



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 23 November 2018

#### **Big Band at Pizza Express Maidstone**

On Sunday 18 November, students were given the fantastic opportunity to perform at Pizza Express in Maidstone. It was a great experience for our musicians and we hope everyone who attended had a great evening listening to the music and of course, eating great food!



#### **Frosty Thursday Morning**

On Thursday morning the weather turned! These lovely photos were taken by Mrs Fitzgerald at 7am – winter is coming!



#### **6<sup>th</sup> Form External Open Evening**

Also on Thursday it was the turn for students wishing to visit our Sixth Form, currently at other schools, to come along and see what we can offer them at A Level. We had hundreds of students joining us to take a look at the possibilities of what they could study from over 30 different subject choices. With Beths able to offer so many options, we think they were spoilt for choice. Taster Sessions, like the ones currently running for internal Year 11 students, will be arranged in 2019 for any students who currently do not attend Beths Grammar School so they can get a feel for what an A Level lesson is like.

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We would also like to thank all members of staff and all the Sixth Formers who attended this event, helping out throughout what, for those on parking duties in particular, was a very cold evening.

### **Operation Christmas Child Appeal**

Well done to all the students and staff who managed to put together 74 shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal (Samaritans Purse International Charity). It is great to know that Beths Grammar School has played an important role in helping to bring happiness to those less fortunate across the world during the Christmas Season. This is a true reflection of our school values. Well done everyone!



### **LRC 'Loose Change' Jar**

Within the LRC there is a loose change jar for students and staff to throw in their unwanted loose change. Last year, just through loose change, £26.45 was raised which was given to the Poppy Appeal. This year the result has been tallied up and the LRC has raised a fantastic £31.75 which has been donated to Children in Need. It is staggering what the loose change in your pocket or purses can add up to. And only a few pence here and there can raise some money to do some good!

### **Beths PA Quiz Night**

We would just like to thank everyone who came along for supporting the event. It was a great evening. There were 14 tables of quizzers made up of past, present and friends of Beths students and staff. £520 was raised through the attendance money and £181.00 on the raffle, which was brilliant. All proceeds will go to the Beths PA to help enhance the Beths experience for all students.

Well done to the winning team and we hope to see all those who attended on Saturday and many new faces at our next quiz night in 2019.

### **Sport**

#### **FIXTURES**

FOOTBALL			
Kent	24.11.2018	U16 v TWGS	Home
	29.11.2018	U16 v Hurstmere	Away

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	29.11.2018	U12 v Ravens Wood	Away
ESFA	26.11.2018	U14 v Dover	Home
	29.11.2018	U14 v Brampton Manor	Home
N Kent	26.11.2018	U13 v Bexleyheath	Home
League	28.11.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Christ the King	Home
	28.11.2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Christ the King	Away
<b>RUGBY</b>			
Friendly	28.11.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Oakwood Park	Home
	01.12.2018	U15 v Tonbridge School	Home
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<b>BASKETBALL</b>			
Kent	29.11.2018	U13 v Canterbury	Home
National	27.11.2018	U16 v Hayes	Home

## RESULTS

<b>FOOTBALL</b>				
N Kent	20.11.2018	U14 v St Columbas	Away	Postponed to 17.12.2018
League	21.11.2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Charles Darwin	Away	9-0 Won
	21.11.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Bexley GS	Away	3-2 Lost
ESFA	16.11.2018	U15 v WGSB	Home	2-3 Lost
<b>RUGBY</b>				
Friendly	17.11.2018	U12a v Robert Clack	Home	0-55 Lost
		U12b v Robert Clack	Home	Cancelled
		U14 v Robert Clack	Home	25-21 Won
		U13 v Robert Clack	Away	55-15 Lost
<b>BASKETBALL</b>				
Bexley Schools	22.11.2018	U14 – 3 way game at Trinity	Away	15-35 Lost
National	19.11.2018	U16 v Haberdashers Bromley	Away	52-36 Won
	22.11.2018	U16 v Canterbury	Home	50-57 Lost
Kent	21.11.2018	Year 12 v King Henry	Home	66-55 Won

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## **Coming up**

### **Well-Being Week**

We will be holding a Well-Being Week from the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. There will be lots of things going on throughout the school including, a photography competition with the theme, 'Beauty of Nature', fundraising all week for Water Aid highlighting communities less fortunate than our own, additional inclusive sports sessions running every lunchtime and after school, turn it off Tuesday and a 'Family or Connect Day' on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, where the school will be closed to both staff and students. We encourage that on this day you spend time together as a family or unit.

### **Christmas Concert**

This will be held on Tuesday 4 December 2018. Tickets are available to purchase on the door. This promises to be a great evening, where students of all ages showcase their musical talents and help to get everyone in the festive spirit!

### **'Beths has Got Talent' Show**

On Friday 14 December, the Sixth Form Prom Committee will be hosting an event showcasing the talents of students at Beths. Auditions will be held on the 3 December and we hope lots of talented students turn up! Tickets will be only £2.00 each and there will be refreshments to purchase on the evening as well. We can't wait to see what secret talents some of our students have, whether it be singing, dancing or a little magic!

### **Christmas Afternoon Tea**

On Monday 17 December we will be holding a special afternoon tea within the school for retired and semi-retired members of the community. They will receive festive food, hot drinks and plenty of entertainment. This will cost just £2.00 per head and will be held between 2pm and 3.15pm. If you would like to reserve a place, please let us know by emailing [admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk) or call us on 01322 556 538 by Monday 10 December. We look forward to seeing lots of you here!

### **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 [mrregan@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:mrregan@beths.bexley.sch.uk) and provide him with any feedback.

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

### **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.

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## **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.

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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