



## Beths Blog

### Week ending Friday 14 September 2018

#### 11+ Exams

This week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, we hosted the 11+ Exams taking over 1400 pupils from primary schools across the local area.

A team of our Sixth Form students came in on the 'Staff Only' day on Tuesday to help out with welcoming and directing pupils and parents alike. As a special treat for coming in on the staff only day, they were treated to Dolmio Pizzas. I'm not sure whether there were any slices left!

On Wednesday the Sixth Form students once again helped out with the traffic flow and taking pupils to the right location for their exam, whilst the rest of the school carried on, as per a normal school day. All the students within the school were courteous and kept noise levels down whilst the Year 6's took their tests.



We have received many compliments from parents bringing their boys to Beths to take the 11+ on the way that we ran the day – we do a 'drop and go' upon arrival and then parents are allowed to park on site for collection – to the politeness of the staff and students they encountered and the way that all the sessions ran virtually to time.

We wish all the Year 6's who took their 11+ the best of luck and hope to see a lot of them here next September!

#### Sport

This week saw the start the Football and Rugby season.



Football				
Friendly	10.09.2018	St Pauls	U13	2-2 Draw
			U14	2-1 Win
			U15	6-2 Win
			U16	Cancelled
Kent U19 League	12.09.2018	Bexley Grammar	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	5-1 Win
Rugby				
Nat West Vase	12.09.2018	King John School	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	21-7 Win



Next week we have football fixtures planned against Ravens Wood, Charles Darwin and St Pauls and Rugby fixtures against St Dunstons, Coopers and Simon Langton. Results will be shared with you in next week's Blog.

### School Photos


Today students (in Years 7, 9, 10 and 12) along with staff new to the school, had their photographs taken. This is quite a logistical nightmare literally getting the students into the Hall, queued up, given a card with their identification number on (so the right student gets the right photo), sat for the photographer and then sent straight back to lessons. Every year it goes like clockwork and you should shortly been sent details of how to purchase the end results.




### Social Media

This year, it is our intention to really use social media to further promote what is happening here at Beths Grammar. You may wish to 'like' and 'follow us' so please look us up on the following:

 Facebook: Beths Grammar School

 Instagram: Beths Grammar

 Twitter: @BethsGS

We are also looking to use Youtube to showcase what we are doing, so watch this space for details of that.

## **Coming Up**

Year 7 Parents are invited to attend our 'Welcome to Beths' evening on Thursday 27 September from 18.00-19.30. This is an informal evening where parents will have the opportunity to meet with their son's Head of Year, Form Tutor and Key Stage Manager and meet with other parents. Further details will be sent to you shortly.

## **International Fancy Dress Day**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

We will be celebrating International Week with a special 'International Fancy Dress Day'. Students and staff alike will be invited and encouraged to wear international clothing, whether it be from their own family or friends' culture, a country they love or a key International figure.

In previous years, students have dressed up in a variety of guises from Frenchmen with berets and striped shirts to Mexicans in ponchos and sombrero hats. Students have also worn the colours of a particular flag, the list is endless!



For participating in International Fancy Dress Day we ask that a small donation is made, (£1 is suggested) and the money raised will go to the charity WaterAid. This is a fantastic international charity that seeks to ensure that people around the world have access to clean and safe water and sanitation.

The MFL Department presented an assembly today to our KS5 students on WaterAid and KS3 and KS4 will also have this assembly next week.

## **International Menu**

During our International Week, we will be serving various different cuisines in the Canteen for students and staff to enjoy. Menus will be posted shortly.

## **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.

The school is unable to ensure there is a qualified first aider on site before 8.00am in the morning and after 4.30pm in the evening. 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 accident.

## **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.