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Week Ending Friday 17 January

Congratulations to our New Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Heads Team



Samuel
Head Boy



Maddie
Head Girl



Jack
Deputy Head Boy



Kitty
Deputy Head Girl

The team were announced this morning and the plan is that they will shadow the current Year 13 team prior to taking over fully on 1 March. The House Captains and Prefects will all be confirmed shortly.

Civic Celebration of Achievement – Thursday 16 January 2020



Last night, the Headteacher attended the annual Civic Celebration of Achievement. This is an event where the Local Authority recognises the achievements of students throughout the borough.

This year, we were delighted to have three of our students awarded: Kevin Roice and Sam Hatton (pictured with the Headteacher), for their outstanding achievement in their A Levels and GCSE exams, respectively, and Kelechi Chibueze for his continued outstanding achievement in football, training with both Chelsea FC and England U16s.



Major Roadworks – Advance Notice

We have just been informed that there are due to be junction improvements taking place at Erith Road (A220)/Mayplace Road Junction and there will be bus diversions accordingly from Monday for the next 11 weeks. Further details are available by clicking on the link below but it may be worth re-evaluating your route to school, if possible, during this period of upheaval: https://www.bexley.gov.uk/news/erith-road-a220-mayplace-road-junction-improvements?fbclid=IwAR1e465_mmDBkDHigBD1rMvOONZb1873vAfTmBhHkeg93p1SvQUo7_9dGp8



Artstrain and The London Jazz Festival – a message from the Organisers

I'm just writing to say a huge thank you for your involvement with the project. We were so impressed with the commitment, enthusiasm and musicianship of all of the young people who participated. It was wonderful to watch the group develop not only musically but socially. There were noticeable developments in their confidence, and ability to collaborate. We're also thrilled that some of them are able to continue their musical journey with us in the Academy!

We can now share with you the video, please share it with your school community. I've also copied the link for the blog about the London Jazz Festival project that was sent out in our newsletter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsKXE9eJg2k>

<https://www.artstrain.org.uk/artstrain-at-ljf>

Reminder: 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!

Year 12 Parents Evening

The Year 12 Parents Evening took place last night and was very well attended. Hopefully parents are now in a good position to know how well their son or daughter is coping with their A Level studies.

Our next Parents Evening is for Year 7 parents and takes place on Thursday 13 February. Details will soon be released to parents as to how to book appointments for the evening.

Woodwork Club

One of our extra curricular clubs is Woodwork Club and this takes place on a Monday evening and a Wednesday during lunch. This is a very popular club with the pictures here to prove it.





SPORTS SECTION

We are delighted to announce that our 2nd XI Football team beat Bexleyheath Academy in the Quarter Final of the KSFA U19 2nd XI Cup. This means they are now in the Semi Final and we are so proud of our boys! The match will be played here at Beth on Wednesday 5th February, the opponents are due to be announced shortly and any support would be welcome.

Secondly, another team that is doing fantastic in a competition are our U15B Football team. They are in the Quarter Final of the ESFA U15B School Cup and are playing this match on Tuesday, against St Pauls Academy. Again, any support would be fantastic for the team.

Our U15A, U16 and U17 Football teams have all made it through to the first round of the North Kent Knockout competitions. The second round of matches will be announced shortly. We are looking forward to seeing how far our teams go!

Our U12A and U13A Football teams have both made it through to the Quarter Finals, also, of the North Kent Cup and we will shortly find out about our U12B and U13B places.

In the world of Basketball, qualifying rounds are coming to a close and we should soon find out where we are in the Kent Basketball Competitions for all years, as well as the National Basketball England Competitions for our U12, U14 and U16 teams.

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 - 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 headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk rather than the generic admin email address.

Results

FOOTBALL				
11.01.2020	KSFA U15 Portex Trophy (Quarter Final)	U15 v St Paul Academy	Home	Lost 2-0
15.01.2020	N Kent League	1 st XI v WGSB	Home	Lost 4-0
	KSFA U19 2 nd XI Cup (Quarter Final)	2 nd XI v Bexleyheath Academy	Home	Won 5-0
RUGBY				
15.01.2020	Friendly	1 st XV v Oakwood Park	Home	Won 40-5
BASKETBALL				
10.01.2020	Basketball England	U16 v Northfleet	Away	Won 74-66
13.01.2020	Kent BE	U13 v Northfleet	Away	Won 31-30
	Kent BE	U15 v St Columbas	Home	Walk Over (Won 20-0)
14.01.2020	Jnr NBA	U12 v Leight UTC	Home	TBC
		U12 v King Henry	Home	TBC
	Kent BE	U16 v Northfleet	Away	Won 53-29
17.01.2020	Kent BE	U17 v Northfleet	Away	Postponed to 06.02.20

Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
20.01.2020	N Kent Quarter Final	U13 v Welling	Home





21.01.2020	ESFA School U15B Cup Round 4	U15B v St Pauls Academy	Home
22.01.2020	N Kent League	2 nd XI v Farringtons	Away
RUGBY			
18.01.2020	Friendly	U12A v Bullerswood	Home
		U13 v Bullerswood	Home
24.01.2020	Friendly	1 st XV v CSGS	@ Well Hall
BASKETBALL			
20.01.2020	Basketball England	U14 v Bohunt School	Away
21.01.2020	Basketball England	U14 v Canterbury Academy	Away
21.01.2020	Basketball England	U16 v Canterbury Academy	Home
22.01.2020	Kent Basketball	U15 v Langley School	Away
23.01.2020	Kent Basketball	U16 v Bexley GS	Home
VOLLEYBALL			

Up and Coming Events

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.





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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.