



Headteacher's Notices

Two post-Christmas appeals and a notification regarding the Metropolitan Police.

1. Notification of Information Sharing Agreement between the Metropolitan Police and Bexley Schools.

Bexley Grammar School has signed an information-sharing agreement with the Bexley Borough Metropolitan Police under which Project Tearose will disclose domestic incidents to the Safeguarding Officer in school where BGS children are involved and at risk. The content shared will be kept to the minimum, enough for the school to ensure the safety of the child. Bexley Grammar School has a duty to inform parents of this information sharing agreement.

2. Appeal for computers.

Have you upgraded this Christmas? In school we can operate relatively old-spec computers effectively in areas that are not graphic-heavy. If you have a computer with the following minimum specifications which you no longer need, BGS could put it to good use for students and staff.

Equally, if any parents are linked with businesses which upgrade their hardware regularly, we would be very grateful for any donations of 'old' computers.



Minimum specification = i5 processor or equivalent and a minimum of 4G RAM.

3. Appeal for board games.



Do you have any old board games that you need to clear out to make way for the new? Our lunchtime Games Club (which is especially popular in the cold weather) would love to expand its repertoire!

Thank you

Mr Elphick

Year 7 Notice

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to Year 7. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for a busy spring term.

This term marks the official start of the KS3 Diploma. All areas of the Diploma are outlined in the booklet distributed at the first Parents' Evening in September. Please do not hesitate to contact the school via a note in the planner to the tutor if you have any questions or queries. I would encourage all students to reflect on the progress that they made last term and start 2018 with a resolution that will help build towards the various aspects of the Diploma. A good example may well be to attend a new extra-curricular club or to participate in a House event.

A quick reminder: In order to limit the workload, students will be set a maximum of two departmental tasks each half term. This half term will be the turn of PE and Computing. It is important pupils meet the deadline for these tasks. If they are absent, they should bring their work in the next day and contact their teacher via email. Please keep an eye on their planners in order to monitor deadlines.

Mrs Boulden, Director of Studies, Year 7

Geography Club Watch out, there is a globe about!

Students in the Year 7 and 8 Geography Club, raised £26.00 for the charity Crisis at Christmas. This was a great effort from the club members and a real achievement as the fund raising event was organised by them.

The money raised helped a homeless person to access to hot meals, a safe place to sleep and other services such as showers and doctors over the Christmas period.

Well done to Samuel Huynh, Max Carmona, Ryan Brockwell-Low, Max Jensen, Charlie Porte, Darcey Willis, Kush Borse, Lakshya Sharma, Taiga Tsuchiya.



*Mrs Belton-Owen & Miss Ashman,
Geography Department*

Adult Evening Language Classes

After a very successful first term, our language assistants are continuing to offer adult evening classes in French, Spanish, German and Italian, as well as individual tuition on a private basis. So whether you're looking to brush up for a holiday, are looking to master the basics or to get a little bit more fluency and confidence with a language you already know, there's something for you. If possible, we strongly recommend some private tuition for Year 13 IB students before their final speaking exams, which take place in February and are worth 20% of their final grade. Even one private lesson would be beneficial to them.

For adult classes, there will be 3 levels of language available:

Beginners (suitable for people with little to no experience in the language, or anyone not having taken the course from September): **6:00 - 7:15pm.**

Beginners Plus (suitable for those with basic knowledge - even if from a few/many years ago, or those who took the Beginners course from September): **7:15 - 8:15pm.**

Intermediate (suitable for those with knowledge of tenses and some confidence but wanting to improve or brush up): **8:15 - 9:15pm.**

The courses will take place on Wednesdays, commencing on the 17th January, in the L block (please park in the lower car park or drive around to park in the Le Feuvre playground.) This will be a 10 week course for £125 (not including the half term Wednesday) - cheques made payable directly to the assistants, paid at the first lesson. In order to confirm your place on the course, please email the relevant assistant.

Private lessons for adults or students cost £20 per hour and can be arranged directly through the assistants, whose email addresses are:

[Scheurich S@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:S@bexleygs.co.uk) (Saskia; German)

Matassa S@bexleygs.co.uk (Simona; Italian)

Lorthioir T@bexleygs.co.uk (Thomas; French)

Perez P@bexleygs.co.uk (Paula; Spanish)

Many thanks for your interest, *Mrs Meyer, Head of MFL*



Music News

ABRSM Instrumental exams

If any student wishes to be entered for an Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) instrumental exam, the school will be holding a day of exams in the 1st week of March. In order to be entered, your parent / instrumental teacher must email Miss Swadkin before Wednesday 17th January with the following information: Name of student, form, instrument, grade, and whether they will require an accompanist (accompanist can be provided at a cost of £10). Once the entries have been made, the payment of the entry fee will be required via ParentPay.

Practice rooms fundraising campaign!

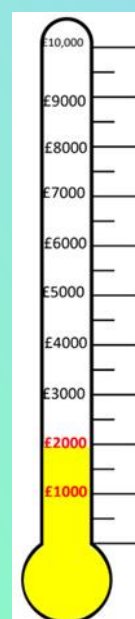
2018 marks the launch of our campaign to raise £10,000 to buy two music practice room 'pods'. These are entirely soundproof, and so can go anywhere in the school (where there is space!). This will have a big impact on both our classroom teaching (enabling us to use current practice rooms for rehearsal space during lessons), and provide **better quality teaching** spaces for our instrumental teachers.

So far we have raised nearly £1000 from ticket sales from our autumn term concerts & donations, and were very touched to receive an extremely generous donation of £1000 by the parents of a departing Year 13 student at the end of last year, so our campaign is off to a brilliant start...

Please support the campaign by coming to our **Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd February at 7.00pm**, to raise money for our Practice Rooms campaign. These are traditionally great fun, with quiz rounds written by our Sixth Form Music students, and live musical entertainment in between rounds. Tables are for 8 people, and you can buy individual tickets or a complete table of 8 if you have a team ready!

Click on the link to buy your tickets:

<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/bexley-grammar-school/255-music-dept-quiz-night>



Forthcoming Events

January

Tuesday 16th ~ Year 12 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 24th ~ ECM Day

February

Saturday 3rd ~ Music Department Quiz Night 7.00pm (See Music Notice)

Tuesday 6th ~ Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 12th to Friday 16th ~ Half Term

Monday 19th ~ First School day after Half Term