

# BETHS VIP

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Zhōngguó xīnnián kuàilè  
(Happy New Year in Chinese)

With the start of the Chinese New Year earlier this week, it was great to see students getting involved making tiger crafts and participating in activities during the Chinese lunchtime club.

Last week the MFL Department held a Spelling Bee competition during lunchtimes for students across Years 7-10, further details can be found in this VIP. I would like to congratulate all students for taking part in the competition and the winners who will be attending the final at Dartford Grammar School on Wednesday 9 February - I wish you the best of luck.

Last Friday some students took part in the Parents Association Chess Tournament. Congratulations to the winners Ben (7C), Riley (7H) and Tom (12.5). The Parents Association ran three tournaments and with your generous support, have raised over £1800 which will be used to buy outdoor equipment. Thank you for supporting our Parents Association.

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and our Careers team will have more to say on that in Friday 11th February's VIP issue.



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On Friday 11 February, the day is devoted to recognising the achievement of Women in STEM subjects who changed the world. Because of the times, many were not fully recognised for their achievements until now. I would suggest that you should look up the following Scientists to find out more about their achievements :

**Katherine Johnson - NASA Space Scientist** who did the space calculations to guide the Friendship 7 mission in 1962.

**Radia Perlman - Internet Pioneer** who developed an innovative algorithm that made today's internet possible.

**Joan Clarke - Codebreaker & Cryptanalyst** who worked in the nerve centre of Bletchley Park.

**Susan Kare - Iconographer** is said to be a digital designer's designer for the Apple Mac in creating fonts and icons used regularly today across the world.

**Adriana Ocampo - Planetary Geologist** who worked for NASA on projects such as the JUNO mission to Jupiter and the New Horizons mission to Pluto.

**Barbara McClintock -** who won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1983 for her groundbreaking work in Genetics.

This is the final week of teaching before half-term with Years 11 and 13 beginning their second set of Trial Examinations immediately after the break. I wish them well and hope that these assessments will bring into focus the work covered and in some cases, the work still to do.

Have a great weekend  
Richard Blyghton



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# COVID TESTING

In line with Government guidelines, students are encouraged to test at least twice a week (Wednesday and Sunday) and record their results on the school's TestRegister website via the email sent to you.

HM Government

NHS  
Test and Trace

**Rapid Covid-19 testing twice a week will help us stay ahead of the virus**

Report your test result each time, whether it's positive, negative or void.

Test at home, report online and keep life moving. **GET YOUR TESTS FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE**

[www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)



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# MFL SPELLING BEE

Last week, the MFL department ran house spelling bee competitions at lunchtime for students of all languages in years 7-10.

Students were given words in English and had to hit their buzzer and spell the word correctly on a mini whiteboard in the target language to win points. There were some very close competitions, with a number of nail-biting tie-breakers!

All students were awarded 5 commendations for taking part as well as earning points for their houses, and the winners for Year 7 French and Spanish, Year 8 German, Latin and Mandarin and Year 10 for each language will go on to represent Beths at the regional MFL spelling bee at Dartford Grammar School next Wednesday (9th February).



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# MFL SPELLING BEE

Thank you to the MFL teachers who gave up their time to organise and run the events, and well done to all the students who took part. We look forward to running the event again next year, so if you didn't win this time around, be sure to enter again!

A big congratulations to our winners and best of luck in the regionals!

- Mrs H James



# YEAR 9 ENGLISH

This is work from the Year 9 English unit: Modern Short Stories. Students had to write a short story demonstrating their understanding of Freytag's narrative structure and using ideas from Neil Gaiman's short story Don't Ask Jack. The story had to be titled The Discovery. The selection here were nominated by students as the best in the class.

## **The Discovery by Charlie 9A**

Nobody knew where the cottage had come from, it was in the middle of the woods, and it was just a boring plain grey stone cottage with only one object in it. A dusty, creaky old rocking chair.

Nobody ever went into the house. However people had said that when they walked past the house at night they could hear the one chair rocking back and forth and back and forth for as long as they listened to it.

Nobody ever went into the house. Although there were lots of theories as to why the chair rocked back and forth and back and forth. The most popular theory was that there was an old man who used to sit in that chair and rock it back and forth and back and forth and then one day when he was in his chair he just fell asleep and died and his ghost is still there at night and he rocks it back and forth and back and forth. However...



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# YEAR 9 ENGLISH

...Nobody ever went into the house so no-one has ever known why the chair moved. And a few months after, the first person hearing the chair, it seemed like people has forgotten about it.

Nobody ever went into the house. Until that one fateful night when a girl was walking past the cottage. She heard the creaking of the chairs she tried to get into the house. As hard as she tried she couldn't get in. However when she turned to walk off the door opened slowly.

