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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



This week we held three more Open Events for Year 6 students and their families and next week we are delighted to host at least one event every day in the build up to the end of term. Our Year 11 students have experienced the world of work this week in their chosen work experience environments. More information on this will follow from the Careers team.

Last month there was a multiple car crash in Sidcup which two of our Year 10 students, Mykolas M and George N, witnessed. Both students decided to act using their bikes to safely block access to the road from the high street, to prevent people from driving along and getting caught up in the accident. Both students received a Headteacher's Commendation for their service to the local community and upholding the school values in a noteworthy manner. Congratulations Mykolas and George.



Last weekend Mr Neylan, Senior Deputy Headteacher, ran the London Marathon for Crohn's and Colitis UK charity. Below is a little Thank you message from him.

"Thank you to parents, carers and students who kindly donated to Crohn's and Colitis UK. I have raised around £600 on the fundraising page and about £350 from collection buckets so far. Should you still wish to make a donation the fundraising page is still open: https://tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/matthew--neylan



A big well done to any parents and carers who ran on Sunday as well. Whether you participated, volunteered or spectated, it is a fantastic spectacle.

I was really pleased to have completed the marathon in under four hours – just, 3 hours 59 minutes and 6 seconds but, one of our former student's, Ross Braden, who finished 12th (out of 42 000 runners) in an astonishing 2 hours and 14 minutes. Well done, Ross!



Have a lovely weekend, Richard Blyghton



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Assemblies to all key stages were given by MFL staff regarding the link between working in a globalised world and the need to have the skill of an additional language. Employers are crying out for graduates who can speak one or more languages. The aim of the assemblies was to encourage students to continue with a language or even take up a new one, particularly important for our KS5 students who will be soon off to university and entering the world of work! Taking an existing language, brushing up on a language which has been put on hold or starting a new language as part of a joint honours degree alongside popular courses such as Law or Business is a fantastic way to set themselves apart from other candidates in a competitive international workplace. Some food for thought!

To focus on cultural awareness, during the week, students received a lesson on a cultural aspect of the language they are studying, for example, Year 8 Italian students learnt about the regions, cities and monuments of Italy. In French, Year 8 students learnt about Guadeloupe and other French speaking islands around the world and in Year 9, the lyrics by rapper MC Solaar were discussed. In Spanish, students learnt about the famous 'San Fermines' bull run festival and in Mandarin, they celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival.



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Around £512 in donations was raised for Water Aid, which is an exceptional cause that provides water and hygiene education to those without access to them. To be able to access hygienic toilets and clean water is a Human right and should be deemed as the norm for every person on Earth. Many countries are unable to provide water and toilet infrastructure at the scale needed, affecting many vulnerable people in society. Those living in these areas can be seen as different and therefore denied access to these necessities. However, by contributing our donations we help to defend their rights and provide them with the opportunity to acquire these essentials



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As an African female and Head of social media in the Multicultural committee, I was thrilled by the number of people who put together outfits to embrace their (as well as other people's) cultures. I want to thank not only the students with such innovative ideas, such as dressing up as a slice of pizza to represent Italy, but also the staff members who got involved. A special thanks to the Multicultural Committee who took time out to help with collecting donations, helping judge the best dressed competition, and the camera skills used to compile all the pictures and videos onto social media, gaining the cultural TikTok post 31,000 likes already.

I interviewed some of our sixth formers and here's what they had to say:

Farida – Year 13. "The dress is custom made and differs slightly from others as it is less decorated however there can be many different styles, colours and patterns of Afghan clothing. The necklace is made to replicate old silver Afghani coins, but it is not rare to get necklaces with real silver coins and the earrings are made of real silver. The people of Afghanistan in the past used to be very fond of silver as seen in our clothing items which, even now, continues to be a huge part of our rich culture and traditions. Our clothes originate from more than



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thousands of years ago and have been passed down generations and generations, conserving the past and shaping our identities and future.



Nissi- Year 13, Head of Podcasts. "My urhobo clothes mean a lot to me because I wore them at my sister's wedding and a lot of effort went into making it as it was made for my own measurements, making it special. It's also the only piece of clothing I own from my culture, which is very small, so I wanted to show it because not a lot of people see it and I wanted to represent it.





