



Year 12 & 13 Football 3-2 victory for BGS against Beths

On Wednesday, we started our school football season with a thrilling match against a strong Beths team. The match began with relentless pressure from the BGS team, constantly pressing and probing the defence in search of the opening goal. After a dominant first half from the home team, it was in fact Beths who managed to make a break through, scoring a downward header from a corner late in the first half. They previously had a shot on goal from a corner, which I'm happy to say I managed to clear off the goal line!

The second half saw a continued attacking display and a greater control in the midfield from BGS which proved effective, given that the equaliser came midway through the half, with Conor scoring from close range. Beths regained the lead from a free kick, following an accidental handball on the edge of the area. The striker placed the ball underneath the wall and into the bottom corner, putting BGS 1-2 down. There was an immediate response from the players, with Dan almost finding the top right corner after coming forward from centre-back for a corner. A breakaway from Beths nearly made it 1-3 in a quick counter attack and a rounding of the keeper was met with a strong, last-ditch challenge from Liam to keep BGS in the game. 5 minutes later, Jamie found himself through on goal and drilled a shot through the goalkeeper's hands to set the game for a thrilling finale, bringing the game all level at 2-2!

As the game drew to a close, we got a corner in the final few minutes. Survin's in-swinging cross looped towards the far post, which became saturated with BGS and Beths players alike. Amongst the crowd, Conor rose and managed to meet the ball with a great header into the back of the net to bring the game to a conclusive 3-2 victory for BGS! On the whole, seeing as this was the team's first competitive match together against a stubborn side, we endeavoured rigorously throughout and were rewarded with a deserved victory to encapsulate a strong display.

Jake Rodrigues 12R/JG

Team Players

David Jones
Fuad Busoir
Daniel Birch
Liam Ballantine
Kieran Stewart
Jake Rodrigues
Mithunnan Arulkumar
Survin Appanah
Jamie Neicho
Conor O'Boyle
Dylan D'Cunha
Dheen Zia
Calvin Peat
Teddy Russell



PE Notices

Year 7 boys - Gumshields are recommended for boys playing Rugby in PE or at rugby training (Mondays after school). You can get them professionally fitted by your dentist, or you can buy one from a sports shop or from the PE department, where they can be purchased for £2.



Please see the PE extra-curricular timetable, as a couple of changes have been made since the start of term. Year 7 Football training has moved to Wednesday after school, and there is a new Salsa class running on Thursdays in the gym - anyone welcome, regardless of experience.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School: 7:45 - 8:15			Fitness Club			Table Tennis
			Yr 7 - 13 Girls' Basketball			
After School: 3:15 - 16:30	Yr 7-10 Rugby	Yr 7-11 Netball Match Practice	5K Club	Yr 8 - 10 Boys' Football	Archery	
	6th Form Football Training		Cheerleading	Salsa		
	Senior Basketball	Yr 7-9 Basketball Boys & Girls	Yr 7 Boys' Football Girls' Football	Yr 9 - 11 Netball	Yr 7 & 8 Netball	

	Field		Sports Hall
	Gym		Netball Courts
			Fitness Suite

School Voluntary Fund Contributions

Dear Parents/Carers,

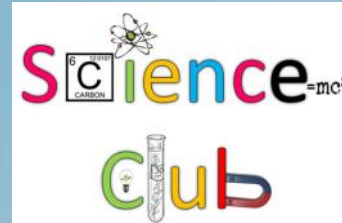
All parents/carers should have received my annual School Voluntary Fund letter, which outlined the considerable reduction in funding we have suffered over the past four years.

I write to mark publically the tremendous response from many of you in contributing, in many cases, well over and above the suggested sum. Thank you for your support. The spending of those contributions will be tightly controlled to ensure the best possible value for money as we fight to preserve the breadth and depth of our curriculum.

For those who have not yet contributed, please visit your ParentPay account where you will see the Voluntary Fund option. There is also a second option available to all parents/carers for any additional contributions which you may wish to make for a specific purpose of your choice in the school.

Again, thank you for your continued support, which is more important and significant to us now than ever before.

Mr Elphick



STEM Club and Science Club will be starting next Monday 25th September, from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

STEM Club is for Years 8 and 9 students and will be in M7. It will be a fun and creative session combining Science and Design Technology.

Science Club is in M8 for students Year 7. Here you will be able to try out a huge range of fun with hands on experiments.

Both clubs will run every week B.

Ms Lusted, Science Department

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Anna Hardie in (7LJB) who has won 1000 Pink Lady® apples for Bexley Grammar School. She entered a competition run by the Guild of Food Writers for young and budding authors to produce a blog post capturing their favourite food experience. Anna won the 11-14 age category with a wonderful piece on Scottish oat apple crumble served with Mauritian vanilla custard. The judges commented that they 'loved Anna's long and rambling love affair with the dish and found her entry evocative and emotional.' Well done on this wonderful achievement and keep up the writing Anna! If you would like to read Anna's entry, it can be found on the following link: [HERE](#)

THE GUILD OF FOOD WRITERS



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young food writer of the year

In Partnership with Pink Lady®

BGS

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We are holding our annual BGS Macmillan Coffee Morning on Monday 2nd October to raise money for this fantastic charity. Homemade cake donations would be greatly appreciated. Cakes can be handed in to reception on the day; please label the cake/containers so that they can be returned to you. There will also be some cakes on sale for students so they may want to bring some small change to school. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Gradley
School Council Coordinator

Who are we?

We are a friendly group of parents from all of the school years. We meet once a month to plan fundraising events to provide the school with little extras to enhance our children's education and development.

