

STEM CLUB

During STEM Club this week, students made thermometers and tested them against hair dryers and ice baths. The best model and presentations won a prize.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERIES

We warmly invite you to our annual Winter Concert series. Students from all years look forward to entertaining you with a wide variety of music, including holiday favourites. Tickets can be purchased by following this link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beths-grammar-school>

A promotional poster for the Winter Concert Series 2022. The background is dark blue with a large, glowing golden treble clef on the left. The text is in white and light blue. The main title 'WINTER CONCERT SERIES' is at the top right, with a snowflake icon replacing the 'O' in 'CONCERT'. Below it, '2022' is written in light blue. The two concert events are listed in a light blue, handwritten-style font: 'Chamber Concert' on 13th December 6:00pm and 'Christmas Concert' on 15th December 6:00pm. At the bottom, the ticketing information is provided in white, and a QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

**WINTER
CONCERT
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2022

Chamber Concert
13th December 6:00pm

Christmas Concert
15th December 6:00pm

Tickets available at [ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School)



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On Friday 25 November year 13 students had an opportunity to meet employers and training providers at the national Skills London event at ExCeL London. Feedback from our students included “It was an enjoyable and informative experience that gave me more knowledge on what career I want to pursue” and “Meeting different companies and partaking in interactive activities were enjoyable.”



Talks by former students

Stephanie Coker

Stephanie is a family law barrister at 5 St Andrews Hill and a PhD candidate who left Beths in 2010. On Friday 2 December She spoke with Mr McCartin's year 12 and year 13 Law classes about the path to becoming a barrister, skills needed to succeed at the Bar and a day in her life as a barrister.



**Stephanie with
year 13 student
Gabrielle**



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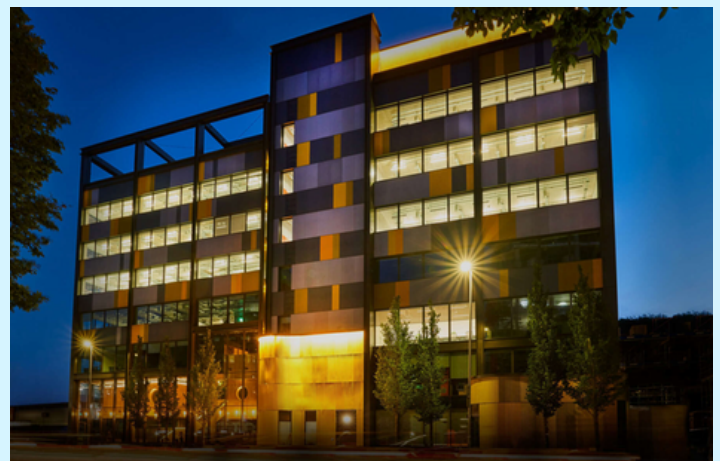
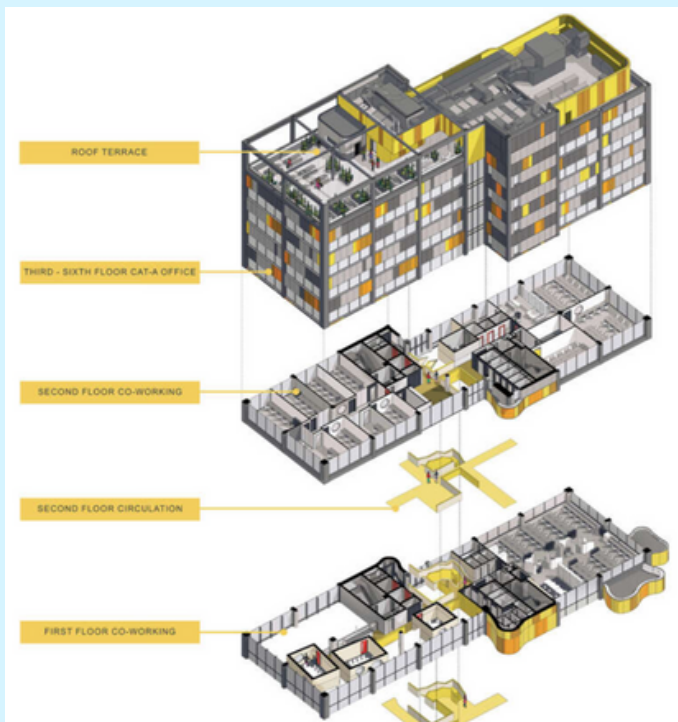
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Harry Henderson

Harry left Beths in 2015. After studying for a degree in architecture, he now works at Studio Egret West . He spoke with Year 13 and Year 10 Art students about his architecture training, and how to communicate the project vision, and turn drawings and plans into physical reality.



