



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 22 December 2017

The Carol Service at Christ Church – Monday 18 December

On Monday we held our annual Carol Service for Key Stage 3 students at Christ Church in Bexleyheath. Following the 'military operation' to get everyone up to the church and into their allocated places the service started on time and was a real success. This year, we not only had a soloist (William Gowing, 8A) who led us into Once in Royal David's City, but also a trio (James Dawes, William Gowing and Eugene Ofori-Boadu – all from Year 8) who sang the first verse of Silent Night. The Sixth Form Choir performed Lean on Me and the Choir accompanied by the Orchestra performed 'Angels' Song'. Our student 'readers' who were all extremely eloquent, included James Wells, 7E, Bradley Mitchell, 8E, Matthew Moore, 9B, God's Mercy Oluwansin, Head Girl and Gwyn Bowen, Head Boy. Our musicians did a wonderful job and this year there were far more students taking part than ever before. Finally the students themselves sung their way heartily through all the carols and literally, nearly raised the roof!



Parents Association Christmas Raffle 2017

Drawn by Richard Blyghton, Headteacher on Wednesday 20th December 2017. Congratulations to:

1st Prize

£150 Bluewater Voucher

Winner – Mr Ganasathan

Student – Rishi Suresh 7B

2nd Prize

Portable Bluetooth Speaker

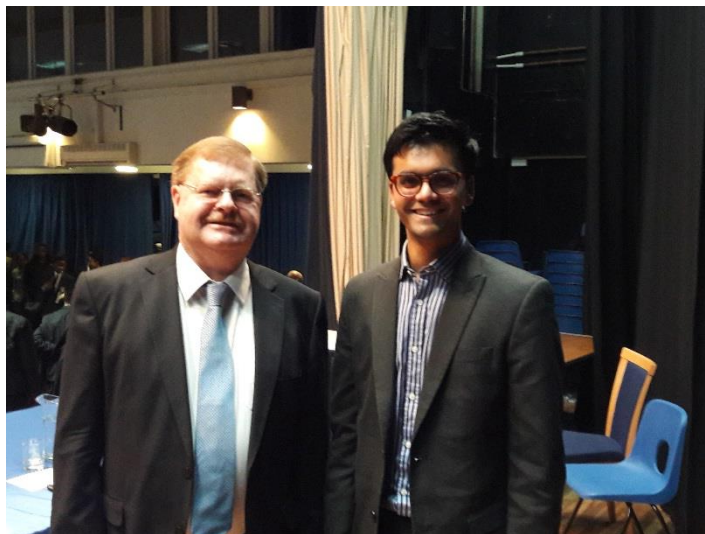
Winner – Miss Martins
Student – Martin-King Martins 7B

3rd Prize

Festive Hamper
Winner – Mrs Michaelides
Student – Leandros Michaelides 9H

Presentation Evening – Tuesday 19 December

On Tuesday we welcomed Old Boy, Vinesh Mistry back to school as our 'special guest'. Vinesh left Beths in 2011 having spent seven years as a member of Eardley house. In 2014, he graduated with a degree in Law from the University of Warwick. After securing a scholarship from the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple to train as a barrister, he was Called to the Bar this summer. Vinesh now appears in front of District Judges as a Court Adviser and, in his role as the Legal Adviser for Together and Against Genocide, pursues the prosecution of war criminals. When attempting to avoid work, Vinesh enjoys classical literature and has (foolishly) entered the 2018 Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 mile bike ride!



Mr Kirk, Chair of Governors pictured with Vinesh Mistry

7B Bexley Foodbank Collection

Over the last two weeks a group of students from 7B organised a collection for the Bexley Foodbank. This is because Brompton is allocated to work with local charities and the students felt that this would benefit people in need in the local community. The form group presented an assembly to the rest of the year group about the Trussell Trust Foodbanks, which operate across the UK. This was



organised by Alex Litchev, Nathaniel Yeboah, Rotimi Erinolorun, Oliver Livesey and Tarang Grewal in 7B. A large amount of food has been donated (only half of which is shown in the photograph) and taken to the Bexley Foodbank, which the volunteers there were very happy to receive. Congratulations to the students leading the project and many thanks to the students and families in Year 7 that brought in donations.

Miss Chappell
Teacher of Social Science and Form Tutor 7B

'Old Boy' Daniel Appleby Wins Apprenticeship

Daniel Appleby, who attended Beths Grammar from 2009 until 2016, has recently been awarded Ford's annual Apprentice Technician of the Year Award, beating 220 of his peers and five other finalists. Daniel won the award which is given to the apprentice who best demonstrates excellent skills, determination and a willingness to learn.

The proud winner said: "When I began my apprenticeship with TrustFord, my first goal was to do myself and my parents proud. I quickly found my feet in the workshop, especially when I was partnered with my mentor. As I started to complete the course work, progress with my apprenticeship and at the Henry Food Academy, my confidence grew.

"When I found out I was nominated for the 'First Year Apprentice of the Year' award, I was delighted as I knew this would fulfil my first goal. Winning the award was an amazing moment. Knowing that my effort and hard work was truly recognised, and knowing I'd made my mentor and my Company proud, made receiving the award a truly great moment."

A Message from the Headteacher

Finally, now that the Autumn Term has finished and you are all busily preparing for the festive season in earnest, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. I hope that you will all enjoy a well-earned rest and take the opportunity to spend time with family, friends and loved ones.

This year we are lucky to have a slightly extended break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8 January at the normal time.

With very best wishes over this festive season.

Mr Richard Blyghton