



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 26 January 2018

Anthony Nolan Trust

Following the Anthony Nolan assembly on Friday 19 January, representatives from the charity were in school on Tuesday 23 January to run a 'Donor Recruitment event' to encourage as many of our Sixth Form students and staff, to sign up to become donors.

We were amazed and delighted that over 70 of our Sixth Form students signed up to be donors! There would have been even more had they all been able to – some for instance, weighed less than the required minimum weight and some (staff) were too old!



Anthony Nolan Charity staff there during the day described it as 'hugely successful which had set the bar very high'.

The Anthony Nolan Charity carries out some amazing work in helping to find suitable matches for bone marrow and stem cell transplant and in doing so, they help to save the lives of some very sick children and adults every day - all over the country. Without donors though, this would not be possible, and at Beths we are delighted to be able to support donor recruitment by encouraging our students (and our staff!) to sign up. Registering to become a donor is extremely easy – it's just completing a form and a check swab/saliva sample! Couldn't be more simple - or painless!



Also a reminder that our own Senior Deputy Headteacher, Mr Neylan, will be taking part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon on Sunday 25 March 2018 and is raising money for the Anthony Nolan

organisation. He has several money pots to fill up and a sponsorship form – so if you would like to help support this incentive – then please do contact him via the school.

Year 11 Skills Day



On Friday 26 January we had a new initiative for Year 11 students where they were all off timetable for the day. The purpose of the event was to help inform the students about qualifications needed for different career pathways. This was a large scale, exciting, all day event supported by around 50 organisations. Representatives from these organisations ran all the sessions.



More news in next week's Blog but here are a few photos of the type of activities being undertaken.

Sixth Form Parking

Many students in Year 13, and some in Year 12, have already passed their driving test. Although we encourage students to walk or use public transport to travel to and from school, there are still a number of students who choose to drive their own cars and park around the roads close by.

Since the start of term, we have dealt with a number of complaints from local residents complaining about loud music coming from stationary vehicles, poor parking restricting access to driveways/property and speeding, particularly on Hartford Road.

If students do choose to drive to school, we would appreciate your support in stressing to your son/daughter that:

- They should be mindful of our neighbours' access to and from driveways to their properties, even if a vehicle is parked 'legally';
- Should stationary vehicles cause an obstruction, this could result in a fixed penalty fine or possible towing away by the Police;
- Students driving to or from school should be fully road aware, and watch their speed;
- Not being able to find a place to park is not an excuse for arriving late to school.

We endeavour to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours. Thoughtless or irresponsible driving and parking can strain this relationship.

Thank you.