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### JACK PETCHEY SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE

A group of 30 students in Year 10 took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge on Wednesday 5th October. The purpose of the day was to develop presentation and communication skills. Students did very well in the workshop and the speeches at the end were interesting and compelling! A few students made the following comments:

"The workshop made me consider aspects of speaking that I hadn't before" Oscar, 10H.

"It's a game changer, it's more than just a workshop. It's a skill you can't miss out on." Dean, 10B.

"It's more than just an experience, it's something that you can use throughout your whole life" Abiodun, 10W.

Well done for all your hard work during the event Year 10!







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# **STEM CLUB**

During KS3 STEM club, students made force meters using rulers and some rubber bands. They calibrated using the real weights and figured out 5 unknown weights. It was tested against the actual balances to see how accurate they were.







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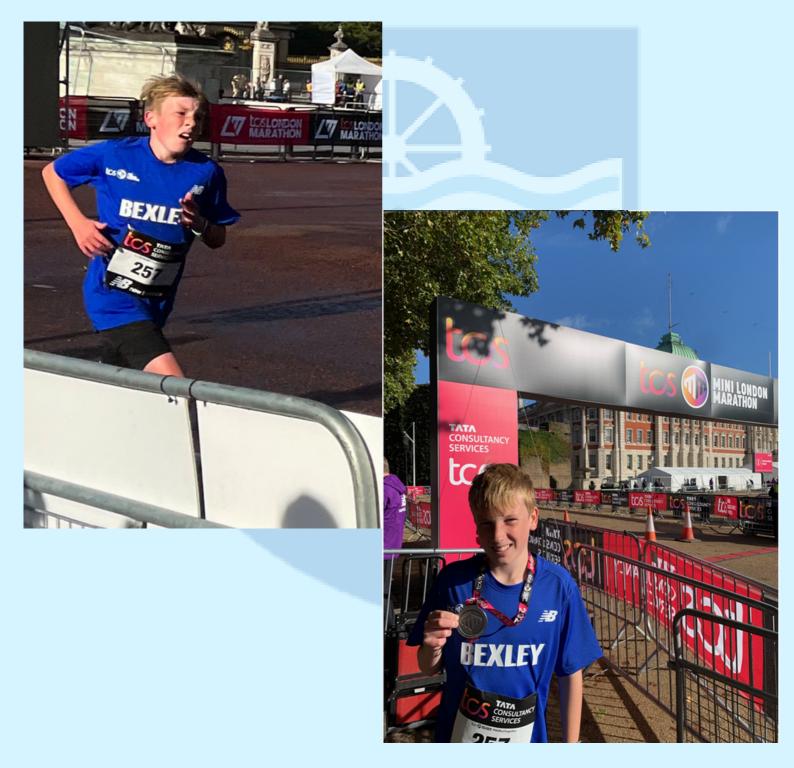




# **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Alastair M who represented Bexley in the U15 category at London Mini Marathon Championships on last weekend.

He completed it in a time of 9.58 after running a distance of 2.6k (the last section of the marathon route finishing in The Mall).









## CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a range of clubs and extra curricular activities running for all year groups. For a full timetable of clubs and club information please head to our website <u>https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?</u> <u>title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=50</u>

