



Beths Grammar School

Excellence – Community – Respect – Nurture

Week Ending Friday 8 November 2019

Christmas Fair - Saturday 7 December 2019

We have had lots of interest in our Christmas Fair with over 35 stall holders already signed up! Santa has also agreed to attend, despite it being a very busy time for him already.

We would love to welcome as many students, parents and members of the local community as possible and hope that you will be able to join us.

If you, or you know anyone that could provide **catering and drinks** at our Christmas Fair, please can you contact Ms George by **Friday 15 November**.

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!

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



The World School Games Football Cup

On Thursday 31 October the U13 and U15 football squads departed for Barcelona, to compete against sides from all over the world in the official World School Games tournament. Before arriving at our accommodation at Cambrils Park, the boys were given the fantastic opportunity to visit the **Camp Nou**, home to Barcelona FC. The Stadium tour showcased the club's world class facilities, where the teams were able to visit the changing rooms, the dugout, and the press box. After a long first day of being surrounded by football, it was clear the boys were becoming anxious to participate rather than purely spectate.





We had entered into the U15 competition (11-a-side), and had 2 sides in the U13 competition (both 7-a-side). The venue was **Complex Futbol Salou** which provided outstanding 4G pitches and facilities. As we arrived, we were welcomed by teams from all over the world warming up, loud music, and many spectators; the atmosphere was exhilarating.

The World School Games - Group Stage

The tournament was soon underway, with our first three matches versus schools from Scotland (U15), Spain (U13A), and Abu Dhabi (U13B). It was evident that the players were slightly nervous initially, however after adapting to their surroundings and the different styles of play, the teams grew in confidence and began to play some outstanding football. As a result it was 3 wins from 3 from the first set of matches – an excellent start! Such a determination continued into the afternoon, and with some excellent performances from all of the players, Beths finished the first day of the tournament unbeaten, having played 10 matches winning 9 and drawing 1 - needless to say the morale was thriving going into the final day!

After a well-deserved evening swim, a good sleep and a buffet breakfast, the boys were all set to start the second and final day of the competition. After winning their final group match in the morning, the U15's finished comfortably top of their group, with no goals conceded. The U13A side also finished top with some excellent finishing from David Owusu-Boateng, however the U13B finished second losing to the Spanish style of play from EIC Marbella in the deciding match - this meant it was going to be a semi-final of U13A v U13B; Mr Temple v Mr Eydmann!

The Finals

The match was played with high spirits and it was a great effort from both sides, however with some clinical finishing from the U13A side, Mr Temple's side came out on top winning 4-2 and hasn't mentioned it since! Meanwhile on the adjacent pitch, the U15 side also won their semi-final match v All Saints Academy (Scotland) with a convincing 4-0 win. Both sides progressed into the final.

The U13A team faced Ovingham Middle School in the final, a strong side from North East England. It was a tense start to the match, with both sides looking visibly nervous, and neither wanting to concede early on. However, as the game progressed Ovingham began to dominate and eventually broke the threshold. Despite their effort, and some nice passages of play, Beths unfortunately did not manage to pull things back, and eventually lost the game 2-0. Regardless, it was an excellent tournament from the U13A side, with David Owusu-Boatang winning the golden boot for his 9 goals.

The U15 team faced yet another strong Scottish side in their final match. Similarly, the game was very tight to start, with it being a good physical match between the two sides. As it neared half time it looked like it was going to be 0-0 going into the break, however Beths were awarded a free kick on the left hand side, and with an excellent delivery, Dapo Falomo met the cross to slot the ball bottom right. Going into the second half Beths were unfortunate not to go 2 ahead, and as we approached full time, it was a nervous finish. However, with some valiant defending, Beths were able to see it through until the end and secure the win and the tournament! An excellent performance from the team, and to go the whole tournament without conceding a goal was an amazing achievement - well done boys, a well-deserved trophy!

MOM in the final: Aaron Akande





Bexley Foodbank

This Christmas we will be collecting items for Bexley Foodbank. Students in Year 7 and 8 are being asked to donate items to contribute to a class Christmas Hamper, which will be decorated by the form and entered into a House competition, with the most festive decorations receiving House points!

Items that are suitable for donation include non-perishable food items and toiletries such as tinned meat and fish, children's toiletries, selection boxes, mashed potato, tinned or packed custard, sponge puddings, nappies, jars of coffee or small boxes of washing powder.

Please note that the hampers will be collected by the Foodbank on Wednesday 11 December, so please ensure any donations are in by Friday 6 December.

