



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 9 November 2018

Arkwright Scholarship 2018

We are pleased to announce that Nithila P has been awarded the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship 2018.

The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship programme is the most prestigious scholarship scheme of its type in the UK with over 5,000 Scholarships awarded to date. The Arkwright Engineering Scholarships Programme identifies, inspires and nurtures future leaders in Engineering, Computing and Technical (as opposed to aesthetic) Design. Arkwright Engineering Scholarships are awarded through a rigorous selection process, to high-calibre students.

Arkwright Engineering Scholarships support students through their A Levels or Scottish Advanced Highers and encourage students to pursue Engineering, Computing or Technical Design at university or through a higher-level apprenticeship and to pursue careers in the field.



Every Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is sponsored by an industrial company, university, charitable trust, trade association, professional institution, armed service, worshipful company, industry regulator or personal donor.

Well done to Nithila!

Senior Mathematics Challenge

Sixth form students who are in Year 13 taking A Level Maths or Further Maths in Year 12 took part in the Senior Mathematics Challenge on Tuesday. We can't wait to see the results come in and see which students are through to the next round!

'Streetwise' Performance for Year 7

We had a special group in school on Wednesday who came in to perform 'Streetwise' for our Year 7's, a fantastic pedestrian theatre presentation.



Year 13 Parents Evening

Year 13 Parents Evening took place on 8 November between 4pm and 8pm. Parents were invited in to have a chat with their son and/or daughter's teachers to discuss progress so far and provide their trial exam data reports. We hope parents found this an informative evening.

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Act of Remembrance – 9 November 2018

Mr O'Brien led our Act of Remembrance today. He read a poem entitled 'Please Wear a Poppy' (printed below) and one of our Year 11 students, Robert W, played 'The Last Post', prior to our one minute silence.



Please wear a Poppy," the lady said,
And held one forth, but I shook my head,
Then I stopped and watched as she offered
them there,
And her face was old and lined with care;

But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.
A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on carefree feet,
His smile was full of joy and fun:
"Lady," said he, "May I have one?"
When she pinned it on he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way,
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant ones who died in war,
And because they did, you and I are free,
That's why we wear the poppy, you see.

I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would race about.

As the years went by he learned and grew,
And became a man – as you will, too.

But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the dreadful plight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night)
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed
wire,
and the mines and bullets, the bombs and
fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won –
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."
The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks lady, I'm glad to know,
That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son – did he come back all right?"

A tear rolled down each faded cheek:
She shook her head but didn't speak.
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me you'd have done the
same:
For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed
Though our freedom was bought
And thousands paid.

And so when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne,
By those who gave their very all,
When asked to answer their country's call.
That we at home in peace might live.

Then wear a poppy,
Remember
And give.
"Why Wear A Poppy?" by Don Crawford (*alt.*)

Beths Bullying Policy

Please could we ask that all parents take a look at our bullying policy on our website. Please email Mr O'Regan directly on mroregan@beths.bexley.sch.uk and provide him with any feedback.

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=7&type=pdf>

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FM Conways Visit

On Thursday 8 November, FM Conway (Construction Company), came into school to talk/present, during Year 11 Assembly and then to those students in Year 11, 12 & 13 who were interested to find out more about what the company can offer with regards to Apprenticeships Post 18. This included degree apprenticeships in Civil Engineering and Quantity Surveying. They also have apprenticeships in Finance, IT and HR, which may not be areas that students usually associate with their industry.



Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
Kent	13.11.2018	U12 v Hayes	Home
	14.11.2018	1 ST XI v Queen Elizabeth	Home
	14.11.2018	2 nd XI v Maidstone	Home
ESFA	13.11.2018	U15 v Queens	Away
	15.11.2018	U14 v St Aloysius	Away
	16.11.2018	U15 v WGSB	Home
N Kent	13.11.2018	U14 v King Henry Erith	Away
RUGBY			
Natwest Bowl	15.11.2018	U15 v Judd	Home
Friendly	17.11.2018	U12A v Robert Clack	Home
		U12B v Robert Clack	Home
		U14 v Robert Clack	Home
		U13 v Robert Clack	Away

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BASKETBALL				
National	14.11.2018	U19 v Worthing	Home	
Bexley Schools	15.11.2018	U13 at Harris	Away	

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
N Kent	05.11.2018	U12 v Bexleyheath	Home	3-0 Won
ESFA	02.11.2018	U15 v Oasis Academy	Home	8-7 Won
	06.11.2018	U14B v Barking Abbey	Away	6-2 Won
	09.11.2018	U14 v Riddlesdown	Away	Result Next Week
Kent	02.11.2018	U14 v Cleeve Park	Home	4-0 Won
	06.11.2018	U16 v Halley	Home	Postponed
	09.11.2018	U16 v Dover GS	Home	Result Next Week
Friendly	07.11.2018	U13B v Cleeve Park	Away	5-1 Won
League	07.11.2018	2 nd XI v Ravensbourne	Home	0-5 Lost
Bexley Schools	08.11.2018	U13 v Bexleyheath	Away	1-1
RUGBY				
Friendly	03.11.2018	U12 v Woodlands	Home	0-40 Lost
		U13 v Woodlands	Home	5-45 Lost
		U14 v Woodlands	Away	Cancelled
		U15 v Woodlands	Home	0-19 Lost
	10.11.2018	v WGSB		Results next week
BASKETBALL				
Bexley Schools	07.11.2018	U12 at Trinity	Away	10-12 Lost

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National	05.11.2018	U16 v Warlingham	Away	100-47 Won
	08.11.2018	U14 v Canterbury	Home	64-32 Won
Kent	09.11.2018	Year 12 v Northfleet	Home	Results Next Week

Coming up

Children in Need Fundraising Week

Our Year 13 students have lots of events going on next week to raise money for Children in Need. Keep an eye out on our social media pages for further information.

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. We have lots of Year 12 and 13 students coming in to help staff for both events and we look forward to seeing lots of prospective Sixth Formers!

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



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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