



Week ending Friday 5 April 2019

End of Spring Term

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break! What are you up to?

Oliver! Production

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the family and friends who came along to support our multi-talented cast and musicians for this year's production of Oliver!

Students and staff have worked incredibly hard since starting rehearsals in October, and that hard work clearly paid off with a sell-out performance on the final night. I am incredibly proud of everyone involved in the show from the actors, musicians, lighting technicians, back stage crew, stage designers and all those that helped with the fanzine, costume and props before the show. I hope everyone that was involved is able to enjoy their Easter break as they have worked so hard for it!

Ms Grady, Head of Drama

"Just wanted to add my Congratulations for an amazing production last week. The cast were all incredible and I enjoyed every minute. Some real talent on show.

Miss Grady and Ms Marriott have both worked so hard - thank you to them and to the other staff involved.

Looking forward to next year already!!"

"I just wanted to say that I came to see Oliver on Friday night and thought it was fantastic! I couldn't believe how confident and talented the cast were, especially those that I teach."

"Thank you so much for a wonderful Oliver production last night; congratulations on all your hard work. The girls and boys were a credit to you all. I loved the show, thoroughly professional."

To view many of the photos taken over the course of the show, please click on this link:
<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=55&gcatid=6&albumid=19>.

Spring Concert

On Tuesday we held our annual Spring Concert. We received a lovely comment from one of the audience members. Did you enjoy the musical performance?

'Thank you to all the wonderfully amazing talented pupils at Beths who performed this evening! It is so lovely to see such a vast array of talent performing so many different genres of music! You should all be very proud of yourselves! Looking forward to the Summer Soiree in June'

Beths Grammar School 
presents their

Spring Concert

**Tuesday
April 2nd
7:00pm**

Tickets available on the door





'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'

On Monday 1 April, students taking GCSE Drama went to see "Everybody's Talking About Jamie" in London and they loved it! The show had several catchy musical numbers, fabulous dancing and a few famous faces within its cast. The show is based on a true story of how a student at a school in Sheffield wanted to attend his own prom in a dress. The audience are taken on a journey of how Jamie faces prejudice every day at school but through the support of his mum and his best friend, he over comes the bullies and proves how we should respect everyone and embrace individuality within the world. The whole audience were up on their feet dancing by the curtain call. A brilliant night was had by all!



Basketball

We are extremely happy to announce that we won the Kent Cup in Basketball for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9! A massive congratulations to all three teams!



PA Quiz Night

A big thank you to everyone who attended the PA Quiz Night last Saturday. We raised £537.50 in entrance fees and £215.00 on the raffle, which is brilliant! It was a great evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all who were there and a fantastic amount to go into PA funds for the school.

Next up it's the Comedy Night which is taking place on 8 June. If you would like to join us, please email beths.parents.association@gmail.com.



House FIFA



House FIFA for Year 7 and Year 8 began this week. The finals will take place after the Easter Break.

Year 7

Gold – Abbey v Hurst
Silver – Cray v Wickham
Bronze – Brampton v Eardley

Year 8

Gold - Abbey v Hurst
Silver - Brampton v Eardley
Bronze – Wickham v Cray

Supporting Your Child During Exam Time (Young Minds)

As we start to move towards exam season, Young Minds have launched advice for parents about supporting their children.

Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine

You can find out more here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>.

Year 13 Prom Committee – Easter Hamper Raffle

The Year 13 Prom Committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for their Easter Hamper Raffle. They made a profit of £397.62 to help towards fund raising for their Prom.

Abbey House – **Finley B 8A**

Brampton House – **Mrs Firth** (External Parent/Carer)

Cray House – **Ms Mugisha** (External Parent/Carer)

Eardley House – **Francis G 7E**

Hurst House – **Mr McCartin (Staff)**

Wickham House – **Ms Cooper (Staff)**





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**Shakespeare's Globe Education Assistants
School Leaver Programme 2019-2020**

Do you enjoy the Arts and are about to become a school leaver?
Why not spend a year working as part of the Education team at Shakespeare's Globe?

Education Assistants join the team for one year to support the running of our work with students, teachers, academics, Individuals and families. These professional roles are designed to:

- Build communication and initiative skills
- Broaden horizons
- Provide experience of working in a major international arts centre

Education Assistants will spend a year working in a creative, supportive and inspiring team environment.

Application Deadline: Monday 3 June 2019

Are you a creative writer or can critic films/shows/sports events?

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, attended a sporting event and want to write about your experience, or even have your thoughts on equality for instance, what is your stance. Email your article to msgorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk for the chance for your articles appearing in our weekly blog.



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 headsqa@beths.bexley.sch.uk rather than the generic admin email address.

Sport

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
N Kent Semi Final	29.03.2019	U16 v St Columbas	Home	Won 4-2
BASKETBALL				
Kent Final	29.03.2019	Year 8 v Canterbury	Neutral	Won 96-57
	29.03.2019	Year 10 v Hayes	Neutral	Lost 70-68
	29.03.2019	Year 12 v Northfleet	Away	Lost 80-58
	01.04.2019	Year 7 v Ravenswood	Neutral	Won 40-30
	01.04.2019	Year 12 v Hayes	Neutral	Won 89-79
Friendly	03.04.2019	6 th Form v Woolwich Poly	Home	Won 49-43

FIXTURES

CRICKET			
N Kent	24.04.2019	U13 V Bexley GS	Home
	25.04.2019	U12 v Bexley GS	Away
	25.04.2019	U14 v Bexley GS	Away





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Coming up

Upoming Trips and Visits

Good Friday – 19 April

Easter Monday – 22 April

Start of Summer Term – 23 April

Year 9 Options Evening – 25 April

Easter Sunday – 21 April

St George's Day – 23 April

Community Afternoon Tea – 24 April

Junior Mathematics Challenge for Year 8 – 30 April

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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