BETHS VIP

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Our first term of the academic year over and for some, I'm sure, has felt like a long one. Students have settled back into routine well and adjusted to the new process of signing in and out at designated touch pads. The safeguarding of our students and staff is paramount to us, which is why we introduced student lanyards at the beginning of the academic year. Students have had the term to adjust to the new process and must always wear their lanyards whilst on school

premises. This is part of their uniform.

We have had school trips this term, to Lullingstone Villa, Houses of Parliament, students attending a local primary school giving French lessons to name but a few. There are many more exciting trips planned during the rest of the academic year.

We recently announced the extra-curricular clubs that are running for students to participate in during their lunchtimes or after school. A full list of clubs can be found on our website or in a previous VIP issue.

Our Year 11 took to their work experience this month in a variety of sectors, gaining valuable skills and a taste of the working life. We have received wonderful feedback on our students from the employers which is shared in this VIP issue.

We also held a number of Year 6 open events this term, for the Year 7 2023 intake. Over 400 families were welcomed and given tours by students in Key Stage 3.

Coming up next term:

10th November 17:30-19:00 Sixth Form Information evening for Internal Students in the Hall,

17th November 18:00-19:30 Sixth Form Information evening for External Students = online

From the 23rd November guided 6th form tours begin for external students.

Have a lovely relaxing half term break. We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes, Richard Blyghton







INTERNATIONAL WEEK -BUBBLE TEA

Krijal, Year 8:

'As part of the languages week, I attended the Chinese club, where I learned a lot about the Chinese culture of which I had no previous knowledge. Ford LaoShi's session was specifically about the origin of tea in ancient China and the trade wars of the 19th century, before going on to learn about Bubble Tea as a modern phenomenon that has spread fay beyond China's shores. The highlight for me was learning some Chinese phrases about how to order a Bubble Tea which we had to say before we tried it. Learning these phrases gave me a real sense of satisfaction and I will definitely be trying them out next time I order a Bubble Tea in London.





Kesavan, Year 8:

As soon as the pips went off, we all rushed, excited, to try the culinary delights that the school had promised us. When I arrived, I was met with Mr. Ford, Ms. Liu and a Sixth-Form Chinese student Micaiah who welcomed me into the classroom. Everyone was starring at the rows upon rows of Bubble Tea at a neighbouring table - however, we were told that 'they were for after the lesson', this was met with groans and sighs as no one wanted an extra 'lesson' during lunch. The actual lesson was just a discussion of the origins of tea and how Bubble Tea came to be. We then learned how to say zhēn zhū nǎi chá which means Bubble Tea in Chinese. While I loved the tapioca pearls I am not a 'tea' person, but I'm glad I had the experience!







LULLINGSTONE VILLA TRIP REVIEW

Last Tuesday, the Year 9 and 8 Latin classes went to a local Roman Villa in Lullingstone. When we arrived, we were given questionnaires to answer whilst walking around the site. We learned a lot about life in Roman Britain and how the Romans settled here. We had gone over existing knowledge and had learnt much more about Roman Britain, villas, and Celtic chieftains. Over the course of the trip, we answered the questionnaire using the information around the villa; the questions were on the history of the villa and its excavation, culture, and history of the Roman Britains. This trip was very interesting and educating, many of us enjoyed it and would hope to go on a similar trip once again.













KS3 STEM CLUB

This week during STEM Club, students had to design a device that can be dropped from the second floor of the science block with an egg inside, without the egg breaking. Students were judged on their team work and if the egg survived.

The winner team will be announced after half term.









During the week of 3rd to 7th October, our Year 11 students had their in-person work experience week. These included experiences in accountancy, architecture, computing, education, property, central government, law, pharmacy and medicine as well as public services. Many of our students also attended placements at primary schools and libraries.



One student, Michael Y, visited the Royal Courts of Justice and saw all four Inns of Court, eating in the Great Hall of the Middle Temple one day.

Arjan and Joshua worked with the Met Police: "I got to go to Number 10 Downing Street which was very cool."







Employability skills



"I think that my placement here has helped me improve my social skills and how to deal with people effectively."

In reading through the comments from the employers and students, the importance of building up communication skills has come across very strongly. Learning how to behave in a workplace in a professional manner, speaking with adults, engaging as part of a team – these are the skills that will help our students to realise their aspirations in the future.

Feedback from the employers:

We're incredibly proud of all of our students, and we have been receiving absolutely fantastic feedback from the employers regarding our students. We couldn't possibly include them all (as much as we would have liked to) but here are some to give you a flavour of the comments that we've received. All Year 11 students can see feedback on their own placement on Unifrog.







