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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



We made it to the end of another term. Staff and students may feel this term was a bit like a whirlwind with the Covid testing at the start of the term, a number of parents evenings taking place, revision and intervention sessions for Years 11 and 13, prior to their Trial Examinations after half term, celebrations of the Chinese New Year with an external company bringing in Taiko

drums (huge drums!) and preparations for our school production next month.

The Years 11 & 13 will go on study leave whilst their trial examinations take place from Monday 21 February to Friday 4 March 2022. Students need to arrive 15 minutes prior to their examinations and be in full school uniform/business attire.

You may be aware that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee additional bank holiday date falls within the May half term and because of this, the government have given schools an extra day's holiday to use within the academic year as they wish. After consultation with staff, we have decided to take Monday 27 June as our day in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day, the school will be closed to all on this day.



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Next term sees the National Careers Week (7th March) and British Science Week (running from 11th -21st March) so we will have more information on these exciting initiatives in the coming weeks.

I hope that this half term brings some needed rest for all and that you will be ready to take on the next term as we approach the business end of the academic year.

Have a great weekend
Richard Blyghton

COVID TESTING

In line with Government guidelines, students are encouraged to test at least twice a week (Wednesday and Sunday) 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 walking outdoors. The man in the foreground is wearing a blue hoodie and has a backpack, smiling. The man behind him is wearing an orange hoodie. The background shows trees and a building.

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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MFL SPELLING BEE FINALS

On 10th February, the MFL department took our successful house spelling bee champions to Dartford Grammar School for the Regional Final.

Students were competing against five other grammar schools and performed admirably!! The high number of tie-break situations was proof of the students' dedication to their language learning. In most of the rounds, all five schools won the maximum points meaning the winner was to be decided on a buzzer round. Beths was pipped at the post in the buzzer rounds narrowly missing out on a prize. However, all the students had a wonderful time demonstrating their language skills and interacting with linguists from the other competing schools.

The MFL staff were extremely proud of their efforts and are looking forward to taking a team next year! Well done to all those who took part!



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MFL SPELLING BEE FINALS

Congratulations to all the students who made it to the finals:

KS3:

French - Kesavan

Spanish - Olamiposi

German - Madhav

Latin - Isaac

Mandarin - Eden

KS4:

French - Levi

Spanish - Daniel

German - Hiruna

Mandarin - Joel



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TAIKO DRUMMING

As part of Beth's focus on Asian culture this week, Mark Alcock from Taiko Meantime delivered powerful, invigorating, and fun Taiko drumming workshop to our Year 7 students. During this cross-curricular Music and MFL event, student worked in groups of up to 36 learning to play a range of drums in this traditional Japanese style of drumming. The students were inspired by the sessions which engaged them in both physical and musical activities and learnt how to work as a team to create a final performance. The energising (and very loud!) music is a fascinating insight for all of us into Japanese culture. This insight was particularly engaging for our Year 7 Japanese students who also put together a video to welcome their colleagues and Mark Sensei to the workshop. We look forward to welcoming Taiko Meantime back again.

If you would like to see the video of the workshops or welcome video from our Japanese students, please go to

<https://twitter.com/BethsGS/status/1490985436323655681> and <https://twitter.com/BethsGS/status/1490603167746252800>



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TAIKO DRUMMING

Year 7 Japanese comments:

"I really liked the drumming as it was interactive and engaging. We also learnt about Japanese culture throughout the event. I had a nice time drumming along with my classmates to Taiko." - **Mikolaj K**



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WIZARD OF OZ - SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We have just a few weeks left until Dorothy gets lost in Oz for this year's school production of The Wizard of Oz. Back in 2020 the school production was due to take place the week the whole nation was sent into lockdown. The team have come back stronger than ever with a brand-new cast to take you down the Yellow Brick Road towards the Emerald City. We have over 40 students, and several members of staff from across the school involved in the production this year who are all working incredibly hard in rehearsals and can't wait to perform the show for you. The show will be taking place on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March starting at 7pm, with a lunchtime show on Saturday 19th starting at 1pm. Tickets will be on sale after half term so make sure you book your seats to fly Somewhere Over The Rainbow!



