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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers,



For a short week we certainly had a lot crammed in. We hope staff and students enjoyed their Monday off for the day in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

On Tuesday Year 6 students spent a day with us for their Induction to Beths. It was nice to welcome students back on site for their induction after so long. The students spent the day getting to know their classmates whilst sampling some lessons and being mentored by our Year 7 Ambassadors and Year 12 House Captains.

On Wednesday we had the first of seven Taster Sessions for Year 5 students. Over the next two weeks, Year 5 students can book onto one of our sessions and experience Science, Music and Modern Foreign Languages at Beths. We will have our Year 6 Open Events in the Autumn term.

On Thursday and Friday, we welcomed our current Year 11 and external Year 11 students for their Year 12 Induction Day. Students were taken through a full-on programme, with taster lessons and talks and enjoyed a BBQ lunch.

From the 4th - 11th July inclusive, our Year 9 students will be participating in Food Technology lessons at North Kent College. We look forward to seeing their culinary skills put to the test and the master pieces they make. Our Year 7s and Year 8s will be having their Enterprise Activity Day next week too.

A polite reminder for parents who pick their children up after school. Please may I ask that you do not block the driveways of our neighbours, even if you feel you are only waiting for a few minutes. During the week when the temperature was high, it was reported that some parents were waiting a long time before the end of school and had their engine running (no doubt using the air con to keep the owner cool). This is not good for the environment and will not help the proposed plans for the expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone to Bexley. It will also be quite expensive keeping the engine running, with the current rising cost of petrol. Please can you arrange a safe collection point with your child, that isn't blocking our neighbours' driveways or causing congestion on Hartford Road. If you are lucky enough to find a parking space, please switch your engine off whilst you wait.

Don't forget our Summer Concerts will take place on Tuesday 5th July at 6pm and Tuesday 12th July at 6:30pm. It would be great to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Richard Blyghton



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REFUGEE WEEK

On Friday last week, some Beths students from Year 7 and 8 participated in a challenge to raise awareness of what it feels like to start at a school in a new country where you don't speak the language, in honour of Refugee Week. Gabriel, Year 7 shares his experiences below:

Last Friday on the 24th of June, I, along with a couple of my friends, took part in the No English Challenge. Overall, all of us found it an extremely hard but fun challenge to partake in.

It was quite easy to get through form time, given that we had assembly and did not need to speak. However, it grew progressively more difficult as the day went on. In English, I was unable to take part or ask for help and felt quite isolated not being able to engage in class. In Mandarin, I found it challenging to try find the vocabulary to fully articulate what my answer was without using English to do so. I did not feel as alienated as I did in the other classes but there was a noticeable degree to which I could feel it. I was considerably saddened by the fact that I was unable to participate as I have, and still, always enjoyed these subjects. In PE, I found myself confused at what to do and felt as if a zip was drawn across my mouth as I desperately wanted to speak English in order to ask for help.



