

ACADEMY UPDATE

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Friday 7 February 2025



Welcome to Week 5 Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now well into the term, and I want to thank everyone for their continued commitment to learning. As we approach the final stretch before the break, it's crucial that students remain engaged and focused. Your support in encouraging good study habits, attendance, and participation makes a real difference in ensuring they get the most out of their education.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

A reminder to all Year 10 parents and carers that Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday, 12th February, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers, receive valuable insights, and ensure they are on track for success. We strongly encourage both parents and students to attend, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Upcoming Events:

**Year 10 Parents'
Evening: Wednesday 12
February
4.00pm - 7.00pm**

**Term End
Friday 14 February 2025**

**World Book Day
Thursday 6 March 2025**

Keeping Up Momentum

With just one week left in the term, it's important that we continue reinforcing positive learning habits. Whether it's staying on top of homework, engaging in class discussions, or making the most of extracurricular activities, every effort counts. Let's work together to finish the term strong.

The Power of Kindness

As we push toward the end of the term, I'd also like to remind our community of the importance of kindness. A kind word, a thoughtful gesture, or simply being there for someone else can make all the difference in creating a positive and supportive school environment. As parents and carers, you play a vital role in fostering these values, and I encourage you to continue reinforcing the importance of kindness and respect both at school and at home. Together, we can create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Dr Craig Neal
Headteacher



Polite Notice

A reminder to please let us know if your child is coming into school unwell.

If a child becomes too unwell to stay in school we will contact you.

Did you know?

If your child is absent, you can notify us by sending us a message via Edulink or calling 01424 730722, Option 1 and leaving a voicemail.



MESSAGES



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Kindness Assemblies

Students have been exceptional in spreading kindness throughout the community. They supported our assembly at King Offa Primary, helping to share an important message of kindness.

Along with other primary schools in the town, they are working together to promote kindness far and wide.

Our aim is to create a domino effect that will continue to spread positivity across the town and beyond.

Eleanor Gordon

Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

This week Bexhill Academy took part in the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition at St Richard's Catholic College. Our Senior team earned an impressive second place after delivering a well-researched and engaging speech.

The competition was fierce, with teams from five local schools, but Bexhill Academy's presentation stood out. A huge congratulations to our team for their hard work and excellent performance!

Well done Mollie R, Noah L, Mariya A

Wendy Adams-Rickerby

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Blazers and Uniform Expectations

We've noticed that many students are arriving at school with their blazers in their bags rather than wearing or carrying them. As part of our academy uniform, blazers should always be worn or at least carried throughout the school day. Please encourage your young person to take their blazer out of their bag before arriving at school. Your support in reinforcing our uniform expectations is greatly appreciated.

FREE Film Screening

A reminder to book your free tickets for Twisters! Don't miss out on this exciting event - secure your spots now using the link below.

Event Details:

Date: Monday 10 February

Time: 4:30pm

Venue: Bexhill Academy Theatre

Important: Students must attend with a parent or carer.

Book your spot in advance here.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

TWISTERS

FEBRUARY 10 2025 | 4:30PM
BEXHILL ACADEMY THEATRE
STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER

[Click Here to Book](#)



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VACCINATIONS



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Vaccinations – Catch-Up Session

The Immunisation Service will be visiting the school on Thursday, 13th March 2025, to offer a Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) vaccination catch-up session. This is for students in Years 10 and 11 who have not yet received these vaccinations, which are routinely offered in Year 9.

If this applies to your child:

- You have already completed and returned a consent form – The Immunisation Team will contact you before administering the vaccination.
- You consented for your child to receive the vaccination at a different school, but it is still outstanding – Please contact your local Immunisation Team at 01273 696011 (ext. 2080) to update your child's consent form.
- You have not yet consented but would like to do so – Please click the [link here](#)

For further details on the Td/IPV & MenACWY vaccines, including frequently asked questions, visit: [Frequently Asked Questions | Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Polio and Meningitis](#)



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MULBERRY ACADEMY OPENING



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This week, six students from Bexhill Academy had the incredible honour of representing our school at the grand opening of the new Mulberry Academy in the London Docklands. This prestigious event was a remarkable experience for all involved, and we were proud to be part of such a significant occasion.

The highlight of the day was the presence of the guest of honour, Her Majesty Queen Camilla. Seeing the Queen in person was both inspiring and unforgettable. We felt truly privileged to be part of the celebrations, sharing in the excitement of this milestone event alongside distinguished guests and students from other schools.

Adding to the excitement, the event was featured in the national press, with coverage in the Daily Mail, showcasing this memorable day to audiences across the country.

