



Week ending Friday 26 April 2019

Community Afternoon Tea – 24 April

On Wednesday 24 April, Beths held its half-termly Community Afternoon Tea. This time it was Easter-themed with a Latino twist!

Sixty five local people joined us to enjoy food, cups of tea and coffee, a design your own Easter egg competition, a presentation by Year 9 students about their recent trip to Spain and a spot of Salsa. Twelve guests walked away with Easter eggs, kindly donated to us by our local Tesco in Welling and, free of charge, we raffled off another 24! There were lots of happy faces, and some full hands as there were some who walked away with more than one!



Adam, Zach and Sam produced a PowerPoint presentation full of information and photos about their experiences in Salamanca. They spoke about their time staying with a host family and how nerve-racking but fantastic it was and about all that they saw and mostly, ate!!!

On top of this, our very talented member of staff, Mr Smith, joined by our also very talented Year 9 student Ollie, put on a great display of Salsa dancing, showing our guests how to do the steps and put them all together. They led our brilliant Year 7 helpers in the dancing, who all gave it a go - as can be seen from the photos!

A big thank you to all the above, as well as the Kitchen for the food and the Site Team for all their support. A special mention must also go to Jack in Year 13 who, as always, did a brilliant job of hosting the event – our regular attendees always love to see and hear him!

Please keep an eye out for our next date as we are still yet to confirm it. As usual, we can't wait to see old faces and we always look forward to seeing new ones!

"Your students truly are a credit to the school"

"Aren't they good sports getting up and dancing like that, and they did so well!"

"The students serving our tables were so professional and so kind – they were a joy to talk to"

"I only hope my grandson can come here"

"As usual, we have had a fantastic time and we look forward to the next"

"I'm always that person who buys raffle tickets and never wins, but today I'm going away with two eggs!"





Year 9 Options Evening – 25 April

On Thursday Evening we held an Options Evening for all Year 9 students, parents and carers. This was to give them an idea as to what subjects they can study at GCSE and to help them with their choices. A presentation was given and Senior Staff were there to give a helping hand and to answer any queries. We hope you all found this evening informative and helpful.

Art Show

On Wednesday 3 July, the Art Department will be hosting their annual Art Show. This will be showcasing all the work that has been created by Art GCSE and A Level students. This show is open to the public and it would be wonderful to see you all there!

If you would like to come along and join us, the Art Show will be taking place between 6.30-8.30pm on 3 July.



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 a 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/>.



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 msgeorge@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 has been in school today (Friday 26 April) to talk with our Year 12 students looking to follow medicine, dentistry or veterinary studies at university. Ben is also running the London Marathon this Sunday. 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>



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

RESULTS

CRICKET				
N Kent	24.04.2019	U13 v Bexley GS	Home	Won by 70 runs
	25.04.2019	U12 v Bexley GS	Away	Postponed
	25.04.2019	U14 v Bexley GS	Away	Postponed





FIXTURES

CRICKET				
N Kent	30.04.2019	U14 v Dartford Grammar School	Away	
	30.04.2019	U15 v Hayes	Home	TBC
	30.04.2019 or 01.05.2019	U12 v Yardley or St Olaves	Away	TBC
	01.05.2019	U13 v TWGS	Away	TBC

Coming up

Upcoming Events

Information Evening for new External Sixth Form Students and Parents/Carers – 1 May

Year 12 Trial Exams – 2 May

Information Evening for new Internal Sixth Form Students and Parents/Carers – 9 May

GCE and GCSE Exams commence – 13 May

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