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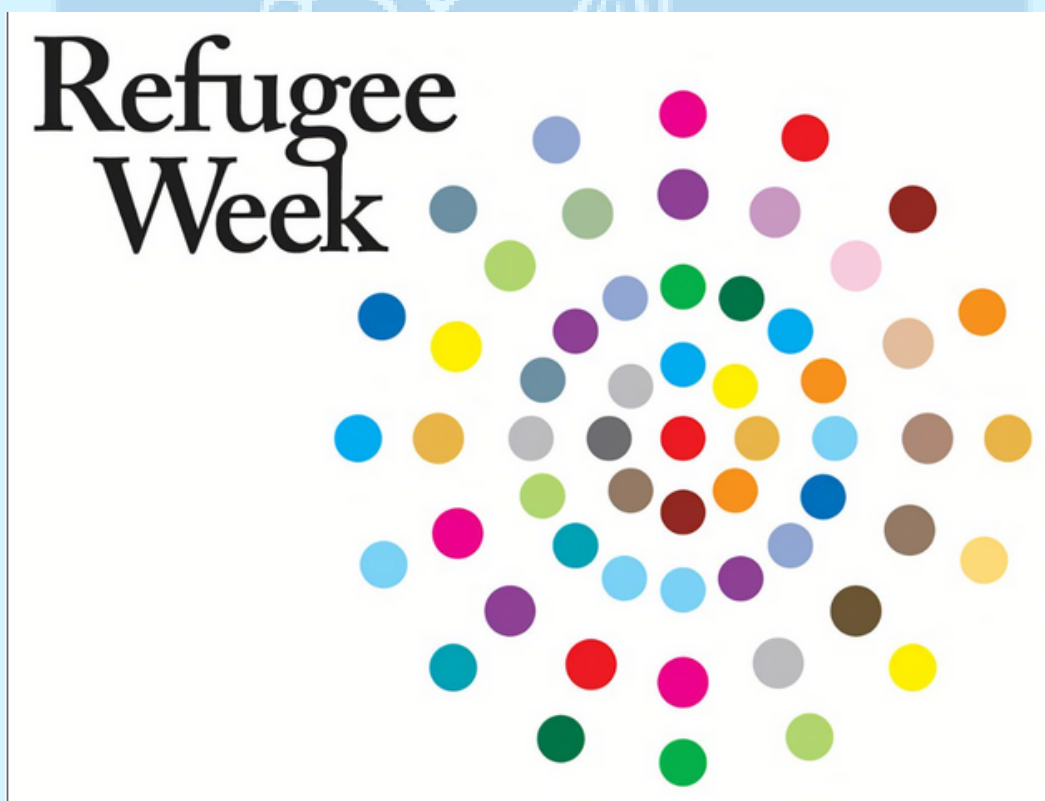


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REFUGEE WEEK

Another difficult aspect of the challenge was having to get a teacher to sign a slip confirming that you did not speak any English. During break and lunch, I found it hard to: a) find a teacher and b) articulate that I wanted them to sign. Leading on from the topic of break and lunch, I with my friends Arvin and Mattieu, who were also participating in the challenge, were practising our instruments. We found it hard to be able to help each other and had to resort to writing in English, which was allowed.

Post-challenge, I now think about how this problem affects people in real life on a daily basis 24/7. I hope with the awareness we raised that it may benefit someone somehow.



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SPORTS DAY BY NOAH 7W

On June 16th: in Erith sports stadium, the excellent staff at Beths Grammar School were able to organise the annual event known as Sports day. Students were chosen from each house, to compete in 12 activities known as 100m, 200m, 300m/400m, 800m, 1500m 4x100m relay, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot, discus and javelin. For year 7 the event started at 9:30.

The commentator called everyone down from the stands and onto the field to do a warm up and the general atmosphere was buzzing. Students did some quick warmup drills, in order to get our blood pumping and reduce risk of injury. After the warmup, the games began. I took the time out, so I could get an insight into how people felt about Sports Day.

Jamie 7B stated: “I felt very supported but I think that I could have gone further.”

Lucas 7H said: “I feel very happy and very encouraged by my house but I think I could have gone further.”

Ethan P 7E said: “I feel in the middle because I know that I could have done better but I don't feel discouraged because this was my first try. If I keep practicing, who knows, maybe I might end up in the Olympics.”

With a positive viewpoint from the students, I decided to see how sports day might affect the staff as well.



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SPORTS DAY BY NOAH 7W

First, I interviewed Mr Beaney, who was a very important figure in the development of sports day.

“I think it’s really nice to get everybody together as a community. I think it improves the relationship between year groups. We all get to celebrate as a house and you all get to cheer each other on. I also think that it is a good way to end the school year.

Next, I moved onto Mr Waite, a PE teacher in charge of the javelin event. “ I think Sports day is a great opportunity for teachers to come out of their respective offices and do something a little different. .

I would also like to thank Ms Stevens for her help, with putting this article into Best of Beths.

In conclusion, I think that sports day was a success for both students and teachers.



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THE UNEXPECTED PUMP FROM SPORTS DAY TRIPLE JUMP - RHAENIEL 8B

With the festive sports day done and dusted, someone has to write about the excitement. That's what I'm here for, but for one specific event- the triple jump.

So what is triple jump you may ask. Well it's a field event that much like high jump and long jump require a run up for a distanced jump. However, triple jump is more sophisticated than the others. Much like the others, it starts with a run, but unlike the others, it's followed by a step and then an jump. It may seem simple, but it is quite difficult!

