



CLEEVE PARK SCHOOL

A SPECIALIST ENGINEERING COLLEGE



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NEXT WEEK IS HOME LEARNING WEEK 23. IT WILL BE WEEK B.

Year 9 option: subject talks

Each week in school brings a different set of circumstances for students and staff alike, and often many of those circumstances cannot be predicted.

Some of the situations that students and staff have to deal with are planned, for example the Year 9 students are currently engaged in the process of choosing their options to follow to GCSE level in Years 9 and 10. These activities are thought out carefully so that students can make the choices that are appropriate to their skills, abilities and ambitions.

At other times students have choices to make at times they might not have expected, how to behave in a particular situation which they might have not anticipated. We all have these choices to make at different times and sometimes it is not always easy to know what to do for the best.

I remember once being advised with the following, 'Integrity comes when character is tested: keep true and never be ashamed at doing what is right'. Often we are tempted to do the wrong thing or to take the easy option, when we know what we really should be doing. These are the choices we have to make on a daily basis, but if we use our integrity and do what is right then we are more likely to win the respect of others for our strength of character.

For students, they often call this part of growing up. I hope they choose the path to success!

P J Harris
Deputy Head

Subject leaders will address year 9 regarding courses available at Cleeve Park, week beginning the 8/03/10.

The rota has been arranged as follows and year 9 should endeavour to do everything they can to attend assembly on time all week to make the most of the presentations.

Monday 8/03/10	Ms Roberts: Art Ms Lewis: Music Ms Wratten: Business Mrs Williamson: ICT
Tuesday 9/03/10	Mr Bone: PE Mrs DaCosta: Spanish Ms Croset: French
Wednesday 10/03/10	Mr Scott: History Mr Cunnington: Geography Mrs Harrison: Health & Social
Thursday 11/03/10	Mr Gardner: Resistant Material / Woodworking Mr Silk: Engineering / Product Design

Ms K Croset
Director of Learning

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### Bexley Youth Council

Following Borough wide elections on 24<sup>th</sup> February, in which 543 Cleeve Park students participated, Ayodele Solola and Kehinde Bali were elected to represent the views of students at school and will serve on the Bexley Youth Council.

***Congratulations!***

**J Camden**  
Assistant Head

## Dropping off and collecting students

We have an ongoing problem with vehicles dropping students in the morning and picking them up at the end of the day. Some parents are driving into the car parks while others park on the soft verges outside the school. A car was hit, causing significant damage, by a parent in the middle car park and the driver drove away without leaving details. It is only down to luck that a student was not hit at the same time.

I must remind drivers that the car parks must not be accessed before school or at 3pm unless you are attending an appointment at the school. If drivers park on the verges around the school gates, they block the sight lines for traffic and put pedestrians at risk. These pedestrians are your children. We have had a number of students involved in accidents at the start of the day or around 3pm. Please take great care if you drive near the school.

**D Blaylock**  
**Assistant Head**

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LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of unclaimed, lost property in the school office.

If your child has lost any items please ask them to check with us as soon as possible.

Any unclaimed items at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Thank you.
SCHOOL OFFICE

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## TESCO FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS

This years' scheme is up and running again. Vouchers are available in store from 01 March 2010 - 09 May 2010. We continue to be grateful for your support of these vouchers which do provided necessary equipment in the ICT rooms. There will be a box outside the school office to place your vouchers in or alternatively these can be bought to Miss Tangi in exchange for credits.

Thank you in advance for your support

**Ms K Tangi**  
**Head of Year 10 / ICT Department**

## Bexley Word Up!

### Harry Green writes about his experience of the day.

On 11<sup>th</sup> February, a few of us from Cleeve Park School went along to the Bexley Word Up event at the Bexleyheath Civic Offices. As a group, we were trusted to go alone and represent Cleeve Park School. Once there, we had to select activities that were taking place throughout the day. There was Street Defence, Sexual Relationship advice, Manifesto Training and much more. Once signed up, we played some ice breaking games like Bingo and Football with a difference. We then had a break before splitting into our groups. I picked Manifesto Training, thinking it was going to prepare us for the youth council elections. Instead it was about being elected for the youth parliament. On the training we had to write speeches and prepare.

