



Beths Grammar School

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Week Ending Friday 4 September 2020

Headteacher's Welcome

I would like to welcome all our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, along with the rest of the school back to Beths and I hope you have all enjoyed your first week at school. As you would have seen around the school, we have made a range of changes to enable us to protect the safety of the whole of our community.

To all our new parents and carers, this is our weekly school blog. It is emailed every Friday and also appears on our website. This is our main form of communication to parents and I would therefore urge you to read through this every week. It will be sent through to you all via email but is also available to read on our website. The blog houses all the information that parents/carers should be aware of, what we have been up to, any notices to share, fixtures and results from the school teams and sometimes, student's own articles appear!

Please be assured that if there are any urgent pieces of information for you, these will be sent to you immediately and we will not wait until the end of the week to share them.

We hope that you all enjoy reading this, and apologies for the long blog this week!

Social Distancing

We would like to remind all students to adhere to the social distancing rules and to remain within their bubbles. There are plenty of signs around the school and on our screens across the buildings. This is for everyone's safety – both staff and students.

Masks

New guidelines have also been put in place, where all students and staff MUST wear a mask in all indoor communal areas, except when in classrooms.

Pedestrian Road Crossing

Please can we also ask that all students take care when crossing roads, especially around Hartford Road. There is a tight, blind corner at the end of Knoll Road and we do not want to see any accidents. Students also have a habit of crossing the road without looking or between parked cars where their vision is compromised. We also ask that they please be mindful of drivers, as well as residents' property, when heading to and away from school.



Eating On Site

All students are asked to eat in their outdoor recreation areas. However, Sixth Former student may eat in the Sixth Form Centre, should they wish to. However, they should not eat inside any other school building.

Behaviour Policy

We have made some updates to the Behaviour Policy to cover safety during a pandemic. For those of you who have not read this new addition, please see below in italics. Due to the constantly changing situation, this already needs to be updated to reflect the directive that all staff and students must now wear face masks in all indoor communal areas of the school except for classrooms.

Please see below an extract from our Behaviour Policy:

Creating a Safe and Pandemic Secure Learning Environment

In order to ensure that the School is safe and Covid Secure we will be requiring all students to play their part. Though the risk to students remains exceptionally low we must ensure that we are not transmitting the Covid virus in school or in transit to the school. We require all students to be 100% committed to our goal of zero transitions within our community.

To achieve a Covid secure school environment we require all students to follow these rules and deliberate and/or persistent breaches of them will be counted as a serious breach of the school behaviour policy during this period and students will be sanctioned at either level 6 or 7 of the Negative Behaviour Ladder.

In order to keep the school safe we require all students to follow these rules from leaving the house to returning back to the house after school.

Journey to school

Students must:

- *Travel to school in the safest mode of transport – walking, cycling or if possible via car.*
- *Students must not meet up with friends before and after on the journey to and from school.*
- *Students should not be using local business' in Years 7-11*
- *6th form using local businesses must follow all social distances rules including wearing face masks*
- *Students must not travel in groups except with members of their own household.*

Arrival in school

- *All students must use the field entrance to the school at the Western end of Hartford Road.*
- *Students should go straight to their tutor period or first lesson upon arrival in school and not visit Reception.*
- *Students should aim to arrive no more than 20 minutes before their lesson however rooms will be open 25 minutes before.*





- *Students must not congregate on Hartford road or at the gate to the school*

Movement around the school

- *Students in Year 7-11 must stay in their allocated teaching part of the school and only use their allocated toilets and recreational space*
- *6th form students must not enter a congested part of the school if a younger year group is moving between lessons they should wait for the area to clear before entering*
- *Students should not enter a building or corridor if they cannot maintain social distancing from a different year group.*

A 2m distance should be maintained between adults and students in different year groups at all times. In addition, students should seek to keep physical distance if possible with students in their year groups and follow instructions from staff overseeing distancing in this part of the school. There is no excuse to touch other students or their possessions throughout any part of the school day and any such incidents will be treated extremely severely.