### KS3 Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 -					
8.30am			KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	
			Eco Club ODD WEEK A4		
			Mr Glendinning		
					DT Club A9 Mr Knott
			Humanities club EVEN		
	French Club EVEN WEEK		WEEK M2 Ms Palmer		Manga Club ODD WEEK B4
	S19 Ms James				Ms Takeda*
			Music Appreciation 12:15-		
	Spanish Club EVEN WEEK		12:45pm P2		Animation Club A3 Ms
	S16 Ms Bridge	LGBTQ+ Society S18 Mr			Twinem
		Stein	Y8 Dungeons and Dragons		
	Reading Club EVEN WEEK		DandT Hub Ms		Creative Writing ODD
	B5 Ms Monteith	Drama Club P3 Ms	Commerford	Connect Club EVEN WEEK	WEEK B2 Lady Irving-Gale
		Monteith		B4 Ms Takeda	
	U14 Basketball Sports Hall		Collegium Antiquum 12.15		Music Support Session
Lunch	Year 8 Rugby Field	Year 7 Basketball	start S19 Mr Simpson	KS3 Badminton Sports Hall	12:00-12:45pm P2
	Run Club School Field Mr				
	Walter	Memrise Clinic S16 Ms			
		Bridge			
	Beths Youth Band 3:40-				
	4:45 P1	Music Enrichment -		Warhammer S1 (3.40 start)	
		Audition only	Theatre Production 3.45-	Mr Turnbull	
	** Group Piano lessons		4.30 P3 Ms Grady*		
	3;30-4:30 P2	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in		Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm	
		the Main School Hall	Year 7 Football Field	P1	
	Year 7 Rugby Field				U13 Basketball Sports Hall
		Year 8 Rugby Field	** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Year 9 Football Field	
After	STEM Club Y7 S12 Ms		beginners; 4:00-4:30		Beths Big Band 3:40-
School	Sarker	Year 9 Rugby Field	intermediate in P2	U14 Basketball Sports Hall	4:45pm P2

### **KS4** Clubs

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Eco Club EVEN WEEK A4		
			Ms Purbrick		
			Poetry Club EVEN WEEK		LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
			B1 Dr Easton		S19, EVEN S15) Ms Harris
					515,24214 515) 115 16115
	Tap and Rap 1:10-1:45pm	Y11 Study Club (13.20-	U16 Basketball Sports Hall		Social Sciences Reading
	P1	13.50) B4 Ms Takeda			Club FIRST ODD FRIDAY
		13.307 54 113 101000	English Revision Club ODD		OF MONTH M4
	History Club EVEN WEEK	Music Revision 1:10-	WEEK B5		or monthing
	M5		WEEK BS	Developer Club MCC Ma	Film Club B6 Ms Quinn
	MI5	1:45pm P1	Baadiaa Chib ODD WEEK	Psychology Club MCC Mr Walsh and Ms Moffat	and Mr Russell
	Marke Club Distant Marke	Philosophy Conjuby OPP	Reading Club ODD WEEK	waish and ivis iviorrat	and Wir Russell
	Maths Club B12 Mr Khalid	Philosophy Society ODD	B5 Ms Monteith		
		WEEK M2 Ms May and	Music Theory Club at	Debating Club M4 Mr	Y11 Study Club (13.20-
Lunchtime	Chess Club A2 Mr Healy	Ms Moffat	1:10pm-1:45pm P1	Chamberlain	13.50) B4 Ms Takeda
			U16 Basketball Sports Hall		
			** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Warhammer S1 Mr	
			beginners; 4:00-4:30	Turnbull	
			intermediate in P2		
	Year 10 Rugby Field			Beths Singers 3:40-	
	rear to happy here		Theatre Production 3.45-	4:45pm P1	
After	** Group Piano lessons	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in	4.30 P3 Ms Grady*	4.4500.67	Beths Big Band 3:40-
			noo ro ma drauj	Vers 10 Feetball Field	
School	3;30-4:30 P2	the Main School Hall		Year 10 Football Field	4:45pm P2

