



# Spring Concert Review

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March saw our whole school Spring Concert take place, with a theme of 'A Night of Music from the Movies'. The concert started with Symphony Orchestra performing the Main Title from *Star Wars*; a famous theme which proved to be far more challenging in its original form than any of us realised! However, the orchestra rose to the challenge admirably, and provided a dramatic start to the concert.

We were treated to a medley from *Lord of the Rings* by String Orchestra, and Junior Orchestra tackled the themes from *James Bond's 'Skyfall'* (made famous by Adele) and *Game of Thrones* (not strictly a movie theme!). It is brilliant to see all the new members joining our Junior ensembles; Junior Orchestra has tripled in size since Christmas! As our Year 13's start to think about their futures, and we realise we will soon be losing some of our most dedicated musicians, it is really inspiring to see the new generation of musicians coming through.

We were thrilled to be joined by the Marlborough School Choir (Marlborough School is in Sidcup, and is a school for students with severe learning difficulties). Senior and Junior Choirs joined together with them to perform 'This Is Me' from *The Greatest Showman*, with all BGS students signing the chorus in Makaton along with Marlborough. This was a powerful performance and reminds us of the importance of community music making; I hope that there will be more collaborations with Marlborough soon.

Other highlights included Junior Jazz's energetic rendition of You Can't Turn Me Loose from *The Blues Brothers*, and Junior Chamber Choir (directed by our Singing teacher, Miss Wyllie), who sang a beautiful arrangement of A Thousand Years, as heard in *Twilight: Breaking Dawn*.

The Senior Chamber Choir performed a fun gospel number from *Sister Act*, which featured Year 12 student Kenya Lawrence in a stunning solo, and James Walker in Year 10 on piano.

Big Band finished the evening with another challenge: the theme to *Whiplash*, a ridiculously hard number which is extremely fast and in 7! It was a suitably exciting end to a very high quality and inclusive concert. Thank you and congratulations to ALL our performers, which featured over 10% of the school from Years 7-13, and big thanks to the members of the Music department who worked so hard with their ensembles this term: Mrs Casling, Mrs Eacott, Mr Laing, Mr Ross, and Mr Cooper (Clarinet Choir), Miss Wyllie (Junior Chamber Choir) and Mr Crocker (Brass Ensemble).



## Junior Jazz

**Trumpets** Charlie Keeling, Curtis Douglas, Philippe Watson

**Alto sax** Max Ashton, Eve Goodchild

**Tenor sax** Abbie Hewitt, Fola Akinsuyi

**Flute** Maddy Hosier, Ryan Brockwell-Low

**French horn** George Greenland

**Trombone** Joshua Morris

**Euphonium** Adam Bagshaw, William Henderson

**Keys** Lucas Zurdo Symons, Lucien Asbury-Perret

**Guitar** Rhys Tonks, Noah Hanley-McLatchie

**Bass** Sebastian Taljaard-Smith

**Drums** James Warren

**Percussion** Carys Orchard



## Symphony Orchestra

Alex Lukov, Ella Warren, Mia Chan, James Zhang-Ly **Violin 2** Evie Peters, Akshay Vasisht, Lucas Zurdo Symons, Mrs Eacott,

**Clarinets** Luke Harrendence, Rosie Burrows, Isabel Hosier, Abbie Hewitt, Hannah Kitching, Nathan Singleton, Holly Bale, Eve Goodchild

