



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 9 February 2018

This half term has been eventful, culminating in two days of intensive Headteacher interviews at the start of this week. When the Chair of Governors announced on Wednesday 7 February, at an especially called staff meeting, that Richard Blyghton – who had been Acting Headteacher for the last 11 months – had been appointed as the permanent Headteacher, he received a standing ovation! His appointment was an extremely popular one with us all.



Mr Blyghton has been a member of staff at Beths since September 1999 and many of our students have been taught Mathematics by him over the years and suffered from his poor sense of humour!

Although Mr Blyghton has been at the school for 18 years, during his time as Acting Headteacher he did not just sit there and 'hold the fort', he took the bull by the horns and revamped the website (<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/>) – which has received many compliments from parents, students and governors, organised an advertising campaign across local and national train stations to help with our student recruitment of both Year 7 and Year 12s, and brought numerous ideas to our Year 6 into 7 open evening like introducing an 'inflatable' video screen to showcase our new video (see website) and, probably the most successful and highly praised idea, designing and creating a 'passport' which enabled all the Year 6 student visitors the chance to take their 'passport' around to each department and answer the questions or undertake the quiz listed within each subject's page of the passport.

Now that Mr Blyghton is the new Headteacher with immediate effect, he can continue with the vision he has had from the start and is already pushing forward with many exciting ideas to help the school continue to go from strength to strength.

We have also been delighted to welcome a group of Chinese students into school this week to see how students are taught in the UK as opposed to in China. Look out for more details about their visit in the next Blog.

We wish all students a relaxing break and look forward to welcoming them back to the second half of the Spring Term on Monday 19 February.