

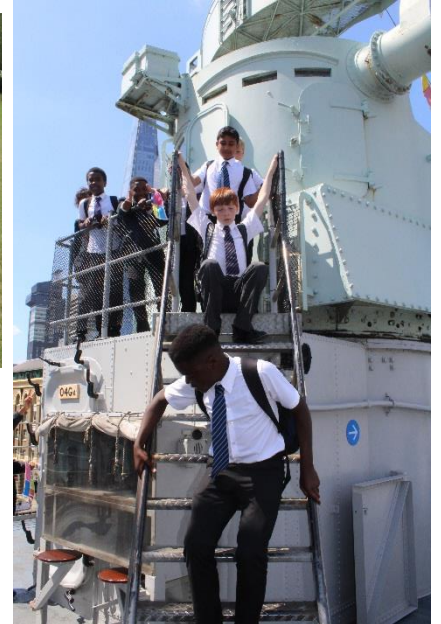


Beths Grammar School

Week Ending Friday 19 July 2019

Year 7 Activities

Year 7 students took part in a number of events throughout the week. On Monday was their 'Charity Day' and they raised nearly £200 by selling cakes to other students and staff. During the afternoon, they competed, within their houses, in a number of sporting events.



During the remainder of the week, students took part in trips to HMS Belfast, The British Library and Le Touquet.





Year 8 Camp

The infamous Year 8 Camp continued this week with the second group heading off to the New Forest last Friday and returning yesterday. The photos seemed to suggest that they all had a brilliant time working together and learning all about team work. Below is a photo of a student whose parents are going to have their job cut out trying to return this t-shirt to its rightful colour and a group of students making good use of the new bikes – supplied by the Parents Association.



Ben – Year 7 – Natska Go Kart Racing

On the weekend of 29 and 30 July, Ben took in the Natska Go Kart Finals in Cumbria and, after a fantastic weekend, he came away with the Novice of the Weekend Trophy!

Well done Ben on an amazing achievement.





The Closing Ceremony - Year 8 MEP China Trip 2019

The 16th July was the Year 8 MEP China Trip Closing Ceremony in Xi'an. We did four excellent performances which were all in Mandarin or Chinese culture.

Although for the first week we couldn't rehearse because we had to embrace the classes that were put on for us, but Beths still began to plan ideas; for example Nathan, Jesse and Thabi learnt the Kung Fu Fan, which I must say was Epic! In China, we also learned "san zi Jing" - an ancient Chinese poem. We were also quickly picking up the lyrics to a Scottish friendship song, translated into Chinese. I was then asked to represent my school to do a speech in Mandarin in closing ceremony. I felt very nervous because this would be my first time, but I was relieved when my teacher was able to help my speech so that it was good enough to do at the closing ceremony.

After practicing and rehearsing, we did not need to rely on lyrics and our performances were the best. It was good to see all the evenings did not come to waste. I saw that in the Kung Fu Fan as well. It was then time for my speech. After all the schools hard work I didn't want to be the failure, so I went out there and did my best. I think I showed signs of nervousness, but I sounded confident. All the teachers and students both said I did well. That concluded the end of the closing ceremony. I thought I did well, and I am glad that I reached the standards of Beths Grammar School. - Kevin O 8W





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PA Raffle Winners

We are delighted to announce the following winners of the Summer Raffle:

1st Prize – Beats Headphones – Eric Ho

2nd Prize – Amazon Voucher – Claire Scott

3rd Prize – Nando's Voucher – Marion Smith

Congratulations to all the winners and a huge thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets!



Please continue to support the Parents Association who are a huge help in providing additional items for the curriculum which are not normally covered by the normal school budgets. Thank you.

Year 7 Song Competition

During the last day of, our MFL Department have held a song competition for Year 7. Mr Hayman was our very own Simon Cowell and, any parents who have met him, will understand that this was quite an unusual choice!

Wellbeing at Beths

A huge thank you to all parents, staff and students who completed the Wellbeing evaluation surveys earlier this term, and to those who took part in our recent focus groups. We have received a lot of very useful feedback, enabling us to look at our strengths and areas for improvement regarding how we tackle emotional wellbeing and mental health here at Beths.

We are working hard to implement a range of interventions from the beginning of the next academic year, so watch this space for a wealth of information related to the wellbeing of everyone across the whole school community.

Thank you for your contributions.

The Wellbeing Team

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.



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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 and you could see your feature in the blog!

Up and Coming Events

Thursday 15 August – 8.00am – A Level results collection

Thursday 22 August – 9.00am – GCSE results collection

Monday 2 September – Staff Only Day – no students to attend

Tuesday 3 September – First Day of Autumn Term for students in Years 7 and 12

Wednesday 4 September – First Day of Autumn Term for all other students

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.



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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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