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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

Today we celebrated International Women's Day with an own-clothes day for staff and scholars. Donations made will be divided between Women's Aid charity and the funding for the Sixth Form prom. Our Prom Committee arranged a series of competitions that was advertised to scholars during form time this week. This included an equality poetry/poster competitions, a female author book review competition.

We are delighted to welcome our new Prefect Team at Beths. Lewis-Jae as has been appointed as Head Boy and Sienna as Head Girl, we look forward to seeing them and their Prefect team flourish over the next year. We also express our thanks to Setsofia, Ugonna and their team for the work and support that have given Beths during the past year, and wish them all the best with their forthcoming A Level examinations.

We have had a number of speakers in school to talk and give advice to our scholars this term. Dr Laura Bailey, Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Kent spoke to our scholars on the development of words and how they are used around the world.







Year 13s have received talks from the Anthony Nolan charity about the charity, what blood cancer is and the role of a donor and they also had a talk from Dr Alisha Mohindre from the University of Leicester, to those students that have applied to UCAS about Preparing for University. Our Year 9s met with professional box Arnold Obodai, to hear about his life and how he got into the sport.

Coming up next term, we have WizeUp from the Jack Petchey Foundation, giving talks to our Sixth Form cohort on Crypto & NFT's, budgeting and extra money, credit cards and ratings. Our Year 13s have already received a talk from this foundation regarding flat sharing during University, saving and investing. Year 7s will have a talk from the Metropolitan Police.

You will see in this VIP issue an update on our Sixth Form building. Brickwork will commence on the 18th March 2024 and will take approximately three months to complete.

Next week during assembly we will cover Neurodiversity Celebration Week. This is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people with learning differences. Our SENCO, Ms Blewett has put together some informative information for our scholars.

We wish our school community "Ramadan Mubarak" as Ramadan begins on Monday 11th March.

Kind regards,

Richard Blyghton





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Friday 8th March - British Science Week

Thursday 14th March - 16:30-19:30 – Year 13 Virtual Parents Evening (bookings open at 19:00 on Tuesday 5th March)

Thursday 14th (19:00), Friday 15th (19:00) & Saturday 16th March (13:00) – School Production of The Addams Family (tickets available)

Tuesday 19th March - Year 12 ICAS Discovery at ExCel London (P3 only students off timetable)

Wednesday 20th March - Year 13 University Challenge

Thursday 21st March - 18:00 Spring Music Concert

Friday 22nd March - 19:00 PA Quiz Night

Wednesday 27th March - 18:00 Spring Music Concert

Thursday 28th March - Year 11 Reports sent to Parents.

Last day of term - School ends at 1pm



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YEAR 7 HOUSE FOOTBALL

This week saw the return of Beths Grammar School House Football competition. Our Year 7 students were up first, battling each other for the House Football Champion title. Well done to Eardley, who are our Year 7 House Football Champions!





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LINGUISTICS WORKSHOP

On 22nd Feburay, a selection of Modern Foreign Languages students from across Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 were fortunate enough to attend a short lecture and 2 linguistics workshops by Dr Laura Bailey, a Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Kent. This is a fantastic opportunity for language learners to see languages in a more comprehensive point of view and also increase their curiosity in observing languages in their daily lives. Here are some reflections from the students:

'The talk allowed us to explore the field of linguistics (the study of the use of language in daily communication) and hence gain a deeper understanding of differences and nuances in language, for example nuances in the use of prepositions used both for differing circumstances, and within differing areas of the English language. As a student studying Chinese Mandarin, this is particularly relevant to a language spoken with varying dialects across multiple parts of China, alongside other parts of South East Asia. As a cohort of students, we would like to thank Dr Laura Bailey for delivering an inspiring and informative lecture on the topic.' -Joel H, Year 12











LINGUISTICS WORKSHOP

'The linguistics talk given by Dr Laura Bailey was a phenomenal experience, of which a lot was learnt. This in particular, includes the development of the usage of the word "cheeky" in English culture and how it is more commonly used by the younger generations, and how Americans do not tend to use the work "cheeky" as a common adjective to most nouns. Dr Laura Bailey also touched upon how linguistics can be observed in a day to day life, with different areas of Britain using a variety of words to describe the same thing. This was an intriguing and entertaining talk given by Dr Laura Bailey and I hope I can attend similar lectures in the future.' - Derek Torres Jimenez





