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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Open Mornings & Afternoons

On Friday 8th October, we welcomed our first group of Year 6 parents into the school for the first time in almost two years. We restricted the group to no more than 30 families and followed the COVID protocols which have kept the school community safe. I can report that the families were incredibly impressed with our students as they were individually toured around the site during the visit. They received refreshments as

they listened to the Headteacher's speech before taking the opportunity to ask questions of him. We have 5 open mornings and 3 open afternoons this coming week with the students touring being taken from years 8,9 and 12. I am grateful to our students who as always show the school off at its best.

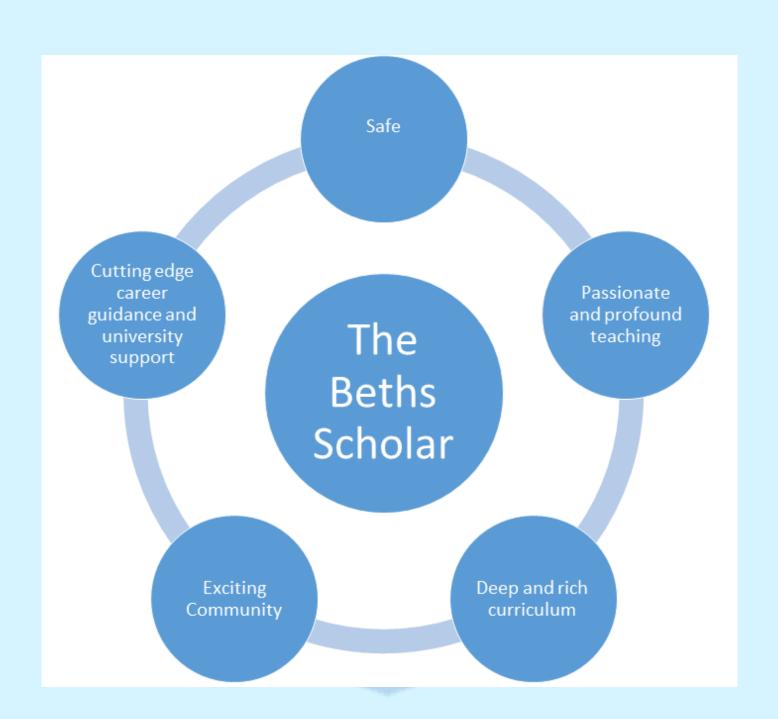
You may remember last May, I reported to you about one of our students had been seriously injured and that the family had asked that you all pray for him. I can happily report that the student has been attending the school this term and has shown a remarkable determination in their recovery. We continue to support and pray for them and their family.





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Many thanks Richard Blyghton.

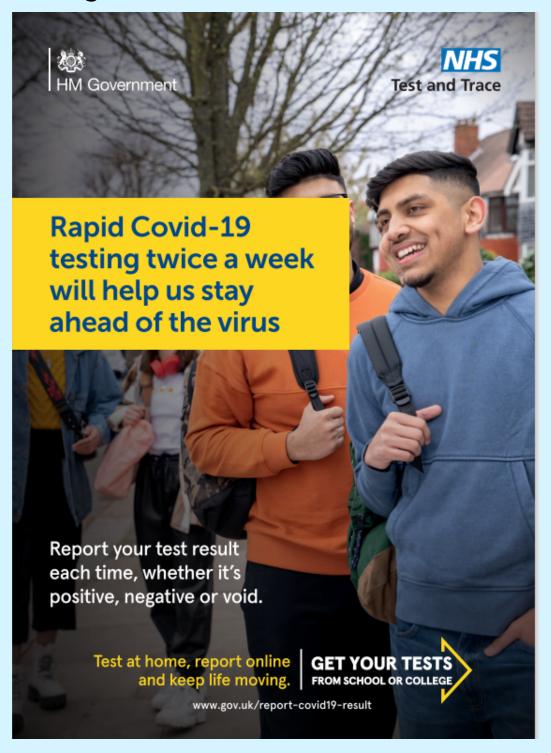






COVID TESTING

Students are encouraged to test at least twice a week and record the results on the school's TestRegister website via the email sent to you, in line with government guidelines.







