



Shakespeare's ‘Romeo and Juliet’ The Junior Production

To mark 10 years of performing Shakespeare's plays at Bexley Grammar School, the Junior Production presented "Romeo and Juliet". This was the first Shakespeare play performed at the school and a fitting way to celebrate this dedication to the bard was to perform it again! This heart-breaking story was performed by 54 Year 7- 9s set in the 1920s era.

So many talented students auditioned for the show and as a result, we had a superb cast! They have risen to the challenge of learning and understanding Shakespeare's text to bring a fresh approach to the play. We also had many students across Years 9, 10 and 12 supporting the cast by directing scenes, designing and operating the lighting and the sound.

The cast had been rehearsing alongside a very busy school calendar since January and performed the "Glitz and Glamour" in five Performances over two days: Monday 23rd April (Shakespeare's Birthday and also the anniversary of his death!) and Tuesday 24th April. A shining performer in this production said: "I love the rehearsals because we get to know each other as a cast and have fun working together. It is really great to see the other cast members creatively build their characters and laugh whilst doing it. Being a part of the cast has really shown

me how much time and effort the teachers and the students put in to really polishing the play and how much time it takes to learn lines and cues. I have really enjoyed being a part of this amazing production" *Mya Fewell 7LJB*





The first performance was to the whole of Year 9. They were mesmerised by the production and enjoyed the lively, shocking fight scenes: many students highly commended the theatrical spectacle. The play was also performed to two local primary schools- Danson Primary School and Hook Lane Primary School. The show captivated the audience ranging from Years 3- 6; this was shown from the questions they asked after the performance. The tour is a fantastic and challenging experience. One superb cast member "feels proud to be performing to a younger performance" (*Anya Scothern 8OTF*), which is a feeling that seemed to resonate throughout the whole cast. The rapport between the cast members and the excitement of producing an homage to Shakespeare has been amazing; there are even some cast members eager to start work on next year's play!



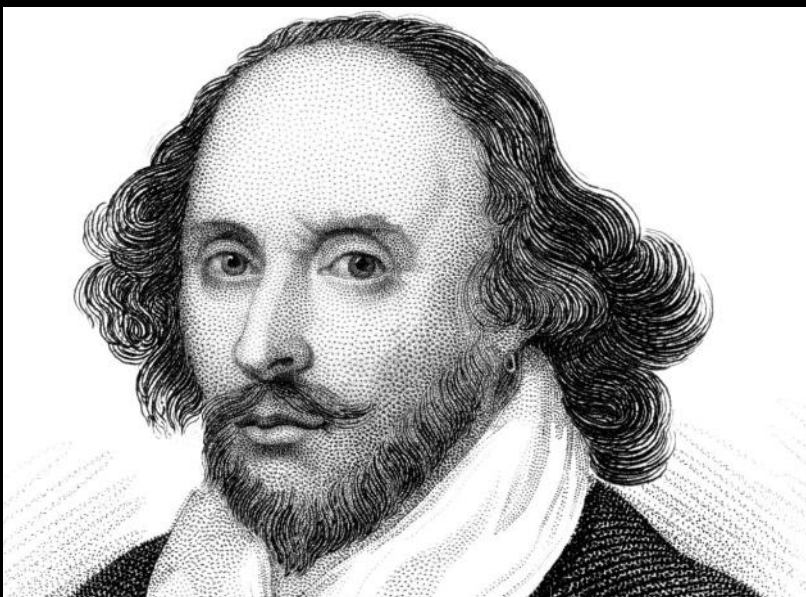
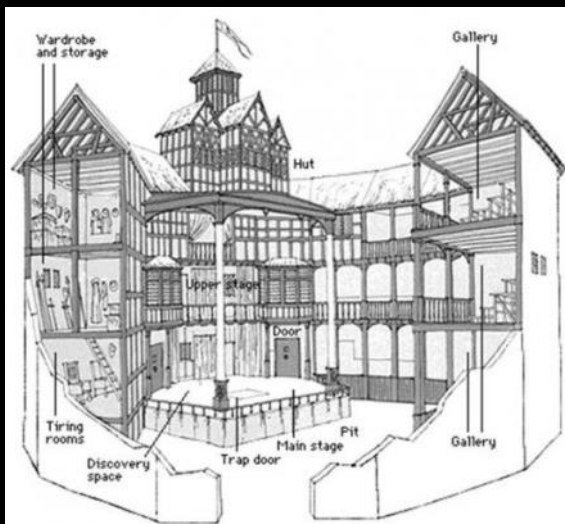
Miss Gabriel