This experience not only allowed us to represent Bexhill Academy with pride but also left us with lasting memories of a historic day.



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SPARX MATHS



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Students in your school have completed

7,841 hours

of personalised learning
on Sparx Maths this year!

707,757

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so
far this year

**Can we hit 1,500,000 correctly answered
questions by the end of the year?**

**Year 7 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student -
FORMS**

1ST – 7BA04
2ND – 7BA01
3RD – 7BA07
4TH – 7BA03
5TH – 7BA08

**Year 8 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student -
FORMS**

1ST – 8BA03
2ND – 8BA04
3RD – 8BA09
4TH – 8BA07
5TH – 8BA08

**Year 9 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student -
FORMS**

1ST – 9BA02
2ND – 9BA05
3RD – 9BA07
4TH – 9BA06
5TH – 9BA01

**Year 10 – Term 3 Week 4
Average XP Score per student -
FORMS**

1ST – 10BA02
2ND – 10BA01
3RD – 10BA06
4TH – 10BA08
5TH – 10BA07



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INCLUSION



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On behalf of East Sussex Parent Carer Forum (ESPCF), we're sharing a survey to gather your views on the support your child receives at Bexhill Academy. This survey is aimed at improving school experiences for students who need extra support, regardless of whether they are on the SEN register or have a formal diagnosis of SEND.

Survey Details:

Deadline: Monday 3rd March

Survey Link: [Survey Link](#)

Anonymity: All responses are anonymous.

ESPCF is working with local services to ensure that the voices of parent carers are heard in decisions affecting SEND support in East Sussex.

Thank you for your time and feedback.

Mike Walton

Assistant Headteacher – SENCO

SPORT



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Results from this week:

Please see below the results for this week and the fixtures for next:

- Year 7 Girls Football vs St Richards – 5 – 2 win
- Year 8 Boys Rugby vs Sackville – Postponed
- Year 7 Sports Hall Athletics – 6th place finish
- Year 8 Boys Football vs Claverham – 0 – 6 loss
- Year 8 Girls Cricket tournament – 3rd place finish
- Year 8 Girls Netball vs St Richards – 8 – 8 draw

W/C Monday 10th:

- Monday – Year 8 Boys Rugby vs Uckfield @ Away
- Tuesday – Time to Dance @ White Rock Theatre
- Wednesday – Year 8 / 9 Girls Football vs Claverham @ Away

Ben Petty
Director of Physical Education



Girls' Cricket Team Show Resilience and Teamwork

We are proud to share the fantastic efforts of our Year 7/8 girls' cricket team in their recent match. The team displayed remarkable determination and skill, securing 3rd place overall.

They triumphed over St. Leonards Academy and Lewes Priory B, but faced tough competition with losses to Hailsham and a narrow defeat to Lewes Priory A.

While the results were not what they had hoped for, the team's resilience and strong teamwork were on full display. We're excited for what's to come and can't wait to see how they continue to grow in future matches. Well done, ladies!

Joseph Lovell





Year 8 Netball Match Report

Bexhill Academy vs. St. Richard's

Final Score: 8-8

Player of the Match: Josie

Bexhill Academy's Year 8 netball team delivered a fantastic performance in a thrilling 8-8 draw against St. Richard's. Both teams showed great skill and determination throughout.

Bexhill started strong, leading 2-1 in the first quarter with Rosie's sharp shooting. St. Richard's fought back, leveling the game 3-3 at halftime despite Josie's excellent defensive work. The third quarter remained tight at 5-5, with both teams battling hard.

In the final moments, Bexhill's attacking trio - Rosie, Amber, and Paige - kept their composure, while Josie's key interceptions ensured a well-earned draw.

"A brilliant team effort from start to finish! Well done, Bexhill Academy!"
Alicia Steward

YOUNG WRITERS



Congratulations to Yaroslav B. (Year 10) and Elisha P. who have both been selected for publication by Young Writers.

Their exceptional short stories have earned them a place in the upcoming anthology 'Fight or Flight'. This is a remarkable achievement, and we couldn't be more proud of their creativity and hard work. Well done to both of them for this outstanding accomplishment.

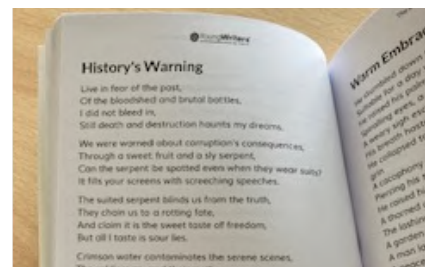
We are also thrilled to announce that Malaika M. (Year 11) has been published once again by Young Writers for her incredible poem 'History's Warning'. Her work will be featured in the latest publication, 'The Beautiful Truth'.

