



**Week ending Friday 5 July 2019**

**Duke of Edinburgh Training Day**

Well done to all the Group Two Year 10 boys who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh training day on Saturday. The team from Ben Bullen Adventures spent the morning teaching the boys about the importance of safety and identifying risks whilst on expeditions, as well as skills such as how to put up and dismantle a tent, how to use the cooking stoves, and what best to cook for lunch. The afternoon was spent route planning using maps and getting more information about recording skills and volunteering using DofE. This was an excellent day with many of the boys now ready and excited about our practice expedition in 2 weeks' time.



**Year 8 Camp**

Firstly, we would like to thank the incredible PA for the purchase of new bikes for Year 8 Camp. They look amazing!

Tomorrow, Group One head down to the New Forest to experience the legendary Year 8 Camp for themselves. Keep an eye out on our Twitter feed and other social media accounts for photos! We hope all students who are attending the first week have the best time.





**Year 9 MEP Trip to Nottingham University - Please find below some diary entries of students**

**One of My Favourite Days of Year 9 MEP Trip**

*I am one of the students in Year 9 MEP. This week, we have been at Nottingham University to see how university life would be if we studied Mandarin for a degree. My favourite day was when we got to meet Arnold Ma, the CEO of Qumin, a company that helps firms advertise in China. Some of his customers include Manchester United (the best team in the world), Sony and Haagen-Dazs. It was really interesting to see his views on marketing and he gave us useful tips on how to conduct a successful advertisement campaign. I enjoyed it*



*because it made me want to learn more about the industry and helped me to understand advertising more. We are doing a tourism project in which we have to create a presentation for our local area to Chinese tourists. I'm excited to see what happens because my group has been working very hard!*

*On one of the days we also learnt many helpful Chinese phrases to aid our project. We had a taste of Classical Chinese poetry from the Tang Dynasty, and we learned about China's dynasties. I found these lessons very informative and interesting because they expanded my knowledge of Chinese culture. For example, I never knew that China was the first country to have their own currency! We had a lecture from Mary Oboh, who is doing Chinese Studies at Oxford University. I was very impressed by the experiences she had and it inspired me to go to and learn more about China. I could see that learning Chinese can open many more doors career-wise than I thought. Overall, I think that this trip will really enrich our MEP experience, and I'm enjoying it a lot! I hope to have learnt as much as possible whilst in Nottingham.*

*Poli K*

**Day 3 of MEP trip to Nottingham University**

*In the evening we were greeted by a familiar face, it was Tolu A who was a former sixth form student at Beths. Sitting in our seats waiting for the lecture to begin, ready to gain some knowledge from someone who was in our shoes. The lecture felt relatable to our already progressing life, learning all the possibilities Mandarin has to offer. An example of an offer is combining Chinese language and economics to make industrial economics, which Tolu is studying now. As Tolu was explaining how he had a head start in university studying with 2nd years because he did A-Level Chinese at Beths, it made us feel we could achieve much higher thanks to the Mandarin Excellence Programmes 5-year course. His speech and views were valued and definitely inspired the audience. That wasn't only what Tolu had to offer, he makes his own music in his free time balancing work and music simultaneously. Tolu addressed the fact that it is important to go to learn a language because it makes yourself look impressive to apply for higher paying jobs and Mandarin was one of the best. Tolu said important choices that our students will grasp up until we go into university and absolutely made Nottingham*







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*University look like a place to study and advance our Chinese skills to make all of us successful. He also got received a bursary to go to study in China for one year.*

*Krishna M*



### **Art Show**

On Wednesday we held our really successful Art Exhibition which was attended by a large number of people throughout the evening.

Watch out in next week's Blog and on our social media platforms for a highly entertaining piece of footage of Mr Hayman announcing the 'best in show'. You can also click on this link to our website to see some of the amazing work for yourself:

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=3&gcatid=1&albumid=20>

### **Apprentice of the Year**

I was nominated for an award by my College Assessor and out of all the apprentices at North Kent College (Dartford Campus), there were 12 nominations for "Apprentice of the Year" and I was the one who received the title.