Then it was lunch where the choice of food varied from pizza to lasagne. It was all Italian because the event was based on Valentines Day. We then chose our second activities. As I picked Manifesto Training, I had to do it again. I prepared and then it was time. One by one, we all went up to the stand, feeling nervous but ready. Then, it was my turn. I said my speech and the clapping was immense. After twenty three speeches, everyone voted for one person.

Whilst we all waited anxiously, we had a break and Cleeve Park, being Cleeve Park, begun to sing. We were pulled into the hall and found out the winner. However, cheating had occurred so a re-vote of four was made. In the re-vote, there were two others from Cleeve Park, out of four. From Cleeve Park, at this stage, we had me, Kehinde Bahli (Year 10) and Farren Morgan (Year 11). In this stage I and a girl from Townley Grammar School for Girls won. I am now a representative for Bexley at the UK Youth Parliament.

To clear confusion, the elections that happened at school were to select two representatives for the youth council which is for Bexley.

**Harry Green**

## **Bexley Easter and Summer University 2010**

Last week all pupils received a talk and presentation from Jo Smith from the Family Information Service about the Easter and Summer University.

She talked to students and showed a video about the exciting courses on offer. These include: skills for life, digital media, film and photography, business and careers, music and performing arts, arts and fashion, sports, fitness and well being. They are open to all young people in Bexley between 10-25. Courses are free or very low cost. Enrolment begins 15 March and can be done on-line. A leaflet with fuller details will be going out with pupils and students in the coming week. Further information can be found at [www.bexley.gov.uk/summeruni](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/summeruni).

Places are limited so you need to get your applications in ASAP. I do hope some CPS pupils and students will take up this exciting opportunity.

### **J. Camden Assistant Head**

#### **~~~~~ OYSTER CARDS**

A meeting with the Safer Transport Police has recently taken place regarding the use of Oyster Cards on the school bus. They have advised the following:

- ALL oyster cards must be used every time a student travels - this identifies the child with a number and tracks their journey.
- Oyster cards must never be swapped as this will cause problems if an inspector gets on the bus.
- Never get on the bus without swiping your oyster card.
- Never deface the card by drawing on the photo etc, if this is done you won't be able to use the card, and will have to apply for another one.

### **Mrs T Hobbs**

#### **~~~~~ 6<sup>th</sup> Form Enterprise Activity**

For the last 2 months Year 12 Business students have been involved in a mini-enterprise as part of their BTEC course. They chose to set up a 'Charitable Organisation' to raise funds to improve the facilities in the 6<sup>th</sup> form common room.

Matthew Stevens, Reece Churcher, Abbie Cox, Jonleigh Cooper and Nick Aindow got busy

planning and organising events including a 6<sup>th</sup> form 'Own Clothes Day', a Football Tournament between staff and 6<sup>th</sup> form students and a raffle. The final event for the 'business' was a Concert for 6<sup>th</sup> formers which took place on Wednesday 10 February 2010 during assembly time.

The students had to consider advertising and publicity, pricing as well as costs and financing. If they were going to persuade 6<sup>th</sup> formers to pay £3.00 to attend an assembly (which would normally be free of charge!), they needed to make sure they had some good acts who were willing to 'perform for charity'.

On behalf of the BTEC Business group I would like to say a big thank you to the following:

Compere – Joe Greenwood  
Comedy Duo - Joe Poole and George Westphel  
The Band - Erin Arif, Rebecca Keen, Cameron Terry, Sam Henshaw,  
Soloist - Charlie-May Bergin-Binks  
Technical support - provided by Christopher Silvester

Several staff also provided a lot of advice, guidance and support to the students including Ms Lewis, Ms Jhangaria and Mr Lambert.

Being involved in the enterprise activity certainly gave the students an insight into how much hard work (and stress) is involved in 'running a business'. They improved their employability skills as well as having a really good time.

### **Miss Wratten**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Form BTEC Business Group**



Nick Aindow, Matthew Stevens, Miss Wratten, Jonleigh Cooper, Abbie Cox

~~ PE Department ~~

Monday Club

Activities include indoor football, trampolining, badminton, table tennis.  
All years welcome.

