11th October) and will then be shown all over the weekend across most of the Sky Sports channels. The first showing will be at 5pm today on Sky Sports Mix.

Alfie Wall, 7EAG



Secondary Leaders Engineering Awards

For the past 6 years the Secondary Leaders Engineering Awards have been asking pupils of all ages, 'if you were an engineer what would you do?' Children are challenged to put their best ideas on paper. Inventions that could make someone's quality of life better or the world a safer place. These ideas are then registered with them. You never know, some of their amazing inventions might be needed in the future. In fact, several of them are in production as you read this article.

Each year the overall winner's idea is made into a prototype and then patented. The finalists are chosen from entries across Britain where over 4,000 pupils take part each year. The London finalist was chosen from nearly two thousand entries and is Bexley Grammar school pupil Dhiyanick Gautam alongside him Ellie Delieu was highly commended. Their work has been exhibited at Secondary Leaders exhibitions across England, Wales and Scotland - a high achievement. This is the second year in a row we have reached the finals. We have a standard to maintain Year 8. So get your thinking caps on!

Miss Francis, Design Technology



90 students work was entered from Year 8. 65 received certificates. These were celebrated in a year assembly



One thousand origami cranes travelling with the BGS trip to Japan and the moving story of Sadako

Have you seen the 1000 origami cranes displayed in the foyer? Next week sixteen Year 10 and 11 students studying Japanese are visiting Japan and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to donate the 1000 paper cranes and to pray for world peace. Originally, we were inspired by "the Story of Sadako" and started making cranes back in 2015. Since then we have taken the first 1000 linked origami cranes to Hiroshima and had an amazing opportunity to participate in a lecture by Mrs Keiko Ogura who is one of a few bomb survivors. This is our second challenge, and since returning from our first visit to Hiroshima couple of years ago we have been making origami cranes. We finally reached our target of 1000 this summer. The 1000 paper origami cranes were all made by the BGS students! Many students spontaneously wrote messages wishing for peace on the paper cranes. It was such an enriching experience for us. Thank you very much for your contributions. We will take them to Hiroshima on 22nd October. We will also attend a lecture by Mrs Ogura again.

Following is the story of Sadako. Sadako Sasaki (1943-1955) was a Japanese girl who was two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima at 8.15am on 6th August 1945. Sadako was two kilometers away from where the bomb exploded. Fortunately, she was not injured at the time, at least not in any way people could see. Up until the time Sadako was in Year 7 she was a normal, happy girl who was a keen athlete and an important member of the school relay team. However, in January 1955 she was diagnosed with Leukemia. At that time they called Leukemia the 'A-bomb Disease'. She was hospitalized on February 20th 1955, and given, at the most, a year to live. One day her roommate in the hospital told Sadako about the Japanese legend which promises that anyone who folds 1000 origami cranes will be granted a wish. She could not get enough paper and used medicine wrappings and whatever scraps of paper she could scrounge. Even though she was in great pain, eventually she made 1400 paper cranes. However, her condition progressively worsened. One morning her family urged her to eat something and Sadako requested tea on rice. She remarked "It's tasty", which were her last words and sadly Sadako went to sleep forever. It was on the morning of October 25th 1955 and Sadako was only 12 years old.

After her death, Sadako's friends and schoolmates published a collection of letters exchanged during her 8 months in hospital in order to raise funds to build a memorial to her and all of the children who had died from the effects of the Atomic Bomb. In 1958, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane was unveiled in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. At the foot of the statue is a plaque that reads: "This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world." Children from all over the world still send folded paper cranes on a daily basis to be placed beneath Sadako's statue. In so doing, they make the same wish which is engraved on the base of the statue. We are going to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and making the same wish on behalf of Bexley Grammar School. Thank you all once again for your contribution.

Mrs Everett, MFL Department



No Pens Day

Wednesday 3rd October was No Pens Day. No Pens Day is for helping the students to communicate more with each other and with the teachers, not so we have to do less work. Each teacher was very creative with the way they made the lessons educational, interactive and fun.

In my History lesson we teamed up in groups of three or four and used discussion sheets to look at things like bias, chronology, interpretation, anachronisms and primary and secondary sources.