**Flutes** Heather Goodchild, Sam Masters, Sophia Szczegolski-Jacobs, Rosie Barnwell, Alfie Evans

**French Horn** George Greenland, Zach Clarke

**Cello** Amelia Rapier, Oscar Zurdo Symons, Kenya Lawrence, Joshua Chan

**Trumpets** James Warren, Katie Henderson, Timi Abimbola, Aaron Josland

**Eb Clarinet** Helen Norman

**Bassoon** Josie Collett

**Alto Sax** Sophie Papworth

**Bari Sax** George Ross

**Timpani** James Walker

**Drum Kit** Alex Offen



## Improv Group

**Alto Saxes** Luke Montgomery, Francesca Bird, Sophie Papworth, Isabel Hosier

**Tenor Saxes** Luke Harrendence

**Bartholomew Sax** George Ross

**Trumpets** James Warren, Charlie Keeling

**Keys** Teshan Karunasekera

**Guitar** Eddie Stocker

**Bass** Alex Lukov

**Drums** David Oputa





# Introducing The Guardians of the Graphic Galaxy!

We had our first book group meeting on Tuesday for the Excelsior Award. The comic book fans, now calling themselves 'The Guardians of the Graphic Galaxy', worked together to award points to the short-listed graphic novels based on their first impressions of artwork, cover art, the title, the font and the blurb. The winner with a whopping 70 points was *Batman: The War of Jokes and Riddles*.

Over the next 2 months we will see if their first impression were correct or if you really shouldn't judge a book by its cover. We will also be creating our own comic book characters, designing alternative front covers, creating ideas for sequels and making video trailers. Please follow us on Twitter for more information: @BexleyGSLibrary.

**Mrs Carey, Librarian**



## World Challenge: Namibia 2020



Thanks to those who attended last week's presentations.

A reminder that application forms are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### Miss Brand World Challenge Leader



## Spring has sprung in the Geography planters!



As James Spatz, Dylan Christie, Darcey Willis and Max Jansen proudly showcase... our spring bulbs are starting to bloom in our Geography planters. The Geography Club will be embarking on a revamp of the planters after the Easter holidays... so keep your eyes peeled on that soil to watch for the renovations soon to be taking place!

Happy Spring!

**Geography Department**

## Recycle with Michael

Congratulations to **Ethan Robinson 9TMR** for recycling the most clothing by one student (34.45 kgs) he won an Easter Egg. **8OTF** collected 40 kgs, narrowly beating **9TMRs** 39.55 kgs. Look out for our next competition after Easter.

Many thanks to all students and parents. We will keep you updated with how much we raise for this very worthy cause.

**Mrs Beasley, Reception**

**RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL**  
AND RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL!  
BY DONATING THEIR CLOTHING AND SHOES



## PE News -Tennis, Tennis & Golf

### Year 7 & 8 FREE Tennis Coaching



Open to boys and girls

Every Friday starting on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Venue: BGS

**Just need to turn up in your PE Kit!**

The coaching will be carried out by a qualified tennis coach from Shooters Hill Tennis Club!

All abilities welcome! See you there!

### Shooters Hill LTC Easter Holiday Junior Coaching

All junior tennis players aged **11 - 18 years old** are invited to come along to experience 3 days of intensive drills, up to date technical advice and matchplay experience.

**Week 1: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
3.30 - 5.30pm**

**Week 2: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
3.30 - 5.30pm**

Cost per day is £15 members/£18 non members or  
£40 members/£50 non members for all 3 days.

Please book in before **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday)** so we can plan and prepare to make the coaching as high quality as possible. If you cannot book before the date please call ahead to check availability.

To book in and arrange payment please contact  
Phil Layfield on [headcoach@shltc.info](mailto:headcoach@shltc.info) or  
call 07815927767.

Many thanks, Phil and the coaching team

[www.shootershilltennisclub.co.uk](http://www.shootershilltennisclub.co.uk)



### Golfers!

We have been invited to enter a team for the Kent Schools' Golf Championships on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. I am looking for 2 additional players for our team. If you are a girl with a handicap of 15 or lower, or a boy with a handicap of 12 or lower, please come and see me/email me as soon as possible. We have been very successful in this competition in recent years, and would like to enter a strong team again.