Wednesdays

After school until 4.00  
Girls' Indoor Football

Thursdays

After school until 4.00  
Girls' Netball.

Fixtures are arranged in the activities - please check Sports' Board for details.

Please ensure all PE kit / uniform is named so that any lost items can be returned to your child.

Thank you.

**PE Department**

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Cultural Corner

Saturday BBC4 10.30 'Legends' Dennis Wilson the Beach Boy's drummer.

Sunday ITV3 9.00 Rod Stewart One Night Only

Monday BBC2 9.00 'A Band for Britain' Can the Yorkshire Brass Band from Dinnington Colliery be revived?

Friday BBC4 7.30 'Sacred Music' new series featuring the composers Bruckner and Brahms.

Friday BBC4 9.00 'Blues Britannia' The Blues in Britain 1950-1970

Friday BBC4 10.30 'Blues at the BBC' Featuring Son House and The Kinks.

As predicted here, Darius won 'Popstar to Operastar' and deservedly so. 'Love Never Dies', from the sequel to 'Phantom of the Opera' is being sung repeatedly on television at the moment. It's very catchy and typical of Lord Lloyd Webber's style, with an instantly recallable melody, that covers quite a range and ending on high notes, not for the faint hearted!

Instrumental Lessons:

Pupils are still signing up! To secure lessons before the new year 7s start in September, begin next term as there will be some spaces left by the departing year 11s.

Ms. Lewis and Mrs. Parsons
The Music Department

☺ **CREDITS** ☺
Week beginning 1st March 2010

7BRO	
Sophie Follett	100 + 150
7GOR	
Mitchell Best	100
Jamila Adi	100
Rachel Carabine-Clarke	100
Amy Underwood	150
Samuel Wells	50
Jade French	50
Jack Waller	50
Luke Honeywood	50
Jake Hogben	50
7WLM	
Darcie Alabaster	100
8CAR	
Partap Klaer	100
Dylan Shorten	50
7ZES	
Ryan Ellis	50
Jordan Dixon	50
Alice Fitzpatrick	50 + 100
Sadie Hefferman	100
Faridah Kamara	100
Lennie Pearce	100
Chanel Hayre	100
Jemma Ferigan	100
Owen Hawke	100
Jack Olenka	50
Jordan Dixon-Jones	50
Ryan Ellis	50
Levan Puvarendiran	100
8CAS	
Sasha Seehra	100
Carly Carmody	50
Jessica Meaney	50
8REK	
Luke Earl	50
Tony Reedman	50
Jason James Yeboa	100
James Shaw	100
9SMI	
Sam Adams	50
George Cross	50
Tekeisha Kamara	50
Daniel England	100

Well done!

Mr Dodsworth

Credit Co-ordinator

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## ARRANGEMENTS IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE Severe weather conditions or unexpected events

Circumstances can arise from time to time when it becomes necessary to close the school due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events.

In the event of severe weather etc we shall do everything we can to remain open but if at any time you wish to check if the school is open, you may do so in the following ways.

**1. School Open Check System:** In order to allow parents to see whether the school is open or closed on any given day, we are taking part in a new web based service called the Schools Open Check System. By logging on to the Open Check website you will be able to find out if we are open or closed. You can view the website:

- at <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck/default.aspx?la=303>; or by
- clicking on the Open Check link on the school website: [www.cleevepark.org](http://www.cleevepark.org); or by
- clicking on the 'School closures' link on the 'Schools & Colleges' section of the Bexley council website: [www.bexley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=489](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=489).\*

\* At times when large numbers of schools are likely to be closed the council will place an update in a prominent position on the front page of the Bexley website: [www.bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk).

**2. If you do not have internet access:** For parents without access to the internet, the status of the school can be checked by calling **020 8408 7508** and keying in the school DCSF code: 303/4030, or you can phone the Contact Centre on **020 8303 7777**.

**3. In addition:** If all else fails, telephone the school Reception: **020 8302 6418**.

At times of school closure please check the school website for regular updates.

Please note that Time FM Radio no longer offers Bexley schools a co-ordinated school closure broadcasting service as in previous years, so you should not rely on radio broadcasts for information.

**J F Hodkinson**  
Head Teacher