



Beths Blog

Week ending Friday 5 October 2018

Misty Morning

Even though today has turned into an absolute scorcher for the beginning of October, we weren't so impressed with the weather as we arrived at school this morning ... It looked a little bit like a 'pea-souper' than anything else!



Year 13 Trial Exams

Year 13 Trial Exams started on Monday. These exams, when the results are in, will hopefully shed a light on where the students are academically and will give them potential end of year grades to help determine their future. Fingers crossed our Students get the results they were looking for!

Student Council Meeting

The first of our Student Council Meetings kicked off with the new Year 7 Council Meeting. Two representatives from each form group attended and they were a great bunch! They had been given the previous Year 7's minutes from their summer meeting and discussed how they were coping being in a big new school, what they thought of the increased workload and homework and how they were settling in socially and personally. Any issues that are raised in the Student Council Meetings are brought to the attention of the Senior Leadership Team, as well as working with facilities and the caterers if necessary. This is a great way for student voices to be heard.

The Year 7 representatives were a great group of your gentlemen and we look forward to meeting the Year 8 representatives next week!

Work Experience Meeting

Yesterday evening, a Year 10 work experience meeting was held for parents and their sons to find out about expectations during the work experience and ways to secure work placements. Year 10 students will be out of school from 1 July 2019 for two weeks to carry out their work experience. This is a great way to find out what sort of career they may enjoy in the future, as well as what career they will definitely not be following! A number of forms, documents and helpful hints were explained at the meeting and these are now available on our website: <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Work+Experience&pid=66>.

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Capita Cup

Following his outstanding work commitment during his work experience placement in July, Callan received the Capita Cup this morning during assembly.

Callan undertook a two week placement at 'Unite the Union' within the Legal Department. He helped produce a document which outlined the process the 'Union' will adopt under the new GAP regulations when they receive a request from a member to have their records deleted. This was a big project and Callan showed a good understanding of what needed to happen and was able to organise the various elements to produce the document. This document has now been adopted by the 'Unite GDPR' team and will be applied to all data erasure requests, going forward.



Callan made a very good impression during his placement with everyone who had contact with him, finding him very helpful, polite and wasn't afraid to ask questions. He familiarised himself with his environment and worked on a variety of tasks, some of which involved using 'Unite's' very complex membership system. Callan also attended Unite's National Conference in Brighton and manned the Legal Stand which was one of the busiest in the exhibition hall. He performed this task diligently, being courteous to visitors and ensuring that the stand was tidy and well-stocked with literature. He was able to work unsupervised and showed initiative by undertaking work without being asked.

Well done to a well-deserved winner.

Sport

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL			
League	10.10.2018	1 st XI v Ravensbourne	Away
		2 nd XI v Hayes	Away
ESFA Elite	11.10.2018	U14 v TWGS	Away
RUGBY			
Kent	09.10.2018	U15 v Marsh Academy	Away
BASKETBALL			
Kent	09.10.2018	U12 v Canterbury	Away

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RESULTS

FOOTBALL				
Kent	01.10.2018	U16 Invicta v Bonus Pastor	Home	13-0 Won
	03.10.2018	U14 v Woolwich	Home	3-0 Won
League	03.10.2018	1 st XI V Hayes	Home	4-1 Won
		2 nd XI V Farringtons	Away	2-0 Won
RUGBY				
NatWest Bowl	03.10.2018	U15 v Dartford GS	Home	0-54 Lost
Friendly	06.10.2018	Maidstone GS	Home/Away	Results Next Week

Coming up

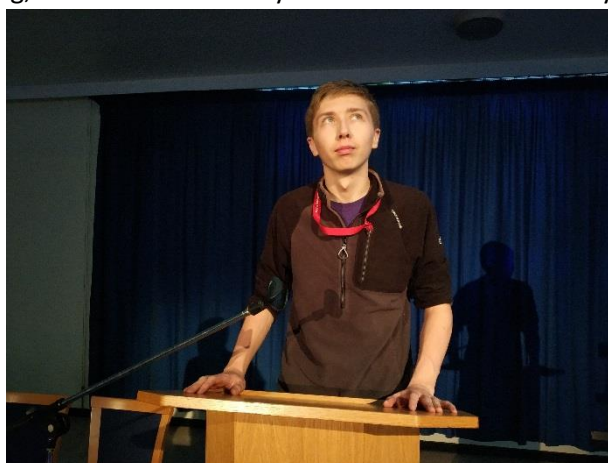
Year 13 Group Session on Gangs

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the upcoming session has been cancelled. We will be liaising with the Met Police Officer involved and will arrange for another suitable date. Watch this space!

Open Day/Evening Events

As you are probably aware our Open Events are almost upon us. Year 6 students are being invited to join us on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 17 and Tuesday 30 October for our Open Mornings between 9.30-11.45am, with Thursday 11 being our evening event from 5.00-8.00pm. We would like to remind students and parents that, due to the Open Evening, there will be an early finish of 12.50 on Thursday 11 October and a late start of 10.00 on Friday 12 October. We expect all students to be on their best behaviour, as always, and are thankful to all students who will be helping us out by showing prospective parents and students around the school. Parents and carers should by now all have received a letter from the school with the finer details about timings and expectations.

In preparation for the events, Ciaran, one of our school prefects, has been fine-tuning the audio and lighting equipment in the school hall.



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Traffic

We have been advised by Thames Water of works that are going to be carried out in Bexley Village between 01.10.2018-05.10.2018 and again from 08.10.2018-12.10.2018.

We have been advised that there will be two way traffic lights in the village. We will be expecting heavy traffic during the above dates so please make sure you allow yourself adequate time to arrive at school.

Should we receive any further update from Thames Water or Bexley Council, we shall let you know.

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.

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.

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