A huge congratulations to Malaika for this continued success and her poetic brilliance.

Anna Grabe



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PARIS TRIP



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Only 8 Weeks to Go

With just 56 sleeps until the Paris trip, excitement is building. Whether it's your first visit or a long-awaited return, the city and Château will be stunning in their post-Olympic glory.

A quick reminder for all Year 10 students attending:

- Bring your passport to Reception or Mrs. Makin.
- Bring your health card (available online).
- See Mrs. Ransom for rooming requests.

Paris Parent's Evening – coming up in mid-March. We'll confirm the date soon.

For those considering this incredible trip in the future, Paris 2026 will be announced in Term 5. After all, not everyone in Bexhill can say they've stayed in a French château.

Looking forward to an amazing trip.

Jo Makin

SAFEGUARDING



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Manipulative Marketing in Mobile Games - Better Internet for Kids

Children are increasingly becoming major components in the online games industry.

Many games are deceptively pay to play, whilst claiming to be free. For most of these apps the download is free but most of the gameplay is locked. Free in the context of apps is a highly flexible term. Online gaming firms use the 'free' label to draw in players, whom when talking about minors may be attractive due solely to that quality.

Money making tactics such as these, can be hard to detect even for adults. Their use of bright colours, distracting music and other methods can be highly persuasive in gaining players.

Better Internet for Kids has crafted a learning module designed to explore digital marketing tactics. You will learn why companies use these tactics and how they can impact your child and their rights.

You will also learn how you can support your child to spot and avoid these issues, as well as where you can seek help and support. If interested, please follow the link below:

https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing_games

Deborah Holter DSL

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CYBER PROTECT WEBINARS



SOUTH EAST
ROCU

REGIONAL
ORGANISED
CRIME UNIT

The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

January 23rd, 28th, 30th

February 3rd, 6th, 10th, 12th, 13th



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DRAMA UPDATE



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Blood Brothers Workshop Inspires Year 11 Drama Students

On 22 January, professional actors Steve and Mike from Stage Ed visited Bexhill Academy to deliver a dynamic Blood Brothers workshop for our Year 11 Drama students. Through expert direction, they explored key scenes, enhancing students' understanding of character motivations and social context.

Steve and Mike praised our students' commitment, with Mike calling their work a "masterclass in taking direction." The session boosted confidence ahead of their second mock exam in February, leaving students inspired and well-prepared.

With such talent and dedication, the future looks bright for our Year 11 Drama students!



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SAVE THE DATE



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Coming Up

Spring Soiree – Thursday 1 May 2025

Shrek the Musical – Tuesday 15 – Friday 18 July 2025

Tickets available here:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/bexhill-academy



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FOOD BANK



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Food Bank Collection - March and April

On behalf of the Bexhill Food Bank, we are asking for your support in collecting items throughout the month of March.

For larger donations, such as those organised by neighbours, work colleagues, or community groups, the Food Bank is happy to arrange collection in April.

If you need to arrange a collection, please contact the Food Bank directly at info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk or 07866570468. Alternatively, individuals can simply add their donations to the existing donation baskets in the local area.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Lent Collection Calendar

Thanks for supporting local people in crisis by giving to the Bexhill Foodbank. Please drop your donations to 19/20 Station Road, Bexhill, TN40 1RE or contact us to arrange for collection. Please consider collecting during March, so the items can be given out in April. Thanks!
info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk | 07866 570468

1 Cat/ dog food	2 Shampoo	3 Chocolate treats	4 Tinned tuna	5 Chocolate spread/ Honey	6 Deodorant
7 Biscuits	8 Crisps multipacks	9 Cooking Oil	10 Sugar	11 Shower gel	12 Tinned fruit
13 Tinned soup	14 Baked Beans	15 Long-life fruit juice	16 Instant mash potato	17 Noodles	18 Pasta sauce
19 Squash	20 Tinned ham/ corned beef	21 Peanut Butter	22 Coffee	23 UHT long-life milk	24 Ketchup/ Mayo

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WORLD BOOK DAY



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THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

WORLD BOOK DAY

WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

READ MORE



1

MY TYPE ON PAPER

MONDAY

Activity - My 'Type on Paper' (what reading suits you?)
Location - Library
When - Break 2 and reading lessons

buzzing with life

2

GET CAUGHT READING

Activity - Be caught reading at any point across the academy and get a reward!
Location - Anywhere!
When - All Day



tuesday

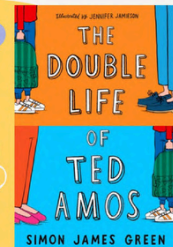


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SIMON GREEN - AUTHOR VISIT

Activity - Selected students invited to a workshop with Simon Green.
Location - The Library
When - Period Two

