



Beths Grammar School

Excellence – Community – Respect – Nurture

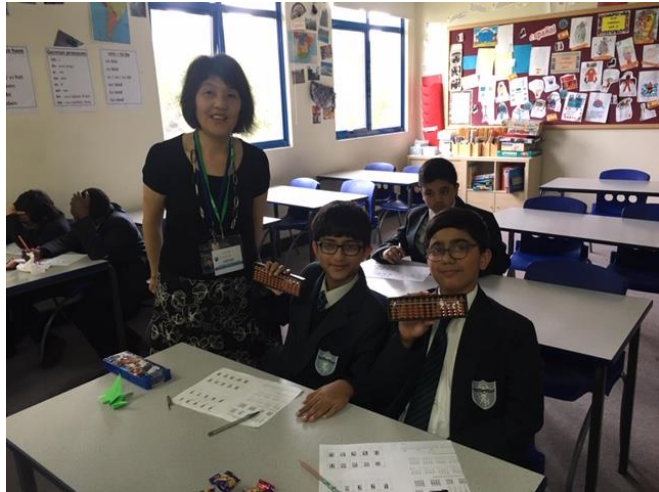
Week Ending Friday 4 October 2019

Language and Culture Week

On Monday at lunchtime, we had Chinese bubble tea and after school our top learners so far in Year 7 had a special Japanese origami and maths lesson.

On Tuesday there were both French cheese tasting and Nicolae in Year 12 gave a Romanian language lesson to students of all year groups.

Wednesday saw our dress up day and lots of students and staff looked fantastic! You can catch up with our social media pages for all the photos! Everyone who dressed up were asked to donate money in aid of WaterAid. Once we have totalled up donations, we shall let you know!



School Production

Auditions were held this week and it is hoped that the cast will be announced by Monday 7 October – it's so exciting. Keep an eye out!!





Year 11 Students receive Honours Ties

Following the excellent results of the GCSE early entry exams we were delighted to award “Honours Ties” to a number of student in Year 11. The Ties are awarded to students who have demonstrated a sustained and significant commitment to serving the school and/or wider community. It is recognition of exceptional academic scholarship, outstanding contribution to the life of the school and clear endorsement of the school values.

An Honours Tie is reserved for Senior School students and it will replace the student’s current House tie. The tie is navy and gold and is gifted to the student along with a certificate. Students who are eligible for an Honours Tie will be determined by the awards panel which will be made up of Deputy Headteacher and the Head of Year. They will consider carefully that:

- The achievement reflects the long term commitment to and success of the students’ academic studies and wider school activities.
- The achievement brings honour to the school.
- The student is abiding by the school rules and behaving in line with expectations.

At Beths, academic expectations are central to our purpose. We strive to ensure that talent is nurtured and learning is valued. Every day challenge is welcomed, participation is expected and achievement is prized and celebrated. We are committed to educating well-rounded individuals who embody our core values of Excellence, Community, Respect and Nurture. We are aware that a large number of our boys demonstrate not only exceptional behaviour in and outside of school but also exceptional attitude to their studies and the wider life of the school. We are also extremely proud of the natural leadership skills our boys develop as they move up through the school and subsequently become excellent role models and mentors for our younger students.



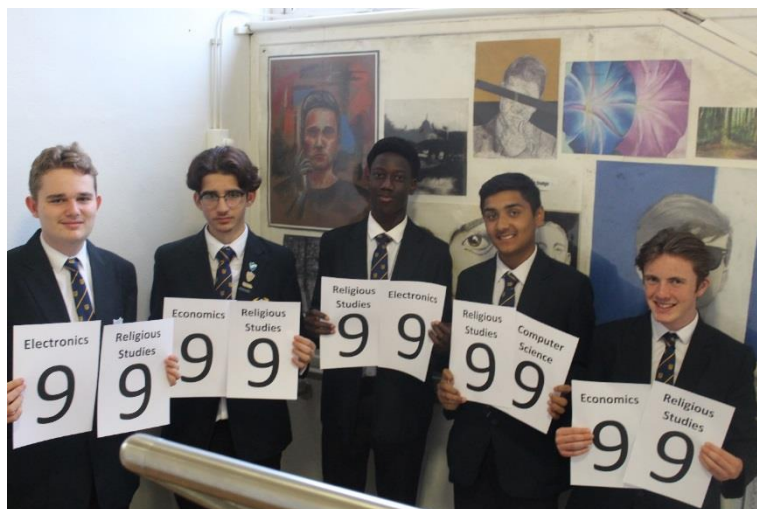
Mr R McBeth, Head of Year 11





Outstanding Performance at Early Entry GCSE (Year 11)

We are delighted to announce that five of our students in the current Year 11 achieved two straight “9” grades in their early entry GCSE subjects sat in June of this year. This is the highest grade a student is able to achieve at GCSE and is the equivalent to a top A* grade under the old grading system. Pictured from left to right are Matthew (9 in Religious Studies and a 9 in Electronics), Musa (9 in Religious Studies and a 9 in Economics), David (9 in Religious Studies and a 9 in Electronics), Jayen (9 in Religious Studies and a 9 in Computer Science) and Connor (9 in Religious Studies and a 9 in Economics).



This is an exceptional achievement and we are delighted with the excellent grades these boys have achieved. We are also extremely pleased with the large number of students achieving those top 7 to 9 grades. We look forward to seeing how these boys perform in their GCSEs at the end of Year 11.

Congratulations to them all.