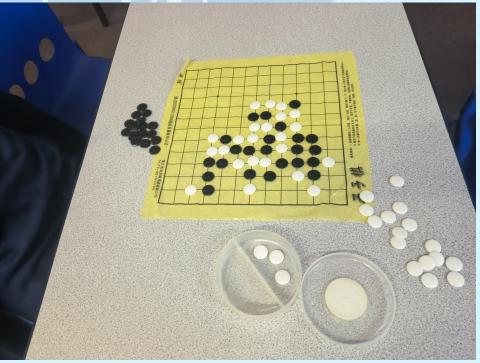
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KS3 CHINESE CLUB

During Chinese Club, Mr, Liu introduced the rules and history of Gomoku to students. The game was invented in China more than 2,500 years ago and is believed to be the oldest board game still played. The students loved playing with their friends!







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ECOBYTES BY KS3 ECO CLUB

This series is well worth a watch if you are interested in wildlife, ecosystems, and climate change.



BBC iPlayer One Planet, Seven World's Narrated by Sir David Attenborough

Series snippet

200 million years ago there was supercontinent called Pangea, continental drift led to the formation of the 7 continents. This series of nature programmes takes a look at each of the continents. Each program highlights the diversity of the species and landscapes in each continent, it also focuses on the critical issues of climate change and how we are at a tipping point. It shows the extreme measures animals must take in order to survive in the newly changing climates. The first episode is filmed in Antarctica, the most hostile continent on the planet. It shows the challenges facing animal, it follows Weddell Seals, humpbacked whales, king penguins, elephant seals and Albatross. The struggle for animals living on a continent where temperatures reach minus 40 in spring and 98% is covered in ice. The second episode is based around Asia, the first scene is in Siberia. It shows the challenges animals face due to climate change. Polar bears are forced inland due to dwindling sea ice. There is a dramatic scene where polar bears are hunting walrus on the cliff edge. This creates chaos in the walrus ranks and many fall to the bottom of the cliff and die.





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Curriculum link:

Year 9 tectonics

There is a scene showing plate tectonics where India collides into Asia, it shows the building of mountains ranges and how the Himalayas are still rising today.

Dates for the diary

Earth hour is celebrated annually on the last Saturday of March at 8.30pm. The inaugural day was first presented in 2007. Earth hour is held annually, encouraging communities, individuals, and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour. Join the Biggest Hour for Earth | Earth Hour 2024 (https://www.earthhour.org)

What Is Earth Day?

Earth Day is a day that is held on the **22nd of April** every year where people spread awareness the environmental protection of earth's natural resources. The theme is inspired by the upcoming United Nations Global Plastic Treaty which will take place in 2024.

Things We Can Do to Take Part:

- Don't eat any meat.
- Since this day is on a school day, you can walk or cycle to school.
- Use a reusable water bottle.
- Have a try at planting.
- Buy a bag for life.

<u>Earth Day 2024 - Earth Day</u> (https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/)







NEW PREFECT TEAM 2024

One of the most important values we have at Beths is that of Community. In addition, we expect our students to become leaders and to take responsibility in the smooth running of the school. In the Sixth Form at Beths we take great pride in the contribution that our Prefects have made to the school and the shining example that they set for all students.

Recently the new team of School Prefects have been appointed from our Year 12 cohort of students. They will be recognisable by their distinctive ties. They will be visible at school events and in supporting the day to day running of the school.

