



Beths Grammar School

Excellence – Community – Respect – Nurture

Week Ending Friday 20 September 2019

Sometimes it feels good to come to school! This is the scene that greeted us this morning.



Royal Opera House visit

Last Friday, Year 9 students enjoyed a visit to the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. They were treated to an excellent performance of Don Giovanni and everyone agreed it was quite a spectacle.





School Production



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

The audition workshop will be taking place this 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.

Language and Culture Week

Our Annual Language & Culture Week takes place week commencing 30 September and is always a highlight of the school calendar.

As well as sampling foods throughout the week from various cultures and learning about different languages, we also have our 'Dress-Up Day' on Wednesday October. This is an opportunity for students and staff to dress up in one of the following ways:

- In traditional clothing from your/your family's country
- In traditional clothing from a friend's country
- In traditional clothing from a country you love/admire
- As a historic figure/monument from a country
- In the colours of the flag.

If you are still stuck for inspiration, speak to a member of the MFL team who would be very happy to help.

For all those taking part in 'Dress-Up Day' we ask for a donation of £1.00 donation which will be passed on to WaterAid.



Family Quiz Night

The PA are organising a family quiz night on Saturday 23 November. Save the date in your diaries and more details will be announced shortly!



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 msgorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk.

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 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 and you could see your feature in the blog!

Results

FOOTBALL				
17.09.2019	N Kent	U13A v Hurstmere	Home	Draw 2-2
18.09.2019	N Kent League	1 st XI v Bexley GS	Away	Won 4-2
	N Kent League	2 nd XI v Blackfen	Home	Won 3-2





19.09.2019	ESFA Elite	U16A v St Bonaventure's School	Away	Postponed to 23.09.2019
	N Kent	U13A v Bexley GS	Home	Won 8-2
	N Kent	U12B v Bexley GS	Home	Won 6-0
20.09.2019	Kent French Cup	U16 v Simon Langton	Home	TBA
RUGBY				
17.09.2019	Friendly	U14 v Hurstmere	Away	Won 29-15
18.09.2019	Natwest Vase	1 st XV v Dartford GS	Home	Lost 5-21
19.09.2019	Friendly	U13A v Hurstmere	Home	Postponed
BASKETBALL				
17.09.2019	Kent	U13 v Canterbury	Away	Lost 31-56

Fixtures

FOOTBALL				
23.09.2019	ESFA Elite	U16 v St Bonaventures	TBC	
24.09.2019	Kent Messenger Shield	U13 v Thomas Tallis	Home	
	Kent U13B Cup	U13B v Farringtons	Home	
25.09.2019	N Kent	1 st XI v Christ the King	Home	
	N Kent	2 nd XI v Charles Darwin	Away	
26.09.2019	Kent Kengate-Beasley	U12B v Hayes School	Home	
	Kent Denis O'Donovan Trophy	U12A v Harris Academy	Away	
RUGBY				





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
	Friendly	U15 v Simon Langton	Cancelled
25.09.2019	Friendly	1st XV v Gravesend Grammar	Away
26.09.2019	U15 Vase	U15 v Davenant Foundation School	Away

Up and Coming Events

26 September	Welcome to Beths for parents of Year 7 students
30 September	Language and Culture Week
2 October	Dress Up Day
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.





Beths Grammar School

Excellence – Community – Respect – Nurture



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.