

Week ending 4 December 2020

# BETHS VIP

## (Very Important Publication)



### Message from Mr Blyghton, Headteacher

If a member of your household has tested positive for Covid-19 please **DO NOT** send your son or daughter into school. They **MUST** stay at home as isolate.

If a member of your household orders/takes a test, the whole household **MUST** self isolate, until a result has been received.

This will reduce the need for the School to send other students home as a result of an attendance by somebody who should have been self-isolating or was exhibiting symptoms.

However, if your son or daughter or someone within the household receives a positive test result over a weekend, please email my PA at [headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk) as this enables us to react over the weekend and, if it is necessary to ask students to remain at home to self-isolate, a decision can be made then rather than having to send them home on the Monday.

We have recently received a request from our neighbours to ask that those sixth form students driving to school, do not park over parts of their driveways, please, as this restricts their entry and exit.

As we like to celebrate our former students, “Olivia meets Her Match” starring footballer Bradley Dack is currently airing on the ITV Hub. Bradley was at the school between 2005 and 2010 and has only recently come back from a serious injury so hopefully he will be playing again regularly for Blackburn Rovers.

#### Dates for your diary

[Wednesday 9 December](#)

Year 7 CAT4 Testing

[Thursday 10 December](#)

Year 7 Student Council

18.00 Year 12 Top Universities Information Evening—Virtual

[Friday 11 December](#)

Year 7 Interim Reports issued to parents

[Wednesday 16 December](#)

‘A Christmas Carol’ live stream for Year 7 and Year 8 students

18.00 Year 11 Russell Group Universities Information Evening—Virtual

[Friday 18 December](#)

Last day of term

Year 8, 10, and 13 reports issued

Year 11 predicated grades and reports issued

[Wednesday 6 January](#)

First day of Spring Term



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## Mask Exemption

We are now receiving emails from parents and students regarding exemption lanyards. Please note that we will arrange a risk assessment, in school, for your child should they be exempt from wearing a face mask. Once this has been signed, we will be able to provide the lanyards. Please note that if any student is NOT wearing an exemption lanyard, they will be challenged and asked to put on their face mask immediately or alternatively, we will have no alternative but to use our disciplinary policy. Due to an increase in cases within the local area, **WEARING A FACE MASK IS MANDATORY WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

Should your child be exempt from wearing a face mask, please provide evidence to [Headsoffice@bethsbexley.sch.uk](mailto:Headsoffice@bethsbexley.sch.uk)



***Friday 18 December** will be a non-school uniform day. We will be fundraising for Bexley Food Bank, MIND and Beths PA. We are asking for students to donate £2.00, to enable us to split the donations between these three fantastic causes. As you may already be aware, all charities have suffered this year and have received fewer donations, either monetary or physically. If you are able to donate more than £2.00, that would be amazing!*

### **After School Sports Clubs**

We are pleased to announce that some of our after school sports clubs returned this week!

Wednesday saw the start of Year 7, 8 and 9 Basketball and on Thursday we had planned for Year 7 and Year 8 football, with everyone in their separate year group bubbles, however, unfortunately rain stopped play!

Obviously we would love to have a full sporting and training calendar and as soon as we can add more to the list—we shall!



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# YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING

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This year we are trialling a new virtual video call system for all our Parent Evenings to enable parents and carers to have that all important, face to face conversation with their son or daughter's subject teachers.

To allow time to train staff on this new system, we will be moving the Year 10 parents evening, from Thursday 7 January to **Thursday 14 January 2021**. We will be in touch during the last week of this term with details of how you make your appointments.

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We are delighted to advise that we will have a brand new Twitter page, going live on Monday 7 December 2020. Please follow the account, which will be full of sporting photos, memories and House sport events.

