



## Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 21 December 2018

### Presentation Evening

Yesterday evening was a time to celebrate student success within the school. Nominations were made by Departments for the most deserved student in each year group to receive a prize. At the final hour, our special invited guest, the Right Honourable James Brokenshire, was unable to attend but, former Headteacher, Jim Skinner, was present and agreed to step into his shoes so the evening was able to continue without a hitch. The school is pleased to still be able to donate £1400 raised through different events, to Mr Brokenshire's chosen charity, the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

### OAP Afternoon Tea by Miss Price

On Monday, Beths hosted a community Christmas afternoon tea. Fifty six retired and semi-retired members of our local community came to enjoy some festive food, warm drinks and entertainment by our students. Mrs Marriott organised a fantastic array of musical performances; one by the percussion group, another by our a capella singers and the last by the Big Band.



Guests were delighted with their gifts of a homemade card, signed by Mr Blyghton and a little box of chocolate treats as well as conversation with our Year 10 helpers. Many also walked away with prizes – local businesses, really excited by the event, had donated towards a complimentary raffle. Prizes ranged from boxes of chocolates to meals in restaurants. Thank you to Sainsbury's, Punjab Curry and Grill, Toby Carvery and The Jasmine in Bexleyheath and Melucci's in Bexley for their very kind donations.

Since the event, we have received several emails of thanks:

*'We would all like to thank everyone involved in making the afternoon so wonderful. Please give our thanks to everyone who helped. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.'*

*'I attended the afternoon tea event at your school today. I wish to congratulate you all for putting on a very enjoyable and entertaining event. Many thanks for a very pleasant afternoon. Would you also tell the boys that their behaviour was exemplary, well done!'*



*'Just to thank you for a beautiful afternoon tea and entertainment. The food and especially the soup were first class. Plus congratulations to the band, singers and all your students who served and chatted to us. I'm so pleased you are having another afternoon tea in February and would be grateful if you could put myself and my husband's name down for a place.'*

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THANK YOU to everyone involved in making it such a success.

The next afternoon tea will be held on Monday 4 February and will be themed around Chinese New Year. We hope to see you there.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Our annual trip to Christ Church in Bexleyheath took place on Wednesday 19 December for all Key Stage 3 students. We all joined in with an array of Christmas carols which were interspersed with readings and musical pieces spoken and played by both students and members of staff. This was a lovely afternoon which got us all in the mood for Christmas.

A special thank you to Reverend Trevor Wyatt, Vicar of Christ Church who led the service and to all the students and staff who participated.



### **Jumpers for Jimmy**

On the last day of term, students and staff alike were asked to wear Christmas 'Jumpers for Jimmy' to raise money 'For Jimmy'. Almost everyone turned up in their fantastic Christmas jumpers. It was great to see something so simple can raise so much money for a worthy cause.

We are hoping to organise, during the Spring term, for representatives from 'For Jimmy' to come in during Key Stage assemblies to discuss the reasons for the foundation and what they have achieved so far.

By wearing 'Jumpers for Jimmy' we have managed to raise a fantastic £1012.00 'For Jimmy'!

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## PA Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much to all of you who brought Christmas raffle tickets this year. Mr Blyghton, looking resplendent in his Christmas jumper, drew the winners for the Parents Association.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Jenny Brook  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: unknown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Jenny Larkin



Congratulations and Merry Christmas to everyone!

## Year 11 Parents Evening Booking

For parents wishing to book to see their son's teachers, please note that the booking system has now gone live. This will close at midnight on Sunday 6 January 2019.

## Year 12 Parents Evening

Please remember that Year 12 students should book with their teachers for appointment slots. The Parents Evening is on Thursday 17 January 2019.

## Sport

### FIXTURES

FOOTBALL				
League	17.12.2018	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Hayes	Away	Postponed
ESFA	18.12.2018	U14 v St Pauls	Away	1-0 Lost
BASKETBALL				
National	18.12.2018	U14 v North School	Away	98-45 Won
Kent	18.12.2018	Year 7 v Ravenswood	Home	33-22 Won

### RESULTS

FOOTBALL			
Kent – Quarter Final	08.01.2019	U14 v Hurstmere	Home
League	09.01.2019	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Ravensbourne	Home
	09.01.2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hayes	Home
RUGBY			
Friendly	12.01.2019	U12a v WGSB	Away
		U12b v WGSB	Away

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		U13 v WGSB	Home
		U14 v WGSB	Home
		U15 v WGSB	Home
BASKETBALL			
National	09.01.2019	U19 v Alleyns	Home
Kent	10.01.2019	Year 10 v Canterbury	Home
	10.01.2019	Year 7 v NTC	Away
	11.01.2019	U11 v Ravens Wood	Home

### **Coming up**

#### **Monday 7 January 2019**

It's the start of the Spring Term for all staff and students!

#### **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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