



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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To the Parents/Carers of Students in Year 7

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Messaging system and reporting to Parents/Carers

We aim to make delivery of correspondence from school to home as efficient as possible by e-mailing bulk correspondence to parents using a service called School Comms. We also use both emails and text messages to contact you if your child is absent without explanation. Occasionally we also send urgent information via text message. School Comms offer a free smartphone app (Android and iPhone), which allows us to send notifications free of charge that you can also reply to for free.

As part of our behaviour and rewards policy we are also keen to share more information with parents as to how your child is applying himself in school. The app will allow you to see daily any commendations that he receives. We believe that regular reporting of rewards to parents significantly improves the motivation of students at school. In addition through the app you can see if there have been any problems at school and can monitor your son's behaviour. You will also be able to see your son's timetable, attendance information, and progress reports when they are issued.

Please support us by downloading the app to your phone - this will help us improve communication with you and also save the school money. The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information you have given us. If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/> or email admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk if you have any issues.

Please note that we do not use school comms to collect payments. Our Independent caterers use a cashless catering system 'Squid' and the school uses 'ParentPay' to collect payments for sundry items and school trips. Information regarding both of those systems will follow shortly.

We hope that you find the school comms application useful.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S King
Assistant Headteacher
Key Stage 3 Manager