



# Beths Grammar School

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## Week Ending Friday 10 January 2020

### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to Beths from what, I hope, was a restful and relaxing three week break.

As we start the new decade we have plenty of things to look forward to including trial exams for Year 13 students (starting on Wednesday 22 January) and Year 11 students (starting on Monday 24 February).

This Spring Term is made up of two six week half terms and I hope, as especially the first half term is always grim weather-wise, you continue to work hard both in and out of lessons preparing yourselves for any up and coming tests and assessments.

This half term ends on Friday 14 February and we break for the Easter holidays on Friday 3 April.

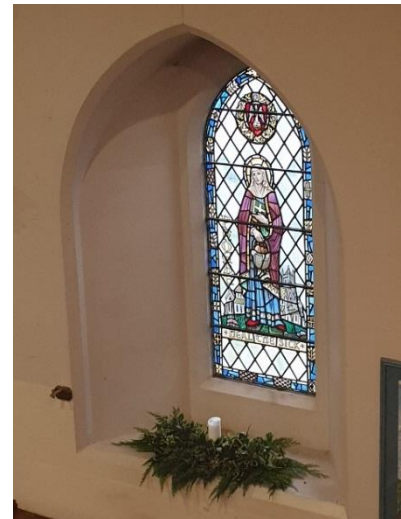
**Mr R J Blyghton**

### Christmas Carol Service – December 2019

As our annual Christmas Carol Service took place on the last day of term, we were unable to Blog much about the event for you!

However, it got everyone in the festive spirit and, as all Key Stage 3 students were able to go home directly after the service, they all left in a very Christmassy mood.

The speakers were excellent and everyone joined in with the singing. As this was so successful, we have now booked next December's service in for the last day of term too.





## **STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...**

Chinese Afternoon Tea – Monday 3 February – for older members of the local community.

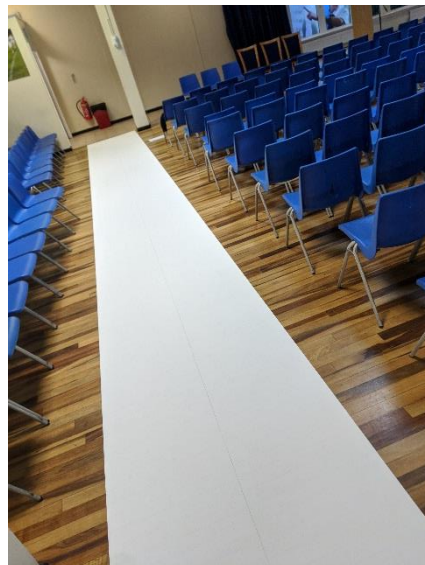
Apologies to anyone who was wishing to attend this event – word has obviously got out as to what wonderful occasions these afternoons are. Just two days after the invites went out, we were fully booked with 25 people on the waiting list.

Look out for photos in that Friday's Blog as to what they did at the event to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

## **Wizard of Oz School Production**

Our annual school production takes place in March and many of our Departments are hard at work prepping for the shows! If you managed to see Oliver! last year, you will know what a treat you are in for.

The dates for the performances are Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20 and, a new option, Saturday 21 March 2020. Keep an eye out for details as to when the tickets will be going on sale and we may even be releasing a teaser trailer or two to tempt you!



## **Parents Evenings**

We welcomed Year 10 parents into school yesterday to attend the Year 10 Parents Evening. We launched a brand new booking system this year and the feedback from parents has been very good.





On Thursday 13 February, Year 7 have their Parents Evening and you will be able to make bookings to meet with six different subject teachers on Wednesday 29 January from 10.00am. You will receive an email in advance of this date telling you how you go about making bookings, so keep an eye on your in-box during week commencing 20 January.

### **Adverse Weather Conditions**

As mentioned earlier in the Blog by the Headteacher, this term is the grimest weather-wise and with the possibility of poor weather being predicted over the coming weeks, we thought a reminder to all, as to our procedures, would be helpful.

In the unlikely event that the school is closed due to adverse conditions we will make every effort to make information available to staff, students and parents by 6.30am. However, it may not always be possible to make the decision by this time, so we would ask you all to be understanding about this.

This information will be available on the following websites:

The school's website [www.beths.bexley.sch.uk](http://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk) - a 'yellow sticky' will appear on the front page of our site clarifying whether we are open or shut.

The link <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck/default.aspx?la=303> to Bexley's School OpenCheck website. Parents without internet access can phone 020 8408 7508 and enter the school's Dfe number, 3035403, to get the same information.

### **Emailing the School**

Should you need to email the school with items/concerns of a more 'sensitive' nature, please email [headsqa@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:headsqa@beths.bexley.sch.uk) rather than the generic admin email address.

### **Results**

FOOTBALL				
08.01.2020	N Kent League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Ravensbourne	Home	Won 3-0
	N Kent 2 <sup>nd</sup> League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Charles Darwin	Home	Cancelled
09.01.2020	N Kent	U13B v Hurstmere	Home	Lost 4-2
RUGBY				
08.01.2020	Friendly	1 <sup>ST</sup> XV v Ravenswood	Away	Lost 15-36
BASKETBALL				
06.01.2020	Basketball England	U14 v Canterbury Academy	Home	Postponed
09.01.2020	Kent Basketball	U14 v Northfleet	Away	Postponed





	Kent Basketball	U15 v St Columbas	Home	Postponed
10.01.2020	Basketball England	U16 v Northfleet	Away	TBC

## Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
11.01.2020	KSFA U15 Portex Trophy (Quarter Final)	U15 v St Paul Academy	Home
15.01.2020	N Kent League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v WGSB	Home
	KSFA U19 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Cup (Quarter Final)	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Bexleyheath Academy	Home
RUGBY			
15.01.2020	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Oakwood Park	Home
18.01.2020	Friendly	U12A v Bullerswood	Home
		U13 v Bullerswood	Home
BASKETBALL			
13.01.2020	Kent BE	U13 v Northfleet	Away
14.01.2020	Jnr NBA	U12 v Leight UTC	Home
		U12 v King Henry	Home
	Kent BE	U16 v Northfleet	Away
17.01.2020	Kent BE	U17 v Northfleet	Away
VOLLEYBALL			

## Up and Coming Events

Tuesday 14 January

Year 9 Student Council Meeting

PA Meeting in Conference Room

Thursday 16 January

Year 12 Parents Evening in the Hall

Tuesday 21 January

Year 10 Students Council Meeting

Wednesday 22 January

Year 13 Trial Exams

Friday 24 January

Jack Petchy 'Speak Out' Challenge Workshop for selected Year 10 Students





## **Thinking of our neighbours and our local community**

Please can we 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 aware that some parents drop students in the morning 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 you to find a safe place to drop them off 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.

