



Enrichment Week 2017

As Year 9 and some Year 10 students jetted off to sunny climes after the success of the Summer Fayre, at BGS our annual Enrichment Week 2017 was also blessed with the summer sunshine. Lessons through the week were taught in double slots, allowing departments the flexibility and freedom to deliver sessions which deepen students' understanding and extend their experience beyond the curriculum.

The Library was transformed by Mrs Carey into a CSI crime scene complete with police tape, bloody hand prints and murder victim chalk outline! Year 7 English groups turned super sleuths to research the clues and to work out "who dunnit".

Year 7s also journeyed further afield during the week to the London Docklands to complete fieldwork to support their learning on the regeneration of this area of London. Students walked through Canary Wharf and visited St. Katherine's Dock and the Museum of London.

Closer to home, for the Year 9s who remained in school, BGS became their film set as they participated in a Film project, learning about how to create meaning through camera shots and applying these new skills to storyboard and plan their own horror film openings. In just three days, they planned, shot and edited some impressive short films - who knows we may have a budding Martin Scorsese or Katherine Bigelow in our midst!

Year 12 students continued to work on their four A-Level subject options, but with their extended lessons there was time for experimentation and creative learning. Our Physicists could be seen building a "domino computer", helping them to visualise what actually happens inside a computer, as well as lining the corridors outside the science rooms with bottles filled with water and using a radio controlled car to play the Mario Kart theme tune!

Enrichment Week comes at a time of year when our energy can be sapped by the weather and by our busy calendar of events, so it is always gratifying to see the buzz of excitement generated by the commitment of our teachers to provide alternative experiences for the students during this week. Well done to all who participated so enthusiastically!

Ms Hanington, Assistant Head



Enrichment Week 2017 Gallery



Trip to the German Department at UCL

On Wednesday 7th June, 12 of us went on a visit to UCL's highly-regarded German Department to get a taste of what a degree in German might involve and speak to some final-year students about their experiences studying at UCL. They answered our questions about university life and the importance of choosing the right course, as well as discussing the opportunity of studying abroad in Germany.

Led by Ms Symons, we met at 12.30 pm and set off for the afternoon. Upon arrival we were warmly welcomed by Senior Lecturer, Geraldine Horan and directed into a seminar room, ready to talk about our A Level and IB texts in a lively discussion with a fascinating UCL teaching fellow.

This was followed by a short taster session in the art of translation (while refreshments were passed round!) before we met the 3 students who were very helpful in answering any questions we had.

The final part of the trip was, for many of us, the most impressive: we visited the UCL library at the heart of the building, with bookshelves reaching the ceiling, full of books covering a vast range of subjects.

We ended the afternoon with a photo outside UCL as a memory of our day, before getting the train home at around 5.00 pm. On behalf of the group I'd like to thank Ms Symons for taking us and organising an interesting and worthwhile trip.



Vickie Houlihan, Year 12



Summer Fayre Update

Advance Notice Needed - Plant Stall Holder for the Summer Fayre 2018

After many years of successfully running the Plant Stall at the Summer Fayre, Mrs Laws has decided to hang up her gardening gloves!



We are therefore looking for another green fingered individual to take over from next year.

If you are able to **provide plants** and run a stall for us; please email sword_s@bexleygs.co.uk

Many thanks

Mrs Sword, Assistant Head

Lost Property

Reception is holding a number of ladies and gents watches that have been handed in to reception, if your child has lost a watch over the last few months please contact us as we may have it.

All enquiries regarding lost property for this term should be emailed to reception@bexleygs.co.uk by Thursday 20th July at the latest. Regrettably, we are unable to keep unclaimed articles indefinitely so they will be recycled at the end of the term.

Could you please ensure that all items of clothing and equipment are clearly named so that we can return items to their owners.

Reception



Thank you to Mrs Laws for her fabulous Plant Stall

We would like to thank Mrs Laws who has provided the Summer Fayre with the most incredible Plant Stall for many years. She will be very much missed.

Many thanks

Mrs Sword, Assistant Head

Music News

GTM Band Challenge 2017 BGS band to represent Bexley Borough in London-wide competition & they need your votes!



On Sunday 25th June, Sam Fernandes, Oliver McKeon and Patrick Phelps (all members of Year 12 and studying Music Technology A-Level) will be representing the Borough of Bexley as members of the band "The SE" in a band competition which covers eight London boroughs.



In order to be selected, the boys had to audition in front of a panel from the Bexley Music Education Hub (Bird College), and play an original song. The boys will be performing 'Jealousy', written by Patrick Phelps, on Sunday at the competition, which takes place at the Yamaha headquarters in Soho in London. The competition will be broadcast live online at 6pm and it will be brilliant if you can support them:

The audience vote will decide the winner, so please head to www.yamahamusiclondon.com at 6.00 pm to hear the acts and support our BGS band!