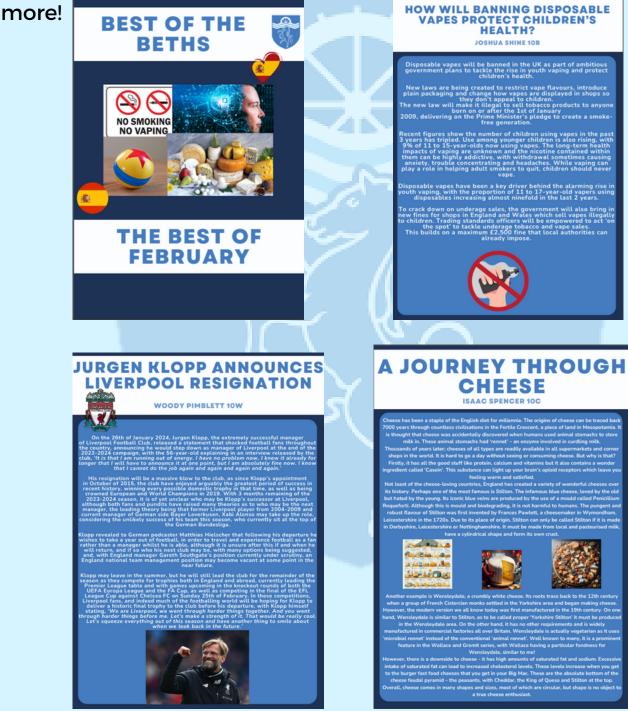






BEST OF THE BETHS STUDENT NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of Best of the Beths newsletter is now available to be viewed on our website https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/? title=Best+of+the+Beths+Newsletter&pid=403 . This months edition includes; UK Dental Crisis by Thomas B 10C, Kylian Mbappé Set to Join Real Madrid by Ankur 10C, An Interview with Mr Khalid by Edwin 11C, Are Pixar Movies Getting Worse by Nnamdi 10B and so much





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SIXTH FORM BUILDING UPDATE

Works planned for the next period include the commencement of the structural SFS (Steel Framing System) to the facade. This is a component-supply facade system which consists of U & C shaped studs and tracks and is designed on a project specific basis to form the inner leaf of a facade. This type of system is far stronger than a standard metal frame system and can be used for the construction of load bearing walls.









EASTER AFTERNOON TEA

We would love to warmly invite you to our Easter Afternoon Tea for the retired and semi -retired members of our community, on Tuesday 19th March 2024 from 2-3:45pm. The afternoon tea will cost £3 per person.

Numbers are limited so please register your interest by email to admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk or 01322 556538 by Friday 15th March. We look forward to welcoming you into our school community.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION: THE ADDAMS FAMILY

This year our School Production will be The Addams Family. The show will run from 14-16th March 2024. Tickets are selling fast, to purchase a ticket please follow this link www.ticketsource.co.uk/beths-grammar-school.





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SPRING CONCERT

Beths Grammar School is excited to bring to you its Spring Concert series. Students from Year 7 – 13 will perform a wide variety of music, from big bands, chamber ensembles, band classes, solo performances and the Beths school orchestra. Bring your family and friends to help support the talented musicians from the Beths School Community.



FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commencing 4th March.

FOOTBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Results
04.03.24	North Kent League	U13B	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Away	Lost 1-0
06.03.24	North Kent League	2 nd XI	V Darrick Wood School	Home	Won 4-0

BASKETBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Results
04.03.24	North Kent League	U14A	V Haberdasher's Aske's Knights Academy	Home	Won 47-40
05.03.24	North Kent League	U18A	V Haberdasher's Aske's Knights Academy	Away	Lost 52-45
06.03.24	North Kent League	U13A	V The Howard School	Home	Won 40-47
07.03.24	North Kent League	U18A	V Folkestone Academy	Away	Won 42-52

*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>).

If you have any questions, please email us at fixtures@beths.bexley.sch.uk







FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Fixtures for week commencing 11th March.

FOOTBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
13.03.24	North Kent League	2 nd XI	V Farringtons	Away	2pm
14.03.24	Tournament	U15A	V Various Schools	Away	2pm

BASKETBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
13.03.24	North Kent	U18A	V Northfleet Technology	Away	3pm
	League		College		
14.03.24	North Kent	U15A	V Hayes	Away	3:30pm
	League				

RUGBY					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
12.03.24	Kent Schools' U13 VIIs	U13A	V Eltham College	Away	9am
15.03.24	South	U18A	V Various Schools	Away	6pm
	London 10s				

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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

On Friday, March 22nd, 2024 at 7pm, we will be hosting another fun and enjoyable quiz night to support the fundraising efforts of the BETHS Parents' Association. The last quiz night was 12 months ago and I'm sure we speak for all that attended, it was a wonderful and enjoyable evening - giving the opportunity to bring the BETHS community back together, to meet others families, and to hear about what the BETHS Parents' Association has been doing to support the school. This is a social evening for Parents and Children. Please come and join, build friendships, understand more about the causes that will benefit your scholars, while having a bit of social fun.





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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Tickets can be purchased on classlist for the event or via this link <u>https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1091530682</u>

We are reaching out to our community to raise funds for the many requests we get from scholars and teachers alike.

The event is being organised by the BETHS Parents' Association and is one of a number of events planned to contribute to their fundraising efforts.

- Each table will have up to 8 people to a team. You can buy individual tickets OR a table up to 8!
- We encourage you to bring your own food and drink for a social evening!
- Parking onsite at the school
- we will be running a raffle on classlist prior to the event and the winner will be announced on the night

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of fun, community, while supporting a great causes.

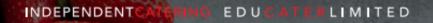
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