



Beths Blog

Week ending Thursday 6 December 2018

Well-Being Week

We hope all the students have enjoyed our Well-Being week. From the photography competition to the additional sports sessions, there have been lots of extra things put in place.

We hope everyone appreciates their 'Family or Connect Day' tomorrow and it would be great to hear about everything you get up to via social media.

Christmas Concert

This was held on Tuesday 4 December and what a turn out it was! It was a fantastic display of Beths students and their various musical talents. The PA were in charge of refreshments during the interval and sold many mince pies ensuring they raised plenty of extra money to put towards the school.

We received a great review on Twitter:

'What an absolutely fantastic evening, full of amazing musicians and performances! I am in awe of you all. Thank you to Mrs Marriott and her music department, it truly was a memorable night! Bravo!'

It was a fantastic evening and we are looking forward to next year's already! Photos will be posted on social media and our website shortly.

MPS Gangs Presentation

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, an Officer from the SCO19 Specialist Firearms Command came in to give a presentation on Gangs and the associated issues to our Year 12 and 13 students. Nearly 500 students attended this interesting and inclusive presentation. It was a great turn out and we trust that all students who participated took some relevant information home with them. We would like to thank the Officer for joining us and we shall see him again in the summer when he will give another presentation to our Year 9 students.



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Headteacher's Commendations

This is a brand new award and will be provided only three times per academic year, and is exceptionally difficult to attain. It is awarded to only a small number of students who have stood out in some manner by exemplifying the school values of Excellence, Respect, Nurture and Community. The students who receive this award get to spend a break session with the Headteacher and Deputy Head, discussing their valued work so far, enjoying some squash and biscuits too!



We are extremely pleased to announce the following students who attained this award:

Aryan – For hard work, showing kindness and politeness and embodying all the school values

Duni – for dedication, diligence and exemplary conduct

Vlad – For dedication, diligence and exemplary conduct

Oluwaseye – For an outstanding start to the year and being overall an outstanding student, always exemplifying the school value

Kelechi – For his outstanding performance in his early entry trial exam, his ability to manage his studies and his football career

Anthony – for scoring top marks in his English mock

Luke – exemplifying the school values and making an excellent start this year

Awadumar – for running, setting up and advertising a lunchtime club for Key Stage 3.

Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work!

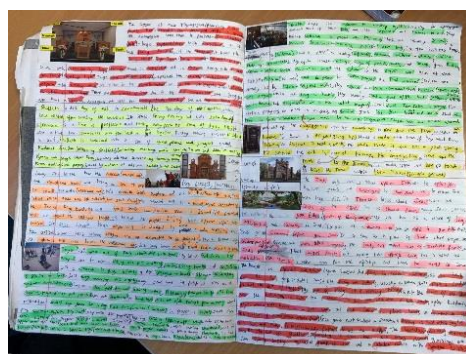
Bar Mock Trials

On 1 December 2018, a selection of students successfully took part in the Bar Mock Trials at Snaresbrook Crown Court. More information on their time to come!



Independent Study

It's great to see the students putting the newly refurbished LRC to good use every morning. All study booths filled from 8.05am every morning! Some high quality revision notes and mind-maps prepared from our Year 10 boys in preparation for the end of term assessments. Outstanding work everyone – grade 9's all round!

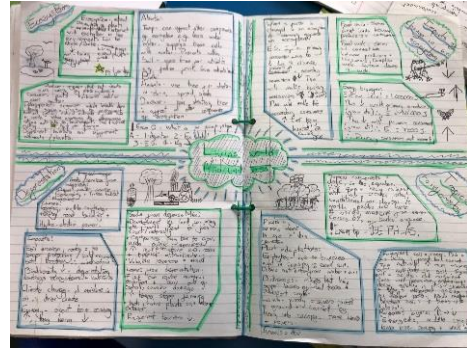
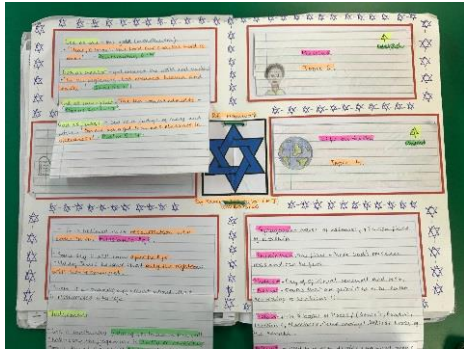


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Messages from the Parents Association

Christmas Raffle

The PA run two raffles a year that raise vital funds to enhance your child's school experience. All students have recently been issued with the latest tickets and it would be great if all of these could be sold. The draw will take place on Thursday 20 December and there are some great family activity prizes to be won. Tickets are only £1 each and if every student in the school bought a single ticket, it would help us raise over £1500. You may have to dig deep into your child's school bag to find the tickets! Good luck.

