



Beths Blog Week ending Friday 14 December 2018

Christmas Concert

After a fantastic show last week, as promised, here is a select few of the photographs taken during the event. Please see our social media pages and website for more photos.



'Boy of the Term' and 'General Excellence' Awards for Year 10

In the Year 10 assembly on Wednesday 5th December we awarded certificates and prizes to our top students, in recognition of their outstanding attitude to learning and quality of homework in the recent reports.

In total, 26 students were awarded 'General Excellence Awards' for producing top quality reports which document their outstanding commitment to their studies since their return to school in September.



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In addition to this, we also awarded the 'Boy of the Term' awards to three students who achieved all '1' grades in every subject for attitude to learning and quality of homework – Outstanding in every single subject! Brilliant work this term and no doubt they will be working even harder to maintain this top position.

Conversation has already started about who will be receiving the next batch of Honours Ties – things are heating up!

The photo shows KJ, Musa and Adrian with their 'Boy of the Term' certificates. They clearly seemed delighted with their achievement - well done!

Imperial College Maths Trip – Written by a Year 10 student

On Thursday 6th December, while the rest of the Beths students made their way home, a group of Year 10 pupils with Mr O'Regan headed for Bexley station. We were on our way to Imperial College for a Christmas Mathematics lecture by Professor Buzzard. Arriving at the South Kensington campus, we were all amazed by the huge site! For some it was our first glimpse into university life. We headed for the lecture theatre, a room with steps going up, like a cinema but with tables and seating.

Now you may be thinking a Mathematics lecture, big numbers, strange equations, brain ache due to arrive any minute. No, this was about how Mathematics plays in our daily life in the use of secret codes. Suddenly the Professor had everyone's attention. It felt like a secret spy lesson on how they worked and how to crack them. Did you know that most of the world's data is protected by a 256-bit key, used in everyday websites, with all banking conducted using this special encryption? It was a great lecture by the Professor who was very passionate about Mathematics, but most importantly he explained everything in a manner that we could all understand.



It got me thinking on the journey back home, what happens when Quantum Computing breaks the 256-bit key? Ok, we can create a new key to protect banks etc, but what about the old data locked away with 256-bit key? All of our secrets will be out! Has that got you thinking?

MFL Great Beths Bake Off

This week in the Great MFL bake-off tent, dozens of contestants baked, haben gebackt, ont fait cuire, cocinaron, hanno cucinato and 烘焙了 their way into the cooking competition of the year. In true modern language style, cakes of all colours, sizes, textures and tastes *inundated* the MFL department and wowed dozens of Teacher judges. Ranging from German Black Forest Gateau (*Schwarzwalderkirschtorte*) and Italian Tiramisù to Mandarin mandarin cupcakes, everyone involved was equally as impressed as they were *satt* (full).

All students involved should be *fiers* (proud) of everything they baked and, in my humble opinion, there are many talented future dessert chefs in the making!

Despite the exceptional standard of all the bakes this year, only a few may win the top prizes. In three categories, the winners of the 2018 MFL bake-off are...

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Show stopper:



3rd place – Akul 8C



2nd place – Louis 10W

1st place – Malakai 7W



Technical challenge:



3rd place – Thabiso 8A



2nd place – Darius 8W

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1st place – Robert 10A



For special consideration, where students have made an exceptional effort and produced delicious bakes:

Richard 10B
James 7A
Louis 8H

Reece 8H
Max 7B
Ismael 7C

Commendations for all the above, plus our helpers have been awarded. Congratulations!



Year 10 Parents Evening

The Year 10 Parents Evening was held on the 13th December 2018. We hope that all the parents and carers managed to see the teachers they wished and found out how well their sons are getting on!

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Food and Life Skills

As part of our LEAP enrichment programme, 15 Year 12s completed this term-long course. Designed to help prepare them for life beyond Sixth Form, it covered a range of skills such as health and safety, budgeting and CV preparation, and included lots of tasty cooking practicals!



Over the weeks we made Sizzling Stir Fry; Tuna and Broccoli Pasta Bake; Spinach, Chickpea and Potato Curry; Shepherd's Pie; Spanish Omelette; Microwave Mug Cake and Chocolate Brownies. All dishes were designed to be nutritious, budget friendly, and to take into account what can be limited cooking facilities in Halls of Residence or shared accommodation. The exception was the brownies – they were sheer indulgence!

The students did really well and all have learned some important lessons about coping with life and cooking. We also had a good laugh – Edward, you know why!

Mrs Sircom, Sixth Form Learning Mentor

Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
League	17.12.2018	1 st XI v Hayes	Away
ESFA	18.12.2018	U14 v St Pauls	Away
BASKETBALL			
National	18.12.2018	U14 v North School	Away
Kent	18.12.2018	Year 7 v Ravenswood	Home

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
N Kent	11.12.2018	U15 v Bexley GS	Away	5-1 Won
		U16 v King Henry	Home	7-0 Won
Bexley Schools	13.12.2018	U12B v Bexleyheath	Away	2-0 Won
Kent	10.12.2018	U14 v Howard School	Away	2-1 Won
	12.12.2018	1 st XI v Dover GS	Home	3-3 AET Won 8-7 on Penalties
ESFA	14.12.2018	U14 v St Pauls or Iceland Burghley	Away	TBA

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RUGBY				
Friendly	08.12.2018	U12a v Simon Langton	Away	Won 5-0 Lost 0-15
		U13 v Simon Langton	Home	Drew 25-25
BASKETBALL				
Bexley Schools	12.12.2018	U14 v Trinity	Away	52-51 Won
	06.12.2018	U13 at Bexley GS	Away	8-8 Drew
National	06.12.2018	U14 v Haberdashers	Home	59-16 Won
Kent	10.12.2018	Year 11 v Hayes	Away	53-105 Lost
	11.12.2018	Year 7 v Hayes	Away	43-36 Won
	12.12.2018	U19 v King Henry	Home	Postponed

Coming up

'Beths Has Got Talent' Show

This afternoon it's our own talent show. This has been completely arranged and run by our Sixth Formers and is promised to be an eventful night. Tickets are only £2.00 each and we hope to see lots of students here!

Christmas Carol Service

Our annual trip to Christ Church in Bexleyheath takes place on Wednesday 19 December for all Key Stage 3 students. There will be a variety of carols, musical performances and readings from both students and staff alike.

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.

Last Day of Autumn Term

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A reminder that Thursday 20th December is the last day of term for students. The school will close to all students at 12.50pm. As above, students will be asked to come in wearing Christmas jumpers.

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.

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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