Arrival in lessons

- *Students should enter classrooms patiently ensuring that other students have found their seat first*
- *Students should also avoid turning around, shouting and unnecessary conversations*

Dismissal from School

- *Students will be dismissed in a staggered manner and students should take the most direct route home avoiding groups and seeking to avoid over-crowding on public transport whenever possible*
- *Face masks must be worn when waiting for and travelling on busses and trains*

Toilets

Toilets will be provided for each year group though students are encouraged to use the toilet before leaving the house. No student will be allowed to use the toilet during lesson times unless for medical reasons and a note has been provided by the student's Head of Year. This rule will not apply to 6th form girls for personal reasons. Social distancing and excellent hygiene will be enforced in all student toilets.

Face Masks

Students are expected to wear face masks when moving around inside the school though they must be plain and without markings.

Washing hands

In order to maintain regular hand sanitation we expect all students to carry a small bottle of hand sanitiser with them and use it upon arrival both in school and in the first lesson. We will also encourage all members of the community to carry disposable tissues so you can follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' public health advice. If this needs to be done in a lesson it must be done in a manner considerate to the concentration of other learners and must be as discrete as possible. There will be extra hand basins available in year area for students to wash hands with soap and water.





Our procedures are likely to change as the advice develops and I will inform you of these as and when they take place.

Lockers

Year group lockers have been placed within year group bubbles so Year 7 are located outside the external kitchen door and main reception; Year 8 in the Snack Shack end of the covered quad and sixth form wall; Year 9 in the LRC Quad and sixth form wall; Year 10 on the A5 wall of the Covered Quad and Year 11 on the Art Wall opposite the Pod.

If you would like to purchase a locker, please go to <https://www.locker.rentals/> This is a separate company from the school and you will hold a contract with them directly and not Beths.

sQuid

By now, all students should have received their sQuid fob, along with a letter, detailing what to do. For ease, please find below details of how to create your online account:

How to create your own online sQuid account

1. Go to www.independentcatering.co.uk
2. Click on 'Pay Online' (link at top of home page).
3. Click on Beths Grammar School. This will take you to the sQuid home page
4. Scroll down the page to the 'Create a sQuid account online' section, then click to register.
5. Supply the requested details and create your own username (preferably your son/daughters' name), password and security question/answer. This is a case sensitive system, so please remember how you enter these details.
6. Add your sQuid registration number and 3 digit security code.
7. For future access to your registered account follow steps 1-3, selecting 'Click here to login' option on the squid page.

Once you have created a sQuid account and added your sQuid registration number, you will also be able to manage your sQuid account online at any time to:

- Check your account balance
- Top up your account from your bank account, credit or debit card
- View transactions
- Update your details
- Receive a low balance reminder

Library Books

ALL school library books are to be returned and a wooden crate will be placed by the entrance to the LRC for students to place them in. All books will be scanned back in to the system and fines will be 'waived'. The books will then be stored for a minimum of 72 hours before being placed back out on shelves. New books can be taken out after school only – KS3 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings,





KS4 & 5 Thursday and Friday evenings. Students will need to queue up outside the LRC, using social distance and will be admitted by staff in a controlled manner.

Stationery Shop

Stationery can be purchased after school only and will have a separate queue for entry in to the LRC, admittance, again controlled by staff.

Coach Service through Orpington and surrounding areas

We are delighted to advise that our coach service ran smoothly this week, full to the brim with students! They adhered well to wearing a mask and were fabulous examples of students here at Beths. Although the coach is full, we are running a waiting list – if you would like to put your son's name down and for more information, please contact headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk.

Year 7 Face to Face Induction

On Tuesday 1 September we welcomed our new Year 7 students for their induction day. We had a great turn out and the students were able to meet the rest of their tutor group, along with their Form Tutor, Head of Year and other members of staff, finally, face to face! They were also able to collect their all important House tie.



Summer Holiday Experiences

We know that experiences over the summer break were somewhat limited due to the pandemic, however we are sure that some students were able to experience some interesting things and places. If so, we would love for you to share these with us so we could perhaps put them into our Blog. Please email headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk if your son or daughter has something they would like us to publish.





Social Media

We would love to hear from you about what you want to see on our social media platforms? More photos from sporting ventures and fixtures? Videos of school life? To see what is going on in our lunch and after school clubs – when they are able to take place, of course?

Let us know what you want to see! Please email headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk.

Reiteration of the letter sent out 3 September 2020:

We have now been in school since Tuesday and, following observations of our initial guidance, I am now writing to reiterate and update some of the information sent to you in my letter of 28 August.