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8th October – Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022

Monday 11th October – Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022

Tuesday 12th October – Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022

Wednesday 13th October – Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022

Thursday 14th October — Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022
Friday 15th October — Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022
Monday 18th October — Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022
Tuesday 19th October — Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022
Wednesday 20th October — Open Event Year 7 entry September 2022

Thursday 21st October - Year 10 Parents Evening (virtual)
Thursday 21st October - Last day of 1st half of Autumn Term for Students





INTERNATIONAL WEEK 26TH SEPTEMBER - 1ST OCOTOBER









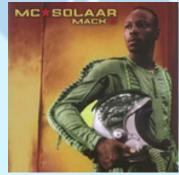
Beths students had the opportunity to experience a fantastic week of activities organised by the MFL department and the Multicultural Society. The week started with a focus on the Portuguese language and students had the chance to learn basic greetings and cultural information. To provide students with a further cross-curricular focus, departments around the school included aspects of Portuguese culture in their lessons, for example, in English, students learnt about the influence of the Portuguese language in our own language and in Business, students learnt about Business etiquette in Portugal. In addition to this, students ate Portuguese food from the canteen and the shack – Frango Peri Peri and Pasteis da Nata – essentially Peri Peri chicken and crème caramel, as well as a tomato rice dish and spicy Portuguese wedges.





To focus on cultural awareness, during the week, students received a lesson on a cultural aspect of the language they are studying, for example, Italian students learnt about the regions of Italy in Year 8 and the Venetian festival which dates back to 1162! In French, students analysed poetry and song lyrics. In Spanish, students learnt about the famous 'San Fermines' bull run festival and in Mandarin, they celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival.











The food tasting events on Thursday was a fun experience for all involved! Students enjoyed tasting the array of foods on offer - French cheeses, Spanish and Italian hams, cheeses and olives, German meats and Mandarin tea! It was a busy and enjoyable session to teach as students had the opportunity to practise their language skills and engaged very well (and bravely!!) with trying new foods.



Lastly, the finale on the last day!! The International Dress day was a resounding success. The diversity of international dress worn was phenomenal and students enjoyed asking each other about the culture of the country they were dressed in. The MFL department and the Multicultural Society raised £548. 16 for WaterAid as well as having a thoroughly fun day! It was a pleasure for the MFL staff and Multicultural Society to team up for this fantastic event.







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On Friday 1st October 2021, the MFL department and the multicultural committee teamed up to host our annual International Dress Day. We had cultural representation from all over the globe, mainly from Asia, South America, The Caribbean and Africa. Coincidentally, it was Nigerian Independence Day on the same day, and it's safe to say the Nigerian community did not disappoint!

Throughout the day, photos were taken of staff and students around school by the Multicultural Committee and Mr Metcalfe and I took more using our infamous Beths Instagram post cut-out. The day was a pleasant conclusion to a week of MFL assemblies led by Mrs James, foreign food tasting in the MFL department, and lunches inspired by different cultures.



Over 546.18 in donations was raised for Water Aid, which is a phenomenal cause that provides clean water and hygiene education to those who do not have access them. Clean water is a human right and should be the norm for every single person on earth.

As a Jamaican Head Boy and Head of the Publications Sub-Committee, I was so proud of everyone who took the time out to put incredible outfits together, and really embrace their (and other people's) cultures. I want to thank everyone involved, particularly the Heads of the Multicultural Sub-Committees here at the school, our MFL department and everyone who made generous donations to this incredible charity. I study both French and Economics, so it was fascinating to learn about the overlap between foreign cultures and regional disparities and inequalities that are prevalent today.



I interviewed some of our Sixth Formers, and here's what they had to say:



Yasmim- Year 13 student, Co-Chair of The Multicultural Committee: We put up posters around school to encourage students to dress up and embrace their heritage- it was amazing to see an array of cultures collectively as part of one school community. Water Aid is a worthwhile charity because it helps developing countries around the world. It also helps those affected by climate change which we may not always be aware of, especially living in a first world country...'

Maya- Year 13 student, Co-Chair of The Multicultural Committee: 'I am Jamaican, Chanaian and Lebanese. Being the Head of the Committee is eye-opening as I am surrounded by people from so many different backgrounds. I grew up in quite a black area, and as a mixed raced person, I struggled to fit in...

Jonathan- Year 13 student: 'I am Nigerian, Yoruba. I enjoyed taking pictures throughout the day, dressing up to embrace my culture, and seeing other people's cultures. I feel the donations made on Friday are worthwhile as they will help a lot of people that aren't as fortunate as us...'

Overall, I believe the day was a resounding success, and I look forward to hearing about more days like this once I leave next year!