Nobody had ever been in to the house, except for that girl. And no-one has ever been in since that girl when she walked into the house and sat on the chair. Nobody has ever seen her since that fateful night.

Nobody has ever been in the house since that fateful night when the girl went missing. People have tried to get into the house since then but they never can get in. All you can hear when you go past the house at night is the chair rocking back and forth and back and forth waiting for its next victim.



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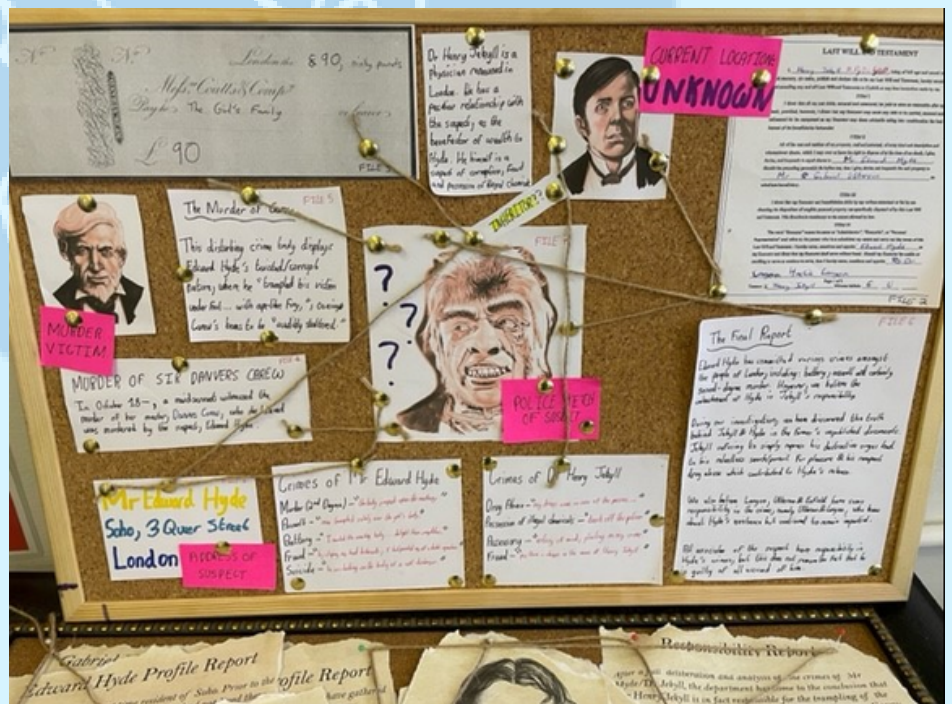
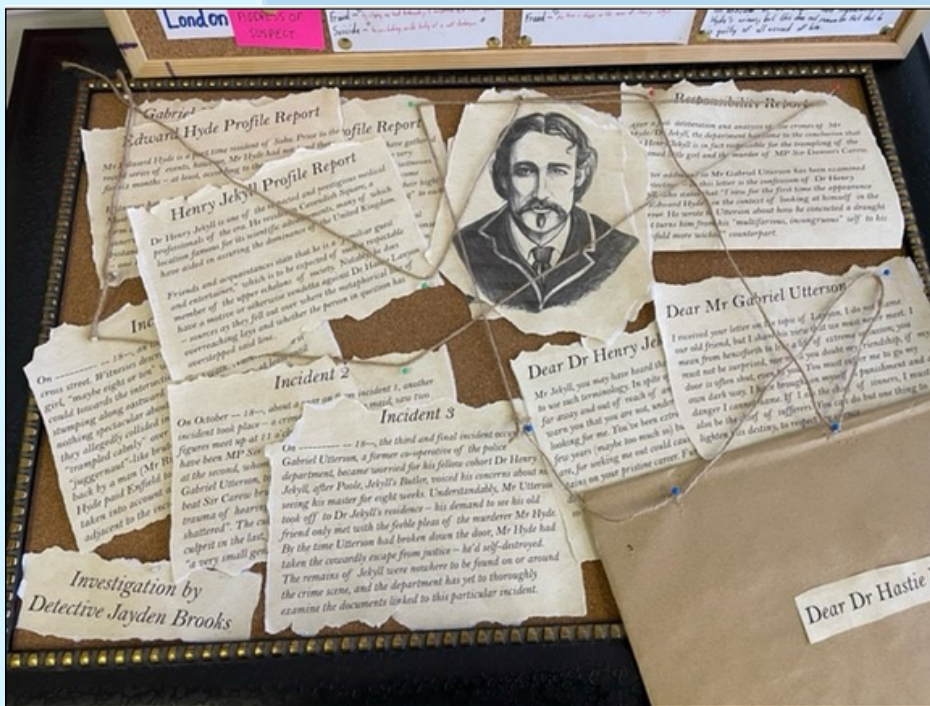


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# YEAR 10 ENGLISH

Year 10 have been studying the novella *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* in preparation for their GCSE English Literature examination. Students have collected clues throughout the reading of the text and have put together 'police boards' which examine all the clues in the case.



