



# Beths Grammar School

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## Week Ending Friday 27 September 2019

We were sent this great article from one of our Year 7 students – we hope to receive a lot more so the students themselves can update you on their experiences!

### *My first month at Beths Grammar School*

*I am Louis D, a Year 7 student of Wickham at Beths. I have now been at Beths for nearly a month and the time has flown!*

*So far, my favourite lesson has been Maths with Mr Olu which I have three times a week. I enjoy all of my lessons at Beths, but I do especially like Games and PE, as I am a very sporty person. The food is great: my favourite place to go is the Food Pod at the Covered Quad, where they do amazing tomato pasta!*

*In MFL, I am learning Spanish with Ms Wigley. Learning another language is very fascinating. I learnt French at primary, so it is a new experience for me. The language and culture dress-up day is coming up soon, which I am quite looking forward to. I am not sure what my outfit is going to be yet, but I have some ideas...*

*I know my way around the school now, so I can easily get to lessons quickly. We do so much learning every day at Beths, so you have to keep up with homework, and I have been actually. The Show my Homework app makes life so much easier when checking what homework needs to be done and for when. I downloaded it on my phone as well as my computer, so if I am not home, I can still see what I need to do for school.*

*Science is an extremely interesting subject that we have three lessons a week, two with Mr Turnbull and one with Mr Clarke. It is great to learn about our environment, space and experiment with different pieces of equipment.*

*The weekly Year 7 assemblies in P3 from Ms Amin, our Head of Year, are very informative. So far, they have all been based on how to be a good Beths pupil and show resilience and perseverance and more.*

*I have joined some clubs already from the wide range of options: football, basketball and table tennis, but I plan to join a few more!*

*I am also excited for the forthcoming Japanese abacus lesson that I have been invited to, which will be different to normal lessons but still fun and giving new knowledge to us as pupils.*

*I can't wait to learn so much more at Beths Grammar School and progress in all areas.*



## Year 12 Gangs Presentation

On Wednesday, we welcomed back PC Andy Hopton from the Metropolitan Police for his annual talk to students. This is an important part of our PSHCE programme and students were warned in advance that the talk would be hard hitting and that they would be free to step out at any point. We hope they found the presentation informative and enable them to avoid situations that may put them at risk.



## School Production



As we mentioned in last week's blog, this year's school production is The Wizard of Oz!

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 – it's so exciting. After last year's fantastic performances of Oliver! We can't wait to see what this year's cast and crew do!

Keep an eye out on our social media pages for any teaser moments....

We've relocated and reorganised the stage lights so that they are more versatile and better utilised for upcoming events like The Wizard of Oz, which is only 6 months away!

On Monday we installed two lighting rigs in the front stage area to give us different scene lighting. These rigs are incredibly heavy and lifting them to a height of four meters above the stage was a challenge, but a worthwhile improvement for the future.





## **Royal London Opera by Rehim E, 9B**

*The opera was truly a great experience. The singing was on point, the audience was respectful and the plot of the opera made sense and was easy for everyone to follow. The trip to London on the train was enjoyable but on the way back, everyone was really tired. My favourite part was when the woman who just got married, left her husband for Don Giovanni, the husband was denied and betrayed. But, everything turned out for the better in the end.*

## **Language and Culture Week**

Don't forget Language and Culture week begins on Monday!

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 2 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.

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

## **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](mailto:msgorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk).

**Beths Parents' Association AGM is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in the Main Hall and we'd love to see as many of you as possible.

## **Raise funds for our school via your Amazon shopping!**

Amazon purchases now raise up to a 0.50% donation for our school every time you shop - just make sure that you choose "Beths Parents Association" as your cause to support when you log in to your Amazon account.





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### Family Quiz Night

Details of the family quiz night have finally been released...

## Beths Parents Association Quiz night



*“Mirror,  
Mirror  
on the  
wall,*



*who is  
the  
smartest  
of them  
all?”*

**Come see for yourself at 7.30pm on 23rd November 2019.  
Remember to bring your friends to form a team to  
combat against other teachers and parents in a series of  
fun questions while also raising money for the school!  
Bring some snacks and drinks along, to share with those  
clever friends.**

To book a table email:

[beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com)

**Facebook—Beths Grammar Parents Association**

Tickets are £5.00 and adult and children (U16) go for £2.50 each. Book now and pay on the evening. Maximum 8 people a team. (If you have a team of 4 and would like to join someone else let us know and we will help you team up with another group.)



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

## **Results**

FOOTBALL				
24.09.2019	Kent Messenger Shield	U13 v Thomas Tallis	Home	Lost 2-3
	Kent U13B Cup	U13B v Farringtons	Home	Won 5-3
	Friendly	U16 v St Columbas	Away	Lost 3-1
25.09.2019	N Kent	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Christ the King	Home	Won 6-1
	N Kent	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Charles Darwin	Away	Won 14-0
26.09.2019	Kent Kengate-Beasley	U12B v Hayes School	Home	Lost 3-1
	Kent Denis O'Donovan Trophy	U12A v Harris Academy	Away	Lost 2-0
27.09.2019	ESFA Elite	U16 v St Bonaventures	Away	
RUGBY				
21.09.2019	Friendly	U12A v Simon Langton	Away	Lost 10-45





	Friendly	U12B v Simon Langton	Away	Lost 10-40
	Friendly	U13A v Simon Langton	Home	Lost 0-50
	Friendly	U14A v Simon Langton	Home	Won 17-7
	Friendly	U15 v Simon Langton	Home	Cancelled
25.09.2019	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Gravesend Grammar	Away	Lost 17-7
26.09.2019	U15 Vase	U15 v Davenant Foundation School	Away	Conceded

## Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
30.09.2019	N Kent	U12B v Bexleyheath Academy	Home
01.10.2019	ESFA Schools Cup	U15 v Hampton School	Home
	ESFA Schools Cup	U13 v Oxted School	Away
02.10.2019	KSFA White Cup	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Maidstone	Home
	N Kent	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Christ the King	Home
RUGBY			
01.10.2019	Friendly	U12A v Hurstmere	Home
02.10.2019	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Robert Clack	Away
05.10.2019	Friendly	U15 v Maidstone	Home
	Friendly	U14 v Maidstone	Home
	Friendly	U13 v Maidstone	Away
	Friendly	U12A v Maidstone	Away
	Friendly	U12B v Maidstone	Away
BASKETBALL			
03.10.2019	Kent	U12 v Ravenswood	Away





## **Up and Coming Events**

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.

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.