WEDNESDAY



4

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Activity - Students invited to read their short stories with the community
Location - The Library
When - Thursday - 5-6pm

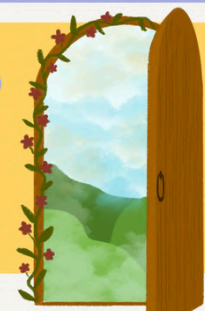


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TUTOR DOORS

Activity - Tutor groups designed Diversity in Literature Doors
Location - Tutor Rooms
When - All Week!

friday



CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI:

The Legacy of Bexhill Academy



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Lily-May Pelling

Bexhill Academy Alumni

Class of 2023

From Bexhill Academy to Italia Conti – Lily-May’s passion for dance has always been her driving force. After studying Child Development, Psychology, and Latin, she received unwavering support from Bexhill Academy’s staff, which helped guide her toward her dream.

Now, Lily-May is thrilled to pursue her dreams with an offer to join Italia Conti on their prestigious BA (Hons) course in September 2025.



LILY-MAY PELLING

Her journey proves that with hard work and determination, anything is possible!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



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Celebrating Our Staff: The Heart of Bexhill Academy

At Bexhill Academy, our staff go above and beyond every day to support, inspire, and empower our students. To shine a light on their dedication, we are launching a new weekly showcase - introducing the incredible people who make a difference in the lives of young people.

Each week, we will highlight a different member of our team, sharing the vital work they do to nurture, guide and support our students, whether in the classroom, through pastoral care, or behind the scenes.

This week, our Staff Spotlight shines on **Yuliia Lypova**, an **EAL (English as an Additional Language) Teaching Assistant** whose passion for education, music, and community service enriches our academy every day..

Stay tuned to learn more about the fantastic staff who help make Bexhill Academy a place where every student can succeed!



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



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Meet Yuliia Lypova: Supporting Students Through Language and Confidence

As an EAL Teaching Assistant, Yuliia helps students whose first language is not English develop their vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. She supports them through one-on-one sessions, small group work, and in mainstream classes, ensuring language barriers don't hold them back.

Beyond academics, Yuliia focuses on building students' confidence and encouraging them to engage with their peers. "It's incredibly rewarding to see them grow in independence and feel a real sense of belonging," she shares.

A Passion for Music

Outside the classroom, Yuliia is a talented violinist and singer. Music has always been a creative outlet for her, and she often incorporates rhythm and song into her teaching to make learning more engaging, especially for younger students. "Singing is a powerful tool in language learning," she explains. "It helps with pronunciation, intonation, and memory, making lessons both fun and effective."

Giving Back to the Community

Yuliia is also a dedicated volunteer with the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB), supporting cultural events, assisting Ukrainian families settling in the UK, and promoting Ukrainian heritage.

"This experience has strengthened my ability to work with people from different backgrounds," she says. "It has deepened my appreciation for cultural diversity."

Why She Loves Being at Bexhill Academy

For Yuliia, the strong sense of teamwork makes Bexhill Academy special. "Our staff are amazing - hardworking specialists who support each other because we share one purpose: to provide the best, most progressive education for our students," she says.

Her favourite saying reflects her approach to both teaching and life:

"It is never too late to learn, because we teach our students, and they teach us!"

Thank you, Yuliia, for your dedication and the positive impact you bring to Bexhill Academy!

DATES



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Term 3 - Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 12 February – Y10 Parents' Evening

Term 4 - Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 26 February to Friday 7 March – Y11 Mock Exams
- Wednesday 12 March – Y9 Options Evening
- Thursday 20 March – Y9 Option Form return
- Wednesday 26 March – Y11 Parents' Evening
- Friday 28 March – Y11 Geology trip
- Tuesday 1 April – Y9 Vaccinations
- Thursday 3 April – Y10 Paris trip
- Wednesday 23 April – Y7 Parents Evening

Term Dates

- Monday 6 January – Start of Term 3
- Friday 14 February – End of Term 3
- Monday 24 February – Start of Term 4
- Friday 4 April 12.30pm finish - End of Term 4
- Tuesday 22 April – Start of Term 5
- Monday 5 May – Bank Holiday – The Academy is closed
- Friday 23 May – End of Term 5
- Monday 2 June – Start of Term 6
- Tuesday 22 July 12.30pm finish – End of Term 6