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# CHINESE NEW YEAR

Happy Chinese New Year to all those who celebrate it! This year is the year of the Tiger. The Year 7 students did a range of fun activities to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



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# MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

This weeks Musician of the Week is: Ayoola, Year 10

Here is a really excellent video of Ayoola singing a remix of 'shawty like a melody' with artwork from Beths Art Department.

Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOyOEWVRXSE>



Any student who would like to be featured in the Beths 'Musician of the Week', whether it be a group or solo performance or a composition, please send your entries to Ms Marriott  
[msmarriott@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msmarriott@beths.bexley.sch.uk)



# 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	KS4 Basketball
Lunch time KS3 12.00 – 13.00	Year 9 Basketball (Mr Temple)  Chess club – Week 1- All key stages in A2, Week 2: KS3 Online (Mr Runacres)  Chinese Experience Club – S18		Year 8 Basketball ALL (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK  Year 7 Rugby (Mr G.S + Mr Smith)	KS3 Badminton (Mr Temple)  KS3 Drama – P3 ( Ms Grady)  Year 7 and 8 robotics club – A6 (Mr Morgan)  Year 8 Design Technology club – A8/A9 (Mr Knott)	Year 7 Basketball (Mr G.S + Mr Smith)  Year 8 Football – Team Training (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK ONLY
KS4 12.50 – 13.50	Year 10 Basketball (Mr Smith)  Chess Club - Week 2 KS4 and KS5, A2. (Mr Runacres)	Year 11 Basketball	Sixth form: Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball (Ms Deane/Ms Ewing)  Eco-club: KS4/5 –A7A (geography department)	Girls Fitness Sports Hall (Ms Ewing)	Sixth form Basketball (Team)  LGBTQ+ Society – S15 (Ms Harris)
After school 3.20 – 4.45pm	Rugby Training Years 7 – 10  KS3 Badminton (Mr Healy)	Year 8 Basketball – Team Training (Mr Webb)	<u>Warhammer Club, S1 (Mr Turnbull)</u>	KS3 Football (ALL)  Year 7 Basketball  Year 7 STEM club -S12 (Mrs Sarkar)  Choir (all staff and students invited) – P12 (Ms Marriot)	

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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# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

## Results for week commencing 31st January:

FOOTBALL					
02.02.22	League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V Langley Park School for Boys	Away	Lost 3 - 1
02.02.22	League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	Drew 0-0
03.02.22	ESFA R5	U12B	V Kingsdale Foundation School	Home	Lost 0 – 3
BASKETBALL					
28.01.22	London Youth Games	U14A	V Redden Court School	Away	Lost 59-48
01.02.22	Kent Basketball	U14A	V St John's Catholic Comprehensive School	Away	Won 24 - 42
03.02.22	Friendly	U14A	V Trinity	Away	Won 20 - 67
RUGBY					
02.02.22	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	Lost 22- 19

## Fixtures for week commencing 7th February:

FOOTBALL					
08.02.22	Year 11 North Kent Comp	U16A	V St Columba's Catholic Boys' School	Away	KO 3pm
09.02.22	KSFA Semi Finals	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys	Home	KO 2pm
09.02.22	League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V Bexley Grammar	Home	KO 2pm
10.02.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U14A	V Harris Academy Falconwood	Home	KO 2:15pm
10.02.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U13A	V St Paul's Academy	Away	KO 3:40pm
BASKETBALL					
07.02.22	Kent Basketball	U16A	V Trinity School	Away	Tip Off 4pm
07.02.22	Kent Basketball	U18A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	Tip off 4:15pm
08.02.22	Kent Basketball	U13A	V Rainham Mark Grammar School	Home	Tip Off 3:45pm
08.02.22	London Youth Games	U16A	V Chadwell Heath Academy	Away	Tip Off 3:45pm
09.02.22	Kent Basketball	U18A	V Hayes School	Away	Tip Off 1:30pm

\*Please note that some matches may be cancelled/postponed and therefore we ask you to keep an eye on the SOCS website.

Beths Grammar School | Sports Home ([bethssport.co.uk](http://bethssport.co.uk))



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# SPORTS BULLETIN

Highlights of the various games our students played over the past week. Well done for all your hard work and dedication, you've done us all proud!

Please see link to the video highlights:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEpoaYa-NcY>



Link to full sports bulletin for 31st January to 4th February <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Sports+Bulletin&pid=393>



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## 1. Latest Parents Associations' latest events

Online Chess Tournaments: We made it thanks to your generosity!

