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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



A warm welcome back after half-term. I do hope you had the opportunity to have a break and be able to catch up on those things that you had been putting off. I was able to catch up on some reading that I hadn't previously got around to - some key historical mathematical discoveries!

This half-term begins the business part of the year for Year 11 and 13, who have their first set of trial examinations in a little over two weeks and we wish them well. Good luck to around 50 of our students who applied for Oxbridge and Medical degrees. We will find out over the next few months how successful our students have been.

The final two weeks before half-term saw us welcome Year 6 Parents and their sons to the school in groups of 30 each morning and afternoon. It was a privilege to meet them and I look forward to seeing their sons again next September. Our Year 8 and 9 students who toured the families were a credit to the school.

Our Well-Being Week is planned for the end of November and I hope to provide further details in the coming weeks.

Many thanks
Richard Blyghton.



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COVID TESTING

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



The poster features a background image of two young men, one in an orange hoodie and one in a blue hoodie, walking outdoors. The HM Government logo is in the top left, and the NHS Test and Trace logo is in the top right. A yellow text box in the center contains the main message. At the bottom, there is a call to action to report test results and a link to the website.

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



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JACK PETCHEY AWARD



Three of our Year 12 students, Daniel, Vishva and Rajithan were nominated for the Jack Petchey Award in the LRC by Mr Beaney, Head of Sixth Form.

Daniel, Vishva and Rajithan very kindly assisted a distraught Mum and her son during the chaos of petrol queues and buses on diversions in September. The bus that she was a passenger on stopped and she was unable to get her son to our school to sit his 11+ exam on time. The students saw her distress and stepped in to help. They ordered a taxi to get her and her son to the school and paid for it with their own money! Beths received the loveliest email from Mum, saying that she would be happy for her own son to come to a school where students showed such kindness and compassion. They didn't have to stop and help, but they chose to, a genuine act of kindness and behaviour, that typically reflects our ethos.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF DIWALI

Diwali is the Festival of Light celebrating the victory of light against darkness. It is a 5-day festival, and the main part of Diwali is light, candles and fireworks are typically used to display this. It is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs across the world.

Diwali is just one name for it, there are many names for it. For my family and other Nepalese people around the world it is called Lakshmi Puja. However, we all celebrate the same thing. It is considered the main festive day. It is called Lakshmi Puja because in Hinduism Lakshmi is the goddess of wealth. It is believed that she visits every house of her believers and blesses them with fortune. During the Puja we pray to Lakshmi wishing for goodness in our lives.

On this day, we place lighted candles around the house symbolising light against darkness. During this day some Hindus like to fast and break it after the Puja. People like to make sweet dishes like Kheer, which is rice pudding which has been enhanced by spices such as Saffron. We eat this Kheer with vegetables and Puri which is deep-fried bread made from unleavened whole-wheat flour. Typically, we eat only vegetarian food. Also, traditional sweets are very popular foods to be eaten during Lakshmi Puja.

**By Regal
Year 12**



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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 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 LGBTQ+ Society – S15 (Ms Harris)	<u>Sixth form:</u> Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball (Ms Deane/Ms Ewing) Eco-club: KS4/5 –A7A (geography department)	Girls Fitness Sports Hall (Ms Ewing) Year 8 Design Technology club – A8/A9 (Mr Knott)	Sixth form Basketball (Team)
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 (Starts 7 th October)- 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.



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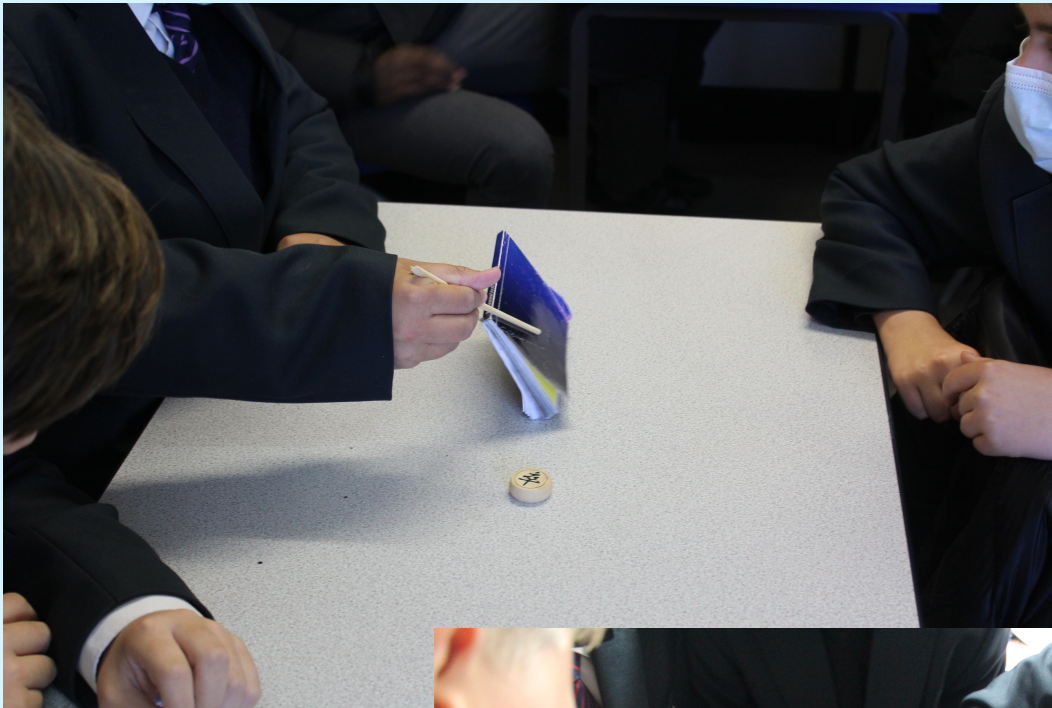


