



# Beths Grammar School

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Week Ending Friday 18 October 2019

## **Christmas Fair Saturday 7 December 2019**

If you, or you know anyone that would like to run their own stall at our upcoming Christmas Fair, please can you let Ms George know as soon as possible. As this is our inaugural year, we are not charging vendors for tables, so any profit made will be all yours.

We are hoping to promote lots of local businesses and create an event that ensures many different members of the community have a wonderful day.

Please email [msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk) for further information regarding stalls, or visit our event page on Facebook to let us know you will be coming!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2483009568693342/>



## **Open Events**

We had another successful event on Saturday morning. Once again, a huge thank you to all the staff and students that helped with the set up, the running of the day and for making all our visitors feel welcome. We think they were all very impressed.

Our final Year 7 Open Event is being held on Tuesday 29 October, 9.15am-11.15am. We hope that all staff and students will, once again, be able to show our visitors the school in all its glory.

Responses from our Survey Monkey have been amazing and we have also received a number of personalised letters from visitors, thanking individual students for their efforts on the day.

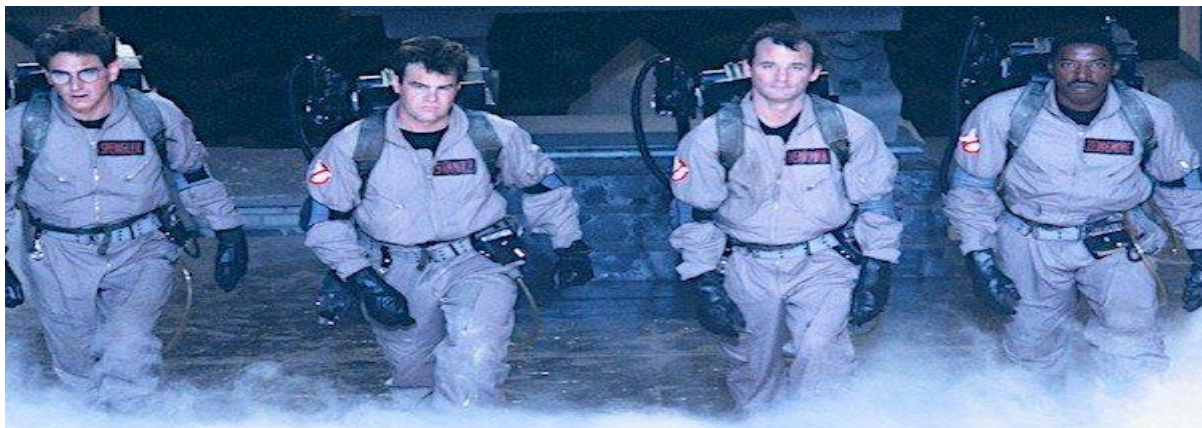
## **Coach from Orpington and Surrounding Areas**

We are pleased to advise that we have now secured a contract for a coach to transfer students to and from Orpington and the surrounding areas. We are currently discussing the route that will run, so please keep an eye on our website for further details.



## **KS3 Movie Night**

The Year 13 Prom Committee have arranged for a movie night on Wednesday 30 October, for our KS3 students. This will be held from 4.00pm until 6.30pm, costing only £3.00 per student. A member of the Prom Committee will be going into KS3 registrations on Tuesday 29 October to sell tickets. This is a new event and hopefully one that everyone will enjoy!



## **Community Afternoon Tea by Ms Price**

Last Monday, Beths hosted its first community afternoon tea of this academic year. We were delighted to have 75 members of the local community with us!

Guests were treated to a lovely afternoon tea, comprising soup, sandwiches, quiche and a medley of desserts as well as lots of cups of tea and coffee! We kicked the event off with a talk by Haaris in Year 11 about poetry: It was National Poetry Day the week before and our guests had been asked to learn by heart the poem by A.A. Milne, 'Buckingham Palace' to recite with us on the day. As Haaris explained, reciting poetry gets the mind working and has been reported to help with such conditions as dementia. Our guests had done their homework and did an excellent job of saying it by heart.



Thabi and Setso in Year 8 then showed us a different form of poetry - rap, which they performed in Chinese - everyone was very impressed! After, their classmate, Thanish, spoke to us all about the MEP China trip that took place in the summer term and he introduced three performances by fellow Year 8 students of Chinese songs.





A lot of fun was had by all and we can't wait for the next one. As always, we look forward to seeing old and new faces! Please watch this space for the date, which is 'to be confirmed'.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the setting up, catering and running of the event. We couldn't do it without you!



## **School Production**

The cast list is now up on our website! We hope you all got the part you wanted. This should be a great production! Please click on the following link to be directed to the Performing Arts page of our website: <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Performing+Arts&pid=55>.

## **Students Corner**

### **My visit to NewScientist Live by Fahim B, 8h**

Last weekend, I visited an exhibition organised by NewScientist in ExCel London which had a range of scientific exhibits such as the environment, space, mathematics, chemistry and physics. There was so much to do as you are surrounded by like-minded people, who are also interested in that field of science. The entire exhibition was full of different exhibits, each pertaining to certain fields. The main exhibits included the RAF engineering exhibit on fighter planes, King's College's medical complex as well as the European Space Agency. I watched a talk by Jon Worner on landing a space probe on a comet in two different missions. Also, there was a virtual reality section where I was in operation theatre and operated inside an eye!

I asked numerous questions to the many experts I saw while I was there. There was even a model of the moon in the space complex. In the mathematics section, I solved a puzzle cube which was extremely complicated. I also saw cartographers making high quality maps which were magnetic. The best part of the exhibition was the King's College medical complex, where I got to see the future of medicine and healthcare such as virtual hearts which could model blood flow and predict heart attacks as well as 3D printed hearts. I also was able to see what brain surgery would be like with the use of computers and cameras for brain tumour extraction.

Finally, I went to the climate change section where I looked at flood control and river patterns. I believe this exhibition has shown me everything about science from Euler's formula to the Hela space probe which is to land on a comet in the year 2022. I will definitely be going again next year. If you are interested in science and technology, I highly recommend visiting next year.





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### Cricket Young Leaders – Ms J Deane

Firstly congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cricket Young Leaders incentive this year. The feedback we have received regarding their participation and conduct has been incredibly complimentary and positive.

The boys attended Lords Cricket Ground last weekend, where the formal presentation took place.



## 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](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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## **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](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**

<b><u>FOOTBALL</u></b>				
15.10.2019	Wilf Armory Trophy (Round Two)	U14 v Thomas Tallis	Home	Lost 4-3
	ESFA U13 Schools Cup (Round Two)	U13 v St Paul's Academy	Home	Won 3-0
16.10.2019	N Kent League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Ravensbourne	Away	Draw 2-2
	N Kent Division Two League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hayes	Home	Won 2-1
18.10.2019	ESFA U15 Schools Cup (Round Two)	U15 v The Winston Churchill School	Home	TBA





## Fixtures

<b><u>FOOTBALL</u></b>			
28.10.2019	N Kent	U12 v St Columbas	Home
30.10.2019	N Kent League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Langley Park	Away
<b><u>RUGBY</u></b>			
30.10.2019	For Jimmy	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Langley Park	Away
<b><u>BASKETBALL</u></b>			
28.10.2019	Kent BB	U13 v Howard School	Home

## Up and Coming Events

18 October	End of first half of Autumn Term
28 October	First day of Term
29 October	Open Morning for Year 7 Entry
31 October	For Jimmy assembly for Year 13 Students
4 November	Year 11 Trial Exams start
7 November	UK Senior Maths Challenge

## 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.

