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Week ending Friday 15 March 2019

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation



We recently received a certificate from the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation following all our fundraising efforts! We managed to raise a fantastic £1,400.00.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated money. It really shows what we can all do together!

Oliver! Production

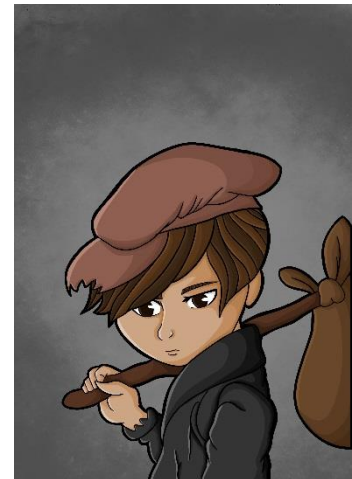
Oliver! will take place on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 March, with the performances starting at 7pm.

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 us on line at admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk and a member of staff will be able to put tickets to one side for you whilst payment is awaited.

Please also don't forget to check out our Instagram stories for an Oliver! Music quiz on the run up to the shows and to keep an eye out for sneak peek photos etc!

We hope to see you there!

PA Quiz Night



Beths Parents Association's next Quiz night is being held on Saturday 30 March 2019. Teams are for up to eight people, with younger siblings welcome on the evening.

It is always a brilliant event so please consider booking a table for yourselves, friends and family. We still have spaces available and would love to see you there. All proceeds from the evening go towards helping Beths' Parent Association fund much deserved projects for the students in the school.



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To book a place or table, please email beths.parents.association@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Anti-Bullying Training Day



Ms Brobbey took 15 Year 10 students to an Anti-Bullying Training day at Cobham Hall which is organised by The Diana Award, which is a charity that is involved in empowering young people.



Inspired Through Sport

Inspired Through Sport is one of the leading supporters of British athletics in the UK and on Thursday 14 March, Chad Miller, a GB athlete came in to the school.

Chad gave a motivational and inspiring assembly to Year 11 students where he spoke about his career.

Chad also then got involved with the Year 7 and Year 8 sponsored fitness circuit. Students were sent home with sponsorship forms to help raise money for both Inspired Through Sport and for new sports equipment for the school. It was great to see lots of money raised as prizes could be won and with the top ballot prize being a PlayStation 4!! Further details of the winners and prizes will be posted shortly.



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Our Year 9, GCSE and A Level students, were entertained by Chad with a Q&A session. Students were able to direct any sporting questions to Chad that they had about his athletic career and how he got started.

Holocaust Survivor visit

On Wednesday 13 March we were visited by Ernest Simon, a Holocaust survivor, who spoke to a selected group of Year 9 students. He told them about his childhood in Austria in the 1930s and experiencing events such as the union between Germany and Austria and Kristallnacht, the 'night of broken glass' or violence against Jews and when he was able to escape to England and was later joined by his family. Max (9E) said: 'I really enjoyed the details he gave us about the Germans and Austrians turning on the Jews in their own country and the Kindertransport which saved the lives of Jewish children. His story was really amazing.' Jack (9E) said: 'One of the things that surprised me the most was that Ernest only became aware of the extermination and concentration camps after the war. Overall, an interesting and insightful experience.'



We are very grateful to Ernest for giving up his time to come and speak to the students and for the Holocaust Educational Trust for coordinating the visit.

Trip to Oman

Mr Hegarty, Head of Geography, was lucky enough to win a trip to Oman recently and this trip took place last week!

"I flew out to Oman and then drove out to a desert centre called Sharqiya Sands. Here, we were able to help contribute to producing 11 teaching resources for the company 'Outward Bound'. It was in tandem with the British School Muscat and was an absolutely fantastic experience.

On Saturday I had a desert meal with the local Bedouin! All driving was off-road in a 4x4 which was very thrilling. At the end of the week I then hiked up to Jebel Shams and over the Al Hajar mountain range. It was an incredible trip, which I won through my lesson entry in an RGS (Royal Geographical Society) competition in 2018."



