

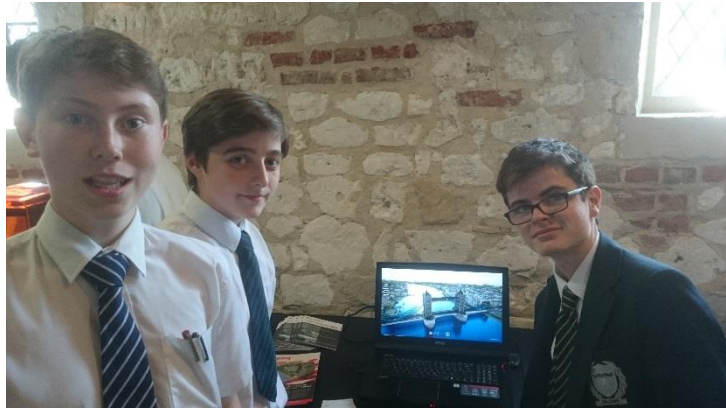


Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 29 June 2018

Bexley's Virtual Reality and 3D Printing Expo – Thursday 28 June

On Thursday three of our top Year 9 Technology students visited Bexley Council's Virtual Reality and 3D Printing expo at Hall Place. The event was hosted by Bexley For Business and had experts talking about VR, 3D modelling and printing, followed by live demonstrations of how the technology works. The students are already using the school's design software and computer aided manufacturing hardware at a high level, and are now hoping to use the school's five 3D printers to start producing parts for their course, the DT club and the Robotics club.



Hurst are Year 10 winners at Sports Day

Mr O'Regan visited all Year 10 tutor groups this morning, ahead of them going on their fortnight of work experience, to announce which House won the Year 10 events at last Thursday's sports day.

Cray finished in sixth place with Brampton in fifth, Wickham in fourth, Eardley in third, Abbey in second and Hurst finishing in first place – 11 points ahead of Abbey.

Well done to Hurst and Key Stage 3 results will be revealed during their assembly on Monday.



Summer Soiree – Tuesday 26 June by Owen Wheeler

Last Tuesday, the annual summer concert took place, with many new groups and soloists performing to a packed-out school hall. This was the biggest concert in recent memory, with over 30 pieces being played. The evening was hosted by Jack Harms and James Guest, who were very engaging and told some nice jokes. The Junior Choir, conducted by David Guest, gave a brilliant rendition of Space Oddity, and the Orchestra, in Mr Woodhurst's last performance as conductor, headlined with The Great Gate of Kiev, and a selection from My Fair Lady. Another group, that was a pleasure to watch, was the violin group, who had been selected from the large group of younger students who had been given free violin lessons by the school. This was also the first performance of the Beths Samba, led by Mr Ticino, and we played a piece that we had been working on this term. Another new group was Killer Kilroy and the Jazz Massacre, led by Mr Kilroy, and we played All Blues by Miles Davis, from his

album, 'Kind of Blue'. It was then the turn of The Big Band and we played Crossfire, which is possibly the hardest piece that I have ever played!

I really enjoyed drumming with these groups, and look forward to playing again. For me, the standout soloist of the night was Yip Hoang, who amazed the audience with an excerpt from Ballade no. 1 in G minor by Chopin. However, this concert will probably be best remembered as Ms Rayner's last concert. Ms Rayner has been teaching Beths' students to play piano for decades, and it is such a shame to have to say goodbye to her as a school.

London Youth Games 2018 by Kavern Batchelor

On Sunday 24 of June, eight other Beths students and I were selected to represent Bexley in the London Youth Games for volleyball. The tournament took place at the University of East London, Newham. We were coached for months by Ms Marriott on a Tuesday evening where we would do drills and several friendly matches. At the games, we narrowly lost our first game 25-23 against Richmond, then we won our second game 25-20 against Hillingdon, we won our third game 25-13 against Barnet and unfortunately lost our fourth game against Hackney 25-23 in the quarter finals.



It was a shame to lose so far down the competition but it was a great experience going to the Youth Games for a third year in a row. Despite the result, I am confident we will come back next year stronger than ever before.

An update from the Parents Association

Beth's PA had a busy meeting this month and the following parents/carers can expect a cheque in the post:

March Quarterly £50 = Mrs A Filip
April 1st Prize £20 = Mrs K Amey
April 2nd Prize £10 = Mrs S Merauta
May 1st Prize £20 = Mrs A Swart
May 2nd Prize £10 = Mrs K Priestley
June Quarterly £50 = Mrs K Priestley
June 1st Prize £20 = Mrs A Swart
June 2nd Prize £10 = Mrs M Petrozzi

Congratulations to you!

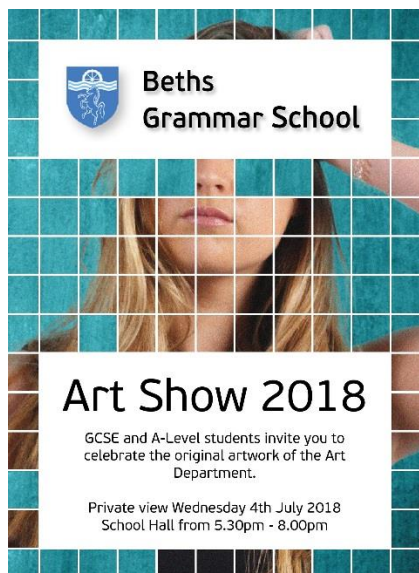
Also it is not too late to send in your Summer Draw money. Fabulous prizes include a cash prize, a 60 minute Young Driver Experience and photo vouchers from Barrett & Co.

Beths PA would like to thank everyone for supporting the PA to raise funds for the school. We have been able to fund many things this year due to your support.

Up and Coming Event

Parents and Carers are invited to attend our Art Show on Wednesday 4 July, from 5.30pm to see the amazing work that our students have created.

Do please join us for this event.



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.