



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 8 March 2019

#### Roadworks on Hartford Road

We have received a number of complaints about cars driving towards Bourne Road via Hartford Road. However, there is clear signage to advise that Hartford Road is 'entry only'. Please do not attempt to exit Hartford Road onto Bourne Road as this causes even more congestion than we are currently experiencing and frustration for our neighbours and other drivers.

#### International Women's Day

Today is International Women's Day and this year's theme is #BalanceforBetter. The campaign runs all year long.



We are a school which has both staff and Sixth Form students who are women.

Here is an excerpt from the official website to let us all know what this day is about:

*The future is exciting. Let's build a gender-balanced world.*

*Everyone has a part to play - all the time, everywhere.*

*From grassroots activism to worldwide action, we are entering an exciting period of history where the world expects balance. We notice its absence and celebrate its presence.*

*Balance drives a better working world. Let's all help create a #BalanceforBetter.*

*Balance is not a women's issue, it's a business issue. The race is on for the gender-balanced boardroom, a gender-balanced government, gender-balanced media coverage, a gender-balance of employees, more gender-balance in wealth, gender-balanced sports coverage.*

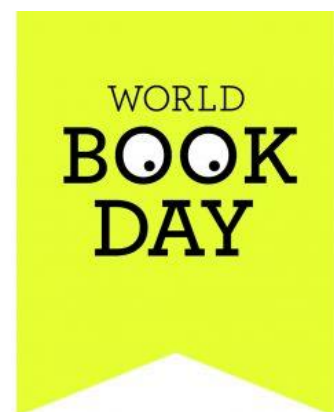
*Gender balance is essential for economies and communities to thrive.*

#### World Book Day

Thursday 7 March was World Book Day.

Vouchers were distributed to Tutor Groups at the beginning of the week so that every student could participate by using them in any bookshops supporting the campaign. The voucher can either be used to get £1.00 off the retail price of any book costing £2.99 or more, or can be swapped for one of three free books published especially for World Book Day. The vouchers can be redeemed up to 31 March 2019.

WH Smiths are accepting the vouchers, as we have already had a number of students confirm they have either purchased a new book or received one of the free books.



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Can we also take this opportunity to ask parents and carers to please be pro-active in helping ensure school library books are returned promptly, and especially to ask students to check in their bedrooms, on bookshelves and in old school bags for any overdue books that they may have forgotten they had taken out. Letters will be going home shortly regarding missing/outstanding books.

### **St Patrick's Day Themed Afternoon Tea**



Our MFL Department will be hosting their third event for retired and semi-retired members of the community 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.

If you would like to book a seat/table, please email [admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk) or call us on 01322 556538.

### **Oliver! Production**

Oliver! will take place on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 March, with the performances starting at 7pm.

Ticket prices are:

Adults: £4.00

Concessions: £2.50

Family (2 adults, 2 children): £10.00

If you would like to come and see the performance, please ask your son or daughter to purchase tickets from the school's reception. You can also email line and a member of staff will be able to put tickets to one side for you whilst payment is awaited.



We hope to see you there!

### **London Marathon**

Ben Huggon is a former student studying medicine at Oxford. He is still a key member of the Beths community and is running the London Marathon on Sunday 28 April. Ben is raising money for 'Born on the Edge', a charity striving for better new-born healthcare worldwide. They work to improve the survival of new-borns by:

- Providing training for local doctors, nurses and health workers in new-born care
- Supporting young healthcare workers involved in international new-born health research
- Developing sustainable projects to improve new-born healthcare facilities.

If anyone would like to make a donation, please do so by following the link:



**BORN ON THE EDGE**  
Improving newborn healthcare worldwide

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BenHuggon2>



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## Emailing the School

Should you need to email the school with items/concerns of a more 'sensitive' nature, please email [headsqa@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:headsqa@beths.bexley.sch.uk) rather than the generic admin email address.

## Sport

### FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
N Kent Semi Final	12.03.19	U14 v St Columbas	Home
	12.03.19	U16 v Hurstmere	Home
	14.03.19	U12 v Hurstmere	Away
RUGBY			
Sevens	12.03.19	U14 7s at Dartford GS	Away
BASKETBALL			
Kent Semi final	11.03.19	Year 7 v NTC	Home
	11.03.19	Year 9 vs Robert Napier	Away
	12.03.19	Year 8 v NTC	Home
	13.03.19	Year 11 v NTC	Away

### RESULTS

Rugby				
Sevens	06.03.19	U18 7s at Gravesend	Away	Won the Bowl
	07.03.19	U15 7s at Gravesend	Away	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Group

## Coming up

### Commonwealth Day – 11 March

On 11 March 2019, people in Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe will observe Commonwealth Day.

The theme for 2019 is 'A Connected Commonwealth', which offers

opportunities for the people, governments and institutions of this richly diverse family of nations to connect and work together at many levels through far-reaching and deep-rooted networks of friendship and goodwill.



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2019 also marks the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Commonwealth as it is configured today, with old ties and new links enabling co-operation towards social, political and economic development, which is both inclusive and sustainable.

### **Inspired Through Sport**

Inspired Through Sport is one of the leading supporters of British athletes in the UK and on Thursday 14 March, Chad Miller, a GB athlete will be coming into the school.



Chad will be giving a motivational assembly to Year 11 students as well as getting involved with the Year 7 and Year 8 sponsored fitness circuit that will be taking place in the morning. Students have been sent home with sponsorship forms and it would be great to see them raise lots of money! Prizes can be won with the top ballot prize being a PlayStation 4!!



A Q&A session will also be held for Year 9 and GCSE and A Level students with Chad, during Period Four.

### **Year 8 Parents Evening 14 March**

Please note that the appointment booking system will be closing at midnight on Sunday.

### **Students on Site – one arriving at 6.40am earlier this term!**

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.

As the title suggests, one student arrived at 6.40am earlier this term – just ten minutes after the first member of the site team – as we hope you understand, this is really not acceptable.

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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