## Cultural Event Dates

- **10 December: Human Rights Day**
- **11 December: Hannukah**

### Year 10 Notebooks

*A reminder that the ICT Loan Agreements, should you require a Notebook, MUST be*

*emailed in to*

*msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk by*

***Tuesday 8 December.***

*If the agreement is received after this date, your son will receive a Notebook, but only once the next batch has arrived, which will be in the new year.*

## [ Creative Writing Club ]

Ms Lees has, once again, opened her doors to a Year 8 Creative Writing Club in B11.

There will be competitions, activities, ideas, inspiration and of course, writing!

If you are interested in joining, head to B11 on Tuesday lunchtimes at 12.15pm.



*"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."*

*We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.*

If we cast our minds back to this time last year, our students and their families amazed us with their generous donations of food for our Bexley Food Bank drive. Students in KS3 used their imagination to design ways to display the food as it was being collected: we had brightly decorated Snowmen, Santa on his sleigh and an enormous Christmas cracker! When the volunteers from the foodbank came in they were blown away by the displays and by the amount of food donated - it took two full cars to take it all to the foodbank.

This year, we need to do things differently for obvious reasons but we sincerely hope that you can be equally generous: we are unable to collect food donations but we are asking you to donate whatever you can afford via our **Give.net** page to help support Bexley Food Bank and those families in our local community who need it the most at this time of year.

Please give what you can and remember that your Gift Aid declaration will also boost the fund. Thank you.

<https://www.give.net/bethsgrammarschool>

## THE GREAT BETHS BAKE OFF



We unfortunately missed pastry week when the Bake Off was aired but Mr O'Regan has belatedly sent us his pie recipe!

*If you are the kind of cook who hates recipes and likes experimenting with whatever is in the fridge, then making a pie is far easier than it might seem.*

- *Cook your filling (this one had 500g chicken breast diced, 250g mushroom and 3 rashers of bacon cut)*
- *Add in some milk and flour to make a thick sauce*
- *Flavour with your favourite herbs*
- *Cook the base of your pie (pre-rolled bought pastry) for 20 minutes in a hot oven*
- *Add the pastry sides to the pie*
- *Add the filling and the pastry top*





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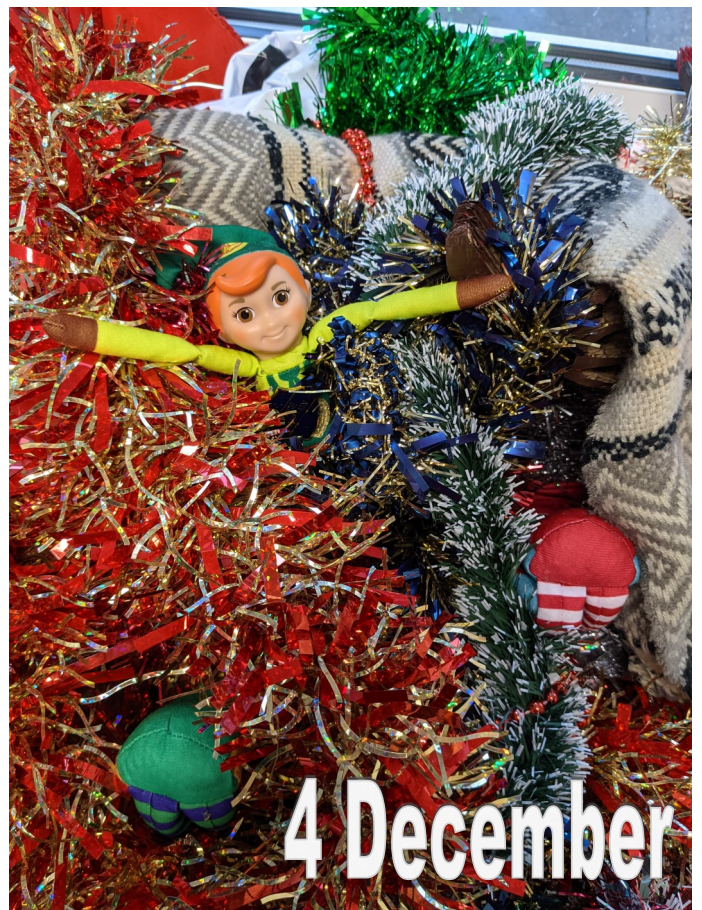
## BETHS ADVENT CALENDAR

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If you have missed out on opening the door of our advent calendar on our social media pages, see below what the elves have been up to this week!