For further information, please speak to either Ms Amin (Head of Year 7) or Ms Takeda (Head of Year 8.)

French Market Day at Mayplace Primary school, written by Aslan

On Friday 18 October, five Year 12 students went to Mayplace Primary School to help with their annual French Market. We were asked to sit at each 'market stall' and sell our products which ranged from food to clothes. We enjoyed helping the children learn French as well as being reminded of a few words we had forgotten ourselves! The whole trip was very humbling and enjoyable for all of us as we got to meet children from Year 2 to 6 and help out in a few classrooms. It was a very enriching experience and we were also offered a volunteering opportunity at the school after our successful visit. The staff were extremely friendly and welcoming.

It was a great experience and one that should be taken upon by future Year 12 students as it helps boost confidence and teamwork skills with your fellow peers. I feel it also brought us students closer together and we became more comfortable around each other. I would love to do it again!





Students Corner

Book review

By Fahim B in 8H

Title: **SS-GB**

Author: *Len Deighton* ISBN: 978-0-224-01606-3

Recently, I came across a book called **SS-GB**, by **Len Deighton**, so I decided to read it. I had already read other books by this critically acclaimed author, with intriguing storylines, so I thought it would be just as thrilling.

This book changes history like no other and looks at an alternate 1941, where Britain was invaded by the Germans during the Second World War. This story mainly focuses on a detective, Douglas Archer, working for Scotland Yard.

A murder has occurred, causing trouble as countless factions vie for control of Britain. The American and German governments each trying to be the first to split the atom.

Detective Archer, meanwhile, is trying to find out the murderer despite getting tangled with the resistance. There are plots against him on a daily basis. Later on, he joins the resistance and attempts to help American agents sabotage the Germans. After a major plot which involves the US Navy, the USA declares war against the Germans.

I would highly recommend reading this book as it shows the multiple paths that history could've taken. I would also read other books by this author such as *Berlin Game*, *Mexico Set* and *London Match*. The plots are gripping and exciting.

In conclusion, I would read this book again as it has an extremely powerful ending.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Email: Beths.parents.association@gmail.com

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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				
04.11.2019	N Kent	U13B v Trinity	Home	Postponed
	N Kent	U14A v BA	Away	Lost 3-2
06.11.2019	N Kent League	2 nd XI v Newstead Wood	Home	Postponed
06.11.2019	KSFA White Cup (Round 2)	1 st XI v Sittingbourne	Away	Won 8-0
07.11.2019	ESFA U16 Elite (Round 2)	U16 v Oasis Academy	Home	Postponed





RUGBY				
06.11.2019	Natwest U18 (Round 3)	1 st XV v The King John School	TBC	Lost 12-10
07.11.2019	Kent U14 Trophy	U14 v Ravenswood	Away	Lost 45-5
09.11.2019	Friendly	U12A v St Olaves	Home	TBA
	Friendly	U12B v St Olaves	Home	TBA
	Friendly	U13 v St Olaves	Away	TBA
	Friendly	U14 v St Olaves	Home	TBA
	Friendly	U15 v St Olaves	Away	Cancelled
BASKETBALL				
05.11.2019	Kent BE	U13 v Rainham Mark	Home	Won 38 -16
06.11.2019	Kent BE	U12 v Langley	Home	Lost 25-26
07.11.2019	Kent BE	U14 v Rainham Mark	Home	Postponed

Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
11.11.2019	ESFA Schools Cup (Round 3)	U13 v Hampton School	Home
	N Kent	U14A v St Columbas	Away
	ESFA Schools Cup B Team (Round 2)	U15B v Kingsdale Foundation School	Home
13.11.2019	KSFA Girls Silver Jubilee (Quarter Final)	1 st XI Girls v Rainham School for Girls	Home
	N Kent League	1 st XI v Gravesend Grammar	Away
	N Kent Division 2	2 nd XI v Ravensbourne	Home/TBC
14.11.2019	N Kent	U13B v St Columbas	Home
15.11.2019	ESFA U15 Elite (Round 2)	U15 v Riddlesdown Collegiate	Home





RUGBY			
13.11.2019	Friendly	1 st XV v St Olaves	Away
BASKETBALL			
11.11.2019	Friendly	U18 v Woolwich Poly	Home
12.11.2019	Kent BE	U15 v King Henry	Away
	Kent BE	U13 v The Howard School	Home

Up and Coming Events

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
21 November	Sixth Form Information Evening for students new to the school
22 November	Beth's Musicians, first performance at the London Jazz Festival
23 November	PA Quiz Night
24 November	Beth's Musicians, second performance at the London Jazz Festival

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.