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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



This week we saw the end of our trial examinations for Year 11 and 13. We hope the efforts from weeks of revision has paid off for our students and they can now focus on completing the rest of their courses to be ready and prepared for the summer.

Due to Covid, we have been allowing students to come into school wearing their PE kits on days where they have a Games or PE lesson. This continued for the winter months with the expectation of it being reviewed as time went on. We have experienced a mud issue within the school buildings and whilst we have tried to tackle it within, we have decided from Monday 7th March 2022, students in Years 10 and 11 are to come to school in full uniform and change for their PE/Games lessons, as they have done in the past.

These year groups are not affected by split lessons and will not suffer in the same way as students in KS3 (Years 7, 8 and 9). KS3 students are to continue to come to school in their PE kits when it is the PE/Games day. Students must wear the school's PE tracksuit into and around school, with their PE kit underneath, ready for their lessons. All school uniform suppliers have the school PE tracksuit in stock.



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Our assembly topic this week covered World Book Day. We are delighted to inform you that one of our Year 7 students, Noah N has written and published his first book!! More information can be found in the VIP.



We will be celebrating International Women's Day next week and our Beths Gender Equality Society in KS5 have been given permission to host an Own Clothes Day on Tuesday 8th March 2022. Taking part is optional, however, a donation of £2 for students wearing their own clothes will be split equally between two charities: Bexley Women's Aid and the Parents Association. Also next week is National Careers Week, more of that will be in next week's VIP.

Have a great weekend
Richard Blyghton



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TRIP TO THE ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION

On Sunday 27th February, I had the pleasure of accompanying 3 of our Year 10 Public Speaking team: Levi 10B, Prince 10A and Mayokun 10C, to Dartmouth House in Mayfair to attend an English Speaking Union debate. We all had a great time and really enjoyed the lively debate. Levi wrote an article which goes into more detail about the content of the discussions and what the team learned from the visit, so please find out more below! The team have their next round of competition on March 14th and are busy preparing their speeches for the event. Please wish them luck when you see them!



**By Ms
Takeda**



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On Sunday 27th February, the school public speaking team went on a trip to Dartmouth House in West London, the official headquarters of the English-Speaking Union. We were kindly invited to watch a debate entitled:

This House believes that the Covid pandemic demonstrates that we should prioritise security and safety over individual liberty. It was the first debate we had seen and not knowing what to expect, we were incredibly surprised by how interesting it was. Arriving at the grand building, we took pictures and met the chairman for the debate, who told us how he got involved with the English Speaking Union, when he was 14 and has never left since!

The structure for the debate was:

- 1). Proposition Introduction Speech, Opposition Introduction Speech
- 2). development speeches for both speeches
- 3). then the two final speeches.

Before the final speeches, the chairman opened up the discussion for a floor debate, where the audience got to ask questions to the debaters, for them to address in their final speech. Some raised how the government has an obligation to protect public health care, whilst others questioned how far security must be prioritised over individual liberty and whether this must always be the case. I argued that democratic nations, like the UK could not maintain a proper democracy, without respectfully considering the opinions of all their people.



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The final speeches were given by the two younger speakers and they were both absolutely incredible. One of the most poignant points gathered by the proposition was that though most people can survive lockdowns with ease, vulnerable people are negatively impacted the most. Those who live in dangerous homes, those who depend on in-person jobs and cannot sustain their families with furloughs, those who struggle with their mental health.

The opposition was able to address most points, in closing. They argued the government has a social responsibility and that during the start of Covid-19, the UK was given no other option but to lockdown the nation. They argued that preventing death is the most important thing and “desperate times call for desperate measures”.

The most interesting thing was the way all the speakers spoke. They spoke fast at points, raised their voices at points, then talked quite quietly or paused to get a reaction from the audience. The way they presented their arguments with such passion was really cool to watch and it made everyone in the audience drawn to their points, even if they didn't necessarily agree with them.