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### **KS5** Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Gym Club (Max 15	
8 - 8.30am				people) - Weights Room Mr Webb	
	Tes and Des 1.10			Group Therapy* - C4	
	Tap and Rap 1:10-		Eco Club (EVEN WEEK)	Denise Brett-Smith	
	1:45pm - P1 Ms		A4 Ms Purbrick and Mr		
	Marriott		Glendinning	Music Revision 1:10-	
				1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott	
	History Club (EVEN		Music Theory Club at		
	WEE) - M5		1:10pm-1:45pm - P1 Ms	Psychology Club - MCC	
			Marriott	Mr Walsh and Ms	
	Chess Club - A2 Mr			Moffat	
	Healy		Poetry Club (EVEN		LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
			WEEK) - B1 Dr Easton	Debating Club - M4 Mr	S19, EVEN S15) Ms
	Muslim Prayer			Chamberlain	Harris
	group- C3 Mr		English Revision Club		
	Ahmed		(ODD WEEK) - B5	Muslim Praver group -	Social Sciences Readin
				C3 Mr Ahmed	Club FIRST (ODD FRIDA
	KS5 Chemistry Club	Philosophy Society (ODD	Muslim Prayer group -	C3 MI Anneu	OF MONTH) - M4
	- S8	WEEK) - M2 Ms May and	C3 Mr Ahmed	Yu-Gi-Oh Club - A5 Mr	
	- 58	Ms Moffat			Film Club - B6 Ms Quin
		ins monat	Reading Club (ODD	Walter	and Mr Russell
	KS5 Physics	Muslim Prayer group -	WEEK) - B5 Ms		
	Olympiad Club - S1	C3 Mr Ahmed	Monteith	Informatics Olympiad	Muslim Prayer group -
		C3 Mir Anmed		club - IT1	C3 Mr Ahmed
	Gender Equality		KS5 Maths Olympiad		
	Society - A7B Ms	Computer Science	Club - B12 Mr Khalid	BMAT physics support	Multi-Cultural
	Ewing	interview prep - S1 Mr		for Medics - S0 Mr	Committee - MCC 1-
		Beaney	Personal Statement	Beaney	1.30pm
unchtime		-	Clinic - LRC Mr Beaney	-	-

	** Group Piano lessons 3;30-4:30 P2	Girls Rugby Field <b>Ms</b> Ewing	Music Technology Club Venue TBC <b>Ms Marriott</b> 1st XI Football <b>PE</b> 2nd XI Football <b>PE</b> 6th Form Basketball Sports Hall <b>PE</b> 6th Form Girls Football <b>PE</b>	Warhammer 51 Mr	
				Warhammer S1 Mr Turnbull	
After		Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm	** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00		
School/	Engineering A6	in the Main School Hall	beginners; 4:00-4:30	Beths Singers 3:40-	
Wednesday	Mr Morgan	Ms Marriott	intermediate in P2 Ms	4:45pm P1 Ms Marriott	Beths Big Band 3:40-
P3			Marriott		4:45pm P2 Ms Marriott







## **SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS**

### **Results for week commecing 3rd October.**

FOOTBALL							
30.09.22	KSFA R1	U14A	V Darrick Wood School	Home	Won 8 - 0		
03.10.22	ESFA Rd 1	U14B	V Bishop Thomas Grant School	Home	Won 11 – 0		
05.10.22	Kent League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V Bishop Justus Church of	Away	Lost 6 – 0		
		Girls	England School				
05.10.22	Kent League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V Langley Park Boys	Away	Won 0 – 1		
06.10.22	ESFA Rd 1	U12A	V Whitgift School	Home	Lost 0 – 14		
06.10.22	ESFA Rd 2	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V Harris City Academy Crystal	Away	Won 0 – 4		
			Palace				
	RUGBY						
30.09.22	Friendly	U12A	V Maidstone Grammar	Home	Lost 10 - 20		
30.09.22	Friendly	U12B	V Maidstone Grammar	Home	Lost 35 - 60		
01.10.22	Friendly	U13A	V Maidstone Grammar	Away	Lost 45 - 25		
01.10.22	Friendly	U14A	V Maidstone Grammar	Home	Lost 0 - 40		
01.10.22	Friendly	U15A	V Maidstone Grammar	Home	Lost 5 - 22		
04.10.22	Friendly	U15A	V Bexley Grammar	Away	Won 24 - 12		
BASKETBALL							
03.10.22	Area Cup	U15A	V Gravesend Grammar	Home	Won 57 - 53		

