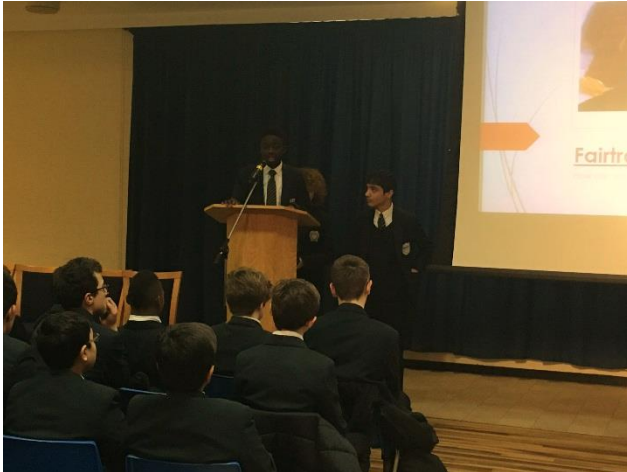




Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 1 February 2019

MFL Fairtrade Public Speaking Competition



On Thursday 31 January, Year 9 gathered in the Hall for the annual MFL Fair Trade Public Speaking Competition, where the top groups in each of the 6 MFL1 classes had to present in the target language; French or Spanish; about fair trade, fair trade products and about bettering the lives of workers on banana, chocolate and coffee plantations. They did an amazing job, incorporating facts, figures and high level sentences into what they delivered. They should be as proud of themselves as we are of them for what they are able to do!

It was extremely difficult to decide on winners, however, the top three groups were those of Eugene, Tom and Ahsan, Poli and Jeffron and Sayd, Tom, Sam and Imisioluwa.

Well done boys! You did a fantastic job!

Hispanic Gastronomy

Last week, our Year 12 Spanish class learning about Hispanic gastronomy, so, decided to cook up a feast to learn through doing, and tasting! Everything they cooked and prepared tasted great and by the time we'd tried everything from paella to enchiladas to churros, it was a struggle to get through the rest of the double lesson – we felt like we were properly in Spain and needed a siesta to revive us! Needless to say, we didn't take one and cracked on with work.

Thank you Year 12 for all the time and effort put into what you produced. You can cook for us anytime!

Oliver! Production update

Our Art Department have been working on the set for the upcoming drama production. The polystyrene sheets were carved to make them look like bricks and then hand painted. One full sheet has been completed...many more to go!



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Year 8 House Football

The final between Brampton and Cray took place on Monday and the champions were...



Congratulations! Well done to all the students who played and cheered on the teams throughout this tournament!

Next up, it's the Year 10 House Football which starts on Monday:

Group One

Abbey
Brampton
Cray

Group Two

Eardley
Hurst
Wickham

Qualifying Stages

Abbey v Brampton	Monday	Eardley v Hurst
Abbey v Cray	Tuesday	Hurst v Wickham
Brampton v Cray	Wednesday	Eardley v Wickham

Play Offs

Thursday	5 th v 6 th	3 rd G1 v 3 rd G2
Thursday	3 rd v 4 th	2 nd G1 v 2 nd G2
Friday	FINAL	1 st G1 v 1 st G2

Matches will take place the week of Monday 4 February, weather permitting. PE tops for Home teams, Games tops for Away teams, blue shorts and socks. Those with incorrect kit will not be allowed to represent their House – this includes no shinpads!

Don't forget to check out our social media pages for the scores!

Which team will you be cheering on?

Book Amnesty Month

February will be a 'Book Amnesty' month, in that all overdue library books returned during February will have the fine waived. Students have been asked (by form tutors) to please check lockers, school bags, at home on bookshelves and in bedrooms to see if they have any school library books (all books are stamped inside). We would really appreciate parents and carers help in finding and returning books. All books in the library have been scanned and so during March all current lenders of 'late' books still outstanding will be contacted. Fines will then be payable and if books still not returned, they will need to be replaced. Thank you.

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Additionally, if you have books in good condition at home that are no longer wanted (and are age appropriate for our students) then we really welcome such additions to the library. Please bring any donations in to school reception, or ask your son or daughter to bring them to the staff in the LRC.

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

We've had a busy start and already we have a couple of dates to keep free in your diary.

We have dates for the next Beths PA Quiz Night is 30th March 2019. This is always such a fun night. Teams of eight, Adults and older children (11+) all welcome. It is £5.00 per ticket for adults and £2.50 for the older children. Keep an eye out for the flyer that will be e-mailed to you by the school.

Another date to keep free in your diaries is Saturday 8th June 2019 as we are lucky enough to be able to invite Out of Bounds Comedy in to run a Comedy Night. This is a hugely popular event a Beths and has proved extremely popular in the past. An evening of stand-up comedy with talented comedians, socialising with other Beths parents with a licensed bar – fundraising for your school doesn't get better than this! Come along for a chat, a laugh; bring yourselves and bring some friends...The bigger the crowd the bigger the laughs!

Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
Kent	06.02.2019	1 st XI v Oakwood Park	Away
ESFA	04.02.2019	U14 v Hurstmere	Home
RUGBY			
Friendly	06.02.2019	1 st XV v Ravens Wood	Home
BASKETBALL			
National	05.02.2019	U16 v NTC	Away

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Kent Quarter Final	07.02.2019	U19 v King Henry	Home
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RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
Kent Semi Final	01.02.2019	U14 v St Pauls	Home	Result next week
League	30.01.2019	2XI v Borden GS	Away	Cancelled
N Kent	25.01.2019	U16 v Hurstmere	Away	We conceded
RUGBY				
Friendly	02.02.2019	U12A v Gravesend	Away	Result next week
	02.02.2019	U13 v Gravesend	Away	Result next week
	02.02.2019	U14 v Gravesend	Home	Cancelled
	26.01.2019	U12A v Maidstone	Home	Lost 50-0
	26.01.2019	U14 v Maidstone	Home	Withdrew
	26.01.2019	U13 v Maidstone	Away	Losy 10-25
BASKETBALL				
Kent	28.01.2019	Year 10 v Northfleet	Home	Won 84-50
	29.01.2019	Year 11 v King Henry	Away	Beths given the game
	30.01.2019	Year 8 v Hayes	Away	Won 63-40
	31.01.2019	Year 9 v Hayes	Away	Lost 70-79
London Youth Games	30.01.2019	Year 9 v Prendergast Vale	Home	Won 49-29
	31.01.2019	Year 11 v Woolwich Poly	Home	Won 63-62

Coming up

MathsFest 2019

On Tuesday 5 February, some of our Year 12 students will be heading to the Piccadilly Theatre in London for MathsFest 2019.

Organised by stand-up Mathematician, Matt Parker, and Maths author, Rob Eastaway, MathsFest will feature some of the best Maths speakers in the world who will talk about their favourite bits of Mathematics and show how they use Maths in their normal lives. Students will have a chance to meet and chat with Maths celebrities. MathsFest is deliberately designed to reinforce normal school lessons. A fantastic day-out for Mathematics students, certain to leave them excited and ready to learn more Maths!



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新年快乐

The 5th of February is the start of Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig! Celebrations usually last 16 days, from New Year's Eve to the 15th day of the New Year – the Lantern Festival!

Have a look at the Chinese zodiac calendar and let us know what animal you are!

We have lots of events this week, thanks to our MFL department. On Monday it is our Afternoon Tea for members of the community with a special performance from a Kungfu Master.

On Wednesday 6 February, Year 8 and 9 students will be making dumplings and celebrating Chinese New Year.

<p>RAT Imaginative, passionate, wise & intense. <i>Most compatible with Dragon or Monkey.</i> 2008, 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960, 1948, 1936</p> 	<p>OX Bright, inspiring, patient & hard working. <i>Marry a Snake or a Rooster</i> 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961, 1949, 1937</p> 	<p>TIGER Loyal, courageous, generous & enthusiastic. <i>A Horse or Dog will bring you happiness.</i> 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938</p> 
<p>RABBIT Shy, discreet, prudent & honest. Luckiest sign. <i>Ram or boar is your ideal partner.</i> 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939</p> 	<p>DRAGON Active, healthy, dynamic & brilliant if eccentric. <i>Marry a Monkey or a Rat late in life.</i> 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952, 1940</p> 	<p>SNAKE Clever, opportunistic & reflective, desires to help others. <i>Team up with a Rooster or Ox.</i> 2013, 2001, 1989, 1977, 1965, 1953, 1941</p> 
<p>HORSE Popular, noble, attractive and enterprising. <i>Marry a Tiger or Dog.</i> 2002, 1990, 1978, 1966, 1954, 1942, 1930</p> 	<p>RAM Adaptable, gentle, elegant. With a love for Art & Music <i>Boars & Rabbits but never an Ox as life partner.</i> 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967, 1955, 1943, 1931</p> 	<p>MONKEY Intelligent, influential & ambitious. A gifted achiever. <i>Avoid Tigers, seek a Dragon or a Rat.</i> 2004, 1992, 1980, 1968, 1956, 1944, 1932</p> 
<p>ROOSTER Obliging, pioneering & brave. A little vain with a need for appreciation. <i>Rabbits are trouble, Ox or Snake ideal.</i> 2005, 1993, 1981, 1969, 1957, 1945, 1933</p> 	<p>DOG Loyal, faithful & unselfish. with a need for tenderness. <i>Look to the Horse or Tiger but avoid Dragons.</i> 2006, 1994, 1982, 1970, 1958, 1946, 1934</p> 	<p>BOAR Tolerant, persevering and chivalrous. Prosperous and generous. <i>Avoid other Boars and marry a Ram or Rabbit</i> 2007, 1995, 1983, 1971, 1959, 1947, 1935,</p> 

Year 12 PHSCE

On Tuesday 5 February, we have another whole Year 12 (PHSCE) presentation in the Hall. This one will focus on Testicular and Breast cancers and will be delivered as a film/video.

Although there is nothing specifically upsetting or gruesome in this presentation, we know from past experience this topic can cause some to react adversely – especially (but not exclusively!) those who are prone to faint or are overly sensitive in these situations. Where it is appropriate to do so, these students may be excused or, if preferred, sat in a position that will allow them easy and rapid access from the Hall.

Similarly, any student who has suffered a bereavement or been affected by cancer will be given the option not to attend.

At the end of the presentation, we will issue leaflets to all students.

Time to Talk Event

Time to Talk Day 2019 is taking place on Thursday 7 February. During Time to Talk Day we want everyone to have a conversation about mental health.



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Our goal at Beths is to raise awareness and reduce stigma by bringing students together so they can ask any questions they may have about mental health issues. To this end, Mr Ward and Ms Brett-Smith (together with the Mental Health Ambassadors) will be hosting an informal gathering in ICT3 at lunchtime on Thursday 7 February.



St Patricks Day Community Event for Retired/Semi-Retired

Our MFL Department will be hosting another community event and this time the theme is St Patrick's Day. It will be held on the Monday 18 March 2019 between 14:00pm – 15.15pm.

More information to follow...

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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