Because the overall rankings for year 8 were Hurst, Wickham, Hurst, Brampton, Cray, Abbey, you'd expect Hurst to have made it into the top four. And that's the case! Hurst and Brampton dominated the triple jump with them having both their competitors in top four. Their efforts were not futile as these small differences were what made the difference- in the overall rankings, Brampton beat Hurst by around 10 points, putting them 4th place!

"The competition was quite tight with hurst taking the lead at the start with massive strides and jumps until... Brampton came along and did a spectacular jump" -Oluwadamilare 8C



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NOAH'S BOOK SIGNING

Early this week, published author Noah in Year 7 held a book signing for his first book 'Baby Chummy and the legend of the perfect sandwich'. Congratulations Noah and here's to many more book publications and signings!



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YEAR 5 OPEN EVENTS



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Year 5 Open Events 2022

Calling all current Year 5 pupils, parents and carers. You are warmly invited to join us for our Year 5 Open Events. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about life at Beths, filled with taster sessions and fun activities!

Please note: there is no parking onsite.

Meet the Headteacher, staff and students.

To book a space please visit <https://bit.ly/3wO7n4g> or scan the QR code

Each session will run from 9am - 11am on the following dates:

Wednesday 29th June
Monday 4th July
Wednesday 6th July
Monday 8th July
Monday 11th July
Tuesday 12th July
Wednesday 13th July



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SUMMER CONCERTS

The Music department will be holding a series of summer concerts. Please head to our social media to see pictures and videos from the event.



Beths
Summer Concert Series

music 
Featuring:

June 29th
Drummer
Owen

July 6th
KS 3 Open Mic

July 18th
**KS 4/5 OPEN
MIC/ Hip Hop Jam***

July 18th Komi
Pianist

In the main school hall

Concerts are at 12:10-12:30 unless marked with an *, then they are 1:00-1:30pm.



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SUMMER CONCERTS

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5th July 2022

2022 6pm

featuring

Chamber Ensembles,
Small Groups
and Soloists

12th

July

2022 6pm

featuring

Beths Big Band, the
Orchestra, Chamber
Ensembles, Soloists and so
much more!



Summer Concert Series

Tickets available on the door or at [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)



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KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

AGE RATING
7+

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain anomalies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

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SPORT RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results for week commencing 27th June

CRICKET					
27.06.22	Kent Cup QF	U12A	V Langley Park School for Boys	Away	Won
28.06.22	Area Cup	U12A	V Bexley Grammar	Away	Conceded
29.06.22	Area Cup	U13A	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Home	Lost
30.06.22	Area Cup	U14A	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Away	

Fixtures for week commencing 4th July:

CRICKET					
04.07.22	Kent Cup SF	U12A	V Oakwood Park Grammar School	Home	Start time 2pm



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

There are a range of activities/ clubs on offer for students. These activities run before school, lunch time, and after school. Below is a list of all activities currently offered. Please speak to the member of staff listed below if you would like more information.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school 8 – 8.30am	KS3 Basketball	KS3 Basketball	KS3 Basketball	KS4 Basketball KS3 Composition club Composing for Video Games	KS4 Basketball
Lunch time KS3 12.00 – 13.00	Year 7 and 8 Robotics club- A6, Year 9 Basketball (Mr Temple), KS3 Chess Club – A2,	Year 10 and 11 Coding Club, Memrise club, KS3 Chinese Experience Club - S18,	Year 8 Basketball ALL (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK, Year 7 Rugby (Mr G.S + Mr Smith), KS3 Eco – Club – A4,	KS3 Badminton (Mr Temple), KS3 Drama (2:15-1:45) – P3 (Ms Grady), KS3 Design and technology club,	Year 7 Basketball (Mr G.S + Mr Smith), Year 8 Football – Team Training (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK ONLY, KS3 LGBTQ+ Club (S16/S17),
KS4 KS5 12.50 – 13.50	Year 10 Basketball (Mr Smith), Beths Bar (KS4 and KS5), KS4 & KS5 Chess Club, KS5 Gender Equality Group,	Year 10 and 11 Basketball, KS5 Maths Olympiad Club- B12,	Elective in French (ODD week), Elective in Spanish (ODD week), Music KS4 revision, KS4 Eco-club – A7A, Sixth form: Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball	Girls Fitness - Sports Hall, Year 10 Debate Club - B4,	Sixth form Basketball (Team), KS4 and KS5 LGBTQ+ Club, KS5 Music Revision,
After school 3.20 – 4.45pm	Rugby Training Year 7-9, KS3 Badminton, Song writing club P2, Computing Year 11 and Year 13 revision, KS4 Robotics club- A6,	Year 8 and 9 Basketball Orchestra	Year 7 Japanese Club - S17, Year 8 and 9 Basketball, 6th Form Band (Session 3 in P2, 2-3pm), Piano Orchestra, Anime Piano Club - P2, Warhammer Club - S1,	KS3 Football (ALL) Year 7 STEM Club - S12 KS3 Violin Club, KS4 Basketball, Student and Staff Choir - P1 (Ms Marriott), Beths Singers,	Robotics club (open to all) – A6, Year 7 and 8 Basketball, Big Band rehearsals, KS5 Maths Olympiad Club- B12,

