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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers,



The Easter break seems like a long time ago now, and the focus for this term is examinations, both internal trial exams for our Year 12 students, and public exams for students in Year 11 and 13. Like many schools it has been three years since we've held public examinations due to the pandemic. The MFL speaking exams started this week, and our Year 12 students (who started their examinations on Thursday 5 May) will be on study leave until Friday 13 May. Our Year 11 and Year 13

students will begin their exams on Monday 16 May. Year 11 students will start their study leave at the end of the school day on Friday 13 May and Year 13 will follow on Friday 20 May 2022.

I'm sure that they have been working hard on their revision, and I wish them every success.

Our school day trips have returned, and you'll find details of the student experiences in the VIP and on our school Twitter page. We will be looking at the return of residential trips for the next academic year. Whilst this may be disappointing for some to hear, this is mainly due to the restrictions in place and the staffing implications: risk assessments need to be carried and the required resources to keep the school running. We will send you more information once we have finalised the details.







In previous VIP editions, we touched on our community awareness with students fundraising for charities. Our students are also encouraged to be aware of their environment, whether they are recycling, upcycling or learning about food wastage like our KS3 Eco club has recently.

Earlier this year we mentioned the football success of one of our Year 12 students who was selected for the England U18s and experienced what it was like to play for his country at international level. There is an article included in this VIP.

Please note that from Monday 9th May 2022, our West Gate will no longer be open for students to enter or leave school for safeguarding reasons. Students must come into East Gate (main school entrance) and 6th Formers must continue to sign in and out when they leave the premises.

We welcomed Ofsted into school on the 4th and 5th May and will share the findings once we are allowed to. The report has to be quality assured and factually correct before it is publicly released.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 11 Basketball Team for winning their final game against Folkestone this morning.

Kind regards, Richard Blyghton







A-LEVEL SPANISH

The Year 12 and Year 13 enjoyed watching the film they are studying for Spanish A level - Pans Labyrinth. One student even brought in homemade tortilla de patatas for the occasion!









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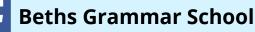
BEXLEY BOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

More photos from the Bexley School's University Challenge 2022. If you would like to read more about it, please see last weeks VIP.











KS3 ECO- CLUB

Eco Bytes: Food Waste Day

The 27th of April is Food Waste Day. This raises awareness for people to stop squandering good food. In the UK alone, 33% of family foods are going to waste. This adds up to over 9.8 billion tonnes a year. If consumers bought less, this would reduce food waste and save people money. Almost 1 billion people in the world are starving while huge amounts of food is wasted in wealthy countries. Potatoes, bread slices and apples can all be composted to help the gardens around the world. A lot of the food we waste is avoidable but a portion of is unavoidable such as tea bags, bread crusts and potato skins. For those who want to learn more, go to the

https://www.stopfoodwasteday.com/en/index.html website.

are wasted the most (Kg) 7,500 6,500 I PLEDGE TO 4,000 1,000 Bakery 8,500 Fresh produce make every day 12,000 ■ Dairy and Eggs 67,500 Pre-prepared Meals Meat and Fish 20,000 STOP Ambient FOOD Soft Drinks 28,000 Frozen WAS 55,500 Alcoholic Drinks Confectionery

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A pie chart to show which foods

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CLASSICAL CIVILISATION TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

On Wednesday 27/4/22, both sixth form Classical Civilisation classes went on a visit to the British Museum, led by Mr Papakostas and Ms Harris. They toured the Enlightenment Gallery and the Ancient Greece & Rome wings, viewing all sorts of ancient artefacts ranging from vases and coins to the Parthenon marbles. They all thoroughly loved the experience, owing to the unique items they viewed and the relevance they had to the entire course they study for A-Level. Seeing the enjoyment the students got out of this trip for the second time, Mr Papakostas will be continuing this annually and eagerly awaiting for future students to join him!









YEAR 9 MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

Ni hao,

This term we travelled to China Town in London and the British Museum (China and South Asia exhibition). Firstly, the British Museum was fulfilled with wonder! This experience was amazing and upmost interesting. We were able to view spectacular historical monuments that had meaningful backgrounds. This really broadened my knowledge about the history of China. My personal favourite collection was the 20 dragon tiles as it looked beautiful. We really understood this experience through the help of our MEP worksheet. After this visit, we travelled to the wellknown restaurant on China Town: Golden Phoenix. I really enjoyed their dishes, and if you were there, you could see all of us loving and enjoying the Chinese food! I loved the pork chops and sweet + sour chicken. After this scrumptious lunch, I got bubble tea which was extremely nice! Overall, this experience will be unforgettable and it was truly extraordinary! - By Daron 9A







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YEAR 9 MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

Ni hao!