After 3 exciting chess tournaments and all your kind support, Beths PA has raised £1899 for the Outdoor Chess Table!!!!



Friday 28th of January, saw the Parents Association third online chess tournament. Featuring William Jones an ex Beths student and international level player, nearly 40 players (a mixture of parents and students) battled it out online to secure a good ranking on the leader board.

With more students joining the school's Chess Club, many participants who were new to the game are getting extremely tactical and we should watch them! After house points were allocated to each player the house scores were as follows:

Abbey - 38	Brampton - 5	Cray - 38	Eardley - 24
Hurst - 32	Wickham - 31		

**Well done Abbey & Cray and the 3 winners!!!! Thank you to all participants and donors.**

Players said: "It is a great event which I enjoyed again". "I am ready for the next tournament!", "It went too quickly!", "Could we organise inter-schools tournaments?"...



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

**Our virtual Nearly New PTA Uniform Shop is now fully open!** We are asking for any donations of nearly new blazers and unembroidered PE kit. If you have any of the specified school uniform items that your son has grown out of, please do consider donating it to our PTA Uniform Shop. Simply drop them off at the School Reception.

We are aiming to sell these items for you to purchase once we have received donations and can provide an inventory. If you require any items, please email the PTA via [beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com).

UNIFORM. DONATIONS.



## 2. Raising money for these thrilling projects and Giftaid it!

Beths Parents  
Association  
Monthly Draw

Help us reach Our **TARGET** to sell 260 tickets

We have sold 144 tickets. Thank you for helping us meet our target!  
Please visit Beths Parents Association website for more details:

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Parents+Association&pid=162>

1. The purpose is to **raise funds** for Beths grammar school (library resources, musical instruments...).

2. It is also a monthly draw with a cash prize



3. Simple and quick to play: Complete the Membership form + Pay for your number (£6 or £120 for 20 numbers)

Take a simple step by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTED45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO> . Thank you to all families who have already bought their numbers!



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Reuse, Reduce,  
Recycle Scheme: PA's  
new 3Rs scheme  
Collection of old  
foreign currency every  
Wednesday @PSHE



Beths Parents  
Association and Beths  
PSHCE department invite  
you to bring in any old  
foreign coins and notes

*Why not clear out those old foreign coins and bank notes lying about by donating them to the school? The funds will be split 50/50 between the school and Wateraid. You must ask permission from parents before donating. Any donations should be brought into school on a Wednesday and taken to Mr O'Regan's office during PSHCE*

**Beths PA is excited to share Dominik's initiative to support this fantastic fundraising idea!**



Over Christmas, I visited my grandparents' church in Bexley to ask if anyone had any spare old and foreign coins for the current campaign which the Parents' Association is running to fund raise for school resources and WaterAid. I attended the service then at the end, the vicar invited me to deliver my speech.

He had very kindly had a look around his house over the holidays and donated about 3kg of coins (foreign and old)! I have left most of them in the donation bottle that I labelled up and provided the church, so the people can bring in any spare coins during the next few weeks. A lot of the congregation told me afterwards that they had plenty of coins lying around at home, so they are keen to support the cause!

I am really pleased to have done this, as it was quick, easy and enjoyable – perhaps you could go somewhere to spread the word?!  
Dominik G., 9E

Thank you Dominik for sharing this inspiring initiative! As Dominik did, we are looking forward to hearing from your way of collecting coins for Beths PA & WaterAid



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## Generating donations and it doesn't cost you anything!



Please go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://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](https://smile.amazon.co.uk).



If you shop elsewhere online, please join Easyfundraising. It costs nothing to you 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 receive a donation anytime you shop. **If you are eligible, please also give gift aid to maximise the donation.**

The other exciting projects chosen by parents with the aim to raising £10, 000 which can be increased by 25% with Giftaid

- Radio Beths – £5, 000 donate here <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17268>
- Musical instruments – £2, 000 donate here <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17270>
- Lighting for drama – £1, 000 donate here <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17269>



£1975 has already been raised! THANK YOU!  
Every £ help us to get closer to our target goal.



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## Friends and Sponsors of Beths Parents Associations

We would like to say a special THANK YOU to our sponsors and William Jones who have generously donated towards the second edition of Beths Parents Association Online Chess Tournament, with cash functions and prizes for the winners.



Why not become a sponsor by donating and having your business logo published on our pages! Please contact us for more details:

[beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com) THANK YOU!

### Important dates

Every Wednesday: Bring your Coins Collection @ PSHE

Tuesday 8th February 2022: Monthly Draw Deadline



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



Next meeting: on Tuesday 8th February 2021  
@ 7.30pm - Zoom

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



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