Events held this Year

- Year 7 Welcome BBQ
- Fashion Show
- Christmas Gift Shop
- Quiz Night
- Easter Gift Shop
- Mothers' Day Gift Shop
- Summer Fayre
- Discounted Adventure Island Tickets
- Monthly Millennium Club Draws

New Year 7 BBQ

29th September 2017 at 7.00pm

The first family event of the Parents' Association calendar and one not to miss! Raffle tickets will be on sale during the night for a chance to win any of our lovely prizes. The deadline to purchase tickets has been extended to **25th September**. Please click [HERE](#) to place your order.



We need you!

Our success relies on the support of all parents, even an hour's help whenever you can make all the difference. Whatever time you can give will be appreciated.



Have you heard about the Millennium Club?

You could win a cash prize. Your share helps fund equipment for the pupils of BGS. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



Spending

This school year we have:

- Provided Funding of £10k for the new Library
- Provided extra funding for additional shelving
- Purchased Equipment for the Crochet Club
- Purchased Netbooks for SENCO
- Funded outings for the BGS Young Carers Club
- Purchased a speed gun, leg strength dynamometer and other kit for the sports science department
- Provided Funding of £5k for computers in the new development of the Sixth Form Centre
- Replaced computers for those flooded in the Science Lab
- Purchased Mental Health Awareness Literature for the Library

Events Diary

- **Friday 29th September 7.00pm** ~ Year 7 BBQ
- **Wednesday 11th October 7.30pm** ~ AGM & PA Meeting (tea, coffee & biscuits from 7.00pm)
- **Friday 10th November 7.00pm** ~ Race Night
- **December (TBC)** ~ Xmas Shop/Gift Stall PA Meeting

Click [HERE](#) to view our list of up coming events and ticket sales



Contact: parentpabgs@gmail.com

Shop online at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> select Bexley Grammar School as your cause.

News Items You May Have Missed

Vacancy



Canteen Assistant Vacancy

22.5 hours per week / 38 weeks per year
£7.50 per hour

A vacancy has arisen in the school canteen, starting October 2017. The post is 5 days a week, 10 am - 2.15 pm (4.5 hours a day). A basic food hygiene certificate is desirable but not essential as training will be provided. Reporting to the Canteen Manager, the post holder will be responsible for preparing food, including basic cookery, counter serving of food to staff and students and operating electronic registers.

Further details about the school, the job description and an application form are available on the school website or by clicking on the link [HERE](#).

Closing date for applications is noon on Wednesday 27th September 2017.

MidYIS Test - Notice for Year 7 Parents

On Friday 29th September all Year 7 pupils will sit a computer based MidYIS test. No revision/preparation is required from the pupils in any way.

The MidYIS test is what we call a "baseline assessment", designed to measure pupils' developed ability rather than what has been taught previously in school. It gives measures of pupils' underlying potential to do well, and tests their strengths and weaknesses across four categories or sub-scales: Vocabulary, Maths, Non-verbal reasoning and Skills (including proof-reading). The focus of the MIDYIS test is to derive a sound indication of likely later academic achievement if steady progress is made, and to provide us with a baseline starting point for each student. Many secondary schools countrywide give students some sort of a baseline assessment to their Year 7s on entry.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Mallin, Assistant Head.

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2017 INTERNATIONAL DAY DRESS UP!

Students in **all** year groups, Years 7-13, and teachers, will once again be dressing up in international clothing.

Voluntary contribution of **£1** – give this to your form teacher at the start of the day. All money raised will go to the school's charities.

GOOD IDEAS

Dressing up in traditional dress from your country.

Dressing up in the traditional dress of a friend's country.

Dressing up as something from there – a famous statue or landmark, or in the colours and crest of the flag!



NOT ALLOWED

You can come in fancy dress **OR** normal school uniform.

Non-uniform is not allowed.



BEST COSTUME PRIZES

There will be prizes in each year group for the best international fancy dress!



Sleeping Beauty, a Year 13 Production

A small group of Year 13 students is putting on a production of Sleeping Beauty on the 27th & 28th September at 6.30pm in the new theatre **to raise money for the Mark Evison Foundation and the Evelina London Children's Hospital.**

Refreshments will be sold and all money raised will be split between the two charities. Adult tickets are £8 and concessions £4 and can be purchased by clicking the link <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/events> and searching for Bexley Grammar School.



Forthcoming Events

September

Tuesday 26th ~ International Day Dress Up - Students Years 7 to 13 (see notice page 6)

Wednesday 27th ~ Parents' Evening Year 7 (Form Tutors ONLY)

Wednesday 27th ~ Sleeping Beauty Production in the new theatre 6.30pm

Thursday 28th ~ Sleeping Beauty Production in the new theatre 6.30pm

Friday 29th ~ MidYIS Test for Year 7 Students (see notice page 5)

~ Parents' Association BBQ for Year 7 (see notice page 4)

October

Tuesday 3rd ~ Parents' Evening Year 13

Tuesday 10th ~ Parents' Evening Year 11

Monday 16th ~ Work Experience starts for Year 11

Tuesday 17th ~ Open Morning (for new Year 7 Students starting in September 2018)

Wednesday 18th ~ Open Morning & Evening (for new Year 7 Students starting in September 2018)

Early finish at the following times:

~ **1.25pm for students in Years 10, 11 & 13**

~ **1.30pm for students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 12**

Thursday 19th ~ Every Child Matters (ECM) Day 1

~ **Late start for all students at 9.20am following the Open Evening**

Friday 20th ~ Last school day before Half Term

Monday 30th ~ First school day after Half Term