

## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 10 November 2017

#### **Act of Remembrance – Friday 10 November**

This morning, we held our Act of Remembrance. As we are now at a size where it is impossible for the entire school to gather together, our Act of Remembrance was done over our tannoy system. Mr Parsons addressed staff and students with a respectful and thought-provoking reading and this was followed, by James Dawes from Year 8 playing The Last Post just prior to the minute silence.



#### **Sixth Form Open Event for External Students**

On Tuesday 7 November we held our Sixth Form Open Evening. Due to large numbers attending in previous years, this year, we decided to host two evenings; one for external students and one for our own internal students (which takes place on Tuesday 21 November). However, we were absolutely inundated! Over 900 families attended on the evening, which was far more than we've ever welcomed to such an event. The evening was a total success with, like the Year 6 Open Event, a few things that we trialled like the large video screen displaying what life at Beths is all about and our new 'Getting into A Levels' booklet allowing students to make notes as they visited all the different departments.

Our new 'road' was once again laid across the football pitch allowing our visitors easy access to parking on the school's site. The only problem was that so many people choose to visit us that we actually ran out of parking space on the night!

A big thank you to all the staff and students who helped to make the evening another resounding success.

#### **Operation Christmas Child (Samaritans' Purse)**

We are delighted to announce that as a school we managed to donate 104 gift-filled shoeboxes to the Samaritans' Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal. I would like to thank the Year 9 boys for delivering the assemblies across the school to help create awareness of the appeal. We were incredibly proud of all the students and families who took part and this is the perfect example of how students contribute to the wider community around them –



well beyond Southeast London! This made student's think about their own privileges and also about what they could do to benefit and enrich the lives of those less fortunate at this Christmas season. We would like to thank all the families who took part for their very kind donations. It is great to know that this Christmas there will be 104 happy families in another country who will be celebrating a much happier Christmas because of the generosity and good will of the students and staff at Beths Grammar School. This certainly has got us into the Christmas spirit!

Mr McBeth and Mr Takeda

### **Cricket Young Leaders 2017**

In our Week Ending 13 October Blog, we published a short article celebrating our Cricket Young Leaders who attended a presentation at Lord's Cricket Ground on Sunday 8 October. We promised to bring you the official photos and these are below. Once again, congratulations to all the boys!