Steven B (Plumcroft Primary School)

What a fantastic role model this young man is and what an asset he must be to your school. He took an active part within the classroom and worked with children of all abilities. He encouraged them with their learning and was extremely patient, helping to build their resilience.

Fred F (St Olave's Preparatory School)

Fred had an excellent manner when working with the children and was insightful and empathetic in his observations. Every teacher he worked with commented on his natural ability in the classroom. Fred would be an asset to any classroom and is always welcome back to St Olave's.

Max G (European School of Osteopathy)
Max was a joy to have around.

Levi A (Anaysse Jacob's Solicitors)

He listened very attentively at all times and this was evident as the task he was assigned to do was carried out exceptionally well.

Henry O (Eltham Library)

Henry was friendly, polite, punctual and undertook the tasks we set him with enthusiasm. He was happy to try new things. He is a real credit to your school.













Aidan H (Tiddlywinks Pre-School)

It was a pleasure to have Aidan as a student. Aidan took on any task, and impressed us every time. Aidan blossomed throughout the week, and it was lovely to see him grow in confidence. Aidan was adored by the children and some children would seek out Aidan throughout the day.

Max S-M (West Hill Primary Academy)

He was polite and friendly with both adults and children. In a maths lesson he helped one child understand a complex question about factors and multiples and was a very patient teacher. That child was so proud of himself after that lesson and that was thanks to Max's patience.

Ben S (Warren Road Primary School)

What stood out, was Ben's initiative. He was very vigilant so, for example, if I was going around the class marking, he immediately picked up on it and did the same. A super allrounder.

David A (Halstow Primary School, Greenwich)

Amazing with the children and so helpful and proactive. David was a real asset and quite a natural! He had a professional manner and a great work ethic and was always finding ways to help children, or me as a teacher. He was prompt, polite and made sure he made the most of his visit experiencing as much of school life as possible. He had a calm, caring manner with the children and worked really well with SEN children, explaining concepts, giving suggestions and supporting them with their ideas.

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Roman M (Trinity Laban Conservatoire)

He was attentive, enthusiastic, and polite, carrying out every task with calm maturity and intelligence. He was given a broad range of duties aiming to provide him with a real-world learning experience and, to assist as a part of our busy popular music department. Roman is a credit to your school and to himself.

Rowan M (YMCA)

He proved to be exceptionally adaptable and carried out a wide variety of tasks - there's never a dull moment at the YMCA! He now has an open invite to return to our nurseries to run sports sessions for the children. Rowan was an excellent ambassador for Beths and I hope he is proud of all that he achieved during his time with us.







METROPOLITAN POLICE







What did the students tell us about their placements?

In their reflection on work experience, students were asked to answer three questions:

- One thing you learnt through doing the placement
- What you did during the placement of which you're most proud
- How doing the placement impacted on your plans for the future

One thing you learnt through doing the placement:

- ... how vital the teaching professional is and how there is much more to it than what you see taking place in the classroom (James R)
- ... I learnt about power generation and how it gets to buildings. I learnt about the features of switchboards, distribution boards and circuit breakers (Ayoola)
- ... how to adapt to a different environment and still work to a high level and do the best I can (Ismael D)
- ... there are many more parts of a football club than people realise, especially within the academy, where there are education teams as well as physios, psychologists, coaches, analysts and many more. (Tom B)
- ... how to work under pressure (Donald O)
- ... how to tactically and efficiently use my time (Aaron)

What you did during the placement of which you're most proud

- ... help a child with learning disabilities produce work that went to the head teacher (Giacomo)
- ... I helped someone book a plane ticket to South Korea (Miles S)
- ... created the website for the shop part of the music academy (Thomas R)





- ... I wrote the owner a list of things that the company could do to become better and increase their variety of customers and widen their customer base (Ifeanyi O)
- ... I made a great connection with the students in the class I worked with and created a safe and good bond and environment for them. (Subeeshnan B)
- ... I helped to decorate a board celebrating Black History Month (Abdul O-A)

How doing the placement impacted on your plans for the future:

- ... my eyes were opened to new career ideas and opportunities (Gerald A)
- ... during the placement I was told about 'sandwich degrees' where you complete a university degree but spend one year in industry I plan to do one in the future. (Luke R)
- ... it has given me a real idea of what the world of work is like (Alex S)
- ... this experience has opened my eyes more to the world of work in pharmaceuticals. It has made me curious to investigate more about this field and possibly study it at university. (Jason U)
- ... it has reinforced my desire to work on the medical field (Jayden B,)
- ... I can see myself working in a school environment and making a difference for future generations (Oliver W)

We want to thank our students for all of the effort they put into their placements. We hope that they learnt valuable skills and had a really positive introduction into the world of work.

