



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 18 May 2018

Examinations

Examinations have now begun in earnest and despite a couple of feathered friends trying to join in with the students, all seems to be going well now.

However, please can we remind all students that mobile phones **MUST NOT** be brought into the Exam Hall. If anyone is caught with a phone on them during an exam they will be reported to the Exam Board and their exam grade will, most likely, be seriously affected.



Open Events for Year 5 pupils moving to secondary school in September 2019

Last year we held a series of 'informal' open events for boys in Year 5 due to sit their 11+ exams the following September. These were extremely popular and so we are therefore running something very similar again this year.

Events will take place on Monday 9, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Friday 13 July 2018 and the Headteacher will be welcoming visitors from 9.00am prior to a 'mini' guided tour of the school. The event is anticipated to be finished by 10.30am. This year we will be running a booking system which is available on our website. Numbers for each event are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please follow the link below which will take you to the bookings page:

<http://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+5+Formal+Open+Events&pid=163>

UK Junior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 26 April, all Year 8 students took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge, which was sat under examination conditions. We are delighted to report that the results – which have just been received – are the best ever!

124 of the 189 students who sat the Challenge received a Certificate. Nationally, only 40% receive a Certificate – here at Beths over 65% of students achieved this.

Eight students are through to the next round of the Challenge and this will take place on Tuesday 12 June. Good luck to Mini Akinkunle, Chris Ogbeide, Boma Appolos, Idris Popoola, Daniel Wilding, Rajithan Satheyaseelan, Poli Krasniqi and James Dawes.

Charley Smith's Hair Cut for the Little Princess Trust



There is still time to support Charley with his fundraising. Next Friday 25 May – during Year 13 students' last day of Sixth Form – Charley (who has been growing his hair since August 2014 without even getting a trim) will have around 20 inches chopped off to donate to the Little Princess Trust.



Charley is fundraising for the Trust and the Sixth Form Leavers' Prom, and each will receive half of all money raised. Charley has a target of £1,000 to raise, and if he reaches this, he will shave his 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.