This term, we went on a MEP trip to the British Museum and Chinatown. The British Museum was brilliant and eye opening. There was plenty of unique items with lots of historical background. The experience was very pleasant and greatly thought through. We also did a MEP worksheet which was very enjoyable. Once we had completed our visit in the British Museum, we went to China Town and proceeded to go to a restaurant called Golden Phoenix. The dishes they served was splendid and we loved the challenging of using chopsticks. My favourite dish was the egg fried rice. After dining in the restaurant, we went to explore China Town and purchased items from each shop. There were lots of amazing and distinctive things to buy. Overall this experience was truly amazing and I would love to visit these places again. - **By Mikhai 9A**













STUDENT SUCCESS

Following my selection for this year's U18 England Schoolboys squad, I have now competed in the four Centenary Shield games against Northern Ireland, Scotland, Republic of Ireland and Wales, winning two, drawing one and losing one. It has been an incredible experience and I was also fortunate to spend four days in February at a training camp at St George's Park where I captained the team in a friendly against Notts County's U19s winning 2-1.

I have even received a Panini sticker (see below) that each of the squad members now have, and at the Centenary Shield games I received my England cap for representing my country which has been an incredible honour.

- By Jack 12.2





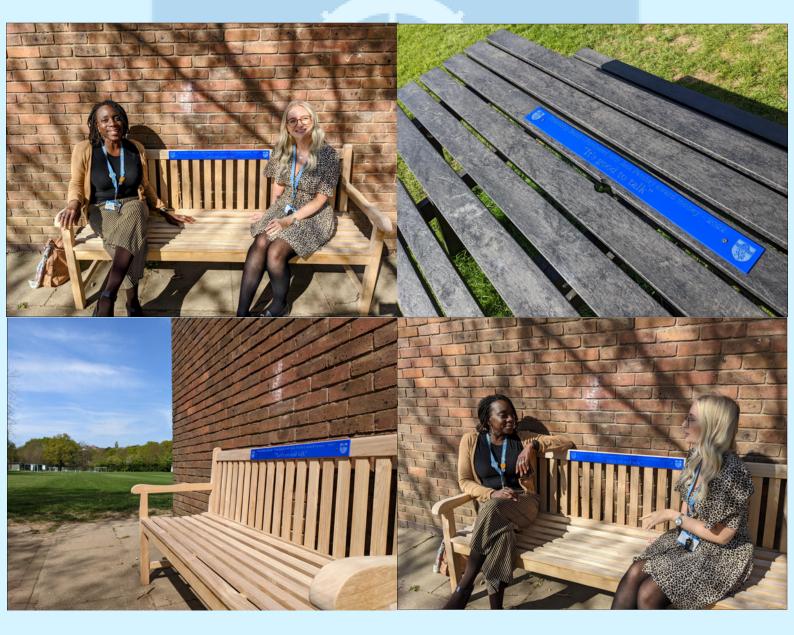


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FRIENDSHIP BENCHES

Our staff are making full use of the new 'friendship' benches that have been placed around school to encourage people to sit and talk. They were bought with a grant from the Jack Petchey Foundation that Ms Brobbey won as part of her leadership award last year and, are for the use of all students around the site.









SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Well-done to all our year 11 students who attended the Silver Duke of Edinburgh training day last Saturday. In preparation for their expeditions later in the summer term, all students must undergo compulsory training. The day started with a health and safety briefing informing and educating our students about what they need to do in order to stay safe when out on expeditions. They then moved on to looking at first aid training. Later in the day we all went out to the school field to practice putting up a tent (which proved rather exciting for some!) and how to operate the stoves for cooking. All students seemed to enjoy the day. Below is a photo of one group who seem rather happy with themselves after successfully putting up their tent.









YEAR 7 LATIN FORUM

Year 7 Latin Forum had an exciting launch last week. They started with an insightful Q+A session with current Year 8 Latin students who are currently studying Latin. and they played an interesting quiz all about Greek and Latin mythology.







CAREERS



The Year 11 Junior Prefects Careers Team have prepared an amazing assembly for Key Stage 3 and Year 10.