The Careers Team







CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a range of clubs and extra curricular activities running for all year groups. For a full timetable of clubs and club information please head to our website https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?

title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=50

KS3 Clubs

	NOO Olabo						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
8 -							
8.30am			KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	KS3 Basketball Sports Hall			
			Eco Club ODD WEEK A4				
			Mr Glendinning				
					DT Club A9 Mr Knott		
			Humanities club EVEN				
	French Club EVEN WEEK		WEEK M2 Ms Palmer		Manga Club ODD WEEK B4		
	S19 Ms James				Ms Takeda*		
			Music Appreciation 12:15-				
	Spanish Club EVEN WEEK		12:45pm P2		Animation Club A3 Ms		
	S16 Ms Bridge	LGBTQ+ Society S18 Mr			Twinem		
		Stein	Y8 Dungeons and Dragons				
	Reading Club EVEN WEEK		DandT Hub Ms		Creative Writing ODD		
	B5 Ms Monteith	Drama Club P3 Ms	Commerford	Connect Club EVEN WEEK	WEEK B2 Lady Irving-Gale		
		Monteith		B4 Ms Takeda			
	U14 Basketball Sports Hall		Collegium Antiquum 12.15		Music Support Session		
Lunch	Year 8 Rugby Field	Year 7 Basketball	start S19 Mr Simpson	KS3 Badminton Sports Hall	12:00-12:45pm P2		
	Run Club School Field Mr						
	Walter	Memrise Clinic S16 Ms					
		Bridge					
	Beths Youth Band 3:40-						
	4:45 P1	Music Enrichment -		Warhammer S1 (3.40 start)			
		Audition only	Theatre Production 3.45-	Mr Turnbull			
	** Group Piano lessons		4.30 P3 Ms Grady*				
	3;30-4:30 P2	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in		Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm			
		the Main School Hall	Year 7 Football Field	P1			
	Year 7 Rugby Field				U13 Basketball Sports Hall		
		Year 8 Rugby Field	** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Year 9 Football Field			
After	STEM Club Y7 S12 Ms		beginners; 4:00-4:30		Beths Big Band 3:40-		
School	Sarker	Year 9 Rugby Field	intermediate in P2	U14 Basketball Sports Hall	4:45pm P2		

KS4 Clubs

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Eco Club EVEN WEEK A4		
			Ms Purbrick		
			Poetry Club EVEN WEEK		LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
			B1 Dr Easton		S19,EVEN S15) Ms Harris
	Tap and Rap 1:10-1:45pm	Y11 Study Club (13.20-	U16 Basketball Sports Hall		Social Sciences Reading
	P1	13.50) B4 Ms Takeda			Club FIRST ODD FRIDAY
			English Revision Club ODD		OF MONTH M4
	History Club EVEN WEEK	Music Revision 1:10-	WEEK B5		
	M5	1:45pm P1		Psychology Club MCC Mr	Film Club B6 Ms Quinn
			Reading Club ODD WEEK	Walsh and Ms Moffat	and Mr Russell
	Maths Club B12 Mr Khalid	Philosophy Society ODD	B5 Ms Monteith		
		WEEK M2 Ms May and	Music Theory Club at	Debating Club M4 Mr	Y11 Study Club (13.20-
Lunchtime	Chess Club A2 Mr Healy	Ms Moffat	1:10pm-1:45pm P1	Chamberlain	13.50) B4 Ms Takeda
			U16 Basketball Sports Hall		
			** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Warhammer S1 Mr	
			beginners; 4:00-4:30	Turnbull	
			intermediate in P2		
	Year 10 Rugby Field			Beths Singers 3:40-	
			Theatre Production 3.45-	4:45pm P1	
After	** Group Piano lessons	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in	4.30 P3 Ms Grady*		Beths Big Band 3:40-
School	3;30-4:30 P2	the Main School Hall		Year 10 Football Field	4:45pm P2

