



# Beths Grammar School

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## 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 have received quite a few donations from our stallholders for our raffle and there will be lots of fun things for children to do and hopefully get you in the festive spirit! The Pretty Little Tea Co will be bringing their horsebox to supply teas, coffees and some festive beverages and we are hoping to secure a food vendor to feed you all!

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.



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



Beau Brides in Bexley Village have very kindly donated this dress for our raffle. This is a gorgeous dress that can be worn for many different occasions, including the upcoming school prom! The dress is size 14 and can be altered, in a lovely charcoal grey colour. We will be raffling this dress separately from the other items and will start now. Tickets are only £5.00 each, please either email [msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk) or see her in her office to get your tickets!

We have also been donated from Cheeks of Bexley, a white shirt and black bow tie which again, would be perfect for the upcoming prom. The shirt size is 15 ½ inch neck and is slim fit, but can be changed if necessary. Raffle tickets for these items are also £5.00 each and please see Ms George if you wish to try your luck!



## **Mr Hegarty, Head of Geography**

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Hegarty today. Mr Hegarty joined us in September 2014 and after over five years with us here at Beths, has taken up an amazing opportunity to work at the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington. This is going to be a huge change to his current role, but something that he is surely going to excel at. Miss Ewing will be joining us in January as our new Head of Geography and spent the today here with Mr Hegarty on a handover.

## **Headteacher's Commendations**

Each term, students are nominated by staff for the Headteacher's Commendations. They were invited to squash and biscuits with the Headteacher and members of the Senior Team and two of our Staff Governors. Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work!

**Oscar S, Year 7** – for outstanding contribution to the community (he volunteered to give the Year 7 speech at all of the Open Morning events).

**Luke R, Year 8** - He brings his own sustainable food containers and cutlery every day to use in place of the disposable containers and cutlery provided by the school. He is also a great role model for environmental awareness.

**Ovie O, Year 9** – completed the super curriculum in Science, receiving around 50 commendations

**Ephraim O, Year 10** - has been very focussed and made a huge improvement since KS3.

**Conor M, Year 11** – for his outstanding performance in the early entry exams (two grade 9's) and exceptional reliance on the Duke of Edinburgh. He has made an excellent start to Year 11.

**Sean B, Year 12** – for impressing his teachers with his commitment towards his studies

**Caitlin E, Year 12** – for making an excellent start to the year in terms of her studies. Furthermore, she has voluntarily helped as a subject ambassador at the recent Open Morning

**Ryan S, Year 13** - his work as a Senior Prefect this term has been outstanding. He has been an exemplary role model and also 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Captain.

## **Praise for a Student**

We received a wonderful email from a member of the public this week regarding one of our students:

*'On my way to work each day I often see one of your students picking up rubbish along Bourne Road on his way to school. Anything he passes - kebab boxes, crisp packets, cans etc he collects from the pavement or gutter. I just wanted to say how lovely it is to see him voluntarily trying to make a difference. Please let him know that it really makes me smile when I see him, he should be very proud of himself :-)'*





## **Beths Musicians**

Beths Music students are working in Partnership with the ArtsTrain organisation to perform at this year's London Jazz Festival. Over the past 8 months, students have been working alongside ArtsTrain and a school in Bromley, developing music of their own for the Jazz Festival. All of this work is coming together for the final performances on Friday 22 and Sunday 24 November. On Friday, students will have the opportunity to be professionally filmed to showcase the work that they have been creating. On the Sunday, we would love as many of the Beths community as possible to come and support the students who are performing at noon at the Southbank Centre as part of the Next

Generation Take Over concert. Tickets are free to this event, so come along and support Beths Musicians!

[FREE ENTRY - MORE INFO](#)

## **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.)

## **Students Corner**

Today, the Year 13 students have been raising money for Children in Need. All students were asked to wear a 'crazy' tie if they wanted to join in the fun and raise money for this brilliant cause.

We were 'lucky' to see some very 'crazy' ties on both students and staff and are waiting for the money raised to be counted so that we can share the amount raised with you.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Do you shop with Amazon? Would you like to help Beths Parents Association raise more funds without costing you anything more? Then it's easy. Just follow the steps below:

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Any questions, please email [beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com)

## 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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## 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.

## Results

FOOTBALL				
11.11.2019	ESFA Schools Cup (Round 3)	U13 v Hampton School	Home	Lost 2-1
	N Kent	U14A v St Columbas	Away	Won 5-3
	ESFA Schools Cup B Team (Round 2)	U15B v Kingsdale Foundation School	Home	Won 4-3
13.11.2019	KSFA Girls Silver Jubilee (Quarter Final)	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Girls v Rainham School for Girls	Home	Lost 10-0
	N Kent League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Gravesend Grammar	Away	Won 7-3
	N Kent Division 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Ravensbourne	Home	Won 5-1
14.11.2019	N Kent	U13B v St Columbas	Home	TBA
15.11.2019	ESFA U15 Elite (Round 2)	U15 v Riddlesdown Collegiate	Home	TBA
RUGBY				
09.11.2019	Friendly	U14 v St Olaves	Away	Lost 15-20
	Friendly	U13 v St Olaves	Away	Lost 22-29
	Friendly	U12A v St Olaves	Home	TBA
	Friendly	U12B v St Olaves	Home	TBA
13.11.2019	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v St Olaves	Away	Postponed
BASKETBALL				
11.11.2019	Friendly	U18 v Woolwich Poly	Home	Lost 41-45
12.11.2019	Kent BE	U15 v King Henry	Away	Won 82-71
	Kent BE	U13 v The Howard School	Home	Postponed



## Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
18.11.2019	ESFA U15 Schools Cup (Round Three)	U15 v St Bonaventures	Home
	Friendly	U12 v Stone Lodge	Home
BASKETBALL			
18.11.2019	Basketball England	U16 v Northfleet	Home
19.11.2019	Kent BB	U14 v Canterbury	Home
	Kent BB	U12 v Trinity	Away
20.11.2019	Kent BB	U17 v Canterbury	Home

## Up and Coming Events

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.





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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.