### Fixtures for week commencing 10th October.

FOOTBALL							
07.10.22	ESFA Rd1	U13A	V The John Roan School	Home	KO 4pm		
10.10.22	KSFA R1	U16A	V Bishop Justus C of E School	Home	KO 4pm		
10.10.22	KSFA	U12A	V Stationers Crown Woods	Away	KO 3:45pm		
			Academy				
11.10.22	ESFA Rd 2	U14A	V Harris Academy Wimbledon	Home	KO 3:30pm		
11.10.22	KSFA	U13A	V Harris Academy Beckenham	Away	KO 3pm		
12.10.22	Kent League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V Langley Park Girls	Away	KO 2pm		
12.10.22	Kent League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V Hayes	Away	KO 2pm		
13.10.22	KSFA Rd 2	U14A	V Ravens Wood School	Home	KO 3pm		
RUGBY							
10.10.22	Friendly	U13A	V Wilmington Grammar Boys	Away	KO 3:45pm		
11.10.22	Friendly	U12A	V Wilmington Grammar Boys	Home	KO 3:45pm		
12.10.22	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	V Oakwood Park Grammar	Away	KO 2pm		
14.10.22	Rugby Vase Rd 2	U15A	V Chis and Sid Grammar	Home	KO 2:30pm		
BASKETBALL							
13.10.22	National Cup	U16A	V Chadwell Heath Academy	Away	Tip off 4pm		
13.10.22	Friendly	U12A	V Stationers Crown Woods	TBC	3:30pm tip off		
			Academy				

\*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 (<u>bethssport.co.uk</u>)

### KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE



Thank you to all parents who are showing their interest by requesting to attend the coming AGM. Beths Parents Association is looking forward to meeting you and discuss further raising funds for our children by enhancing their learning environment.

#### PA AGM (Annual General Meeting): Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7pm (Online)



#### Beths Parents associations Vacancies!

- Why not get involved to become: -Chairperson, -Vice Chair -Treasurer assistant -Secretary Assistant
- -Or simply a trustee

Even spending 30 minutes per week makes a huge difference for the PA! We currently meet virtually on TEAMS, every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. If any parents are interested in joining the committee meetings, please contact us via email:

beths.parents.association@gmail.com. After receiving the AGM pack, please fill in your Nominations form and send them back by email to Beths PA.

### 1.PA's exciting fundraising campaigns



This is a simple way that not only supports our fund raising but also gives you the chance to win either a £20 or £10 monthly prize. To purchase your lucky numbers please complete the enclosed form and return it to the school office. Each number costs only £7, payable via the link below:



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### https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLJBMNWTMAZ24/checkout/QU 7DMNSRYWZOIBWFUXH72VOHor scan below QR code:

Or via school's Parent Pay system when your son starts in year 7, which allow entry for the 12 monthly and 4 quarterly draws. The winning numbers are randomly drawn at the monthly PA meeting.



Please register now by completing the form available on Beths Parents Association web page: Beths Grammar School - Parents Association or simply contact us on: beths.parents.association@gmail.com

# 2. Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising: Help us raise more funds while you do your shopping



Raise even more funds and set up a challenge with your family and friends by asking them to select Beths Parents Association on AmazonSmile:

Please go to <u>smile.amazon.co.uk</u> and search for Beths Parents' Association. You need to start each of your shopping sessions at the URL <u>smile.amazon.co.uk.</u>

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 <u>www.easyfundraising.org.uk/BethsPA</u> and we will receive a donation anytime you shop.











#### **Match Funding is Back**

This week, we will share with you how to generate even MORE funds for Beths Parents Association. 65% of large companies have a match funding policy.





1. Employers such as banks (Barclays...) are willing to support their employees in their charitable work by matching pound - for pound anything employees raise for beneficial causes within certain rules

2. Raise money for our school by checking with your company if they do match funding either: 3. Contact us and we will provide you with a letter evidencing your great involvement in our events with the amount raised.

#### **Cash donations in collection buckets**

Throughout the year, Beths Parents' Association works closely with school to raise funds for several requests such as:

- -Books and equipment for the new library
- -PE rugby junior size tops
- -Sports awards trophies
- -Basketball electronic scoreboard
- -Ongoing projects



link

please donate via this QR code or by following this SO https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/21025







#### 3. Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme: PA's new 3Rs scheme





PA Uniform Shop - We are selling these items, please email the PA via: beths.parents.association@gmail.com. Simply drop them off at the School Reception!







### **Friends and Sponsors of Beths Parents Associations**

Why not become a Sponsor by making a donation and having your business logo published on our pages!

Please contact us for more details: <u>beths.parents.association@gmail.com</u> THANK YOU!

### **Important dates**

AGM (Annual General Meeting): Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7pm (Teams)

Next PA meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm (Teams)

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



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