



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 21 September 2018

International 'Talk Like a Pirate' Day

Ahoy, shipmates! For those of you who were unaware, Wednesday 19 September was International 'Talk Like a Pirate' Day and we were delighted to see that Bexley Archives had hashtagged us into this wonderful old photograph from the 1960s of Beths students performing in their school production of 'Treasure Island'.



Senior School Boys receive Honours Ties

On the first Key Stage 4 Senior School assembly of this term we were delighted to award the first ever batch of "Honours Ties" to 31 boys in both Year 10 and Year 11. Honours Ties have been introduced as a new addition to our rewards policy. The Ties are awarded to boys who have demonstrated a sustained and significant commitment to serving the school and/or wider community. It is recognition of exceptional academic scholarship, outstanding contribution to the life of the school and clear endorsement of the school values.



At Beths Grammar School academic expectations are central to our purpose. We strive to ensure that talent is nurtured and learning is valued. At Beths, challenge is welcomed, participation is expected and achievement is prized and celebrated. We are committed to educating well-rounded individuals who embody our core values of Excellence, Community, Respect and Nurture. We are aware that a large number of our boys demonstrate not only exceptional behaviour in and outside of school but also exceptional attitude to their studies and the wider life of the school. We are also extremely proud of the natural leadership skills our boys develop as they move up through the school and subsequently become excellent role models and mentors for our younger students.

An Honours Tie is reserved for Senior School boys and it will replace the boy's current house tie. The tie is navy and gold and is gifted to the student along with a certificate. Boys who are eligible for an Honours Tie will be determined by the awards panel which will be made up of Deputy Headteacher and the Head of Year. They will consider carefully that;

- The achievement reflects the long term commitment to and success of the students' academic studies and wider school activities.

- The achievement brings honour to the school
- The student is abiding by the school rules and behaving in line with expectations.

The boys who received these ties were delighted with their achievement and it is safe to say that the new honours tie is the latest fashion statement every Beths boy wants to be seen wearing! We look forward to awarding more Honours Ties as the year progresses.

Head Boy and Head Girl

During Wednesday's Key Stage 3 Assembly the Head Boy and Head Girl were introduced to the students. Omar is our Head Boy and Tania Head Girl. The role of the senior student team was explained to KS3 and it is hoped that many of them will aspire to become Head Boy once they reach the Sixth Form.



Drama Workshop

This years' Drama production is Oliver! And on Monday the Drama department hosted a workshop for all students who are hoping to take part in some shape or form – whether it be in front or behind the camera.

A few snapshots here show the turn out was great! The rehearsals will be posted to students shortly. I wonder who our new Oliver could be? I'm sure the production will be fantastic and as soon as tickets are available we shall let everyone know!



Curriculum Project

The Curriculum Project has started again for the year. This is where invited primary schools send their Year 6 students to Beths Grammar for six mornings during the year to experience lessons in

Mathematics, Science and MFL. This year we welcome pupils from West Hill Primary School in Dartford, a first for them and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

Kent EBP Interviews

Kent Educational Business Partnership were in school today (Friday) to interview all 302 of our Year 12 students in the first stage of preparation for their internship placements in June 2019. All students are being interviewed to determine their career aspirations which in turn will help students to find an internship relevant to their career choice.



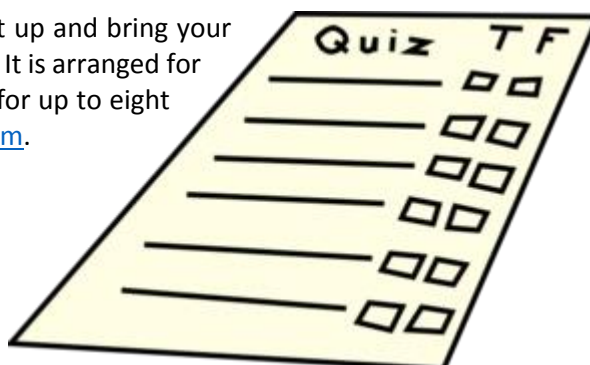
Woman in Black

On Wednesday evening students in Year 11 went to see the spine chilling *The Woman in Black* at the Fortune Theatre. Although there are only two actors in the show it was enough to see the Year 11s jumping in their seats and hiding behind their coats. The students were gripped from the comedic opening luring them into a false sense of security, before hearing piercing screams and seeing a white ghostly face several times during the show. Many of them suffered a sleepless night but thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to attend such a small spooky theatre space. It should also be noted that Mr Hayman did not flinch once but enjoyed laughing at the students crying out in fear.



PA Quiz Night

By popular demand the quiz night returns! Swat up and bring your friends and family – let's see who's the smartest! It is arranged for Saturday 17 November and you can book tables for up to eight via the PA at beths.parents.association@gmail.com.



Sport

RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
Kent	18.09.2018	U15s V Ravenswood	Home	1-3 (Lost)
League	19.09.2018	2 nd XI V Charles Darwin	Home	4-1 (Won)
Friendly	20.09.2018	U12 V St Pauls	Home	Cancelled
RUGBY				
Kent	18.09.2018	U14 V St Dunstons	Home	51-7 (Won)
Friendly	19.09.2018	1 st XV V Coopers	Home	Postponed

FIXTURES

<u>FOOTBALL</u>			
<u>Kent</u>	<u>24.09.2018</u>	<u>U12B V Bishop Justus</u>	<u>Home</u>
		<u>U13 V Ravensbourne</u>	<u>Home</u>
	<u>25.09.2018</u>	<u>U12A V Ravensbourne</u>	<u>Home</u>
	<u>27.09.2018</u>	<u>U16 V Norton Knatchbull</u>	<u>Away</u>
<u>League</u>	<u>26.09.2018</u>	<u>1st XI V Gravesend</u>	<u>Away</u>
		<u>2nd XI V Christ the King</u>	<u>Home</u>
<u>ESFA Elite</u>	<u>27.09.2018</u>	<u>U14 V TWGS</u>	<u>Away (TBC)</u>
<u>RUGBY</u>			
<u>NatWest Bowl</u>	<u>26.09.2018</u>	<u>1st XV V Brentwood</u>	<u>Away</u>
<u>Kent</u>	<u>26.09.2018</u>	<u>U15 V Howard</u>	<u>Home</u>
<u>Friendly</u>	<u>25.09.2018</u>	<u>U13 V Hurstmere</u>	<u>Home</u>
	<u>29.09.2018</u>	<u>U14 V Hurstmere</u>	<u>Away</u>
<u>BASKETBALL</u>			
<u>National</u>	<u>26.09.2018</u>	<u>U14 V Canterbury</u>	<u>Home (TBC)</u>
<u>Kent</u>	<u>27.09.2018</u>	<u>U15 V Canterbury</u>	<u>Home (TBC)</u>

Social Media

A reminder that we are using our social media platforms to celebrate as much as we possibly can regarding everything that happens here at Beths Grammar. Please look us up and 'like' and 'follow us' 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

International Fancy Dress Day

Wednesday 26th 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 on social media and on our website shortly.

Informal Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 27 September 2018

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.

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.