

Headteacher: H J Gilmore

Bexley Grammar School

Danson Lane, Welling, Kent, DA16 2BL A Specialist Language College and IB World School

Tel: 020 8304 8538

e-mail: enquiries@bexleygs.co.uk

28th March 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I write to you fresh from attending the school's annual House Showcase event last night. It was a wonderful display of talent, imagination and excellent student leadership. The vertical nature of the House system really helps to build special relationships between students of all years and the encouraging mentoring by the older students towards their younger House members is lovely to see. The House system continues to be a great BGS tradition whilst always evolving to include new competitions and broaden student participation. I'd like to thank those of you in attendance last night for your support and participation.

This week, the school received an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award for Exceptional Student Progress in 2023. This is in recognition of us being in the top 20% of schools nationally for last summer's GCSE outcomes. The SSAT is the largest and longest-standing network of secondary schools in England so I'm very proud of our school community for receiving this accolade. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT, wrote to us saying "Congratulations to Bexley Grammar School on winning an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of students, staff, parents / carers and Trustees. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school. Thank you."

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I'd like to take a moment to remind you of some important upcoming events. On Saturday 8th June our wonderful PA will be helping to run our Sports Day and Summer Fayre. It's always a highly enjoyable day and I hope to see many of you there. Please bear in mind that Monday 10th June will be a day off in lieu of Saturday's event. On Monday 15th July the school will close early in order to prepare for our Speech Day event, where we will celebrate the achievements of the past year. Further details will be published nearer the time.

Thank you all for your support over the past term. I hope that you have a relaxing break and enjoy a celebratory period with your families.

Yours sincerely,

H J Gilmore Headteacher