By Kavern 13.2 (Head Boy)







INTERNATIONAL WEEK -BUBBLE TEA

Year 8 Rubin

Bubble Tea experience was Μv amazing. 珍珠奶茶(Zhēnzhū nǎichá) which is the Mandarin for Bubble Tea was exhilarating to learn about. This was of course one of the biggest opportunities in my mandarin journey so far which my knowledge of which I have to expand in the future. Bubble tea was first created by the magnificent minds of Taiwan during the 1980s legend has it that



Chun Shui Tang teahouse employee Lin Hsui Hui in Taiwan whimsically decided to pour 粉圆(Fěn yuán), a sweetened tapioca desert, into her Assam iced tea which created the drink we've all come to love today. Moving back to my experience however the bubbles tea was lovely, sweet, the tapioca balls were squishy and soft it was a real privilege to have been able to participate in this amazing event to which I give all my thanks to language teachers and sixth formers.



Year 8 Rain Xi

This week is the Culture Week, I got an opportunity to learn about the Chinese culture which is bubble tea. In the lesson, we also learned how to order a bubble in Mandarin. Then we tried to speak in Mandarin and order the drink from a six former which I have to say was very skilled as he was calm and spoke

very fluently. Next year I would definitely do it again as it was very interesting stuff we learned and also very nice bubble tea we got to try out.







CELEBRATIONS OF ACHIEVEMENT EVENT

Last week we had Year 11 and 12 Celebrations of Achievement evening where students and their achievements were honour. The afternoon was very insightful and there was even musical performances from some of our students. Usually we would invite parents to celebrate their child's achievements, however we were not able to celebrate with parents this year. Despite this, the event was still filled with joy and happiness and parents of these students will also be emailed with their child's photos shortly.

Congratulations to all these students!







BATTLE OF BRITAIN' CONCERT HELD AT BETHS ON SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER 2021



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5 October 2021

Mr Richard Blyghton Headteacher Beths Grammar School Hartford Rd Bexley DA5 1NE

Dear Mr Blyghton

I am writing to you on behalf of Greenwich Concert Band in my capacity as band secretary. I would like to record our thanks and gratitude to members of your staff for the willing and cheerful help they gave last Saturday evening at a 'Battle of Britain' themed charity concert held at Beths. The function was booked by the concert organisers, the Rotary Club of the North Downs, and the musical entertainment was provided by Greenwich Concert Band which benefitted immensely from the help given by members of the Beths staff, both on Friday evening allowing us to set up some of our equipment beforehand and on Saturday afternoon and evening.

My band has performed this concert for many years at Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School for Sidcup Rotary. Two years ago, before the pandemic, the Rotary Club of the North Downs took over the running of this event and Beths was chosen as the venue. We were all so pleased with the facilities and help we received in 2019 that it was decided to hold this concert at Beths again.

As in 2019, Tracy Hards was a pleasure to deal with and her practical help – before, during and after the concert – was very much appreciated and, at times, much needed. Also I would like to commend Dan Metcalf for giving his time and invaluable help to us with the lighting and other issues on Friday and Saturday, which added so much in the way of atmosphere to complement the nostalgic music appropriate to the concert theme. He was on hand all the time to sort out any technical problems we might encounter and we were very grateful for his support and expertise. Finally, Rory was available that evening to lend a hand wherever needed which was most welcome for the organisers and band members alike.

We do hope that we may have the opportunity to perform a Greenwich Concert Band concert at Beths in the future as the support and expertise offered on a very busy evening and a full audience helped make the evening flow smoothly and efficiently. You may be interested to know that the success of the evening helped raise approximately £1,000 (possibly more) for each of the two charities chosen to benefit, i.e. the Royal British Legion and Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

I should be grateful if you would please convey our gratitude to your staff members who played their part in a most successful and worthwhile fundraising event. Their help was very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

David Cook

David H Cook Secretary, Greenwich Concert Band







EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

There are a range of activities/ clubs on offer for students. These activities run before school, lunch time, and after school. Below is a list of all activities currently offered. Please speak to the member of staff listed below if you would like more information.