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KS5 Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wadnesday	Thursday	Eriday
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Gym Club (Max 15	Friday
				people) - Weights Room	
8 - 8.30am				Mr Webb	
	Tan and Dan 1:10			Group Therapy* - C4	
	Tap and Rap 1:10- 1:45pm - P1 Ms		Eco Club (EVEN WEEK)	Denise Brett-Smith	
	Marriott		A4 Ms Purbrick and Mr Glendinning		
	warnott		Glendinning	Music Revision 1:10-	
	History Club (EVEN		Music Theory Club at	1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott	
	WEE) - M5		1:10pm-1:45pm - P1 Ms	Psychology Club - MCC	
	WEEJ - WIS		Marriott	Mr Walsh and Ms	
	Chess Club - A2 Mr			Moffat	
	Healy		Poetry Club (EVEN		LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
	ricary		WEEK) - B1 Dr Easton	Debating Club - M4 Mr	S19, EVEN S15) Ms
	Muslim Prayer			Chamberlain	Harris
	group- C3 Mr		English Revision Club		Sector Section 1
	Ahmed		(ODD WEEK) - B5	Muslim Prayer group -	Social Sciences Reading
				C3 Mr Ahmed	Club FIRST (ODD FRIDAY
	KS5 Chemistry Club	Philosophy Society (ODD	Muslim Prayer group -		OF MONTH) - M4
	- S8	WEEK) - M2 Ms May and	C3 Mr Ahmed	Yu-Gi-Oh Club - A5 Mr	Film Club - B6 Ms Quinn
		Ms Moffat		Walter	and Mr Russell
	KS5 Physics		Reading Club (ODD		and IVIT Russell
	Olympiad Club - S1	Muslim Prayer group -	WEEK) - B5 Ms Monteith	Informatics Olympiad	Muslim Prayer group -
		C3 Mr Ahmed	Monteith	club - IT1	C3 Mr Ahmed
	Gender Equality		KSS Maths Olympiad		C3 WII AIIIIEU
	Society - A7B Ms	Computer Science	Club - B12 Mr Khalid	BMAT physics support	Multi-Cultural
	Ewing	interview prep - S1 Mr		for Medics - S0 Mr	Committee - MCC 1-
		Beaney	Personal Statement	Beaney	1.30pm
Lunchtime			Clinic - LRC Mr Beaney		
			Music Technology Club		
			Venue TBC Ms Marriott		
			1st XI Football PE		
			2nd XI Football PE		
			6th Form Basketball		
			Sports Hall PE		
	** Group Piano	Girls Rugby Field Ms	Sth Form St. L. F		
	lessons 3;30-4:30	Ewing	6th Form Girls Football	Warhammer S1 Mr	
	P2		PE	Turnbull	
After		Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm	** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00		
School/	Engineering A6	in the Main School Hall	beginners; 4:00-4:30	Beths Singers 3:40-	
Wednesday	Mr Morgan	Ms Marriott	intermediate in P2 Ms	4:45pm P1 Ms Marriott	Beths Big Band 3:40-
P3			Marriott		4:45pm P2 Ms Marriott







SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commecing 7th - 19th October

FOOTBALL						
07.10.22	ESFA Rd1	U13A	V The John Roan School	Home	Won 8 – 0	
10.10.22	KSFA R1	U16A	V Bishop Justus C of E School	Home	Won 3 – 0	
10.10.22	KSFA	U12A	V Stationers Crown Woods	Away	Lost 2 – 0	
			Academy			
11.10.22	KSFA	U13A	V Harris Academy Beckenham	Away	Won 0 - 2	
12.10.22	Kent League	2 nd XI	V Langley Park Girls	Away	Won 0 – 4	
12.10.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Hayes	Away	Won 1 – 2	
13.10.22	KSFA Rd 2	U14A	V Ravens Wood School	Home	Won 5 -3	
13.10.22	ESFA Rd 2	U13A	V St Thomas the Apostle School	Home	Won 2 – 0	
13.10.22	KSFA Rd 2	U16A	V The Howard School	Away	4- 4 AET	
					Won by	
					penalties	
19.10.22	ESFA Rd 2	U16A	V King Henry	Away	Won 2 – 3	
			RUGBY			
10.10.22	Friendly	U13A	V Wilmington Grammar Boys	Away	Won 5 - 45	
11.10.22	Friendly	U12A	V Wilmington Grammar Boys	Home	Draw 0 – 0	
12.10.22	Friendly	1 st XV	V Oakwood Park Grammar	Home	Won 24 - 16	
14.10.22	Rugby Vase Rd 2	U15A	V Chis and Sid Grammar	Home	Lost 7 - 69	
15.10.22	Friendly	U14A	V Simon Langton	Home	Lost 12 - 34	
15.10.22	Friendly	U13A	V Simon Langton	Away	Won 5 - 55	
18.10.22	Friendly	U15A	V Wilmington Grammar Boys	Home	Won 43 - 0	
18.10.22	Friendly	U14A	V Wilmington Grammar Boys	Away	Lost 35 – 10	
19.10.22	Mizen Cup	1 st XV	V Roebucks Rugby Academy	Neutral	Won 31 – 12	
BASKETBALL						
17.10.22	National Cup	U14A	V Chadwell Heath Academy	Home	Won 48 -17	
18.10.22	Kent	U18A	V Haberdashers' Aske's	Home	Won 44 – 41	
Knights Academy						