**Harry Henderson
talking to year 10
students**



**Plus X in Brighton is one of the
projects that Harry has worked
on.**

CAREERS TEAM

Year 12 Work Experience

On Thursday 1st December we launched Year 12 Work Experience to students and parents.

We believe a period of work-related learning gives students the chance to see what a real working environment is like as well as the opportunity to develop key skills that they will need in their working lives.

The week-long placement is compulsory for all Year 12 students and is taking place from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July 2023. It is the responsibility of the student to find their own placement by Monday 17 April 2023. We look forward to an exciting and beneficial work experience for all our year 12 students next summer.



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Linking subjects to career choices through Unifrog

It's vital that students see the link between their subject choices and career progression, and we're in the process of introducing visual displays within departments to highlight relevant employment opportunities. Unifrog has a wealth of information and our students are being encouraged to explore the Careers and Subject Libraries to help them make informed choices about their future.

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Beths Careers and
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Robotics engineer

Robotics engineers design and build robots and robotic systems.



Entry requirements

A **degree** or postgraduate qualification in AI and robotics; mechatronics; robotics engineering; computer science; mechanical engineering; electronics engineering; mathematics

A **college course**, which may help you to find a job as a robotics technician: Level 3 Certificate in Robotics and Automation; Level 4 Diploma in Computing; Higher National Certificate in Electrical or Electronic Engineering.



A **degree apprenticeship** in control and technical support engineering; software development; manufacturing engineering; embedded electronic systems design.

Find out more on Unifrog

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Ecologist

- ✓ Ecologists study the relationship between plants, animals and the environment.
- ✓ You'll usually specialise in a particular type of environment, like marine or coastal areas. You could study a specific animal or plant species.



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Your day-to-day duties could include:

- ✓ carrying out fieldwork - surveying and recording information on plants, animals, environmental conditions and biodiversity
- ✓ researching the impact of human activity, like housing and intensive agriculture, on the environment
- ✓ building computer models to predict the effects of development or climate change
- ✓ managing wildlife conservation areas, woodland and meadows



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MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

This weeks Musician of the Week is: James, Year 10

Here is a really excellent video of James playing a lovely song on the guitar.

Link to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cScsM2_ZDmw



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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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 <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=50>

KS3 Clubs

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

KS4 Clubs

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Tap and Rap 1:10-1:45pm P1 History Club EVEN WEEK M5 Maths Club B12 Mr Khalid Chess Club A2 Mr Healy	Y11 Study Club (13.20-13.50) B4 Ms Takeda Music Revision 1:10-1:45pm P1 Philosophy Society ODD WEEK M2 Ms May and Ms Moffat	Eco Club EVEN WEEK A4 Ms Purbrick Poetry Club EVEN WEEK B1 Dr Easton U16 Basketball Sports Hall English Revision Club ODD WEEK B5 Reading Club ODD WEEK B5 Ms Monteith Music Theory Club at 1:10pm-1:45pm P1	Psychology Club MCC Mr Walsh and Ms Moffat Debating Club M4 Mr Chamberlain	LGBTQ+ Society (ODD- S19 ,EVEN S15) Ms Harris Social Sciences Reading Club FIRST ODD FRIDAY OF MONTH M4 Film Club B6 Ms Quinn and Mr Russell Y11 Study Club (13.20-13.50) B4 Ms Takeda
After School	Year 10 Rugby Field ** Group Piano lessons 3:30-4:30 P2	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in the Main School Hall	U16 Basketball Sports Hall ** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00 beginners; 4:00-4:30 intermediate in P2 Theatre Production 3.45-4.30 P3 Ms Grady*	Warhammer S1 Mr Turnbull Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm P1 Year 10 Football Field	Beths Big Band 3:40-4:45pm P2

CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

KS5 Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 - 8.30am				Gym Club (Max 15 people) - Weights Room Mr Webb	
	<p>Tap and Rap 1:10-1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott</p> <p>History Club (EVEN WEE) - M5</p> <p>Chess Club - A2 Mr Healy</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group- C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>KSS Chemistry Club - S8</p> <p>KSS Physics Olympiad Club - S1</p> <p>Gender Equality Society - A7B Ms Ewing</p>	<p>Philosophy Society (ODD WEEK) - M2 Ms May and Ms Moffat</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Computer Science interview prep - S1 Mr Beaney</p>	<p>Eco Club (EVEN WEEK) A4 Ms Purbrick and Mr Glendinning</p> <p>Music Theory Club at 1:10pm-1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott</p> <p>Poetry Club (EVEN WEEK) - B1 Dr Easton</p> <p>English Revision Club (ODD WEEK) - B5</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Reading Club (ODD WEEK) - B5 Ms Monteith</p> <p>KSS Maths Olympiad Club - B12 Mr Khalid</p> <p>Personal Statement Clinic - LRC Mr Beaney</p>	<p>Group Therapy* - C4 Denise Brett-Smith</p> <p>Music Revision 1:10-1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott</p> <p>Psychology Club - MCC Mr Walsh and Ms Moffat</p> <p>Debating Club - M4 Mr Chamberlain</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Yu-Gi-Oh Club - A5 Mr Walter</p> <p>Informatics Olympiad club - IT1</p> <p>BMAT physics support for Medics - S0 Mr Beaney</p>	<p>LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-S19, EVEN S15) Ms Harris</p> <p>Social Sciences Reading Club FIRST (ODD FRIDAY OF MONTH) - M4</p> <p>Film Club - B6 Ms Quinn and Mr Russell</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Multi-Cultural Committee - MCC 1-1.30pm</p>
Lunchtime					
			<p>Music Technology Club Venue TBC Ms Marriott</p> <p>1st XI Football PE</p> <p>2nd XI Football PE</p> <p>6th Form Basketball Sports Hall PE</p> <p>6th Form Girls Football PE</p> <p>** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00 beginners; 4:00-4:30 intermediate in P2 Ms Marriott</p>	<p>Warhammer S1 Mr Turnbull</p> <p>Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm P1 Ms Marriott</p>	<p>Beths Big Band 3:40-4:45pm P2 Ms Marriott</p>
After School/ Wednesday P3	<p>** Group Piano lessons 3:30-4:30 P2</p> <p>Engineering A6 Mr Morgan</p>	<p>Girls Rugby Field Ms Ewing</p> <p>Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in the Main School Hall Ms Marriott</p>			



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SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for 25th November - 8th December

FOOTBALL					
25.11.22	ESFA Rd 4	U16A	V St Martin's School	Away	Lost 4 - 0
25.11.22	ESFA Rd 4	U14A	V Westcliff High School for Boys	Away	Won 0 - 5
28.11.22	Area Cup	U15A	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Home	Lost 4 - 7
28.11.22	ESFA Rd 3	U13A	V Kingsdale Foundation School	Away	Lost 5 - 0
30.11.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Wilmington Grammar, Boys	Home	Won 3 - 1
30.11.22	Kent League	1 st XI Girls	V Bullers Wood School	Away	Lost 6 - 0
30.11.22	Kent League	2 nd XI	V St Gregory's Catholic School	Home	Postponed
01.12.22	KSFA SF	U13B	V Bishop Challoner School	Away	Won 0 - 5
02.12.22	ESFA Rd 3	U14B	V Kingsdale Foundation School	Home	Lost 1 - 7
05.12.22	Area Cup	U14A	V Stone Lodge	Home	Draw 4 - 4
05.12.22	Area Cup	U13A	V Welling School	Away	Won 0 - 4
07.12.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Bexley Grammar School	Home	Won 5 - 0
07.12.22	Kent League	2 nd XI	V Christ the King: St Mary's	Home	Won 10 - 0
08.12.22	ESFA Rd 5	U14A	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Home	Won 3 - 1
BASKETBALL					
28.11.22	Area Cup	U12A	V Langley Park School for Boys	Home	Won 33-17
06.12.22	Area Cup	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Home	Won 43 - 18
07.12.22	National Cup	U18A	V Westcliff High School for Boys	Away	Won 53 - 54
08.12.22	National Cup	U18A	V Northfleet Technology College	Away	Results TBA