In Geography we talked about Donald Trump's impact on the world. In teams we researched on the internet a choice of one of: the Mexican wall; his thoughts on climate change; or the trade deals with China and the U.S.A. At the end of the research, we had two minutes to share with our team and then the teacher chose one of us to present what we had found out to the whole class.

In FBCS previously we had been learning about humanist ceremonies. We again teamed up and came up with our own ceremonies. Our group came up with a ceremony to mark moving house.

After FBCS we had German. We started off with a German tongue twister about fish and then started learning the countries in German and I think we all had a lot of fun learning them all.

In the last lesson of the day, which was English, we did punctuation *karate*. This is where you do karate moves for items of punctuation. For example a full stop would be a punch, a dash is an arm swipe and speech marks are hand chops in the air. Then in groups we found sentences from our class Reading book and performed them with our karate moves. I enjoyed thinking of new moves for different punctuation marks, and moving around in the lesson helped us stay alert like ninjas.

Overall, No Pens Day is a fun day where students can interact with each other, their teachers and their surroundings and learn new ways of learning.

Zoe Handscombe



**No Pens Day
Wednesday**



Talk by Victoria Raven

Founder of Well Kids – Cracking the Teenage Puzzle

On Thursday 18th October at 6pm, we are pleased to announce that Victoria Raven, founder of Well Kids, will be available to talk to you about 'cracking the teenage puzzle.' This will be a session where Victoria will talk to you about how adolescence needn't be endured, how to communicate more effectively with your teenager and be on hand to answer any questions about raising a teenager you may have. During the day Victoria will be speaking to the Year 10 students about stress, anxiety and depression and coping mechanisms for this. Victoria is highly regarded, and you can read the enthusiastic and grateful testimonials by clicking the link below.

<https://www.schoolspeakers.co.uk/speaker-listings/victoria-raven>

Ticket prices for this event are £5 each and can be purchased via ParentPay by clicking the link [here](#)

Please note, this is open to all parents and guardians, not just parents / guardians of Year 10 students or those with a son / daughter suffering from a mental health issue.



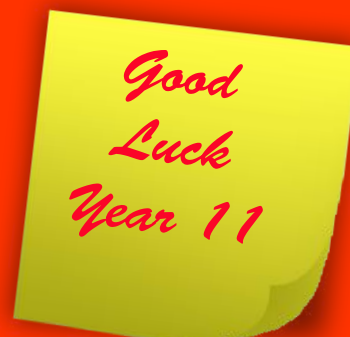
Work Experience - Good Luck Year 11s

Good luck to all Year 11 students embarking on their work experience placements from Monday 15th October. I hope you make excellent use of the opportunity and gain a good understanding of the profession you are working in.

Remember that you are representing Bexley Grammar School, and ensure you portray yourselves and the school in a good light.

If you have any concerns during your placements please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Aspill or Miss Aspill.

Mr Skinner
Director of Studies, Year 11



Open Day Newsletter - Special Edition

Some of our Year 7s have been helping with the Open Day Edition of the weekly newsletter. They have been telling us about their experiences and offering friendly advice to prospective Year 7 pupils hoping to join BGS next year.

Click [here](#) to read their stories and also Mr Elphick's Open Day message to Year 6 pupils.

A whole new word ~ Year 10

Week 6



PE News

Well done to our new Year 7 Rugby Team for a brilliant 40-35 win over Hurstmere in their first ever game. If they continue to show the courage and skill they demonstrated in this game, then I'm sure they will be very successful in the future. Well done boys.

Mr Lines, Head of PE



English
History
Geography
MFL
Computer Science
P.E.
Music
Classics
Art
Biology
Chemistry

Physics
Science: Investigative Skills
Drama
Business & Economics

Phantoms
Humanism
Feasibility
Spontaneity
Decomposition
Ergogenic
Forces
Causation
Juxtaposition
Synapse
Saturated
Hydrocarbon
National Grid
Accurate
Cyclorama
Specialisation

International Bake Off

During International Week, I took part in the 'International Bake Off' event. I brought in some food from my country (Romania). I brought some sarmale- a traditional Romanian food made with meat, rice, onion and other fillings which is then wrapped around with cabbage, some mamaliga- a side made with crushed corn and boiled water- and creme fraiche, and an apple cake. The apple cake was not Romanian, but still was a recipe that I liked. I enjoyed the event even though I didn't win.