Their excellent presentation covers so many topics, and is the culmination of their year thinking and learning about careers. As well as the importance of subject choices at GCSE and A Level, they've also highlighted how vital it is to develop hard and soft skills through extra-curricular activities. They've analysed the results of our Next Steps survey and shown how "in the world of careers your skills and qualifications are your passport – granting access to the far reaches of the world."

Ms Stevens and Mrs Blyghton are very proud of the effort that they've put into the presentation, and would like to thank them for their great contributions this year.







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CAREERS

Can you help the Careers Team?

We're currently looking for companies to support in-person work experience placements for our students. Do you work for a company that accepts work experience students? Please complete our Short survey if you can help us.

Contact with employers is vital for students as they prepare for the transition from school to further education or employment, and as they explore career pathways. Work experience gives students an insight into the world of work and an opportunity to develop employability skills. The pandemic has meant that these opportunities have been restricted for students, so we're reaching out to companies who would be interested in being involved in current and future programmes.

> Many thanks for your help. The Careers Team







KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults. **ONLINE CONT** 10 tips to keep your children safe online The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online. 16& UP ONLY 10 12-15 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT MONITOR VIEWING HABITS Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the CHECK AGE-RATINGS Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net. Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit. SPEND TIME ON THE APP **CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS** Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch. Make accounts private and set LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE content filters and parental controls where possible. Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it. LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps. . . . ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING **KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE** Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance. cause distress. National NOS Online SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT Safety If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead. #WakeUpWednesday www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety Instagram - @NationalOnlineSafety Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 16.09.2020

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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	KS3 Basketball	KS3 Basketball	KS3 Basketball	KS4 Basketball	KS4 Basketball			
8 – 8.30am 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 – \$18 	 Year 10 and 11 Basketball, Coding Club, Memrise Club, 	 Year 8 Basketball ALL (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK Year 7 Rugby (Mr G.S + Mr Smith) Eco - Club (KS3) - A4 	 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 KS3 LGBTQ+ Society – (S16/S17) 			
KS4 and KS5 12.50 – 13.50	 Year 10 Basketball (Mr Smith) Chess Club - Week 2 KS4 and KS5, A2. (Mr Runacres) Beths Bar Year 7 and 8 Robotics 	 Year 8 and 9 Basketball, School Production Rehearsals – P3, 	 Sixth form: Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball (Ms Deane/Ms Ewing) Eco-club: KS4/5 – A7A (Geography department) Music KS4 Revision 	Girls Fitness Sports Hall (Ms Ewing)	 Sixth form Basketball (Team) KS4 Badminton LGBTQ+ Society - S15 (Ms Harris) KSS Music Revision 			
After school 3.20 – 4.45pm	 Rugby Training Years 7 - 10 KS3 Badminton (Mr Healy) School Production Song writing Club, Computing Year 11 and 13 revisions, KS4 Robotics Club - A6 Song Writing Club - P2 	 Year 8 Basketball – Team Training (Mr Webb) School Production Orchestra 	 Warhammer Club, S1 (Mr Turnbull) Year 8 and 9 Basketball 6th form band (session 3 in P2, 2-3pm Piano orchestra Anime Piano Club – P2 	 KS3 Football (ALL) KS4 Basketball Year 7 STEM club -S12 (Mrs Sarkar) Choir (all staff and students invited) – P12 (Ms Marriot) KS3 Violin Club, Beths Singers 	 Big Band Rehearsals Year 7 Basketball 			

The full list of clubs and activities can be found on the school's website <u>https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?</u> <u>title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=50</u>





RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results for week commencing 25th April:

CRICKET								
25.04.22	Lemon Cup	1 st XI	V Langley Park School for Boys	Away	Lost			
26.04.22 Miskin Cup U1		U15A	V Oakwood Park Grammar	Away	Lost by 16 runs			
			School					
27.04.22 Kent Cup		1 st XI	V Maidstone Grammar	Away	Lost by 11 runs			
	School							
FOOTBALL								
28.04.22	North Kent Comp	U14A	V St Columba's	Neutral	Won 1 - 0			
26.04.22	Miskin Cup	U15A	V Oakwood Park Grammar	Away	Lost by 16 runs			
			School					
27.04.22	27.04.22 Kent Cup 1 st		V Maidstone Grammar	Away	Lost by 11 runs			
			School					
BASKETBALL								
06.05.22	North Kent Comp	U16A	V Folkestone Academy	Neutral	Won 71-63			
07.05.22	Tournament	U14A	V Whitgift School	Neutral	Lost 12-17			
07.05.22	07.05.22 Tournament U14A		V Maidstone Grammar	Neutral	Lost 8-14			
			School					

