



IB Students Class of 2017



Last Friday we said goodbye to the Year 13 IB students as they left on study leave. Exams come around very quickly with the Business and Management examination starting the ball rolling on Friday 28th April. The next three weeks will be intense (including exams on Bank Holiday Monday for some students), but after the last exam on Friday 19th May students can look forward to a well-deserved rest and perhaps the longest summer break they will ever experience.

Although students have yet to sit their exams, it won't be very long until we start to think about the results which are published on 6th July. This gives our students a considerable amount of time to organise the next phase of their career. University offers have been very encouraging and fingers crossed we'll be able to celebrate with the whole cohort on results day.

There are always mixed emotions on the last day. Students understandably are in celebratory mood, but equally there is a lot of sadness about leaving school as they reflect on the friendships they have made and the experiences they have shared. Some have been at Bexley Grammar for seven years while everyone has shared memories of CAS, Extended Essays, TOK, Group 4 Project etc. The last two years have been packed with experiences. Students have been challenged and with the support of staff they have grown and matured into an impressive group of young adults. We will certainly miss them, but I'm confident that they are well equipped to take the next step. Good luck with your exams Year 13.

Mr Brown, IB Co-ordinator

Library News

We regularly hold meetings in our school library where we discuss the nominated books we have read and then review them. We aim to read a new book every week, which is very easy as all the books are page-turners! Every meeting is full of exciting book talk where we share our opinions and love of the books. Everybody involved shares one thing in common; a passion for books (and cake). Our meetings are very exciting and involve all kinds of treats :) So basically, all BGS Shadowers meetings involve a lot of yummy food... oh yeah and a tiny bit of reading.



Brook Lord & Olivia Harry

Young Carers

Kids That Care



Take a break
come and join us
on our evenings out
email haslam_c@bexleygs.co.uk

Parenting the Demanding Generation: A Talk by Dr Aric Sigman

Bexley Grammar School

Tuesday 23rd May 2017, 6.00pm – 7.30pm, Tickets £5.00



We are pleased to announce that Dr Aric Sigman, Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society and a Chartered Scientist, will be in school on Tuesday 23rd May working with students on *Managing Screen Time*, and in the evening will give a talk to parents on *Parenting the Demanding Generation*. Based on his book *The Spoilt Generation*, Dr Sigman will discuss the role of 'authoritative' parenting, as set down in a large scale study and review by the Institute of Education, and its role in shaping "better-adjusted, more competent children...at different developmental periods including pre-school, school age and adolescence."

Dr Sigman comes highly recommended to us by Fontainebleau International School as an engaging and thought provoking speaker who raises awareness of current issues affecting our children's development and well-being. He will discuss how parents and 'extended parents', other figures of authority in our children's lives, have an important role to play in shaping their ability to successfully navigate a path through the demands of our ever-changing world. By challenging the common misconception that authority versus sensitivity, love and compassion are mutually exclusive, Dr Aric's talk emphasises the importance of a more joined up approach to parenting today. For more information you can visit his website: www.aricsigman.com

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to hear Dr Sigman's talk on *Parenting the Demanding Generation* to parents and carers of children in schools within the Penhill Trust. Please book early to avoid disappointment as places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited. Please visit <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/events> and search for Bexley Grammar School or the event name, *Parenting the Demanding Generation*, to book your ticket. Please note that this is a talk for parents and carers only.

Ms Hanington, Assistant Head



Please click [HERE](#) to view the latest PA Newsletter.



Do you own or work for a local business?
Looking for an opportunity to advertise?



On the 10th June the school will be holding its annual Summer Fair and in past years, this has been extremely well attended. To complement this, we produce a printed programme for visitors that sets out the events taking place during the day. The programme will also have space for advertising and with the expected numbers of people attending this offers a great opportunity for local businesses to promote themselves in the community at a fraction of the cost of a local newspaper advertisement.

This year we are offering a full page (A5) advert for only £30 or half page for £20.

If you would like to advertise in our Summer Fair brochure and would like further information please contact:

Kathy Steele, parentpabgs@gmail.com by 25th May 2017.

All funds raised will be helping us to raise the money for BGSPA's target this year of £10,000 towards various projects for whole school use.

Examinations News



Year 12 A Level Students

Please click on the link below to view the **updated Part i examination timetable**. (change of venue for French, Spanish and German Paper 1's. All now in L10).

[Year 12 Part i's Examination Timetable](#)

Examinations Office

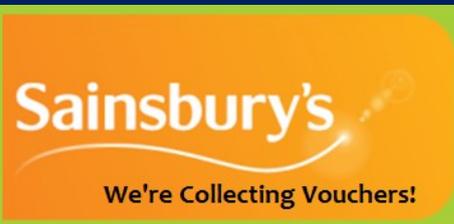
PE News - Summer extra-curricular timetable

Rounders on a Monday is for girls only, but all other clubs are open to boys and girls, regardless of experience. Fitness club on a Tuesday morning may include runs through Danson Park before school - please get a note in your planner from a parent confirming you have permission to join the run.

Bexley Grammar School
Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable - Summer Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School: 7:45 - 8:15		Fitness Club	Tennis Club All Years	Tennis Club All Years	
After School: 3:15 - 4:30	Rounders All Years	Cheerleading	Tennis Club Year 7	Cricket Years 7-10	Archery

Field
 Gym
 Sports Hall
 Fitness Suite
 Netball Courts



It's that time of the year again when we collect Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.

Please send them in to School and ask your child to deposit them in the box by Reception.

Thank you



Forthcoming Events

April

Friday 28th ~ Year 10 and Year 12 (IB students only) mock examination period ends

May

Monday 1st ~ Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd ~ Year 10 and Year 12 IB students return to school
~ Year 7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 9th ~ The Taming of the Shrew - KS3 Production

Wednesday 10th ~ The Taming of the Shrew - KS3 Production

Thursday 11th ~ Last Day for Year 13 A Level Students

Friday 12th ~ Last Day for Year 11 Students

Monday 29th ~ Half Term

June

Monday 5th ~ First day after the Half Term

Saturday 10th ~ Sports Day & Summer Fayre (normal school day for students)

Monday 12th ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day/Summer Fayre

News Items You May Have Missed

Jazz & Quiz Night in aid of Music Department Tour Scholarship Fund 7.00pm Saturday 29th April 2017 School Hall

Including informal live music by members of our jazz ensembles in between the quiz rounds.
Bring an instrument & join in!

You are welcome to buy tickets as individuals, small groups or even book a complete table (8 tickets).

Tickets are £5 each. The evening will start at 7.15pm but please arrive by 7.00pm.

Please bring your own refreshments and any donations of raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to join us you can reserve your place online:

[BGS Performing Arts Quiznight 2017](#)

and then pay on the door.

Music Department



Key Stage 3 Showcase! Thursday 18th May

This concert will feature our lower school musicians from Years 7 - 9. Students are invited to audition for a slot as a soloist or as part of a small group. Auditions will be 9th and 10th May, and they should apply via the BGS Performing Arts website:

[Performing Arts KS3 Showcase](#)

Our Junior ensembles (Junior Jazz, Junior Choir and Junior Orchestra) will also be performing in this concert!

Miss Swadkin





Come and see
The Junior Production
in the new
Performing Arts Centre
on
* Tuesday 9th May
&
Wednesday 10th May
at 7.00pm
£5 Adults £3 Students

Click [here](#) to purchase
your tickets

* Please note the change of
dates for this production



IF I BE WASPISH,
BEST BEWARE MY
STING.