



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Students,

As we approach the end of your formal time in school, and send you off onto study leave, I wanted to pass on my best wishes and all the luck I can offer you. You have succeeded in the face of adversity and your experiences over the last few years will prepare you for anything life has to throw at you.

Rather than bombard you with information via assembly and multiple letters I wanted to collate some key information in one place for you to refer to.

## Plans for the Leaver's Celebration – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to celebrate the end of your formal schooling at Beths with you this week. I'm sure you don't need reminding but behaviour standards should be maintained until the very end. If there are any issues, then students will not be allowed to attend the celebration and further sanctions may be put in place. We obviously do not want this to happen so please continue to maintain your high standards. The arrangements for the day are as follows

- Students should arrive at the far-field gate (alley side) from 11.00am. You are not required to wear school uniform.
- There will be inflatable obstacle courses, games, and other activities as well as plenty of chances for photos!
- Students may not come onto the main school site at any point on the Friday. Lockers should have been emptied before the end of Thursday.
- No bags or bottles will be allowed on the field. Bags will be kept safely in the minibus until students wish to leave.
- From 12:00 we will serve the barbeque lunch (no need to pay)
- At around 13.00 we will host our leavers assembly with prizes and speeches
- The event will end by 14:30, with students leaving via the far gate that opens on to Finsbury Way.
- As always, we expect excellent behaviour throughout this celebration. Let's make sure we all depart the school on the best of terms.

Even though you are leaving to begin study leave, the support we provide is still available to each and every one of you. Please do not hesitate to contact your tutor, myself, or your teachers for guidance over the coming weeks. I have included some key links, information, and dates below that relate to the final steps of the UCAS process.

## Accepting your firm and insurance choice

Information can be found at the following link: [Replying to your UCAS offers](#)

The key deadline dates for this are based on when we get the last decision in from your unis or colleges. Check your application to see your personal deadline.

- If you receive your last decision on or before 19 May 2022, your reply date is **9 June 2022 (except if you're using Extra to find a place)**.
- If you receive your last decision on or before 14 July 2022, your reply date is **21 July 2022 (including Extra choices)**.

## Student Finance

More information can be found at the following link: [Student Finance Government Website](#)

Apply as early as possible to make sure your finances are in place before your studies start. The deadline to apply is **20 May 2022** for new students and 24 June 2022 for returning students. Even if you don't know what course you are doing, you should apply now using your preferred choice and you can update your application later if required.

Applications are made via [StudentFinance](#)

## Student Accommodation

Your firm (and perhaps your insurance) university will likely email you about this soon so keep checking your emails. Some universities will allow you to organise accommodation for your insurance choice, but many don't. Check the university website and if in doubt, give them a call.

## Clearing and Adjustment

We are confident that every single one of you will reach the very high standards you've set for yourselves. That being said, it always pays to be prepared. On results day some of you may find that your results didn't go to plan, or indeed surpassed what you hoped for. If you didn't meet your firm or insurance, you are eligible for Clearing. This is the process by which you can apply for other courses which did not fill up. The following link contains more information about [Clearing](#).

If you've done even better than planned you may be able to get a place on a higher entry requirement university through Adjustment. More information can be found here: [Adjustment](#)

In either case the advice from us is the same.

1. Get to school for **8am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August** to get your results.
2. Check UCAS immediately (sometimes it updates slightly before).
3. If you're listed as in Clearing speak to a member of staff straight away and we will send you down to the support area.
4. Be prepared to make lots of phone calls and research things quickly. Places at competitive universities go quickly.
5. Don't panic! Many students get places at universities they end up loving through Clearing. We will support you all the way.

Remember, the support the school offers does not stop when you leave us. If you're worried, confused or just want to talk something through please reach out to us.

Finally, it has been a challenging time for all concerned in education, however through your hard work, determination and support of your excellent Teachers, Form Tutors and Assistant Heads of Year you have reached a milestone in your education where you can move onto the next exciting chapter in your lives. I would like to wish you the very best in your examinations.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Waite  
Head of Year