Monthly Draw

The 2019 Lucky Number Monthly Draw is now open!

Each number costs £6 and is yours for the year, which gives you loads of chances to win. You can purchase as many numbers as you like. Each month we draw two lucky winners with a 1st prize of £20 and a 2nd prize of £10. There are also four quarterly super draws with the winner receiving £50. Your lucky number can be purchased via Parent Pay or by emailing beths.parents.association@gmail.com before 8 January 2019. This is another great way to help the PA raise those vital funds.

Christmas Trees

If you have a real Christmas Tree each year, please consider using Cherry Blossom UK in the High Street, Bexley. Just take along the leaflet sent out by email to all parents last week and for every tree purchased, we receive a donation of £5.

Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
N Kent	11.12.2018	U15 v Bexley GS	Away
		U16 v King Henry	Home
Bexley Schools	13.12.2018	U12B v Bexleyheath	Away

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Kent	10.12.2018	U14 v Howard School	Away
	12.12.2018	1 st XI v Dover GS	Home
ESFA	14.12.2018	U14 v St Pauls or Iceland Burghley	Away
BASKETBALL			
Bexley Schools	12.12.2018	U14 v Trinity	Away
Kent	10.12.2018	Year 11 v Hayes	Away
	11.12.2018	Year 7 v Hayes	Away
	12.12.2018	U19 v King Henry	Home

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
N Kent	06.12.2018	U16 v King Henry	Home	Moved to 11.12.18
League	05.12.2018	1 st XI v Gravesend	Home	0-1 Lost
	05.12.2018	2 nd XI v Farringtons	Home	0-2 Lost
ESFA	04.12.2018	U14 v Brampton Manor	Home	7-0 Won
	06.12.2018	U14B v St Pauls	Home	Result Next Week
RUGBY				
Friendly	08.12.2018	U12A v Simon Langton	Away	Result Next Week
		U12B v Simon Langton	Away	Cancelled
		U15 v Simon Langton	Away	Cancelled
		U14 v Simon Langton	Home	Result Next Week
		U13 v Simon Langton	Home	Result Next Week
BASKETBALL				
National	06.12.18	U14 v Haberdashers	Home	Results Next Week
Bexley Schools	06.12.18	U13 at Bexley GS	Away	Results Next Week

U15A team played Bexleyheath, Hurstmere and Beths U15B, playing three games each – winning all nine games.

U15B team played Bexleyheath – Lost 2, won 1
 Hurstmere – Lost 2, won 1
 Beths U15A – Lost 3

The U15A team have now qualified to the next round.

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Coming up

MFL Great Beths Bake Off

On Monday 10 December, MFL will be hosting a special, Beths Bake Off. Students are asked to take part in both the technical challenge and showstopper challenge. The Bake Off is for both Key Stage three and four students. We can't wait to see their creations – and eat them!

Year 10 Parents Evening

The Year 10 Parents Evening will be held on the Thursday 13 December 2018 in the Hall. Please remember to book your seven minute appointments via our website. The closing date for booking these sessions is the Tuesday 11 December.

'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!

Jumpers for Jimmy

This year, the Student Council have asked that all monies raised on the last day of term, are given in their entirety to charity. They have therefore agreed that we will support 'Jumpers for Jimmy'. This is a local cause in support of the Jimmy Mizen Foundation which helps to build peaceful and safe communities that we would all wish to live in. The Foundation was set up following the tragic death of Jimmy in Lee, South East London who was murdered in May 2008.

As part of an own clothes day, students are asked to wear a Christmas jumper in support of this very worthwhile cause. Those wishing not to partake, should attend school in normal uniform.

A suggested minimum donation of £1.00 will be collected by members of the Senior Leadership Team as students arrive in the morning.

Please note that all non-uniform items must be suitable for an educational setting. Rules regarding jewellery and hair remain unchanged; fancy dress is not appropriate. Any inappropriately dressed student will be sent home.

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

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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.

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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