Follow the band:

Instagram:
[the_seofficial](#)

Twitter:
[TheSEofficial](#)

Miss Swadkin,
Music Department



Finance Office Opening Times



Please note, students are welcome to come to the Finance Office during break and lunch time **only** to hand in paperwork, or for any other trip related query. They may not come before or after school as the ladies who administer trips are not in the office at those times.

Mrs Caddock, Finance Office

Vacancy



Premises Assistant (Full or Part-time)

Up to 36 hours per week,
up to 52 weeks per annum

Bexley Scale 5, point 1
(£18,657 per annum incl.
Outer London Weighting)

We seek to appoint a permanent member of staff to join our busy Site team working Monday-Friday. We are flexible in terms of hours - we want to find a good fit for the team. A qualification in a skill such as plumbing or electrical services would be an advantage but is not a requirement.

Further details and an application form are available on the school website or click on the link [Here](#).

Forthcoming Events

June

Tuesday 27th ~ Sixth Form Induction Day

Thursday 29th ~ Sixth Form Induction Day

July

Tuesday 4th ~ Spamalot Production

Wednesday 5th ~ **Gala Evening** including Art & Design Exhibition & Spamalot Production

Thursday 6th ~ Spamalot Production

Friday 7th ~ Spamalot Production

Tuesday 11th ~ BGS Jazz Evening 7.00pm

Monday 17th ~ Speech Day - Early finish for students at 2.20pm

Friday 21st ~ Last Day of the Summer Term - Early finish for students at 12.15pm

August

Thursday 17th ~ A Level Results Day

Thursday 24th ~ GCSE Results Day

September

Friday 1st ~ **Inset Day (School Closed to Students)**

Monday 4th ~ First school day after the Summer Holiday - Students registration at the following times:

Year 7 and 12 at 8.30am

Year 8, 9,10,11 and 13 at 9.15am

News Items You May Have Missed

BGS Jazz Evening – Tuesday 11th July, 7.00pm

We cordially invite you to the Music Department's final event of what has proved to be a superbly busy year: the Jazz Evening, on Tuesday 11th July, starting at 7pm in the school Hall. Featuring the 'Big Band Theory', BGS Improv group, and Junior Jazz, directed by Mr Laing, the evening will also feature some special performances from the group going on tour to Holland the following week, who will be previewing their tour programme. It promises to be an evening not to be missed!



Seating will be informal, unreserved and around tables with eight seats each. Please do bring food and drinks to enjoy during the concert.

Tickets for this Bexley Grammar School Fundraising Event are available online at www.yourboxoffice.co.uk where you should choose Bexley Grammar School from the 'Producer' menu. Once you have purchased your tickets, simply print out the confirmation and bring it with you to the concert. Tickets cost £5.50 per adult and £4.00 for children/concessions.

Spamalot Tickets

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL, 'SPAMALOT' retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, and features many comical situations and bizarre events, including coconuts, flying cows, killer rabbits, and French people! The 2005 Broadway production won three Tony Awards, including "Best Musical," and received 14 Tony Award nominations. Like the film, it is a highly irreverent parody of the Arthurian Legend, but it differs from the film in many ways. One of the musical's creators, Eric Idle, explained the title in a February 2004 press release: "I like the title 'Spamalot' a lot. We tested it with audiences on my recent US tour and they liked it as much as I did, which is gratifying... It comes from a line in the movie which goes: "we eat ham, and jam, and Spam a lot."

The Python phenomenon developed from the television series into something larger in scope and impact, including touring stage shows, films, numerous albums, several books, and a stage musical, and the group's influence on comedy has been compared to the Beatles' influence on music. Our show is a specially produced schools' edition, and can be enjoyed on many levels. However, the show is probably most suited to older children.

**The show will take place at 7.00pm on each of the following nights:
Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th July 2017**

Initially, tickets will be on sale, only for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The performance on Wednesday 5th July will be a Gala Performance, following a special viewing of the A level Art Exhibition at 6pm. Therefore, there will only be a limited number of tickets available for this night and they will not be released for sale to the general public until a fortnight before the show.

We anticipate all four nights shows selling out very quickly, so please ensure you book your tickets early. Seating is allocated, and please note that we cannot re-allocate or change ticket orders once seating has been assigned. Refreshments will be served in the interval by our school PA and the World Challenge teams.

Tickets for this fundraising event are now available to buy online, please go to <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk> and choose Bexley Grammar School from the 'Producer' menu. Once you have purchased your tickets, simply print out the confirmation and bring it with you to the show. Tickets cost £8.50 per adult and £6.50 for children/concessions.

Miss Swadkin, Director