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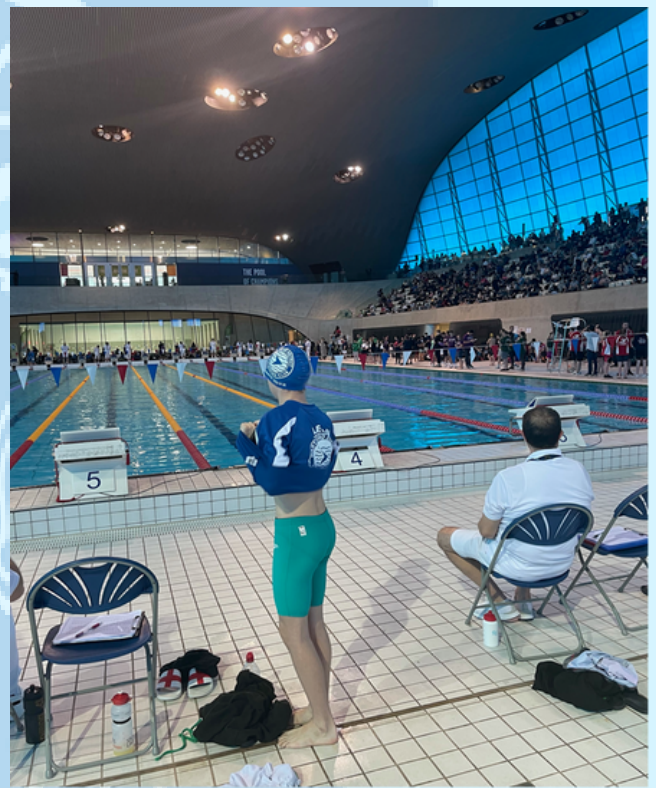
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STUDENT SUCCESS

Brothers Alex N Year 8 and Leo N Year 10 attended six days of Kent Swimming Championships 2022 over the past three weekends. Having reached a number of finals, Leo topped off the championships with a silver medal in the backstroke event at the Olympic London Aquatics Centre on Sunday. He also achieved a series of qualifying times for the British South East Region Championships, which will be held this spring.



Congratulations to you both, you've done us all so proud!

Good luck for the British South East Region Championships!



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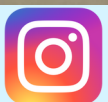
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GIRLS CLUB

Last week marked the launch of the Girls Club run by the Sixth Form students. To celebrate they put on an event filled with hot chocolate, food and even goodie bags with the aim of celebrating all women.



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ART DEPARTMENT NEEDS TUBS

The Art Department are collecting tubs so students can store their artwork between lessons, they need more tubs! If you have any spare tubs please donate them directly to the Art Department or hand them into reception.



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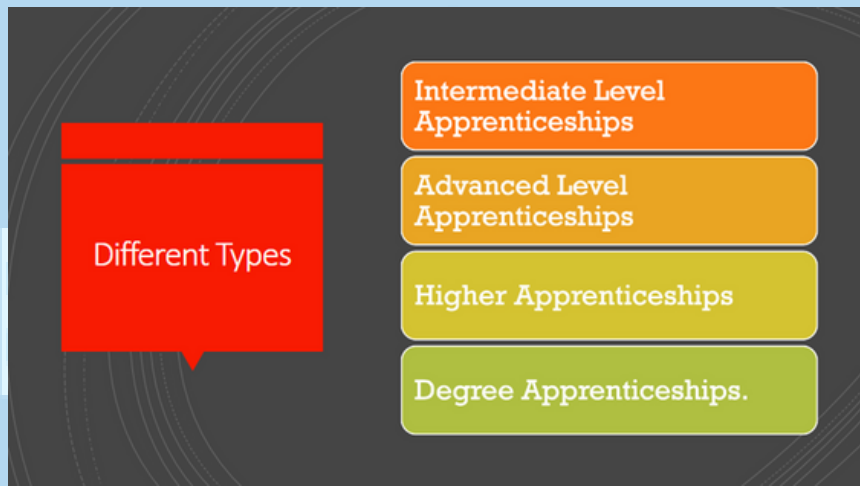
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CAREERS

This week is National Apprenticeship Week, and the careers team has encouraged all year groups to think about apprenticeships, using specifically designed PowerPoints for all key stages in form time. As well as information about different types of apprenticeships, the presentations also included videos and a quiz.