Incredible points were raised on both sides but the proposition won 39:31. If you wish to learn more about the English-Speaking Union, follow this link:

<https://www.esu.org/>

By Levi

10B



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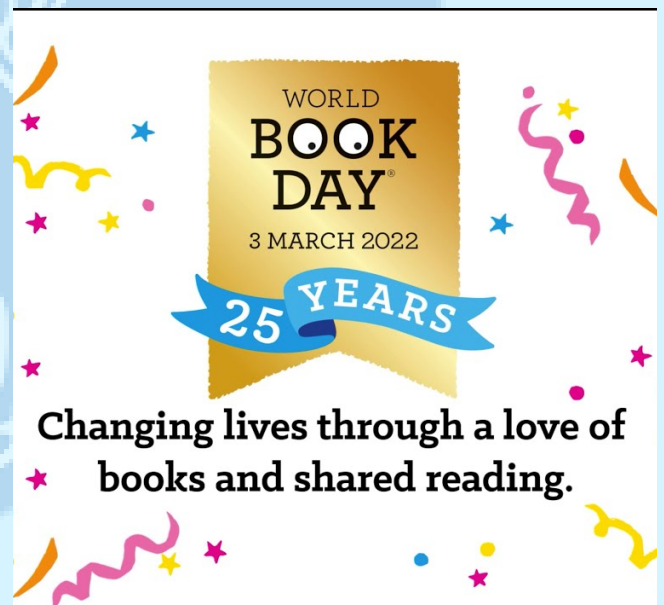
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STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Noah N who has just written and published his first book. It is called Baby Chummy and The Legend Of The Perfect Sandwich can be found on Amazon via the link below. It is now available in kindle format and paperback. We are really excited to read it!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B09TJKKRQD/ref=cm_sw_r_s_ms_api_glt_D5FQDS3QTZ1PNPJK2A0X

Happy World Book Day!



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STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ben B who played in the Table Tennis England National Schools Individual Championships: East London County Round on Sunday 27th February 2022. He did really well playing in the largest age group and representing Beths. Ben made it through the group and knockout stages, going out in the semi-final against the eventual winner. He is one of four students in his age band who qualified to play in the Jack Petchey London schools TT finals in late April.



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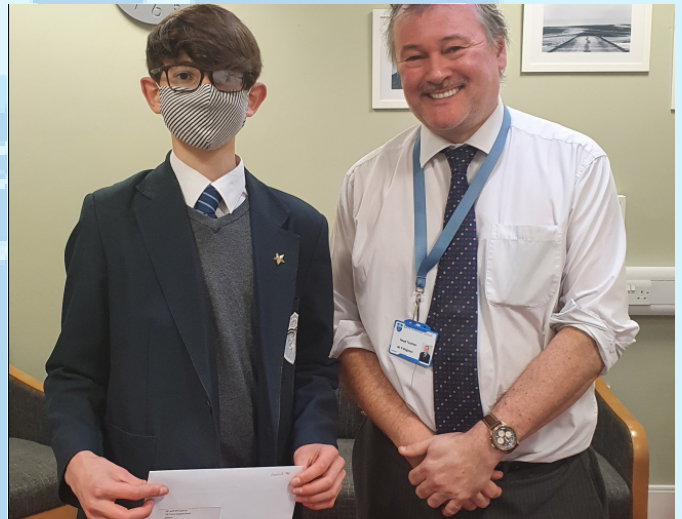
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HEADTEACHERS COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to Kristupas 7W, Evan 8A, Mohamed 9A, Dominik 9E, Shaane 9E, Levi 10B, David 10B, Ayoola 10B, Max 10A, William 12.9 and Tom 12.5 who received Headteachers commendations for their remarkable attitude to learning for the autumn term, you've done us all proud!



SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Beths Grammar School Presents

The Wizard of Oz

(RSC VERSION)

17th March & 18th
March - 7pm start

19th March
1pm start



Tickets
£8 Adult

£5 Child and Concession
production@beths.bexley.sch.uk

Tickets are now available and can be bought through <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School>. Tickets are limited and will sell out quickly so make sure you purchase your tickets today!



