



# Beths Grammar School

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## Week Ending Friday 13 September 2019

### Congratulations to Kyan in Year 8

We are delighted to share with you that Kyan G in Year 8 travelled to Glasgow last weekend to compete in the Scottish Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

Kyan is a member of the Great Britain Taekwondo Poomsae squad and regularly competes in national and international competitions.

Kyan received a Silver medal in the team event.



### School Production



This year's school production is The Wizard of Oz!

The audition workshop will be taking place on Monday 23 September so all those students wanting to be involved need to sign up in P3. Auditions will be held on Monday 30 September and Thursday 3 October. Please encourage your sons and daughters to sign up and get involved. It is hoped that the cast will be announced by Monday 7 October.

If you have anything at home that you think we could use for costumes, the set or props, we would be delighted to receive them. We are particularly looking for green clothing donations and plain, colourful umbrellas for Munchkin Land.

### Presentation Evening

Last night saw us celebrating our Upper School presentation evening. We were delighted to welcome our special guest, Neal Lawson, ex Beths boy and political commentator, who spoke about his time at the school and his exciting career since. It was also an opportunity to welcome many of our ex-Year 13 students back to the school to hear about all their university and career plans. As part of our efforts to celebrate our ever increasing achievement rates at Beths, new awards were introduced this year including Year 10 awards for those who achieved all grade 9s at early entry, new Year 11 awards for students achieving straight 8 and 9 grades and new awards were also given to those achieving exceptional progress.

Congratulations to everyone who received a prize!



## Music Trip to Don Giovanni

A group of Year 9 students are taking part in a trip to Don Giovanni today. A review of how the students got on and what they thought of the performance will be in next week's Blog.



## Christmas Fair December 2019



A reminder that this year we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our first ever Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December. Further details about the event will be announced in the coming months. If you/family members sell artisan products/bake cakes etc, please let us know if you would like a table at the event. Please contact Ms George on [msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk).

## 11+ Testing

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we hosted the Bexley 11+ selection test for 1000 pupils – the majority of whom were from out of borough. The days ran really smoothly, especially considering that all our students were in school on both days this year. Fingers-crossed for everyone who sat the test that you'll achieve everything that you deserve.

## Message from the Parents Association

There is a really easy way for you to raise funds for your school. Each time you go online to shop, do it via Easyfundraising by going to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or using the Easyfundraising App. After setting up your account you can nominate a charity of your choice: we are "Beths Grammar School Parents' Association - Bexley".

Check if the retailer you are shopping with is signed up to the scheme by searching for their name, and if they are, your shopping will trigger a donation straight to our school charity. That's it - simple! You will receive a donation confirmation a few days after making your purchase.

**Note that for Amazon** shopping we are in the process of setting up our "AmazonSmile" account. Once it is live we will let you know and you will be able to raise even more funds every time you shop on Amazon. We expect this to be live before the end of half term and so will keep you updated.

In the meantime, the first meeting of the Parents' Association for the new school year is on Tuesday 17 September at 7.30pm in room P3 and we would love to see you there.





## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, he/she not only has the opportunity to enjoy a free healthy meal each day but, (for students in Years 7 – 11) the school will also receive additional funding to support his academic progress. If you think you may be entitled please click on the following link for more information: <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals>.

## **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.

## **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 [msgorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msgorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk) and you could see your feature in the blog!

## **Results**

FOOTBALL				
12.09.2019	ESFA Elite	U16A v St Bonaventure's School	Away	Postponed to 19.09.2019
	N Kent	U14A v Harris, Falconwood	Home	Won 5-1
RUGBY				
12.09.2019	Kent Shield	U15A v Bennett Memorial School	Home	Lost 62-10





## Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
17.09.2019	N Kent	U13A v Hurstmere	Home
18.09.2019	N Kent	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Bexley GS	Away
	N Kent	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Blackfen	Home
19.09.2019	ESFA Elite	U16A v St Bonaventure's School	Away
	N Kent	U13A v Bexley GS	Home
	N Kent	U12B v Bexley GS	Home
RUGBY			
17.09.2019	Friendly	U14 v Hurstmere	Away
18.09.2019	Natwest Vase	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Dartford GS	Home
19.09.2019	Friendly	U13A v Hurstmere	Home
21.09.2019	Friendly	U12A v Simon Langton	Away
	Friendly	U12B v Simon Langton	Away
	Friendly	U13A v Simon Langton	Home
	Friendly	U14A v Simon Langton	Home
BASKETBALL			
17.09.2019	Kent	U13 v Canterbury	Away



## **Up and Coming Events**

19 September	Welcome to the Sixth Form for parents of Year 12 students
26 September	Welcome to Beths for parents of Year 7 students
30 September	Language and Culture Week
9 October	9.15-11.15am Open Morning for Year 7 entry September 2020
12 October	9.15-11.15am Saturday Open Morning for Year 7 entry September 2020
15 October	9.15-11.15am Open Morning for Year 7 entry September 2020
18 October	End of first half of Autumn Term

## **Students on Site**

We know that students love to spend as much time as they possibly can here at Beths Grammar. However, please can we remind parents and carers that the school actually opens to students at 8.00am in the morning and, unless there are any pre-arranged activities, students should have left the site by 5.00pm. The reason for this is that, even though there may be staff on site, they are there to either prepare the school for the start of the day, or remain on site to deal with evening lettings.

When students are on site before or after they should be, we are unable to ensure their safety especially as our qualified first aiders are in school between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm only. 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.

## **Thinking of our neighbours and our local community**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents, students and staff to continue to be respectful of our neighbours and not to 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 are also aware that some parents drop students in the morning actually on the roundabout at the top of Bourne Road – close to Dartfordians. This is 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.

Finally, we continue to remind students to take care when queuing for buses after the school day and would ask if you could also remind your son or daughter, that would be very helpful.