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Water Fountains

Over the summer the five internal water fountains were updated to new models, four of which have the additional feature of a bottle filler. It was hoped this would encourage students to bring into school a reusable bottle that could easily be refilled to enable them to keep hydrated throughout the school day and would also cut down on the amount of plastic waste.



On occasion, due to the misuse by a small minority of students, there are times when the internal fountains malfunction (there are five external fountains located on the Hardcourt, LRC and Covered Quads). In most cases this can be rectified as soon as the school Facilities Team are alerted. Sadly, some of the bottle fillers have now had to be removed due to damage and we would ask parents/carers for their support in mentioning to their son/daughter the importance of treating their school facilities appropriately.

Should we be unable to maintain the current internal water fountains, consideration will be given to removing them. Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation and would ask that you remind your son/daughter they can always obtain water from the external fountains. Should it be necessary to remove the internal fountains we will of course increase the number of external water fountains from five to ten ensuring students do not experience any reduction in the number of water stations available to them. The external fountains are far more robust and are seldom unavailable for use.

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.



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Year 13 Prom Committee – Easter Hamper Raffle

Tickets are now available (in Form Rooms) for £1.00 per strip to be drawn week commencing Monday 1 April. Each House has a hamper and each include: 3 large eggs, 1 bag Mini Eggs, 2 Cream Eggs, 1 Mint Aero, 1 Twix, 1 Mars Bar, 1 Fredo, 1 x bag of Strawberry Laces, 3 Maoam Bars. All proceeds go to the Year 13 Prom Committee.



Are you a creative writer or can critic

We are looking for students to write articles for the weekly blog, whether you've been to the cinema lately and want to review a film, been to a sporting event and want to write about your experience, or even have your thoughts on equality. Email your article to msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk for the chance for your work to appear in our weekly blog.

films/shows/sports events?



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 or call us on 01322 556538.

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:

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



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Changes to the Blog

We are looking at ways of updating the weekly blog to make it even more reader friendly. Let us know if there is anything you would like us to start incorporating, ways that we could alter the look of the Blog or anything else you can suggest. Would you like to see more interviews with students or perhaps an end of the week quiz to get you ready for the weekend, for example? Please get in touch by emailing msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk.

This blog is for you all to read and enjoy and we would love to hear your thoughts!

Emailing the School

Should you need to email the school with items/concerns of a more 'sensitive' nature, please email headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk rather than the generic admin email address.

Sport

FIXTURES

RUGBY			
Sevens	21.03.19	U13 7s at Eltham College Kent	Away
BASKETBALL			
National	18.03.19	Year 9 v Trinity Crawley	Away
	20.03.19	Year 7 v NTC and Canterbury	Home

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
N Kent Semi Final	12.03.19	U14 v St Columbas	Home	Draw changed
	12.03.19	U16 v Hurstmere	Home	Draw changed
	14.03.19	U12 v Hurstmere	Away	Draw changed
RUGBY				
Sevens	12.03.19	U14 7s at Dartford GS	Away	Did not progress from pool
BASKETBALL				





Kent Semi final	11.03.19	Year 7 v NTC	Home	Won 37-24
	11.03.19	Year 9 vs Robert Napier	Away	Won 78 - 56
	12.03.19	Year 8 v NTC	Home	Won 55-16
	13.03.19	Year 11 v NTC	Away	Lost 85-60
VOLLEYBALL				
London Games Youth	08.03.19	Year 10 v various	Away	6 th on point difference

Coming up

UCAS Next Steps Meeting – Thursday 21 March at 18.00

Year 13 students have been asked to attend a Next Steps meeting which will be taking place in the Hall on 21 March. This meeting will give them guidance towards the 'next steps' in their higher education/careers.

Year 13 Testicular and Breast Cancer Presentation – Friday 22 March



This presentation will be delivered as a film/video. Although there is nothing specifically upsetting or gruesome in it, 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.

Upcoming Trips and Visits

Othello revision trip – Friday 22 March

Bird College Royal Festival of Music at Festival Hall – Tuesday 26 March

UCAS Convention at Excel – Tuesday 26 March

Epping Forest Trip – Year 12 – Thursday 28 March





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Brighton University – Year 12 & Year 13 – Thursday 28 March

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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