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| Before school 8 – 8.30am | KS3 Basketball | KS3 Basketball | KS3 Basketball | KS4 Basketball | KS4 Basketball |
| Lunch time KS3 12.00 – 13.00 | Year 9 Basketbal (Mr Temple) Chess club – Week 1- All key stages in A2, Week 2: KS3 Online (Mr Runacres) | | Year 8 Basketball ALL (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK Year 7 Rugby (Mr G.S + Mr Smith) | KS3 Badminton (Mr Temple) KS3 Drama – P3 (Ms Grady) Year 8 Design Technology club – A8/A9 (Mr Knott) | Year 7 Basketball (Mr G.S + Mr Smith) Year 8 Football – Team Training (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK ONLY |
| KS4 12.50 - 13.50 | Year 10 Basketball (Mr Smith) Chess Club - Week 2 KS4 and KS5, A2. (Mr Runacres) | Year 11 Basketball | Sixth form: Football, Rugby_Basketball_Netball (Ms Deane/Ms Ewing) Eco-club: KS4/5 –A7A (geography department) | Girls Fitness- Sports Hall (Ms Ewing) | Sixth form Basketball (Team) |
| After school 3.20 – 4.45pm | Rugby Training Years 7 – 10 KS3 Badminton (Mr Healy) | Year 8 Basketball – Team Training (Mr Webb) Sixth Form LGBTQ+ Society – S15 (Ms Harris) | Warhammer Club, S1 (Mr Turnbull) | Year 7 Basketball Year 7 STEM club (Starts 7 th October)- S12 (Mrs Sarkar) Choir (all staff and students invited) – P12 (Ms Marriot) | |

The full list of clubs and activities can be found on the school's website.





RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results:

| FOOTBALL | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------|------------|--|--|--|
| 06.10.2021 | NK Division 2 | 2 nd XI | V Hayes School | Home | Cancelled | | | |
| | ESFA U18 Cup, Round Two | 1 st XI | V Royal Russell | Away | Lost 2-1 | | | |
| | ESFA Elite Schools Cup | U16 | V Tunbridge Wells Grammar | Away | Postponed | | | |
| 07.10.2021 | ESFA U15 Playstation Cup | U15 | V The Palmer Catholic Academy | Away | Won 2-0 | | | |
| BASKETBALL | | | | | | | | |
| 04.10.2021 | Friendly | U14 | V Sevenoaks School | Away | Postponed | | | |
| RUGBY | | | | | | | | |
| 02.10.2021 | Friendly | U14 | V Maidstone GS | Away | Lost 15-25 | | | |
| | Friendly | U13 | V Maidstone GS | Home | Lost 25-45 | | | |
| | Friendly | U12A | V Maidstone GS | Home | Lost 35-45 | | | |
| | Friendly | U12B | V Maidstone GS | Home | Won 55-25 | | | |

Fixtures:

| FOOTBALL | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------|----------------|--|--|--|
| 11.10.2021 | U16 Invicta Trophy | U16 | V Bishop Justus | Away | 4.15pm KO | | | |
| | U16 French Cup | U16 | V Bishop Justus | Away | 4.15pm KO | | | |
| 13.10.2021 | NK Premier League | 1 st XI | V Hayes | Away | 2.15pm KO | | | |
| | ESFA U16 Elite | U16 | V TWGS | Away | TBA | | | |
| | ESFA U13, Round Two | U13 | V TWGS | Away | TBA | | | |
| 14.10.2021 | U15 Portex Trophy, | U15 | V Harris, Beckenham | Away | 4pm KO | | | |
| | Round Two | | | | | | | |
| | Dennis O'Dpnovan | U12A | V Ravenswood | Home | 3.45pm | | | |
| | Trophy | | | | | | | |
| BASKETBALL | | | | | | | | |
| 11.10.2021 | Kent | U16 | V Bexley GS | Home | 3.45pm Tip Off | | | |
| 14.10.2021 | Kent | U13 | V NTC A | Home | 4pm Tip Off | | | |
| RUGBY | | | | | | | | |
| 12.10.2021 | Kent U15 Shield | U15 | V Ashford School | Home | 3.45pm KO | | | |
| 13.10.2021 | Friendly | 1 st XV | V Oakwood Park | Home | 2.30pm KO | | | |
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^{*}Please note that some matches may be cancelled/postponed and therefore we ask you to keep an eye on the SOCS website.

Beths Grammar School | Sports Home (bethssport.co.uk)







FIXTURE HIGHTLIGHTS

Highlights of the various games our students played over the past week. Well done for all your hard work and dedication, you've done us all proud!

Please see link to the video highlights made by Mr Webb:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWsK2zkJgJ8



Link to full sports bulletin for 4th October - 8th October: https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?
title=Sports+%26amp%3B+Fixtures&pid=118







MATCH REPORT



Saturday 2nd October 2021

Beths 7A Rugby Team v Maidstone Grammar School (friendly)

Well done team A, we scored 7 fantastic tries and some of us made some amazing tackles. We were winning in the first half which we all should be proud of, but it seems Maidstone were one step ahead of us when we came onto the second half, but we all coped quite well. Congratulations to J amie for being the man of the match and the incredible tackles he made and scoring 2 tries. We have all seen that this was so much better than the last match and I know even though we did lose this time I am sure with more training we will win the next match.