The Globe Players perform Shakespeare at BGS

On Tuesday 1st May the whole of Year 7 and sixty Year 6 students from Danson Primary School were treated to an energetic performance by The Globe Players. The play entitled 'Shakespeare: what you will' aimed to teach the plots and characters in all Shakespeare's plays, as well as facts about his life and time. Below is a short review by Roxie Leech and Ella McLachlan from 7SMK.

'On Tuesday 1st May, we watched an amazing show of all the Shakespeare plays performed by the Globe Players. We thought it was lots of fun as we got to learn about Shakespeare and we got to learn how to understand a few of Shakespeare's words that he used in his plays. We enjoyed it a lot as the actors said the words very clearly and loudly and interacted with the audience in some parts of the play.'



PE News

Well done to Ewan Kelly and Tommy Hawney (Year 11) who both finished in the top 10. Of the Kent Schools' Golf Championships last week, held at Rochester and Cobham Park Golf Club last week. Tommy also had the lowest net score (total score - handicap) in the competition overall, a super achievement.

Mr Lines
Head of PE



Young Enterprise Success

On Thursday 3rd May, five students from this years Young Enterprise team travelled to Citi Group in Canary Wharf to compete against the other successful schools from across East London for a place in the London final.

The team were fantastic and wowed judges with their trade stand, impressed at the interview stage and captivated the audience with their business presentation in the style of a fairy tale. Sadly, they did not make it through to the next round, but won an award for the Best Trade Stand!

Well done to the whole team!

Mrs Harris



**Do you own or work for
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Opportunity to Advertise?**

On the **9th June** the school will be holding its annual Summer Fayre 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 Fayre programme and require further information please contact:

Michelle via email at bgspa.summerfayre@gmail.com by 21st May*.

All funds raised will be helping towards BGSPA's target this year of £10,000 to benefit various projects across the school. *Payment must be received no later than 1st June to ensure inclusion on the programme.

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Summer Fayre Donations

Wanted

7JED is looking for any unwanted plates, bowls and mugs for crockery smash at the summer fayre. Please bring any donations to Reception.

Thank you!

Mr Dufton



News Items You May Have Missed



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

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT 50% OFF OR MORE!**

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Parents'
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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](#)





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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

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

May

Friday 11th ~ Last day Year 11 (before Exams)

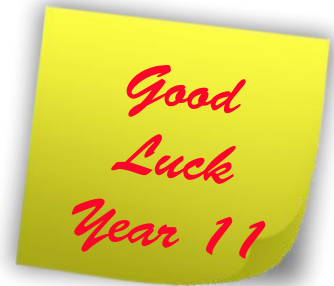
Friday 18th ~ Last day Year 13 A Level
~ Final assembly for Year 13 cohort

Monday 21st ~ Year 9 Exams (in classrooms) begin until Friday 25th May

Wednesday 23rd ~ KS3 Musical Showcase

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

Friday 25th ~ Last full school day before half term



June

Monday 4th ~ First school day following half term

Saturday 9th ~ BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day ~ information to follow shortly
(normal school day for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12)

Monday 11th ~ School closed to students ~ day off in lieu following Summer Fayre & Sports Day

Tuesday 12th ~ Every Child Matters (ECM) day

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th ~ Year 7 & 8 Exams

Tuesday 26th ~ Sixth Form Induction Day ~ by invitation only

Thursday 28th ~ Sixth Form Induction Day ~ by invitation only