Don't forget to head to Twitter and join the poll to pick the elves' names! The Deadline is Sunday!



# Careers



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**Students can register before 31st December and use the code **INTERN15** to receive **15% off**.**

Register now (Ages 15-18)  
Click [Here](#)

Register now (Ages 12-14)  
Click [Here](#)

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## Success Beyond School

We are delighted to announce InvestIN's very first careers evening for parents. Click [here](#) for further information.

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Imperial College London have a series of workshops to encourage young people from a Black Caribbean or Black African background to in Years 7-13 to consider **Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine**

Click [here](#) for more information.

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# PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

The draw for this month has been dealt and the winners are:

Quarterly Draw Winner - Matthew, 10E with winning number 60, for a prize of £50

First Prize Monthly Draw Winner - Robert, 12 with winning number 57, for a prize of £20

Second Prize Monthly Draw Winner - Benji, 12 with winning number 8, for a prize of £10

December is the last month to buy tickets for the draw, so get yours now!

It is well worth remembering in the run up to Christmas and Black Friday that an Amazon smile purchase will be great to help with our fundraising for our school.

Thank you to everyone who has started shopping via Amazon Smile; we have received £56.60 for 1 July and 30 September 2020. To be part of this amazing fundraising option please follow the steps below:



Please go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and search for Beths Parents Association. You need to start each shopping session at the URL [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible purchases. It doesn't cost anything.



If you shop elsewhere online, please join Easyfundraising. Again, it costs nothing and Beths PA will automatically receive a donation. You can sign up at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/BethsPA](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/BethsPA) and we will automatically receive a donation anytime you shop. If you are eligible, please also give gift aid to maximise the donation.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact us at [beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com) if you have any queries or ideas about how we can raise funds and support our children through this challenging time.

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# SCHOOL DINNERS

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IT'S SO EASY TO PAY ON LINE

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MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS. FIND OUT MORE AT  
[WWW.GOV.UK/APPLY-FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS](http://WWW.GOV.UK/APPLY-FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS). PLEASE APPLY AND A CREDIT IS  
ADDED TO PUPILS' CASHLESS ACCOUNT DAILY - **USE IT OR LOSE IT!**

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## BETHS ALUMNI

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*If you are a past student of BETHS or Beths Grammar School and have some photos, videos or even an article you have written about your memories of Beths and where you are today and you would like to share, please email [headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk)*

### When tested for Covid...

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If your son or daughter is tested for Covid-19, please alert the school and do not allow them to return until they have received a negative test result. Again, should they be unfortunate enough to test positive, please inform the school immediately so that we can alert the LCRC for guidance.

Similarly, should anyone within your household take a test for Covid-19, we ask that your child remain at home until the test results are known. If the result is positive, they will need to continue to remain at home isolating for 14 days from the start of the symptoms or, if there were none, for 14 days from the date the test was taken.

If you have any queries regarding isolation and what you should do, please contact the school and we will try to help you out.

We would also like to reassure you that we will also endeavour to include your son or daughter in lessons as they are taught. We have had some excellent lessons taking place within the classroom with absent students taking part at the same time via Zoom or Microsoft Teams.



## Student Behaviour Outside of School

We regularly receive emails and phone calls from members of the local community regarding our students conduct within Bexley Village and beyond. Please remind them that in wearing school uniform, they are representing the School and need to be more aware and respectful of others. Please ask them to refrain from using foul and inappropriate language either to each other or members of the public in the Village as it directly impacts upon the reputation of the School.

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