Students Corner

My Duke of Edinburgh Experience - Harry, 11E

I started off at home as I was packing the last of my food before I left and then double checked that I had all the equipment I would require for my experience. I then set off saying the last of my goodbyes to my family and slung the massive bag over my shoulder and put it on my back, and did up all the straps in order to make it as comfortable as possible. With everything sorted, I slowly made my way to the train station where I hopped on and met my other friends also doing their Duke of Edinburgh. We arrived at the station 20 minutes early and were greeted by our teachers there and, to pass the time, one of the people in my group had brought an American football which we played with until everyone else had arrived. Once that time came, we were given our instructions, along with a compass and a map with the path we were supposed to follow. We then set off, full of energy, not knowing what the following days would hold.....

Read more of Harry's article on the website by following this link:
<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Duke+of+Edinburgh+Award&pid=145>





My visit to the Anne Frank Museum by Ewan, 7W

During my holiday in Holland, I visited the Anne Frank Museum (in Amsterdam).

Here is some information that I learned there.

Otto Frank - Anne's father - started fighting for Germany in World War One in 1914. He later on got his rank of lieutenant in 1917 and later earned his first class Iron Cross. This is an impressive German military award.

Otto met Edith (Anne's mother) in 1924 and married her in 1925. Margot (Anne's sister) was born in 1926 with Anne in 1929. When Anne was four years old in 1933 she migrated to Holland with her family due to the difficulties of being Jewish in Germany at that time.

After World War One, Germany was left very poor due to having to pay for the damages it caused. The Germans were suffering and Hitler's promises gave them hope; he was therefore elected chancellor democratically in 1933; he later became a dictator.

In Holland, Otto made a business called Opekta selling pectin and spices. After a little while, the children started schooling at Montessori Lyceum Amsterdam.

Germany invaded Holland in 1940; this made life very difficult for the Jewish people. Jews had to wear a yellow star to go outside - they had to pay for them, so if they couldn't afford enough for the whole family, not all of them could go outside together at once. They also were not allowed to use public transport, they could only go to specific shops as well as restaurants and they could only go out between the hours of 6AM and 8PM.

In 1942 Jews were starting to be taken away to labour camps and sadly Margot got called for one. At that instant, the Franks went to the secret annex in the building of Otto's company that he had prepared over a period of time. A week later the Van Pels joined them. The families knew each other as Hermann Van Pels worked for Otto's company. Four months later, the family was joined by another person named Fritz Pfeffer who was an acquaintance of the family. Over the whole time of being there Anne had grown 13 cm taller. They had hid for two years until they were betrayed by an unknown person.

When the Franks were discovered they were sent to concentration camps. Margot was sent to one with Anne; their parents were sent to different ones. Sadly, Otto was the only survivor as Margot and Anne died of Typhoid (a disease caused by bites from the many lice in their blankets) with Edith who died of starvation. When Otto got out of the camp he knew about his deceased wife but he wasn't sure about his children, so he made a small article in a newspaper to find them. Later on he found out that they were dead as well.

Luckily, Miep Gies, the last living person in the group who helped hide the Jewish families in the Annex from the Nazis had saved the diary that Anne had written in whilst she was hidden and gave it to Otto who published it so everyone can know about her life.

Did you know that it was Anne's dream to become a world famous writer? Now she is as you can still read her diary today! It has been translated in to 70 languages.

I enjoyed visiting this museum and learning about this part of history, although it was very sad.





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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/clothes/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.

If you also have anything that you feel would make a great raffle prize, please let us know.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

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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Beths Parents' Association AGM is on Tuesday 8th 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.

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 msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk and you could see your feature in the blog!

Results

FOOTBALL				
27.09.2019	ESFA Elite	U16 v St Bonaventures	Away	Won 4-0
30.09.2019	N Kent	U12B v Bexleyheath Academy	Home	Won 10-0
01.10.2019	ESFA Schools Cup	U15 v Hampton School	Home	Won 3-1
	ESFA Schools Cup	U13 v Oxted School	Away	Postponed
02.10.2019	KSFA White Cup	1 st XI v Maidstone	Home	Won – 6-1
	N Kent	2 nd XI v Christ the King	Home	Won 6-1





RUGBY				
01.10.2019	Friendly	U12A v Hurstmere	Home	Postponed
02.10.2019	Friendly	1 st XV v Robert Clack	Away	Draw 17-17
05.10.2019	Friendly	U15 v Maidstone	Home	Cancelled
	Friendly	U14 v Maidstone	Home	TBA
	Friendly	U13 v Maidstone	Away	Cancelled
	Friendly	U12A v Maidstone	Away	TBA
	Friendly	U12B v Maidstone	Away	TBA
BASKETBALL				
03.10.2019	Kent	U12 v Ravenswood	Away	TBA

Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
07.10.2019	ESFA Schools Cup Round One	U13 v Oxted School	Away
	Kent U13B Team Cup Round Two	U13B v Bexleyheath Academy	Away
08.10.2019	N Kent	U12 v Welling	Away
	Kent Invicta Trophy	U16 v Bishop Justus	Away
09.10.2019	N Kent	1 st XI v Hayes	Home
	N Kent	2 nd XI v Farringtons	Home
10.10.2019	Kent Portex Trophy (Round Two)	U15 v Ravenswood	Away





<u>RUGBY</u>			
07.10.2019	Friendly	U12A v WGSB	Home
	Friendly	U12B v WGSB	Home
09.10.2019	Natwest U18 Bowl	1 st XV v WGSB	Home
	Friendly	U13 v WGSB	Away
10.10.2019	Kent Trophy	U14 v Gravesend	Away
<u>BASKETBALL</u>			
10.10.2019	Kent BE	U12 v Hayes	Home

Up and Coming Events

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
14 October	School closed for both students and staff
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.