The full list of clubs and activities can be found on the school's website

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=50>



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

1. Latest Parents' Association events

Well done to Beths students for showcasing their thrilling art pieces last Saturday at Gallery 32 (Bexley). Thank you to Ms Stevens and all the staff who helped the PA on the day. Ms Stevens took over Mr O'Regan last month and has been a fantastic and dynamic link between school and the PA



Our executive members have been busy talking about fundraising ideas with Ms Stevens and the Headteacher, Mr Blyghton. By joining our effort and working closely together, we will achieve better outcomes for our students. (From left to right; Dorota Das, Marlie Diallo, Mr Blyghton and Irene Obasaki)

Why not get involved and raise much needed funds to improve our children's educational opportunities?

Come and meet us at the coming fundraising events.

Thank you to all families who are generously supporting our fundraising activities.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

2. Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme: PA's new 3Rs scheme

Second-hand Uniform Shop = Nearly new blazers and PE kit.

Give another life to your child's school uniform and drop them off at the School Reception! If your children have grown out of their uniform, please do consider donating to our PA Uniform Shop.

We are selling these items, please email the PA via: beths.parents.association@gmail.com.



BETHS PA
NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Donations are very welcome.
Please contact for donations and purchases:
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Price List:	
Blazers	£10
Trousers	£3
Jumpers	£3
PE Shorts	£5
Tracksuit Bottoms	£5
Tracksuit Top	£5
Long Sleeve Games top	£5
Short Sleeve Games top	£5
House colour PE top	£5
White shirts	£3 New £5
House Tie	£1

Generating donations & it doesn't cost you anything!



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1. Please go to smile.amazon.co.uk and search for Beths Parents' Association. You need to start each of your shopping sessions at the URL smile.amazon.co.uk.

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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

3. Raise money for these thrilling projects and Giftaid it!



This is a simple way that not only supports our fund raising but also gives you the chance to win either a £20 or £10 monthly prize. To purchase your lucky numbers please complete the enclosed form and return it to the school office. Each number costs only £7, payable via the link below:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLJBMNWTMAZ24/checkout/QU7DMNSRYWZOIBWFUXH72VOH> or scan below QR code: or via school's Parent Pay system when your son starts in year 7, which allow entry for the 12 monthly and 4 quarterly draws. The winning numbers are randomly drawn at the monthly PA meeting.

Please register now by completing the form available on Beths Parents Association web page: Beths Grammar School - Parents Association or simply contact us on: beths.parents.association@gmail.com

Throughout the year, Beths Parents' Association works closely with school to raise funds for several requests such as:

- Beths radio/podcast equipment
- PE rugby junior size tops
- Sports awards trophies
- Basketball electronic scoreboard
- Ongoing projects

so please donate via this QR code or by following this link:

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THANK YOU!

Important dates



Next meeting: on Thursday 14th July 2021 @ 7.30pm - Zoom (TBC).

Summer Concert: July 5th and July 12th (evening - Time to be confirmed)

Please keep checking on our website and social media pages for upcoming events



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