



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 8 June 2018

#### Own Clothes Day – Friday 25 May

You may recall that the last day of the Spring term was an own clothes day for students. A group of Year 9 students, taking part in the Cricket Young Leaders programme had asked for this to take place and money raised – a staggering £725.83 – will be donated to CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). All students were asked to wear an item of red clothing as CRY is a charity specifically focussing on heart problems in young people.

#### St Malo trip during the half term break by Benjamin Richards

My experience in St Malo was one of the best I have experienced in a long time. I got to meet a lovely family who were welcoming and taught me a lot in French. I also learnt how much they love butter and cheese! It was a really fun journey.

Owen Wheeler and I shared a house together and we were able to talk to our host family almost instantly. Obviously, we made mistakes in terms of speaking but it is safe to say that we gained a lot more knowledge.

The excursions we had during this trip, such as to St Michel and Rennes were really fun and I got to see all the beauty and history of St Malo, also. We had the best crepes in Europe, saw the prettiest sights and made a lot of memories, especially at the Aquarium (which was the best!)



I would like to thank the teachers – Ms Price, Mrs Martin and Mr Ogilvie – for taking the time to plan this trip and I am sure that, if I had the chance, I would definitely go back!

### **1<sup>st</sup> 11 Cricket team vs MCC**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> 11 cricket team will be taking part in their annual match against the MCC at Bexley Cricket Club in Manor Way, Bexley next Wednesday 13 June.

The match will start at around 11.30am and it is anticipated will be finished by 6.30pm.

You are welcome to come along and join us for, what we hope, will be a really enjoyable afternoon. The weather is currently predicted to be good so why not come and watch the cricket and bring a picnic along too. The bar, in case you get thirsty, will also be open serving refreshments.

We hope to see you there.

### **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>

### **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.