



Week ending Friday 10 May 2019

Basketball – Dynamik National Schools Competition

On Thursday 9 May the Year 7 Basketball team took a trip up to Manchester for the Dynamik National Schools Competition.

As we arrived at the National Basketball Performance Centre the atmosphere was thriving, with many schools from around the country warming up for the competition. Our first match was against a very big and physical Bohunt Liphook (Hampshire) side, where the boys put up a good fight but unfortunately lost 30 points to 18. However the disappointment of losing fuelled the boys going into the second match versus Southland's School (Lancashire), as the boys turned things around and began to play some excellent basketball, moving the ball well and scoring many of our shots; full time result 30-10 to Beths. In our third and final game the boys faced a strong Trinity High School side from Manchester, which proved a very close contest. It was neck and neck going into the last quarter, where both sides looked like they could have won, however Trinity excelled scoring a few late baskets which saw them win the tie 34 – 30.



Overall the boys performed brilliantly, and it was undoubtedly an excellent experience for them to take into next year's Basketball season. Although we came third in our group, there was some success in the Shootout Competition, where both the boys and the staff won each of the competitions! Congratulations!

Emilia – Theatre Trip

1609. I AM EMILIA.

WRITER. WIFE. LOVER. MOTHER. MUSE.

400 years ago Emilia Bassano wanted her voice to be heard. It wasn't. Could she have been the "Dark Lady" of Shakespeare's sonnets? What of her own poems? Why was her story erased from history?



Emilia and her sisters reach out to us across the centuries with passion, fury, laughter and song. Listen to them. Let them inspire and unite us. Celebrate women's voices through the story of this trailblazing, forgotten woman. Stand up and be counted.

2019. WE ARE EMILIA.





On Tuesday 14 May the A Level Drama students went to see Emilia at the Vaudeville Theatre in London. The intimate theatre space suddenly came to life with Emilia on the stage ready to tell her story through the eyes of her younger self; how she wanted and needed her voice to be heard. During the performance the students were agreeing with every word being said, that women today still need to have their voices heard, that their stories still need to be told. Told through an all-female cast, mixing old with new and engaging in a modern movement, this performance was fantastic to see. The performance left the students giving a standing ovation and feeling truly inspired for their performance work in future, but also with their outlook on life. All the students had a wonderful and uplifting time at the theatre.

U12 North Kent Final

Having only lost once during the season, scoring 44 goals and playing some excellent football along the way, a 6 – 3 win in the North Kent Final against a skilful and committed St Columba's team was a fitting end to a very successful first year for Beths under 12's. Congratulations to the team!



Last day for Year 13 Students

Yesterday was the last day in school for our Year 13 students allowing them to prepare for their forthcoming A Level exams at home. Don't forget that students will still have the opportunity to attend timetabled lessons, should they wish to do so, and teachers will be available to provide extra support up until the end of this half term.

On Thursday, when the sun was shining, a number of our Year 13s took the opportunity to study in the Millenium Quad whilst also taking advantage of the beautiful weather.



A reminder that students should arrive at least 15 minutes before the exam is scheduled and should wear full school uniform. Morning examinations start at 9.00am and afternoon examinations start at 1.30pm.

Year 13 students can also look forward to next Friday 24 May when they will have their 'Leavers' Celebration' from 11.30am, with proceedings beginning at 12 noon. Year 13 students are invited to attend this event, which is being held on the far rugby field (fields 2 and 3). Entry is via the bottom of





the alleyway, between the main site and the far fields, over the short bridge by the river. The celebration should finish around 2.00pm.

Good luck to everyone sitting exams in the coming weeks.

Comedy Night – Saturday 8 June

The PA are proud to present their ever popular, Comedy Night, hosted by Out of Bounds Comedy.co.uk.

Tickets cost £10.00 per person and this is for over 18's only!

Come and enjoy some comedy performances, drinks and snacks!

Please contact beths.parents.association@gmail.com for more information and tickets.

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 into the 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/>.





Results

CRICKET

<u>N Kent</u>	<u>13.05.2019</u>	<u>U12 v Bexley</u>	<u>Lost by 61 Runs</u>
<u>Kent</u>	<u>14.05.2019</u>	<u>U12 v Yardley</u>	<u>Lost by 8 Wickets</u>
	<u>15.05.2019</u>	<u>1st XV v Langley</u>	<u>Lost by 153 Runs</u>
	<u>17.05.2019</u>	<u>U15 v Hayes</u>	<u>TBA</u>

ATHLETICS

<u>ESAA</u>	<u>15.05.2019</u>	<u>1st Round at Dartford Park</u>	
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Fixtures

CRICKET

<u>N Kent</u>	<u>20.05.2019</u>	<u>U14 v CSGS</u>	<u>Home</u>
<u>Thunder</u>		<u>U13 v Hayes</u>	<u>Away</u>
<u>N Kent</u>	<u>21.05.2019</u>	<u>U12 v WGSB</u>	<u>Away</u>
<u>Kent League</u>	<u>22.05.2019</u>	<u>1st XV v Borden GS</u>	<u>Home</u>
<u>N Kent</u>		<u>U15 v CSGS</u>	<u>Away</u>



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.





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.

Upcoming Events

Second half of the Summer Term commences – Monday 3 June

GCE and GCSE Exams commence continue

1st VI vs MCC at Bexley Cricket Club – Wednesday 12 June

Sports Day at Erith Athletics Track – Wednesday 19 June

Summer Soiree – Wednesday 26 June (this is a change to the originally advertised date)

Students on Site

A reminder that students are still 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