David Dobre, 7JR

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's International Bake Off event. The quality and variety of the bakes were excellent, and the judges found it very difficult to pick the winners. Our winners were:

Best Looking Bake – Russian Honey Cake, **Feruz Ahmadjon 7JR**

Best Tasting Bake – Pannetone, **Ugne Stanzyte 10REL**

Weird & Wonderful award – Savoury Indian sponge cakes, **Eashan Patel 7RPP**

Star Baker award – Russian walnut biscuits, **Richard Ranoë 7LC**

Congratulations!

Mr Gallimore, MFL Department



Star Baker



Mamaliga



Sarmale



The Bake Off

Power Days

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you may be aware, throughout the school year, we have five ECM Days, whereby the students have an alternative timetable for the day tackling many of the PSHCE requirements that the school has. ECM Days are now called 'Power Days', in the hope that students are equipped with the power that knowledge of these important issues brings.

On Thursday 18th October we have our first Power Day where Years 7-10 will be following a timetable of lessons based on a 'safety and awareness' theme. Lessons are tailored to the different year groups with age appropriate content and could include; online safety, travel safety, sexual and health education, mental health education, relationship education and bullying.

Year 11 will be on their work experience placements, Year 12 will be carrying out their IB Group 4 Project and Year 13 will have a UCAS and career focused day.

Mrs Pearman, Power Day Coordinator

House Harvest Festival Boxes

On Wednesday 3rd October the House Harvest Festival Competition was held. Students were given 1 hour and 15 minutes to create a Harvest Festival Box and the competition was judged by Mr Elphick, Miss Houghton and Mrs Arundel. The results are as follows:

Kirkman 1st

Collins 2nd

Johnson 3rd

Prothero 4th

Mabbs 5th

Wellman 6th



W **P** **J**
ellman **rothero** **OHNSON**
K **IRKMAN** **C** **ollins** **Mabbs**

News items you may have missed



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER 2018

DOORS OPEN 7pm

for a 7.30pm START

TICKETS £5 PER PERSON

MAX. 8 PER TEAM

BRING YOUR OWN

FOOD AND DRINK

BGS PA – Quiz Team Application

Pupils Name: Form:

Parents Name:

Number of People Attending @ £5pp, total paid £.....

Email address:

.....

(Once payment is received you will be mailed with your table number)

Please complete the attached form and return in an envelope with cash or cheque*; addressed to BGS PA QUIZ and post in the PA post box in the school reception.

***Cheques to be made payable to BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PA**

Would you like to learn a new language?

Or brush up on a language you already know?

The BGS MFL Department is delighted to offer group and private lessons with our native-speaker Language Assistants in:

French | **German** | **Italian** | **Spanish**



Group classes for adult learners

Learn a language from scratch or improve on the basics*.

- £12.50 per lesson
- Lessons begin the first week after Half Term

If you are interested, please contact Mr Dufton (Head of MFL Department) for more information:

dufton_j@bexleygs.co.uk

**Classes will be made available subject to sufficient interest*

Private tuition

- Help with GCSE, IB or A Level revision for students
- One-on-one adult lessons
- Classes tailored to your individual needs, level and interests
- £20 per lesson

Please contact:

Isabelle Teixeira (French)
teixeira_i@bexleygs.co.uk

Patrizia Loth (German)
loth_p@bexleygs.co.uk

Emma Draghi (Italian)
draghi_e@bexleygs.co.uk

Maria Hernandez (Spanish)
hernandez_m@bexleygs.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

October

Friday 12th ~ PA Quiz Night (See notice)

Monday 15th ~ Year 11 Work Experience week begins

Tuesday 16th ~ Prospective New Year 7 open morning 8.45am - 10.45am

~ Early finish to prepare for the open evening, Students in Years 10, 11 & 13 leave at 1.25pm. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 12 leave at 1.30pm

~ Prospective New Year 7 open evening 5pm - 8pm

Wednesday 17th ~ School starts at 9.20am for all students going straight to registration and then to period 2

Thursday 18th ~ Power (ECM) Day 1

Friday 19th ~ Last school day before half term

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th ~ Half Term

Monday 29th ~ First day back to school after half term

November

Friday 9th ~ Remembrance Day

Tuesday 20th ~ Sixth Form Open Evening for internal students only 5.30pm - 8pm