



Beths Grammar School

Excellence – Community – Respect – Nurture

Week Ending Friday 1 November 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 contact Ms George by **Friday 15 November**. As this is our inaugural Fair, 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. We have had various stall holders get in touch already and this is looking like it will be a fantastic event!

Beau Brides in Bexley Village have donated a prom dress and Cheeks of Bexley have donated a white shirt and bow tie, perfect for the upcoming Year 13 prom! These will be raffled in advance of the event as well as during the Fair itself.

Nando's in Bexleyheath have donated a meal for two and the NISA Local in Bexley have donated a hamper!

Please email Mrs George at msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk for further information regarding stalls, or visit our events page on Facebook to let us know you will be coming!

**Beths Grammar School
Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th of December
10am-2pm**

- Variety of stalls · Raffle
- Food & Drinks available
- Plus more!

If you would like to host a stall or further information, please email
msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk

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



Open Events

Our final open event took place this Tuesday. All students and staff were, yet again, fantastic and we received some wonderful feedback from our visitors:

'Our guide, Dominic G was polite, articulate and engaging throughout. He's a very good ambassador of the school. My son sees himself doing something similar if given the opportunity to join your school'

'Thank you to Finn. We had a good look at the school and he helped my son to see things he was interested in. We saw the pupils matureness through their manner. Thank you to all the people organising this.'

'Our guide was excellent, all the young men we talked to were confident, friendly and articulate. Your boys really are your best asset.'

'All boys were polite and engaging. Our guide Louis was well informed, helpful and spoke with our son, answering his questions thoroughly.'

The World School Games, Spain

On Thursday morning our teams headed off to Spain for the World School Games. This tournament attracts many schools from all over the world.

We have currently (as of this morning) won all three of our matches, which is a great achievement! Two of our students have also been awarded 'star player' which is amazing, Jack B in our match against Renfrew HS and Max K who played against Hermitage Academy Congratulations!

Keep an eye out on Twitter for further updates on our up and coming matches.



KS3 Halloween Event

The Year 13 Prom Committee arranged its first fundraising event on Wednesday 30 October. They invited all KS3 students to join them after school to enjoy games, raffles and a movie, Ghostbusters. It was a successful event and they are now looking towards their next one which is planned to be around Christmas! Keep an eye out on the blog for further information.





Primary School Outreach

This school year, we have been looking to send Year 12 and Year 10 students out to local primary schools to assist with their lessons and clubs. I am delighted to advise that we currently have a number of students who have visited St Josephs, Old Bexley, Bedonwell and Lessness Heath, to name a few.

Our Head of Music, Ms Marriott took some students to Hurst Primary School recently to do an assembly and we had some wonderful feedback from their Music Coordinator:

'Thank you so much to you and your amazing team for entertaining and educating both KS1 and KS2 in assemblies on Wednesday before half term. Both teachers and children came to me to say how much they enjoyed the performances!'

'I am so pleased that we have built up such a good relationship with the music department at Beths and hope it may continue.'

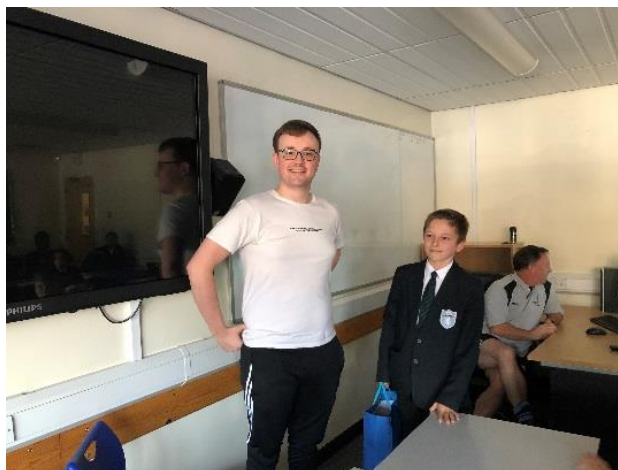
We hope to continue the progress of our relationships with our local primary schools.



On Wednesday 30 October, our 1st XV rugby team travelled to Sidcup RFC to play against Langley Park in the first Jimmy Cup competition. Unfortunately, we lost 33-0, but our boys still had a great time! This coincided perfectly with Barry Mizen (Jimmy's Father) coming into school the following morning to do an extended assembly for our Year 13 students. It was a powerful talk and one that we will look to organise for our KS3 & KS4 students in the future. If you are unfamiliar with Jimmy Mizen's story, please find below a link to his website: <http://forjimmy.org/our-journey/>

Wellbeing Award

Beths are currently working towards a Wellbeing Award for Schools and part of this involves providing more information to students regarding Mental Health. Sadly, one in ten young people will experience mental health problems by the age of 16 so it is crucial we encourage them to be aware of how they are feeling. To mark World Mental Health Day, we invited an ex-student, Mitchell, to come into Beths to talk about his own mental health experiences to all Year 8 PSCE classes.