**Mr Lines, Head of PE**



# Ladies Fashion Show **AND** Pop-up Shop!

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Parents'  
Association

Thursday 24th May 2018  
**Bexley Grammar School**

Bexley Grammar School, Danson Lane, Welling DA16 2BL

**Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £5** includes a free drink. Students - £2.50 (under 18's)

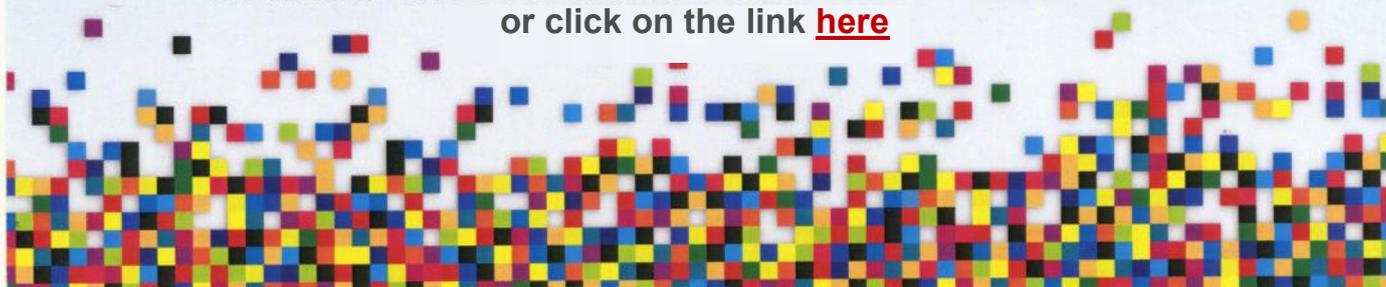
Tickets to be purchased in advance.

Charity raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:

Dawn Sims - 07584 373643 or Deann Peetoom - 07884 436992

or click on the link [here](#)





Parents'  
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BGS Parents' Association (BGSPA) has yet again been able to secure reduced price ride wristbands for Adventure Island, Southend. Adventure Island is a great day out for all the family, with a wide choice of rides for all ages. Check it out at: [www.adventureisland.co.uk](http://www.adventureisland.co.uk)

Although entry is free, purchase of a wristband is required for unlimited use of all suitable rides. Once purchased, a wristband can be used on any one day in 2018 that Adventure Island is open. At peak times (weekends and school holidays), for anyone who is over 1.2 metres tall, a wristband would cost £22.50 if purchased online (£30 if purchased at the ticket office on the day). The PA can provide these for **only £18.00**. For those who are 1.2 metres tall, or less, we have wristbands for **only £12**, instead of the usual £18.75 online price (£25 if purchased at the ticket office on the day).

Wristbands are available as follows:

**Big Adventure Band** for anyone over 1.2 metres tall. This permits unlimited access to **all** rides.

**Junior Band** for anyone 1 to 1.2 metres tall. This permits unlimited use of more than 20 rides with a lower height restriction.

If you would like to purchase reduced price wristbands (**these are valid for 2018**) please click on the link [here](#) complete the form and follow the instructions.



## Forthcoming Events

### April

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ First School day after the Easter break

~ Year 10 Mocks & Year 12 Part I Exams begin until 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ **Last full teaching day Year 13 IB**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ U19 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cup Final: Simon Langton GS vs BGS, 4.00 pm - come and support us!

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Junior Production of 'Romeo & Juliet' 7.00 pm (see notice)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ Junior Production of 'Romeo & Juliet' 7.00 pm (see notice)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Year 10 Mocks & Year 12 Part I Exams end

~ Year 13 IB External Exams begin

### May

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ **Bank Holiday (school closed - except for Year 13 IB examinations)**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ **Last day Year 11 (before Exams)**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ **Last day Year 13 A Level**

~ **Final assembly for Year 13 cohort**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Year 9 Exams (in classrooms) begin until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ KS3 Musical Showcase

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ PA Event, Ladies Fashion Show & Pop-up Shop, Doors open 7.00 pm (see notice)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ Last full school day before half term

**Students return to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**Enjoy the Easter break**