It was an impressive ceremony. The Colleges' sports hall was filled with round tables and balloons in a black, purple and white theme with a stage at the front which held trophies and gift bags for all the winners. I attended with my Nan and my sister who were very proud of me after I received the prize. My nomination was supported by Jackie Medlen who sent a glowing statement to my College Assessor. On the evening, Jackie was complimented on many occasions as to how her supporting statement was one of the best they had ever read. I am grateful for Jackie and the school for giving me the opportunity to work with them and all the experience I have gained throughout the course of my apprenticeship. I am also grateful for all the members of Staff I have met and the support they have given me. I looking forward to continuing working with the school in my current role as Finance Assistant, covering maternity leave and hope to receive a secure position if she wishes to return. If this is not possible I will always remember my time at Beths as giving me the confidence and skills to pursue my career.



*Mr McDonald, Apprentice of the Year*



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### **PA Raffle Tickets**

The Summer Draw tickets have now all been issued to students.

There are three great prizes on offer!

1st prize Beats wireless headphones

2nd prize £100 Amazon vouchers

3rd prize £50 Nando's vouchers

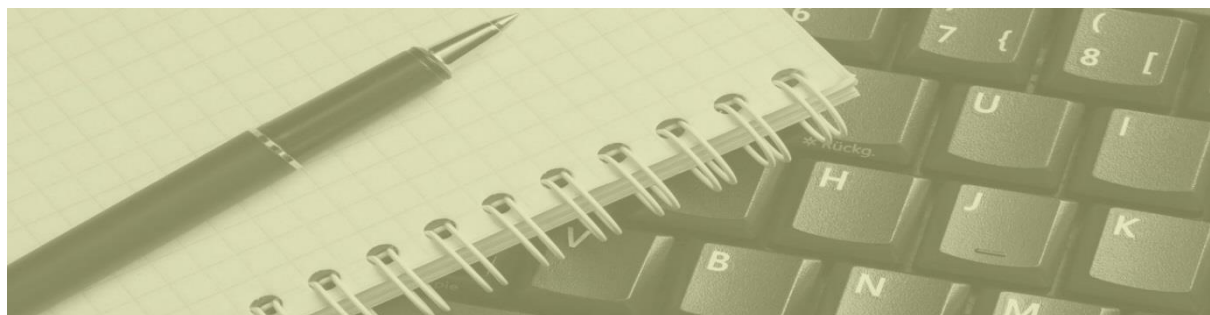


Please dig deep in school bags if you haven't seen the tickets yet and help us raise vital funds by purchasing what you can. The draw takes place on Friday 19th July.

### **Student Features**

Are you an avid writer or enjoying reporting or reviewing things? Have you read a good book or seen a great film lately? Let us know! We love receiving articles for the blog, especially from students. This is a great opportunity for any one with an interest in journalism.

Please email [msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk) and you could see your feature in the blog!



### **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](mailto:headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk) rather than the generic admin email address.

### **Up and Coming Events**

*Week Two of Year 10 Work Experience – 8<sup>th</sup> July*

*University enrichment week for Year 8 Camp, Group Two – 8<sup>th</sup> July*

*Year 5 Open Events – 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July*

*Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Celebration of Academic Achievement – 9<sup>th</sup> July*

*Camp Group Two departs Beths – 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10am*

*Camp Group One approx arrival at 4.30pm – 12<sup>th</sup> July*

*University Enrichment week for Cmp Group One – 15<sup>th</sup> July*

*Year 10 Stock Market Challenge – 18<sup>th</sup> July*

*Camp Group Two returns to Beths, approx 15.00 – 18<sup>th</sup> July*



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*Last day of Summer Term, school closes for students at 12.50pm – 19<sup>th</sup> July*

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### **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.



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