



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 2 November 2018

#### Chris Hares – Chair of Governors

Following the recent Full Governing Body meeting, Mr Chris Hares has been elected as our new Chair of Governors and will be supported by two Vice Chairs – Mrs Catherine Boulton and Mrs Tessie Espindola. Mr Hares is an ex-student and will be writing an article introducing himself to parents in a forthcoming Blog. Mr Hares takes over from Mr Chris Kirk, who was Chair of Governors since September 2014. We thank Mr Kirk for his support of the school during this period.

#### Art Work at Bexley Station

We are delighted to report that four pieces of art work by our students are currently on display at Bexley Station for the local commuters to enjoy whilst waiting for their trains. We hope to negotiate with Bexley Station for our art to be displayed there permanently.



#### Open Morning

On Tuesday 30 October we had our final Open Morning for prospective boys joining us in Year 7 next September. Due to their mature and helpful attitudes on Wednesday 17 October, Year 7 students were again called upon to tour our guests around the school. We received lots of feedback from our visitors praising the student's attitudes and helpfulness on the day. We would like to thank all students who participated during these open events.

#### Mayerling – Ballet at the Royal Opera House

On Friday 19 October, some students from 9A, 9B and 9C attended the Royal Opera House to view a performance of Mayerling and also have the opportunity to try a little bit of ballet for themselves.

#### A review of the day by a Year 9 Student



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*'Beths students from Year 9 went to the Royal Opera House in London to watch a ballet called Mayerling. The day started as normal with assembly until first period when we went to the main hall. There we were put into our groups.*



*a ballet performer.*

*We got on the train and went to London. After a walk we made it and we started the ballet workshop. There, we did moves that they perform in Mayerling and what you do to make yourself seem effective as*



*Once the workshop had ended we had our lunch and made our way into the main hall. There we waited for the lights to fade and the orchestra blared through the whole hall. The musicians had to keep going for the acts and only ever got to rest when the 20 minute interval hit. The performers seemed very odd until you realise what they are trying to tell you with the repetition of certain moves and how they would move with the music.*

*My opinion of the opera is, it is an experience definitely but its whether you can understand the moves and then be mesmerised by it, if I go to another opera then I would know what I'm supposed to look for.'*

### **Year 11 Trial Exams**

On the Wednesday the trial exams for Year 11 students began. These will continue until Tuesday 6 November. Good luck to everyone sitting their exams!

### **MFL Spanish Class – What has been going on?**

*'This term in Spanish we've been using our language skills to learn about traditions and key figures in both Spanish and South American culture. This has included not only learning about this in class but also independent research projects, which were then presented to the class. Amongst these were presentations on Pedro Sanchez (the prime minister of Spain), Santi Cazola and Kobe Bryant. These were delivered with great enthusiasm in fluent Spanish and accompanied by cultural foods, cooked by the class such as enchiladas and aji de gallina (chicken in cream). With such a great term behind us we look forward to the next.'* – Written by a Year 12 Student



### **LRC Update**

Over the last few weeks we have been updating the LRC – giving it a bit more colour, space for private study and more desks. The works are still ongoing but here are a few snaps of how it was before and what it currently looks like. Let us know what you all think?

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## Sport

### FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
N Kent	05.11.2018	U12 v Bexleyheath	Home
ESFA	06.11.2018	U14B v Barking Abbey	Away
	09.11.2018	U14 v Riddlesdown	Away
Kent	06.11.2018	U16 v Halley	Home
	09.11.2018	U16 v Dover GS	Home
League	07.11.2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Ravensbourne	Home
Bexley Schools	08.11.2018	U13 v Bexleyheath	Away

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RUGBY			
Friendly	10.11.2018	U12A v WGSB	Home
		U12B v WGSB	Home
		U13 v WGSB	Away
		U14 v WGSB	Away
		U15 v WGSB	Away
BASKETBALL			
Bexley Schools	07.11.2018	U12 at HACA	Away
National	08.11.2018	U14 v Canterbury	Home

## RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
Kent	31.10.2018	U14B v Rokeby	Away	TBC
ESFA	02.11.2018	U15 v Oasis Academy	Home	TBC
RUGBY				
Friendly	31.10.2018	1 <sup>ST</sup> XV v Maidstone Grammar	Home	28-10 (Won)
	03.11.2018	U12 v Woodlands School	Home	TBC
		U13 v Woodlands School	Home	TBC
		U15 v Woodlands School	Home	TBC
		U14 v Woodlands School	Away	TBC
		1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Woodlands School	Away	TBC

### Coming up

#### Senior Mathematics Challenge

Sixth form students who are in Year 13 doing A Level Maths or Further Maths in Year 12 can take the United Kingdom Senior Maths Challenge.

It is a 90 minute multiple choice exam taken by the best mathematicians throughout the country. The top 40% gain a certificate either Bronze, Silver or Gold in the ratio 4:2:1. The very best go onto a second round which consists of a 3 hour exam. Finally, the top mathematicians represent the United Kingdom in the International Maths Olympiad against all other countries in the world at a final. Results for the final will be in December. Good luck to all students who are participating in this challenge!!

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### **'Streetwise' Performance for Year 7**

Next Wednesday we have a special group coming in to perform 'Streetwise'. A fantastic pedestrian theatre presentation for our Year 7 Students.

### **Year 13 Parents Evening**

Year 13 Parents Evening will take place on 8 November between 4pm and 8pm. Could parents please make sure that students have booked their sessions with their teachers.

### **Act of Remembrance – 9 November 2018**

Our Act of Remembrance will be led by Mr O'Brien over the tannoy next Friday and will culminate in one of our students playing 'The Last Post'.

### **Sixth Form Open Evenings**

The Sixth Form Open Evening for internal students will be held on the 15 November and for external students on the 22 November.

### **Well-Being Week**

We will be holding a Well-Being Week from the 3 until 7 December. Look out for more details about the week that will be coming out to you shortly.

### **PA Quiz Night**

By popular demand the quiz night returns! Swat up and bring your friends and family – let's see who's the smartest! It is arranged for Saturday 17 November and you can book tables for up to eight via the PA at [beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com).



### **Students on Site**

A reminder that there are still an increasing number of students arriving particularly early in the morning and staying late into the evening. The school actually opens for students at 8.00am in the morning and we would encourage all students (unless they are remaining for pre-arranged activities) to have left the site by 5.00pm.

The school is unable to ensure there is a qualified first aider on site before 8.00am in the morning and after 4.30pm in the evening. This request is being made as we are unable to supervise students outside of these times and we can therefore take no responsibility for them, should they be involved in any form of accident.

### **Safety and Courtesy**

On a more serious note, we would like to remind parents, students and staff to continue to be respectful of our neighbours and not park across their driveways. The safety of our students continues to be our utmost priority and so we also ask that, if you are dropping off or collecting your son or daughter, you abide by the road markings and refrain from parking on zig-zags or double yellow lines.

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We have also received a couple of calls from members of the public about parents dropping students in the morning actually on the roundabout at the top of Bourne Road – close to Dartfordians. This is obviously extremely dangerous not just for other road users, but also for the students themselves. We would urge that parents please find a safe place to drop-off their child/children for school.

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