



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 11 May 2018

#### Wind Turbine Trip

Last Saturday, the Geography Department led another successful trip this weekend to the beautiful county of Norfolk. The mission was to climb the UK's only public wind turbine. The day consisted of an eco-trail, a model turbine making task and the 305 step climb to the top of the wind turbine. It was a little shaky up there but the whole day was a great experience. Hopefully the boys left with a little more knowledge on how to live a 'green' life.



#### Visit to the Old Vic Schools Club

Wednesday afternoon saw GCSE Drama students and several Year 9 students who will be taking the course next year, take part in their final Old Vic Schools Club workshop and theatre performance. Students spent two hours in a Mood Music themed workshop looking at ensemble work, the power of music and how we can layer several scenes over each other without confusing the audience. The group were pushed a little out of their comfort zones but this really helped with their creativity within the workshop. After the workshop the students headed to The Old Vic to watch the fantastic performance of Mood Music which explored the issues of artist rights and who owns a song; the songwriter or the producer. It sparked debate on the train home as to who was right to own the songs within the play. A brilliant time was had by students and staff.



#### Year 11 Examinations Leave

Year 11 students started their examination leave yesterday. This means that they may now study at home, rather than coming into school, although teachers will still be available in school, should students wish to have the benefit of their support.

Their GCSE results will be available to collect from the school hall at 9.00am on Thursday 23 August and we look forward to celebrating these results with them. Students will then be invited to complete their sixth form application on-line in IT1 or 2 and secure their sixth form courses here at Beths Grammar.

## **Examinations**

Examinations start in earnest on Monday. Good luck to all those taking GCSEs and GCEs over the next few weeks and we hope that, on the result days, you open your envelopes and reveal the grades that you had hoped for!

## **Social Media Platforms**

In a bid to become more media 'savvy' we are trying to use Twitter and Facebook – and hopefully other media platforms – to better effect. Mr Watkins, who is a Teacher of History here at Beths Grammar already has several ways to motivate his students. Take a look at his links below for inspiration:

Website - [www.WatHistory.com](http://www.WatHistory.com)

Twitter - @WatHistory

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYx6HHu1BffMRDPbrQG5gA>

## **Charley Smith's Hair Cut for the Little Princess Trust**



My name is Charley Smith and I am currently a Year 13 student here at Beths Grammar. I have been growing my hair since August 2014, without even getting a trim. On Friday 25 May (the last day of sixth form) I am having around 20 inches chopped off to donate to the Little Princess Trust.



The hair I donate will make a wig for a young person who has lost their own hair through chemotherapy. The Trust also takes in donations, of which they use to buy hair to make wigs when there is a shortage in supply of hair donations.

I am fundraising for the Trust and the Sixth Form Leavers' Prom, and each will receive half of all money raised. I have a target of £1,000 to raise, and if I reach this, I will shave my head.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please donate via ParentPay (Charley's Haircut Fundraiser) or place money in the box on the School Reception.

For more information about the Trust please click on the link: <http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>. Famous people who have previously donated their hair to the Trust include The Duchess of Cambridge, Harry Styles and Jessie J.

*The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24, who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.*

### **Students on Site**

A reminder that there are still an increasing number of students arriving particularly early in the morning and staying late into the evening. The school actually opens for students at 8.00am in the morning and we would encourage all students (unless they are remaining for pre-arranged activities) to have left the site by 5.00pm.

This request is being made as we are unable to supervise students outside of these times and we can therefore take no responsibility for them, should they be involved in any form of incident. It would therefore be helpful if we could ask parents to please discourage their sons and daughters from being on the school site outside of these times.

### **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.