Man of the Match: Jamie Written by CJ











MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

This weeks Musicians of the Week: James

Here is a really excellent video of James playing his guitar and singing

Link to video: https://youtu.be/XcNxmZxH5nE



Any student who would like to be featured in the Beths 'Musician of the Week', whether it be a group or solo performance or a composition, please send your entries to Ms Marriott msmarriott@beths.bexley.sch.uk





LUNCH MENU W/C 11TH OCTOBER 2021

INDEPENDENTCATERING | E D U C A T E R L I M I T E D



MONDAY 11 OCTOBER

CELEBRATING WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY WITH A SELECTION OF MINDFUL FOOD DISHES

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

MAIN Chicken Tikka Masala served with Vegetable Rice Onion Bhaji and Sag Aloo **VEGAN** Roasted Aubergine and Tomato Curry served with Vegetable Rice Onion Bhaji and Sag Aloo STREET FOOD Greek **DESSERT Dorset Apple Cake and Cream**

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER

MAIN Chicken and Savoury Stuffing served with Roast Potatoes, Honey Roast Parsnips, Spring Greens and Carrots VEGETARIAN Broccoli and Sun-Dried Tomato Quiche with Roast Potatoes, Honey Roast Parsnips, Spring Greens and Carrots STREET FOOD Caribbean **DESSERT Lemon and Lime Cheesecake**

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER

MAIN Cottage Pie, served with Fresh Broccoli and Glazed Carrots VEGAN Smokey Vegetable Chilli and Cajun Rice served with Chopped Salad and Fresh Broccoli STREET FOOD Korean **DESSERT** Chocolate and Orange Sponge Cake with Custard

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER

MAIN Breaded Fish, served with Chips and Peas or Fresh Salad VEGETARIAN Vegetable and Mozzarellas Cheese Calzone served with Chips and Peas or Fresh Salad STREET FOOD American **DESSERT Baked Apple Crumble and Custard**

AVAILABLE DAILY FRESH CHEF'S SALAD - WHOLE GRAIN BREAD - GRAB AND GO POT MENU



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FRESH CUT SANDWICHES - ROLLS - WRAPS - PITTAS - BAGUETTES SEE THE BLACK BOARDS FOR SOUPS, THEME DAYS

*ALL OUR MENUS ARE TREE NUT AND PEANUT FREE

INGREDIENTS CONTAINING GLUTEN (INDICATED BY THE NUMBER 1 ON THE MENU) WILL CONTAIN WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, SPELT, RYE OR KAMUT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF. IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGEN CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CATERING MANAGER. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING WHOLE







- 1. Parents Associations' latest events
- 2. Raising money for these thrilling projects
- 3. Simple and quick ways to donate: match funding

Beths Parents Association aims to raise funds and improve the learning environment of our children. We have set up an annual campaign with a donation link to raise funds for our fantastic projects, please visit our website for full details:

https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/? title=Parents+Association&pid=162

1. Latest Parents Associations' events

Our Online Chess Tournament

Following the success of Beths Parents Association first online chess tournament, Friday 1st of October, saw the second one. Featuring William Jones, an ex Beths student and international level player, nearly 30 players (a mixture of parents and students) battled it out online to secure a good ranking on the leader board. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the winners will be given prizes and all players commendations.

After house points were allocated to each player, the house scores were as follows:

Brampton - 26 Cray - 61 Abbey - 15 Wickham - 8

Eardley - 19 **Hurst - 45**

What players and parents said!:

"Could we do another one chess tournament again, please?"

"Such a lovely time!",

"William is too good",

"Thank you for the tournament it was fun"









We have already raised £1450!!!!

Thank you to everyone who has joined online chess tournament our donated for this inspiring project. To reach our final goal, we only need to raise £ 550. You can start or still support the Beths Parents Association in raising this amount for the school outdoor by donating chess tables at: https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16829



Many players are already getting ready for the next round so, keep an eye on forthcoming news about the third edition. So, why not start learning new strategies by attending the school's Chess Club?

Remember this event is open to all students at Beths.

Friends and Sponsors of Beths Parents Associations

We would like to say a special THANK YOU to our sponsors and William who have generously donated towards this Online Chess Tournament, with cash functions and prizes for the winners.











Coming soon...

Beths PA's Monthly Draw is back!