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CHINESE EXPERIENCE CLUB



Chinese Experience Club started this week during lunchtime. In their first meeting, students learnt how to use chopsticks to pick up a range of objects.

They even played a game to see who could get the ping pong ball from cup to cup the quickest!



Chinese Experience Club runs every Monday lunchtime from 12pm-1pm and is open to all KS3 students. Next week (8th November) students will be making panda paper cuttings

CHINESE EXPERIENCE CLUB

Chinese Experience Club- Chopstick Games

On Monday 1st November 2021, the first Chinese Experience Club was hosted by Ms Li and Ms Liu. When I entered the classroom, it was filled with students from different classes.

At the beginning of the club lesson, the two teachers started to explain the system we would be using in the club; we were given yellow club cards with boxes in them so each attendance we could earn a stamp in one of the boxes for participating. Once we got 5 boxes stamped, we would earn a commendation. You could also earn extra stamps by doing outstandingly well.

Then our teachers talked about Chinese culture - Chopsticks. They talked about how the Chinese people started using chopsticks over 3000 years ago! Next, we watched a video about how to use the chopsticks and we were given time to practise with teachers as well as teammates. It was quite challenging, but it was an intriguing experience. After the practice and mastery of the art of chopsticks, it was time to showcase our skills. We were split into teams of four. The aim of the two teams competing against each other was that the four people on one team would have to remove a ping-pong ball out of a cup and place it into their teammate's cup, then eventually pass it onto the last person who would have to pick up the ping-pong ball and keep it in the air. However, the difficulty of the competition was that this all had to be done with chopsticks. The prize? The prize was an extra stamp and a fortune cookie.

Chinese Experience Club was very fun and engaging, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We are all looking forward to the next Chinese Experience Club taking place next week.

By Pelumi Year 7



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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results week ending 5th November:

FOOTBALL					
04.11.21		U12B	V Forest School	Away	1-3
04.11.21		U13A	V Eden Park	Away	0-10
BASKETBALL					
04.11.21		U18A	V Bexley Grammar School	Away	38-68
RUGBY					
03.11.21		1 st XV	V Robert Clack School	Away	35-30

Results week ending 12th November :

FOOTBALL					
08.11.21		U13A	V Greenshaw High School	Home	KO 15:00pm
10.11.21		1 st XI	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Home	KO 14:00pm
10.11.21		2 nd XI	V Langley Park School for Boys	Home	KO 14:00pm
BASKETBALL					
09.11.21		U12A	V Rainham Mark Grammar School	Home	Postponed
RUGBY					
06.11.21		U12A	V St Olave's Grammar School	Away	KO 10:00am
		U12B	V St Olave's Grammar School	Away	KO 10:00am
		U13A	V St Olave's Grammar School	Home	KO 10:00am
		U14A	V St Olave's Grammar School	Home	KO 10:00am
		U15A	V St Olave's Grammar School	Home	Cancelled
10.11.21		1 st XV	V St Olave's Grammar School	Home	KO 14:00pm

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

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MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

This weeks Musician of the Week: Nathaniel, Year 11

Here is a really excellent video of an original song by Nathaniel in Year 11.

Link to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xchzbfh-DB8&list=PLxoCR9m_J-zcmrvj75ZIfUnV3janAF_Dh&index=5



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



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FIXTURE HIGHLIGHTS

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 made by Mr Webb: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ub2Uh1Z2-vU>



Link to full sports bulletin for 1st November to 5th November: <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Sports+%26amp%3B+Fixtures&pid=118>

MATCH REPORT

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Beths 1st XV v Robert Clack School (friendly)

Score 35-30



We shall start with the reason I'm writing this today and after my questionable kicking performance we shall quickly move on.