Fixtures for week commencing 9th May:

CRICKET									
09.05.22	Ford Cup	U12A	V Dartford Grammar School	Away	Start time 3pm				
			for Boys						
10.05.22	North Kent Cup	U13A	V Chis and Sid Grammar	Away	Start time 4pm				
11.05.22	North Kent Cup	U14A	V Chis and Sid Grammar	Away	Start time 4pm				
12.05.22	North Kent Cup	U15A	V Chis and Sid Grammar	Away	Start time 4pm				





LUNCH MENU W/C 9TH MAY

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MONDAY 9 MAY

MAIN Three Cheese Macaroni baked with Crispy Herb Topping served with Ciabatta Garlic Slice Fresh Tomato and Basil Salad and Fresh Broccoli (VEGETARIAN) MAIN Haricot and Chick Pea Tagine with Smokey Aubergine and Cauliflower served on a Bed of Cous-Cous served with Fresh Tomato and Basil Salad and Fresh Broccoli (VEGAN) STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Caramelised Apple and Crumble with Custard

TUESDAY 10 MAY

MAIN Our Speciality Curries with a choice of Vegetable, Meat and Vegan Dishes served with Traditional Garnishes and Accompaniments STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Eton Mess with Strawberry, Meringues and Whipped Cream

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

MAIN Thyme Roasted Turkey Breast, Yorkshire Puddings with Crispy Roast Potatoes, Baton Carrots and Spring Cabbage MAIN Caramelised Red Onion, Feta and Cherry Tomato Tart with Crispy Roast Potatoes, Baton Carrots and Spring Cabbage (VEGETARIAN) STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Chocolate Brownie and Ice Cream

THURSDAY 12 MAY

MAIN Moroccan Beef and Chick Peas with Aubergine and Sweet Peppers with New Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn MAIN Stuffed Baked Courgettes topped with Cheddar Cheese Served with New Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Traditional Lemon Meringue Pie

FRIDAY 13 MAY

MAIN Chef's Very Own Salmon Fish Cakes with Chips, Peas or Salad MAIN Battered Cod served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans or Salad MAIN Cherry Tomato, Spinach and Broccoli Quiche served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans or Salad (VEGETARIAN) STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Citrus Fruit Fool with Oaty Biscuits

AVAILABLE DAILY FRESH CHEF'S SALAD - WHOLE GRAIN BREAD - GRAB AND GO POT MENU PLUS A PLANT BASED MAIN COURSE EVERY DAY!



FRESH CUT SANDWICHES - ROLLS - WRAPS - PITTAS - BAGUETTES

SEE THE BLACK BOARDS FOR SOUPS, THEME DAYS AND THE CHEF'S SPECIAL

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

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1. Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme: PA's new 3Rs scheme We are asking for any donations of nearly new blazers and unembroidered PE kit. Please do consider donating to our PA Uniform Shop. Simply drop them off at the School Reception! We are selling these items, please email the PA via beths.parents.association@gmail.com.



Coming soon...Uniform Sale for Year 6 Parents in June, so please bring in your donations!

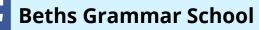


Promoting Musical Instruments

Our target of £2,000 so please kindly donate via this QR code anytime from now on or by following this link: https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/172 70









Lighting for drama



The new lights which the Drama department is requesting are state-of-the-art remote-controlled lights which vary in colour and will provide an even better experience for future theatrical productions.

Our target of £1,000 should not take too long to reach so please kindly donate via this QR code anytime from now on or by following this link: https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17269

Foreign Coins Collection: the counting and weighing on Wednesday 20th April

We have collected 21kg of foreign coins (to be sent off and cashed in), plus 175 Euros, 49 USA dollars plus lots of other notes to convert into £s.

We'll keep you posted on the final total raised!

THANK YOU for your continuous support.









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



Generating donations & It doesn't cost you anything!

Many among us are shopping online! Help us raise more funds while you do your shopping! 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.



If you shop elsewhere online, please join **Easyfundraising.** Again 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.

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

Over £3,000 has already been raised! THANK YOU! Every £ help us to get closer to our target goal.









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



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Important dates

Uniform Sale - Year 6 Parents Evening: Monday 20th June 2022
 @4.30pm





Next meeting: on Tuesday 10th May 2021 @ 7.30pm – Zoom

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



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