



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 24 November 2017

#### **Sixth Form Internal Open Evening**

On Tuesday 21 November, we held our open event for our current Year 11 students. Our Open Events for sixth form entry have become so popular that we thought it might be good to tailor an evening especially for those already studying here at Beths.

The majority of our students attended the evening and feedback was good, although we do have plans to make it even more successful next year.

#### **Year 10 Parents Evening Bookings**

Our parents and carers of Year 10 students are currently experiencing our new on-line booking system to enable them to make their own appointments for the Year 10 Parents Evening.

This is a trial and we have been taking notes of where and how the system can be improved for future parent evenings.

Feedback from those who have used the system so far has been very favourable with comments such as:

“I would like to commend the school for easing the booking process for parents by going digital”

“That (the new system) works well for us, thank you very much”

#### **Music within the school**

Mr Penfold has been working hard within the school to promote all things music amongst the students.

Pictured are a large group of students who took part in recording a version of Take That's track 'Today this could be the best day of your life' which was sung by the choir during our recent Year 6 Open Events.

If your son or daughter is keen to get involved with music within the school, please ask them to contact Mr Penfold in the Music Department.



#### **Welcome to the new Parent Governor**

The Governors are pleased to welcome Mr Olu Obafaiye to the board of Governors with immediate effect as a Parent Governor.

Mr Obafaiye has a son, Emmanuel, in Year 8. He is currently volunteering as the Vice Treasurer of Beths Parents' Association. He nominated himself because he felt it is a wonderful way to support the community and an opportunity to make a real and positive difference to the life of children and the school's success by giving up his time, skills and experience for a worthy cause. To improve his knowledge of the education sector, to develop his other skills, it is an opportunity to know his son's school, and also an opportunity for new challenges.

### **Beths Parents Association**

#### **Meetings: Second Monday every month at 7.30pm**

It's been quite an active time for the PA; we've held a comedy night, a quiz night and agreed to a couple of school requests.

#### **Christmas is coming!!!!**

Collect FREE donations for Beths Grammar School when you register with Easyfundraising. This is an easy way to start raising funds to help support projects in your child's school. It's a great time of year to utilize this. If you sign up to [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk) every time you do an online shop through the website, you are raising funds. Over three thousand online shops will donate to Beths without any cost to you.

It's easy to start up, but for more information and to join up please visit [easyfundraising.org.uk/bethspa](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/bethspa)

#### **School Requests**

The first school request we agreed was a new Year 8 Football kit as currently there isn't enough to go around for everyone! This will benefit current Year 8 and many subsequent Year 8 teams! This month we had a request from music for a Mini Mac and accompanying industry standard software to help the students with their studies. We can see this being utilized by many, many students in different year groups so we unanimously agreed to fund this request.

#### **Monthly Draw Winners**

And the October and November winners are:

##### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£20.00) Matthew De Large

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£10.00) Joanna Ehidiemhen

##### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£20.00) Gillian Bates

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£10.00) Trudy Nichols

#### **Raffle Tickets**

It's that time of year again to dig deep into your young persons' school bag to grab your Christmas Raffle tickets. Again, we have some great prizes – so have a go – it could be you!

If you want more information contact us at: [Beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:Beths.parents.association@gmail.com)