



**BEXLEY  
GRAMMAR  
SCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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5th July 2018

## **Four E Week! Extended Essay, Examination & Enrichment Week 2018**



This year saw a change to our usual Enrichment Week which falls after the Summer Fayre when the MFL department and most of Year 9 head off for their adventures in France and Germany. Whilst Year 12 began their Extended Essays, continuing and consolidating their research and beginning their essay drafting process, and Year 10 Geographers travelled to Kingswood, Norfolk to complete vital fieldwork, those of us left behind embraced an alternative timetable of activities.



Year 7s and 8s embarked on the academic challenge of a formal exam week. With an exam timetable to follow, designated exam rooms and allocated revision periods, students were prepared for the experience of future examinations. When compared to last year, where exams took place in lesson time across a week and in different locations, the Year 8s commented that they liked being based in one room and having a timetable rather than travelling between lessons as this relieved some of the pressures of these end of year assessments. We hope the week will help students to develop the revision and organisational skills important to their futures, both in school and beyond.



As Years 7 & 8 worked away under the watchful eyes of teacher invigilators, Year 9s who remained in school did have a timetable of enrichment activities. As in previous years, Ms Golding led a Film project where students learn about the film making process and ultimately plan, research and make the opening to their own horror films. It's always inspiring to see the students move from novice film-makers to accomplished cinematographers, editors and directors, in the space of just three days. Alongside this project, students also completed enrichment activities in other subjects, including creating their own economy in Economics looking at how to allocate scarce resources.

Our Year 10 Historians and Ancient Historians, enjoyed a day out in London during the week visiting museums and sites of historical interest around the city. Staff in both the History and Classics departments worked hard to give their students the opportunity to reflect upon their learning outside the classroom and develop our students' curiosity now and for the future. As well as a core subject day, the Year 10s enjoyed an activity day on Friday, heading off to Danson Lake for watersports, getting active in PE on the field in the glorious sunshine and also indulging their own interests in a range of optional activities from Creative Writing to a Sprint Masterclass, Offender Profiling and a 1920s Murder Mystery event!

As always, such weeks in (and outside) school are only possible with the commitment and aspirations of our staff to their students and a willingness to create experiences which will inspire and enrich them in the years to come.

***Ms Hanington, Assistant Head***



## Thank you to the Parents' Association

The Visual Arts IB students would like to say a huge thank you to the Parents' Association who have granted us some money to buy computers for our department. 20% of our grade comes from a comparative study, which we do with computers. We also have to scan in our work and upload it online, as well as documenting our processes. We've found this the most difficult part of our course so far, as currently we're having to go to different classrooms, so the new computers will make things a lot easier for us!



**Morgan Brown, Year 12**

## Recycle with Michael

Thank you to all those parents who sent in clothing and shoes to be recycled, we have raised over £108.00 so far. The money raised will be used to renovate our wildlife area. The PA has also kindly donated funds so we will continue our recycling after the summer holidays. More details will be announced in September. We are still accepting donations, bags can be collected from reception, so if you will be clearing out, school shirts, skirts or trousers that have been outgrown, we will gladly recycle them.

**Mrs Beasley, Reception**



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



## Intermediate Biology Olympiad Success

Well done to the eight Year 12 students who recently participated in the very challenging Intermediate Biology Olympiad Competition. This nationwide competition tests the students' Biology knowledge beyond the scope of the syllabus. Particular mentions should go to Jaskiran Matharu who achieved a Silver award and Corinna Dunzendorfer and Dliveen Dier who achieved Bronze awards.

**Mrs Earl**  
**Science Department**



# PE News

Our latest sporting superstar is...Mrs Howard. We are all hugely proud and excited as Mrs Howard qualified for the GB team and is heading over to Ibiza for the Aqua Bike European Championships in October (flying off the day after coming home from the football and netball tour!). It's not just the students who inspire us.

Mr Lines  
& the PE Dept.



Well done to our Year 7 girls' cricket team - who shared 2 matches with Blackheath High School on Monday, winning one and losing the other. In what, for many, was their first proper cricket match - they played really well.



## Summer Holiday Cricket

Have Fun - Learn New Skills – Improve

Venue: Bexley Grammar School, Danson Lane, Welling, DA16 2BL

20 days - Monday to Friday - 23rd July to 17th August 2018

Select the days you want!

<b>All Stars</b> (Ages 4 - 7) 1000—1200 £10 per day	<b>Mini Super 8s</b> (Ages 8 - 9) 0930—1630 £25 per day	<b>Super Stars</b> (Ages 10 - 11) 0930—1630 £25 per day	<b>Future Stars</b> (Ages 12 - 14) 0930—1630 £25 per day
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Book 3 or more in advance to receive a 20% discount

- Skill Circuits, Technical Drills, Competitions & Matches
- Softball and Hardball Cricket (Players take part in hardball cricket as and when the player's age and ability is appropriate)
- Rain doesn't stop play—we have quality indoor spaces!

To enquire or book a place contact: [bookings@bexleydistrictcricket.co.uk](mailto:bookings@bexleydistrictcricket.co.uk)

For more information visit [www.bexleydistrictcricket.co.uk/play/courses-and-camps/](http://www.bexleydistrictcricket.co.uk/play/courses-and-camps/)



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## News Items You May Have Missed

# ENTER ANY OF YOUR POEMS TO THIS COMPETITION

The competition is open to any writer aged 11-17 on the deadline of midnight 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

Entries must be written in English and it is completely FREE to enter.

For the competition this year, Caroline has said that she will be looking for “a poem that feels alive on the page... rich with imagery and playfulness, highly alert to language.”

Whilst Daljit remarked that “all I’m looking for is a poet having a good time, whether it be about a serious subject such as environment issues or a silly one such as a chocolate wrapper.”

Go to  
<https://foyleyoungpoets.org/>  
to find out more!

*Miss Gabriel*





Parents'  
Association

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.



## Bexley Grammar School Jazz Evening

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

Adults £6

Concessions £4

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets



## Instrumental applications for 2018 - 2019

Please note that if you already have lessons with a teacher in school, this will **automatically roll over** to next year.

If you wish to cease lessons, please inform your teacher in writing before the end of this term. Apply here for new students:

<https://www.bgsperformingarts.com/instrumental-lessons.html>

*Miss Swadkin, Head of Music*



## Forthcoming Events

### July

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> ~ School of Rock 7pm (see notice)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> ~ School of Rock 7pm (see notice)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> ~ **Results Day - Year 13 IB**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 11 Prom

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> ~ BGS Jazz Evening 6pm - 9.30pm (see notice - please note this performance starts at 6pm)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Early School closure for students at 2.15pm for Speech Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Last day of summer term

### August

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> ~ **Results Day - Year 13 A Level**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ **Results Day - Year 11 GCSE**

### September

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Inset Day (School closed to students)

**Please be aware of the staggered start for students in September**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 7 and 12 students only**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> ~ All students

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Inset Day (School closed to students)