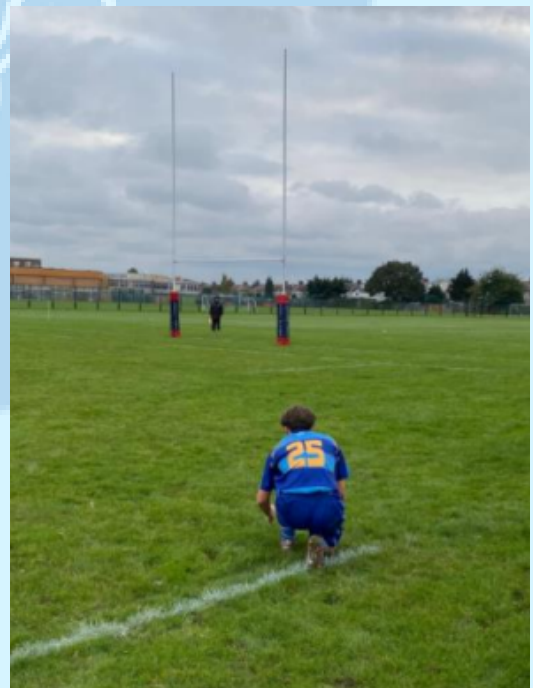
Game 4 and Aaron's fake pass is still our secret weapon, we saw Setsofia get the brace to put us in front twice and win the man of the match award for his performance. Not only did we score, but we did it more than once and the backs managed to get their names on the score sheet with Malachi tearing up to score down the wing.

We turned up optimistically despite our lack of subs only having 15 players. We started off with a great bit of momentum with an early 3 points from myself and this started us off well.

We were up at half time and came out with our chins up however in the second half we saw their fresh legs made the difference, but we still stood strong for 78 minutes.

Unfortunately, in our typical way, we did lose, however it was a vast improvement on what we have seen in previous weeks and the game was not reflective of the result and it was a still a good game!

Man of the Match: Setsofia D
Match Report written by Lewis H.



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our Music Department who have been nominated to become a Music Mark School.

Music Mark Schools nominations and awards are given in recognition of the school's commitment to high-quality music education to children and young people.



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LUNCH MENU W/C 8TH NOVEMBER

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MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER

MAIN Chicken and Mediterranean Vegetable Fajitas served with a Mexican Rice, Green Salad and Corn on the Cob

VEGETARIAN Bean and Vegetable Goulash with Mini-Dumplings and New Potatoes Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn

STREET FOOD Thai

DESSERT Apple and Pear Oatie Crumble with Custard

TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER

MAIN Our Speciality Curries with a choice of Vegetable, Meat and Vegan Dishes served with Traditional Garnishes and Accompaniments

STREET FOOD Greek

DESSERT Vanilla Sponge with Lemon Sauce

WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

MAIN Roast Loin of Pork

served with Sage and Onion Stuffing, Apple Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Creamed Swede and Fresh Cabbage

VEGETARIAN Shortcrust Pastry Leek and Potato Pie with Roasted Potatoes, Creamed Swede and Fresh Cabbage

STREET FOOD Indian

DESSERT Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER

MAIN Chicken and Leek Pie with a Puff Pastry Top, Mashed Potato, Fresh Carrots and Garden Peas

VEGAN Creamy Spinach and Mushroom Lasagne with Fresh Carrots and Garden Peas

STREET FOOD Korean

DESSERT Mixed Fruit Salad and Shortcake Biscuit

FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

MAIN Battered Cod and Chips, served with Mushy Peas, Baked Beans, Fresh Salad and Sauce Tartare

VEGAN Sweet Potato Pattie in a Bun with Crisp Salad and Pickles and Chips

STREET FOOD Mexican

DESSERT Sticky Toffee Cake with Toffee Sauce

AVAILABLE DAILY FRESH CHEF'S SALAD - WHOLE GRAIN BREAD - GRAB AND GO POT MENU



THE DELI

FRESH CUT SANDWICHES - ROLLS - WRAPS - PITTAS - BAGUETTES
SEE THE BLACK BOARDS FOR SOUPS, THEME DAYS
AND THE CHEF'S SPECIAL

***ALL OUR MENUS ARE TREE NUT AND PEANUT FREE**

INGREDIENTS CONTAINING GLUTEN (INDICATED BY THE NUMBER 1 ON THE MENU) WILL CONTAIN WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, SPELT, RYE OR KAMUT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF. IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGEN CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CATERING MANAGER. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING WHOLE NUTS OR INGREDIENTS WITH NUTS INTO OUR KITCHENS, SOME PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO 'MAY CONTAIN' STATUS IN MANUFACTURING

WE ONLY USE



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ORGANIC MILK



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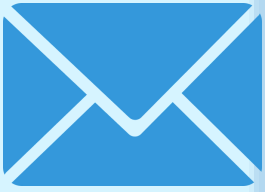
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



Next meeting: Tuesday 9th November, 2021
at 7.30pm on Zoom

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



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