Beths Parents Association Monthly Draw



Support the Beths Parents Association by participating in our Monthly Draw

You have the chance to win either a £20 or £10 monthly prize and £50 quarterly prize whilst supporting our fundraising for pupils.

Simply purchase one number for £6 and you can purchase up to 20 numbers maximum for £120 for your chance to win! This enters you in to all 12 draws from January to December.

Go to link below to purchase your numbers or scan above QR Code (3)



https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTED45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO

All proceeds to Beths Parents Association Registered Charity Number 801836

For full details on terms and conditions, see our PA web page

- The purpose is to raise funds for Beths grammar school. Payment is made into the parents association's bank account and funds are used to meet the funding requests from Beths Grammar School for things like; musical instruments, sports equipment, school library resources and opportunities for students as may arise
- It is also a monthly draw with a cash prize



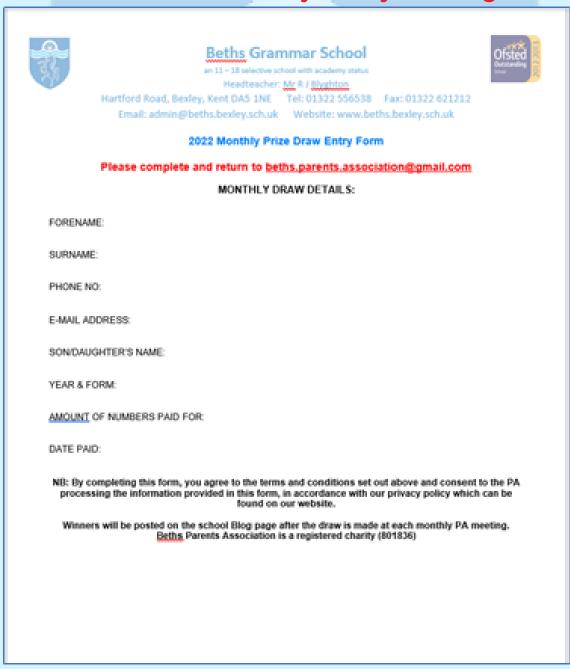




It is simple and quick to play! Just follow the two steps below:

1. Complete the membership form and return it via email to: beths.parents.association@gmail.com, it is important that you

complete and submit this form to us so that we are able to communicate to you any winnings









- 2. Pay for your number or numbers for the full year upfront (i.e. £6 per number per annum up to a maximum of £120 for 20 numbers) by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code below: https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTED45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO
- Once your completed form and payment have been received;
 you will receive an email confirmation with your allocated number or numbers.
- Please ensure that you send us confirmation of payment along with the completed form to beths.parents.association@gmail.com

Please submit your applications and payments by the latest 11th January 2022 to be included in the January 2022 draw.

Visit the PA section of the Beths Grammar School Website for more details: https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?
title=Parents+Association&pid=162









2. Raising money for these thrilling projects!



- Outdoor chess tables £2, 000 Help us Reach our goal of £550!!! https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16829
- Radio Beths £5, 000 Share the NEWS and DONATE HERE!!!!
 https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17268
- Musical instruments £2, 000 DONATE HERE!!!!
 https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17270
- Lighting for drama £1, 000 (£29 raised) DONATE HERE!!!!
 https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17269

Adding Gift Aid on your donation makes a huge difference as it increase the total amount given; extra 25p for every £1 you give. For example with a £100 donation, the PA will receive £125. Please remember to add the Gift Aid within your donations.

Thank you!







3. Simple and quick ways to donate

Help us raise funds at no cost for you!

This week, we will share with you how to generate even MORE funds for Beths Parents Association

65% of large companies have a match funding policy



- 1. Employers such as banks (Barclays...) are willing to support their employees in their charitable work by matching pound for pound anything employees raise for beneficial causes within certain rules
- 2. Raise money for our school by checking with your company if they do match funding either:

1. Company intranet

2. Manager

3. HR department

3. Join to Beths Parents Association events so, our school can claim the match funding. Contact us and we will provide you with a letter evidencing your great involvement in our events with the amount raised.







All your support is appreciated, every pound will help us to get closer to our target goal.



Next meeting: AGM on Tuesday 12th October, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom

Please keep checking on our website and social media pages for upcoming events



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STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Well done to Jack and Bradley from Year 12 who were members of the Kent Under 16 team that recently won the English Schools FA Under 16 Inter County Cup.

Kent beat Cleveland 3-0 in the final at Sixways Stadium at Worcester.



Congratulations to both Jack and Bradley