Fixtures for week commencing 31st October.

FOOTBALL							
01.11.22	ESFA Rd 2	U14A	V Harris Academy Wimbledon	Home	KO 3:15pm		
02.11.22	Kent League	2 nd XI	V Christ the King: St Mary's	Away	KO 2pm		
03.11.22	Area Cup	U12B	V Bexley Grammar	Away	KO 2:30pm		
RUGBY							
02.11.22	Friendly	1 st XV	V Maidstone Grammar	Home	KO 2pm		

*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)

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE









Beths 78th AGM (Annual General Meeting) took place on Tuesday 11th October 2022.

Thank you to all new parents who attended the meeting and actively participated to the PA's ongoing discussions: raising much needed funds for our children.

Join Beths PA to welcome our new Executive Committee Members:



Chairperson: Justin Zarb

Treasurer assistant: Natalie Zarb

Secretary Assistant: Ijeoma Dabengwa

If you are interested to be part of Beths Parents Association, why not become Vice Chair?

A big Thank You to Timmy & Irene Obaseki who are stepping down from Chairperson and Vice Chair position. Both will be working closely on the smooth handover with the new Executive members. Dorota Das and Marlie Diallo are maintaining their role as Treasurer and Secretary.

More details will be provided next week.

PA's ongoing fundraising campaigns

1. Coming soon



The PA is working on several new fundraising projects: Christmas Tree Sale, Match Funding, Unform Sale, Quiz Night.

We will keep you posted in the coming weeks!









2. Your Beths PA monthly draw.



This is a simple way that not only supports our fund raising but also gives you the chance to win either a £20 or £10 monthly prize. To purchase your lucky numbers please complete the enclosed form and return it to the

school office. Each number costs only £7, payable via the link below: https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLJBMNWTMAZ24/checkout/QU7DMNSRYWZOIBWFUXH72VOHor scan below QR code:



Or via school's Parent Pay system when your son starts in year 7, which allow entry for the 12 monthly and 4 quarterly draws. The winning numbers are randomly drawn at the monthly PA meeting.

Please register now by completing the form available on Beths Parents Association web page: Beths Grammar School - Parents Association or simply contact us on: beths.parents.association@gmail.com

3. Match Funding is Back

Let's generate even MORE funds for Beths Parents Association by applying Match Funding Scheme.

65% of large companies have a match funding policy. Follow these steps to find out!









- 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:
- 3. Contact us and we will provide you with a letter evidencing your great involvement in our events with the amount raised.

4. Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising: Help us raise more funds while you do your shopping



Raise even more funds and set up a challenge with your family and friends by asking them to select Beths Parents Association on AmazonSmile:

Please go to <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u> and search for Beths Parents' Association. You need to start each of your shopping sessions at the URL <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u>.

If you shop elsewhere online, please join Easyfundraising. Again, it costs nothing to you and Beths PA will automatically receive a donation.

You can sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/BethsPA and we will receive a donation anytime you shop.









5. Cash donations in collection buckets

Throughout the year, Beths Parents' Association works closely with school to raise funds for several requests such as:

- -Books and equipment for the new library
- -PE rugby junior size tops
- -Sports awards trophies
- -Basketball electronic scoreboard
- -Ongoing projects



so please donate via this QR code or by following this link: https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/21025

6. Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme: PA's new 3Rs scheme



PA Uniform Shop - We are selling these items, please email the PA via: beths.parents.association@gmail.com.
Simply drop them off at the School Reception!







Friends and Sponsors of Beths Parents Associations

Why not become a Sponsor by making a donation and having your business logo published on our pages!

Please contact us for more details: beths.parents.association@gmail.com
THANK YOU!

Important dates

Next PA meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7:3pm (Teams)

Beths PA Christmas Tree Sale: First Week of December 2022 (more details to be shared)

Uniform Sale and Quiz Night: TBC

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



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