



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 18 January 2019

England Karate Champion

We are delighted to report that Gabriel won a national level event in the Shinwa Karate Kai England National Championship at the end of last term. Despite not teaching Karate here at Beths, we are extremely proud of this national sporting achievement, as we believe top sporting dedication can inspire students to be the very best both inside the classroom and in the sporting arena. The same high levels of focus, commitment and dedication required for elite sport is also precisely what is needed for educational excellence.

Well done Gabriel!



'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'

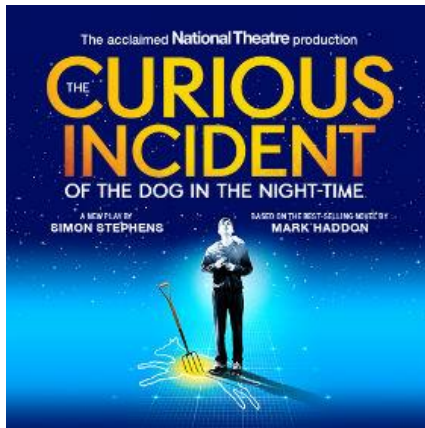


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On Tuesday 15 January, Year 10 Drama students were able to go to London to see the amazing play, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'.

Students are currently writing up their reports of the night and we hope to bring one, or two, of these to the Blog next week.

Request for Work Experience Placement Opportunities for Year 10 Students

We would like to kindly ask that if any parents or readers of our school Blog have connections with companies who would be able to offer a work experience placement to a boy in Year 10 at Beths, we would be delighted to hear from you. We understand that some boys struggle finding placements in industries they are interested in and the time is drawing closer to the deadline for securing a placement.

It is our aim that every boy has access to high quality work experience placements that will help build their aspirations for the future. **Any help you can give here would be greatly appreciated.** We want this to be a great experience for every student.

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If you are able to offer a Year 10 Beths student a work experience placement then please can you contact either **Mrs Game or Mr McBeth**, with your contact details along with the name of the company and type of industry. When a student cannot find a placement we may be able to help him out through your good will and support.

Thank you in advance.

Year 12 Parents Evening

It was another successful parents evening for our Year 12 students. The next parents evening takes place on Thursday 28 February and we hope to go 'live' with their on-line booking forms on Thursday 14 February. We will send a letter out nearer the time with confirmation of this.

Year 12 – Anthony Nolan

Peter Hodes from Anthony Nolan delivered a talk to all Year 12 students in the Hall today. The talk covered blood, stem cell and organ donation and explained the process of how these three things can be donated and why donations are needed. Anthony Nolan will be back in school again on Tuesday hoping to recruit as many staff and sixth form students as they can to sign up as prospective donors.

Social Media

Don't forget that we are on various social media platforms and would love you to get involved! We try and post about events 'as they happen' in school along with up and coming trips, visits, events etc. We then use this Blog to tell you about what we've been doing in more detail and try to post a different selection of photos to accompany the articles.

So social media is where you'll see everything first so, why not join us on our social media pages? We'd love to receive your input too!



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Come and join the Parents Association

As many of you know the Beths' Parent Association plays a pivotal role in raising money throughout the year to help fund facilities and equipment for your children that the school budget is unable to provide for.

They raise funds through various activities such as Quiz Nights, selling refreshments at Parents' evenings and concerts, Christmas and Summer raffles, monthly draws and own clothes days. On average they raise £8,000 to £10,000 a year.

The PA are always looking for new people to join their team and bring new and enterprising ideas to the table.

You will find more information about what the PA do and about the current team on their page of our website: <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Parents+Association&pid=162>. If you are interested in finding out more, or indeed joining the team, please contact them by email: ***beths.parents.association@gmail.com***.

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Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL				
N Kent	25.01.19	U16 v Hurstmere	Away	
League	23.01.19	1 st XI v WGSB	Home	
ESFA Elite Quarter Final	22.01.19	U14 v Langley (Norwich)	Away	
RUGBY				
Friendly	23.01.19	1XV v Oakwood Park	Away	
	26.01.19	U12A, U12B, U14 v Maidstone	Home	
	26.01.19	U13 and U15 v Maidstone	Away	
BASKETBALL				
National	21.01.19	Year 9 v NTC	Away	
	21.01.19	U16 v North School	Away	
	23.01.19	U19 vs Haberdashers Bromley	Away	
Kent	24.01.19	Year 10 v Hayes	Away	
	24.01.19	Year 8 v NTC	Home	

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
Kent Quarter Final	16.01.19	1st XI v Norton Knatchbull	Away	Won 2-1
N Kent	17.01.19	U12 v Cleeve Park	Away	Given the game
	18.01.19	U14 v St Columbas	Away	Result next week
ESFA	15.01.19	U14 v Langley School, Norwich	Away	Postponed
	14.01.19	U14 B v Shenfield School	Away	Won 5-2
RUGBY				
Friendly	19.01.19	U12A Rochester Math	Away	Results next week
	19.01.19	U13 and U14 v Rochester Math	Home	Results next week
	12.01.19	U13 v WGSB	Home	Lost 5-25
	12.01.19	U14 v WGSB	Home	Won 29-10
BASKETBALL				

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Kent	14.01.19	Year 9 v Ravens Wood	Home	Won 77-35
	16.01.19	Year 7 v King Henry	Home	Won 22-14
	11.01.19	Year 11 v Ravens Wood	Home	Won 40-37
Bexley Schools	17.01.19	Year 8 at Bexley	Away	Lost 23-26

Coming up

Safe Drive, Stay Alive

Year 12 students will be attending 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' during the morning of Wednesday 30 January. This is an innovative theatre education project, exploring the circumstances and consequences of a road traffic collision.

Chinese New Year Themed Afternoon Tea

Following on from our successful Christmas Afternoon Tea in December, our MFL department have decided to treat retired and semi-retired members of the community once again, with a Chinese New Year themed Afternoon Tea!



This is set to be another great afternoon and will be held on Monday 4 February 2019, between 2.00pm-3.15pm at a cost of only £2.00 per person.

If you would like to reserve yourself a seat, please contact us on 01322 556538 or email admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk

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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