Mitchell spoke about his own low mood and anxiety, which started when he was in Year 8. He described how he felt and how it affected him. The striking thing about Mitchell's story is that he did not recognise that he was suffering from mental health issues at the time but as soon as he sought help they improved. The Year 8 classes engaged well with Mitchell's story and asked some great questions in order to understand more about these issues. We would like to thank Mitchell for giving up his time to come and bravely share his important story.

Here are what some of our Year 8 students said about Mitchell's talk:

"Mitchell's speech was very important and it taught me how important mental health is. Furthermore, the speech encouraged me to speak more about problems. Good luck for the future". Ismael 8C

"Throughout this half term a former student, Mitchell, took time out to give a mental health talk to help support and encourage the other people who may have been suffering and reassure them. Mitchell suffered from severe depression in his secondary years of school. He was signed up for therapy and slowly recovered. We thank Mitchell for his time and efforts and he may have affected some of our lives. Reuben 8W

"Mitchell's speech was very inspirational and although it was hard for him to speak to my year 8 class, it benefited all of us. It helps you understand how being depressed affects you and the people around you. It really does help to tell a trusted adult if you feel a change in your personality or your general mood". Mayokun 8C

"It was nice to know that people are also going through the same as others and they aren't alone". Jonathan 8C

"Thank you for coming to talk to us about our mental health. It was really inspirational and helped a lot". Henry 8C

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>.

The Best of the Beths

The October 2019 issue of the 'Best of the Beths' has now been issued. A reminder that this is a newsletter which is put together purely by the students and is available to read on our website – a link to which is available here:

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Best+of+the+Beths&pid=231>





Students Corner

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the **Wear Something Red Day** for CRY on the 17th October.

A total of £240 was raised which will help CRY continue their fantastic work supporting young people and their families affected by undiagnosed heart conditions by raising awareness, providing screening and carrying out research.

Thank you again.

Jack B 10C

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!



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The quiz night is fast approaching – have you booked your table yet?

Email: Beths.parents.association@gmail.com

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.





YEARS 7 & 8
TOWNLEY DISCO

 **Townley Hall**
Friday 15 November 2019
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Tickets £ 6.50 in advance online
or £ 7.50 on the door
<https://www.townleypta.co.uk/student-events>



**Crisps,
drinks and sweets
ON SALE!**

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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.





Results

FOOTBALL				
28.10.2019	N Kent	U12 v St Columbas	Home	Drew 1-1
30.10.2019	N Kent League	2 nd XI v Langley Park	Away	Postponed
RUGBY				
30.10.2019	For Jimmy	1 st XV v Langley Park	Away@ Sidcup Rugby Club	Lost 33 - 0
BASKETBALL				
28.10.2019	Kent BB	U13 v Howard School	Home	Postponed

Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
04.11.2019	N Kent	U13B v Trinity	Home
	N Kent	U14A v BA	Away
06.11.2019	N Kent League	2 nd XI v Newstead Wood	Home
06.11.2019	KSFA White Cup (Round 2)	1 st XI v Sittingbourne	Away
07.11.2019	ESFA U16 Elite (Round 2)	U16 v Oasis Academy	Home
RUGBY			
06.11.2019	Natwest U18 (Round 3)	1 st XV v The King John School	TBC
09.11.2019	Friendly	U12A v St Olaves	Home
	Friendly	U12B v St Olaves	Home
	Friendly	U13 v St Olaves	Away
	Friendly	U14 v St Olaves	Home
	Friendly	U15 v St Olaves	Away
BASKETBALL			
05.11.2019	Kent BE	U13 v Rainham Mark	Home
06.11.2019	Kent BE	U12 v Langley	Home
07.11.2019	Kent BE	U14 v Rainham Mark	Home





Up and Coming Events

4 November	Year 11 Trial Exams start
7 November	UK Senior Maths Challenge
7 November	Year 13 Progress Evening for targeted students
11 November	Remembrance Service
12 November	Year 11 Employ-Ability Day
12 November	PA Meeting in Conference Room (19.30)
14 November	Sixth Form Information Evening for Internal Year 11 Students

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.