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CAREERS

National Careers Week (7-11 March)

To celebrate National Careers Week the Careers Team have put together a wide range of resources and activities for all year groups, including a talk by a female crane operator about her career journey to Year 9 students, and virtual work experience tasks for Year 11. Many year groups will be looking at the labour market, the future of work and the fourth industrial revolution in PHSCE and form time. And for all year groups there's a quiz on matching the career path to the member of staff at Beths. There's a prize for any student who gets all ten correct and extra points for those who share what they've learned from the amazing journeys of our staff. We'll be sending the link to the quiz out on Monday via Show My Homework.

"Life rarely follows a straight line. Success is a process of trying, reacting and changing."

National Careers Week

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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	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 28th February:

FOOTBALL					
01.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U14A	V St Pauls Academy	Home	Draw 4 – 4
01.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U13A	V Trinity	Away	Won 0 - 11
02.03.22	League	1 st XI	V Christ the King Sixth Form College	Away	Postponed
02.03.22	KS4 North Kent Comp	U15A	V Bexley Grammar	Home	Won 1 – 0
03.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U12A	V Harris Garrard	Home	Postponed

Fixtures for week commencing 7th March:

FOOTBALL					
07.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U13B	V St Columba's Boys School	Home	KO 3:30pm
10.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U13A	V Harris Garrard	Away	KO 2:45pm
BASKETBALL					
08.03.22	Jr NBA	U12A	V Harris Garrard V Strood Academy	Home	Tip off 3:45pm
09.03.22	Kent Basketball	U14A	V Hayes	Home	Tip off 3pm

*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)



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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 28th February to 4th March <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

Bring in your Coins Collection of old foreign currency every Wednesday @PSHE



2. The countries where your coins are coming from will be showcased on Beths' giant map, please share your stories!

After hearing about Dominik's initiatives, WaterAid wrote on Beths' Instagram page:

"Hi Dominik, that's an excellent idea you had. It's such a lovely and unique way of fundraising and supporting our work at WaterAid. Thank you! You really will be changing lives by bringing the gift of clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to communities living without these basic human rights. You should be proud of your hard work and this excellent initiative. Well done and keep up the good work. Aminur at The WaterAid Team"

Dominik's initiative to support this fantastic fundraising idea has inspired many other students! THANK YOU all for your great involvement



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



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

Coming soon: 4th Online Chess Tournaments...

Beths Parents' Association next Online Chess Tournament will help to raise funds for the school's Chess Clubs!!!! Please donate your Chess Board Games

With our 3Rs scheme, the PA is launching a new idea link to its 3 Rs scheme "Reuse, Reduce, Recycle" by asking for donations of any used or non-used chess kit for the students at the school's Chess club.

If you have a Chess Board Game at home that you are not using anymore, could you please give them a new life by kindly donating them for our students.

THANK YOU for your continuous support.



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.

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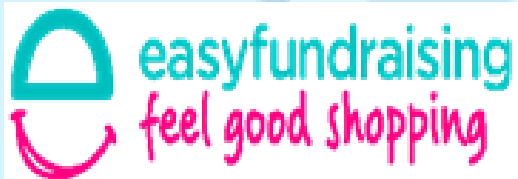
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



Before half-term, Beths PA have been busy shooting a video to share its enthusiasm and motivation to make a difference by helping the school to provide wider opportunities to our children... please watch out for our video!

Generating donations and it doesn't cost you anything!



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 and we will receive a donation anytime you shop. **If you are eligible, please also give gift aid to maximise the donation.**



£2000 has already been raised! THANK YOU!
Every £ help us to get closer to our target goal.

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>



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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 THANK YOU!

Important dates

Every Wednesday: Bring your Coins Collection @ PSHE



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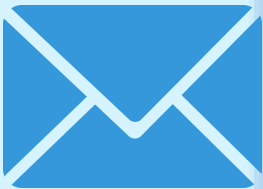
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



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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