

## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 3 November 2017

#### Big Band Performance - Saturday 28 October

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 11 students from school who perform in the Beths Big Band travelled to one of Maidstone's premiere jazz music venues for their first public gig. They performed the Chicken and Sir Duke to an audience of over 100 who clapped and sang along to their performance.

All the students were a credit to both their school and family in the way they both played and conducted themselves.

Another gig will be planned for early next year where the students can capitalise on their growing experience.



#### Drama Trip – Wednesday 1 November

On Wednesday evening 20 GCSE Drama students took another trip to London's West End, this time to see The Comedy About A Bank Robbery at the Criterion Theatre. Students were given some time to explore Leicester Square before arriving at the theatre and having our seats upgraded, to sit in the stalls, giving the students a fantastic central view of the performance.

The story of a bungled jewel heist in a sleepy Minneapolis bank branch, it features a host of hilarious but well-drawn characters who roar across the stage and tumble into disaster after disaster, each one more elegantly drawn than the last. The writers' ability to snatch a laugh out of every line, and to intricately prime each scenario with zinging punchlines and pay-offs is stunning, as call-backs and running gags pile up into teetering edifices of absurdity. The play had some hilarious slapstick comedy moments alongside some very clever technical aspects to the performance.



Some students found the play so funny they were struggling to breath at certain moments of the play due to laughing so much.

Their only complaint of the evening – their favourite character Cooper went through the shredder! Another highly successful trip to the theatre for the Drama Department.

On Tuesday 17 October, Year 11 French students from Beths Grammar visited Mayplace primary school to assist with their French day. They did a great job, manning faux market stalls and engaging younger students in fun language and culture-based activities.

Here is a brief write-up by Keiran Woolley, 11C (who actually used to go to Mayplace himself).

My experience at Mayplace was an interesting and beneficial one. I worked with the primary school students in a fake market setting, running one of the stalls, in order for them to practise pronunciation of various questions and learn and reinforce new vocabulary. I put pressure on myself to be as accurate as possible so as not to give the children incorrect information. It was a refreshing day that I thoroughly enjoyed.



### **Wanted: German Speaker**

We are looking for a German speaker to work for between 1 and 3 hours a week, assisting our older students with their spoken German both for enjoyment, and in preparation for their oral exam.

If you would like to out more about our requirements, or know someone who may be interested in helping us out, please email our Head of MFL, Miss Price on [msprice@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msprice@beths.bexley.sch.uk) to discuss our requirements further.