Fixtures for week commencing 12th December

FOOTBALL					
12.12.22	ESFA Rd 3	U14A	V Whitgift School	Away	KO 2:30pm
13.12.22	Area Cup	U16A	V King Henry	Home	KO 2:30pm
13.12.22	KSFA Rd 4	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	KO 3:30pm
14.12.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Christ the King: St Mary's	Away	KO 2pm
14.12.22	Kent League	2 nd XI	V Farringtons School	Away	KO 2pm
16.12.22	KSFA	U16A	V St Paul's Academy	Home	KO 2pm
BASKETBALL					
14.12.22	Kent League	U18A	V Gravesend Grammar School	Home	Tip off 4pm
15.12.22	National Cup	U17A	V The John Roan School	Home	Tip off 4pm
15.12.22	National Cup	U14A	V Ormiston Park Academy	Away	Tip off 4pm
19.12.22	Jr NBA	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	Tip Off 4pm

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

HiPAL

AGE RESTRICTION
12+
(with reduced functionality for under-12s)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers, enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, sending private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

HiPal's under-12 accounts don't allow direct connections with strangers (although children seeking more friends can share their 'Friend Code' on other platforms), but for older users, chatting with strangers seems to be the app's main appeal. The 'Public Square' shows nine online users (hitting 'refresh' replaces these with another nine), and clicking on someone's profile starts a conversation.

SEXTING AND SUGGESTIVE PICS

Almost immediately after our expert downloaded the app, strangers began to message privately – asking for provocative images or sharing explicit photos of themselves. Likewise, in the 'Explore' feed, many of the pictures and videos are innocent – but some are far more salacious. There is always the risk of other users secretly saving a revealing photo and re-sharing it elsewhere.

NEED FOR VALIDATION

Some users – particularly girls – post photos on apps of this type hoping for positive reactions and comments to boost their self-esteem. Suggestive images tend to attract more flattering feedback, encouraging the user to post more frequently and with more explicit content. Conversely, receiving unkind comments about their picture can impact a young user's confidence and sense of self-worth.

NO AGE GATES OR MODERATION

Although users are given an initial choice of the under- or over-12 profile, there is no verification method to confirm someone's age; it is quite clear that the 'older' option offers a more complete experience on the app, but there seems to be no content moderation in place. Likewise, there is a reporting button for users to make a complaint but these reports do not appear to be followed up.

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

HiPal's walkie-talkie gimmick is no different from a normal phone call and seems rarely used; although it allows conversations to still be heard while a phone is locked, which could have awkward results. HiPal also offers 'Boom' messages: unmissable large-text notifications which are highly distracting and briefly take over the phone – users can't access other apps until the message fades.

LARGE GROUP CHATS

The app offers group chats with up to 100 people – both friends and unknown users. This not only means excessive 'Boom' messages taking over your child's device, but near-constant notification alerts and – most worryingly – the potential for walkie-talkie chatting and sharing photos with strangers outside parental supervision and apparently with no moderation from the platform itself.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Remind your child of the dangers of connecting with strangers online. Some may be using the app innocently; others may have more sinister intentions. Encourage your child to consider what information they disclose in private messages and emphasise that they should inform a trusted adult if someone on the internet ever attempts to persuade them to meet in person.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It can be an awkward conversation (which young people are often reluctant to have), but it's vital to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sharing explicit images, as well as the emotional impact. Make it clear your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that they should tell a trusted adult if they receive any unwanted explicit images.

BUILD RESILIENCE

With HiPal's lack of moderation, it's imperative that children are prepared for comments they might receive after uploading an image. You can build their resilience and equip them to manage these situations by having them show you any comments they've received. Together, discuss how the nice ones made them feel – and what they could do if someone posted a comment that upset them.

AVOID OVER-SHARING

Young people should think carefully about what they share in their profile, bio and posts. Talk to your child about not disclosing personal details such as phone numbers, other social media accounts or images which could reveal where they live or go to school. It's essential for children to recognise that strangers can assemble a detailed profile of someone based on things they can find online.

CONSIDER MENTAL WELLBEING

Many users on HiPal publicly share photos that are intended to be alluring in the hope of gaining more likes, friends and positive feedback – boosting their self-esteem and making them feel more self-assured. When young people regularly engage with social media platforms, it's important that parents and carers keep in mind the potential impact such platforms can have on mental wellbeing.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION



Thank you to all families who are generously supporting the PA by buying tickets. Many are getting their families and friends actively involved!

1. Quarterly Draw Prize of £50 goes to Aman in year 13 with winning number 29
2. First Prize of £20 goes to Ethan in year 8E with winning number 8
3. Second Prize of £10 goes to Ben in year 8W with winning number 124

Important dates

Uniform Sale: December (TBC)

Next PA meeting: Tuesday 13th December 2022 @ 7.30pm - Teams

Quiz Night: 2023 (Date TBC)

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



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