



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 20 April 2018

Welcome back to the Summer Term

Staff and students were welcomed back from the Easter break by a surprise waiting for them in the Hall. Over the break, all the windows were brought to life using window vinyls of many of the photographs already on display on our website.

Additionally, on the walls opposite the stage, which were originally just bare white, Beths Houses have been promoted and celebrated by using a 'wall wrap' system.

Looking to the future, we are investigating a way to display House Points and encourage the students to go all out to win the House Cup.

If these two new initiatives are well-received, we will look to roll out similar displays to promote other areas around the school.



Appointed Governors

The Members of the Beths Academy Trust are looking to appoint some Appointed Governors at the end of this calendar year. Appointed Governors, as the name implies, are appointed on the basis of the particular skills that they bring to the Governing Body and at this time we are looking to appoint people with skills in school performance, educational law, finance or human resources. If you have any of these skills and want to make a positive impact to the learning experience of the young men and women at Beths then please contact the Head's PA, Nicola Fitzgerald, to express your interest and outline your experience. Mrs Fitzgerald will pass your information on to me.

The Governing Body determine and implement the strategic direction of the school in conjunction with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team and are accountable to the Department for Education. You can gain some insight into what the Governing Body do from looking at the Governors area on the Beths website, but the minimum time requirement is to attend 4 full Governing Body meetings a year and 3 committee meetings. All these meetings start at 5pm and typically last for 2 hours. A timetable for all meetings is set out before the beginning of each school year.

The Beths Governing Body are committed to ensuring that all students reach their full potential and leave the school as well-rounded individuals fully equipped to undertake the challenges they will encounter. We are also committed to self-evaluation and improvement and this year we have undertaken an extensive external review and are currently working through an action plan that

resulted from this review. One of the actions is to improve our recruitment strategy for new governors and this approach to parents and carers through the school blog is a step towards this.

Please give serious consideration to this request and get in touch with Mrs Fitzgerald if you feel that you have the experience and commitment required.

Chris Kirk
Chairman of the Governing Body

Safety and Courtesy

On a more serious note, we would like to remind parents, students and staff to continue to be respectful of our neighbours and not park across their driveways. The safety of our students continues to be our utmost priority and so we also ask that, if you are dropping off or collecting your son or daughter, you abide by the road markings and refrain from parking on zig-zags or double yellow lines.

We have also received a couple of calls from members of the public about parents dropping students in the morning actually on the roundabout at the top of Bourne Road – close to Dartfordians. This is obviously extremely dangerous not just for other road users, but also for the students themselves. We would urge that parents please find a safe place to drop-off their child/children for school.