Firstly, we have received a number of complaints from our neighbours in Hartford Road. The majority of these have been regarding parents parking over their driveways and using abusive language towards them. They have also commented that students are congregating in large groups outside of the school, sitting on walls and dropping litter and are arriving ahead of the time that we have stipulated.

You will recall that, to ensure everyone's safety close to the site, we have made an arrangement with Hall Place, just around the corner in Bourne Road, DA5 1PQ, and they have kindly agreed that parents can use their car park to drop off in the morning and wait for students to meet them there at the end of the school day. Hartford Road is a bottle neck which we are not able to police and I ask that you DO NOT drop or pick up your son or daughter outside the school.

Students MUST NOT arrive at school early as we have no facility to supervise them due to social distancing and bubbles. Therefore, if we allowed them on site before they could be safely supervised and anything should happen to them, we would not be insured. To reiterate, the earliest times that students should be on site are as follows:

8.15am: Years 7 and 10 and those Year 12 and 13 students who have registration that morning

8.30am: Years 8, 9 and 11.

The West Gate (which is the entrance to the school for all pedestrians) WILL NOT be opened until 8.15am for students, as detailed above. Students have been asked to observe social distancing at all times and, as a parent, we would please ask that you reiterate this to them.

When students arrive they MUST NOT congregate outside of their 'bubble' and should go directly to their form room.

I must now insist that ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS wear face masks when in the buildings and corridors but not in the classroom. This is to ensure that 'bubbles' are not contaminated when moving around the school.

We are very keen to work closely with parents over the first few weeks of school to monitor our Covid security both on site and while travelling to school and the safety of all students and staff is my paramount concern.





Mr Blyghton's Dice Magic

Those of you who were with us last year will know that, as a form of relaxation, Mr Blyghton played his Football 'Dice Magic' whilst we were all in lockdown and the actual Premier League was unable to play their matches.

The final results of the Premier League were completed back in July and the last table of the season was published. You will see a close correlation between the official positions and Mr Blyghton's based on the roll of a dice. Hence it is not always the case of lies, damn lies and statistics.

Under Mr B's Dice Magic

Position	Club	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	GD	Points	
1	Liverpool	38	28	4	6	38	88	CL
2	Man City	38	21	5	12	37	68	CL
3	Leicester	38	18	8	12	27	62	CL
4	Man Utd	38	17	11	10	20	62	CL
5	Chelsea	38	17	10	11	13	61	UEFA
6	Sheffield Utd	38	14	13	11	-2	55	UEFA
7	Wolves	38	13	15	10	7	54	
8	Arsenal	38	13	15	10	2	54	
9	Burnley	38	16	6	16	-6	54	
10	Tottenham	38	14	11	13	7	53	
11	Newcastle	38	14	10	14	-4	52	
12	Everton	38	14	10	14	-8	52	
13	Southampton	38	16	4	18	-11	52	
14	Crystal Palace	38	13	11	14	-5	50	
15	Brighton	38	11	14	13	-3	47	
16	West Ham	38	11	9	18	-13	42	
17	Watford	38	10	10	18	-15	40	
18	Aston Villa	38	11	6	21	-25	39	
19	Bournemouth	38	10	8	20	-19	38	
20	Norwich	38	5	8	25	-46	23	





Final Premier League Table

Position	Club	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	GD	Points	
1	Liverpool	38	32	3	3	52	99	CL
2	Man City	38	26	3	9	67	81	CL
3	Man Utd	38	18	12	8	30	66	CL
4	Chelsea	38	20	6	12	15	66	CL
5	Leicester	38	18	8	12	26	62	UEFA
6	Tottenham	38	16	11	11	14	59	UEFA
7	Wolves	38	15	14	9	11	59	
8	Arsenal	38	14	14	10	8	56	
9	Sheffield Utd	38	14	12	12	0	54	
10	Burnley	38	15	9	14	-7	54	
11	Southampton	38	15	7	16	-9	52	
12	Everton	38	13	10	15	-12	49	
13	Newcastle	38	11	11	16	-20	44	
14	Crystal Palace	38	11	10	17	-19	43	
15	Brighton	38	9	14	15	-15	41	
16	West Ham	38	10	9	19	-13	39	
17	Aston Villa	38	9	8	21	-26	35	
18	Bournemouth	38	9	7	22	-25	34	
19	Watford	38	8	10	20	-28	34	
20	Norwich	38	5	6	27	-49	21	