We also spoke with two apprentices who work at our school – Mr Buckingham, who works within the Network team and is currently studying for a degree apprenticeship in digital and technology solutions, and Mr McDonald, who works in the finance department, and completed his level 3 apprenticeship in business administration a couple of years ago.



CAREERS

As part of National Apprenticeship Week we also welcomed back a former student, Victor Adegbesan, who is doing a Level 6 Degree apprenticeship in software engineering at JP Morgan and studying at Queen Mary's University London. In our most successful Sixth Form event so far, Victor spoke with the students and explained why he chose an apprenticeship rather than a place at the London School of Economics to study data science.

Victor was the second of our alumni to support our careers programme this term. In January Oxford doctoral graduate Ciaran Gilbride spoke to students about his experience as a member of the team which developed the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine, as well as giving insights into the realities of studying at Oxford.

In January we welcomed Marion Childs to the Careers Team as our new Work Experience Administrator. She is currently busy working on the optional Year 12 work experience scheme with our partner, EBP Kent, as well as supporting the current Year 10 students who will be going on work experience in October, soon after they start Year 11.



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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 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
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: Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball (Ms Deane/Ms Ewing) Eco-club: KS4/5 –A7A (geography department)	Girls Fitness Sports Hall (Ms Ewing)	Sixth form Basketball (Team) LGBTQ+ Society – S15 (Ms Harris)
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 -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

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



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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results for week commencing 7th February:

FOOTBALL					
08.02.22	Year 11 North Kent Comp	U16A	V St Columba's Catholic Boys' School	Away	
09.02.22	KSFA Semi Finals	2 nd XI	V Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys	Home	Won 4 – 0
09.02.22	League	1 st XI	V Bexley Grammar	Home	Lost pens 2 – 4
10.02.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U14A	V Harris Academy Falconwood	Home	Won 3 – 2
10.02.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U13A	V St Paul's Academy	Away	Won 1 – 4
BASKETBALL					
07.02.22	Kent Basketball	U16A	V Trinity School	Away	
07.02.22	Kent Basketball	U18A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	Lost 61 - 55
08.02.22	Kent Basketball	U13A	V Rainham Mark Grammar School	Home	Won 77 – 16
08.02.22	London Youth Games	U16A	V Chadwell Heath Academy	Away	Lost 68 - 46
09.02.22	Kent Basketball	U18A	V Hayes School	Away	Won 33 - 98

Fixtures for week commencing 21st February:

FOOTBALL					
23.02.22	League	1 st XI	V Gravesend Grammar	Home	KO 2pm
24.02.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U14A	V Bexley Academy	Away	KO 3:30pm
24.02.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U12A	V Trinity, Belvedere	Away	KO 3:30pm
BASKETBALL					
23.02.22	Kent Basketball	U18A	V Hayes	Home	Tip off 2pm

*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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SPORTS BULLETIN

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBQUROYmzYY>



Link to full sports bulletin for 7th February - 11th February <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Sports+Bulletin&pid=393>



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

1. Latest Parents Associations' latest events

**Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme: PA's new 3Rs scheme
It's nearly half term...**

1. Please remember to keep you foreign coins and notes if you are travelling abroad.
2. Bring in your Coins Collection of old foreign currency every Wednesday @PSHE
3. We will proceed to the counting of the foreign coins and notes collection very soon!

After hearing about Dominik's initiatives, WaterAid wrote on Beths' Instagram page:

"Hi Dominik, that's an excellent idea you had. It's such a lovely and unique way of fundraising and supporting our work at WaterAid. Thank you! You really will be changing lives by bringing the gift of clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to communities living without these basic human rights. You should be proud of your hard work and this excellent initiative. Well done and keep up the good work. Aminur at The WaterAid Team"

Dominik's initiative to support this fantastic fundraising idea has inspired many other students! THANK YOU all for your great involvement




Beths Parents Association and Beths PSHCE department invite you to bring in any old foreign coins and notes

Why not clear out those old foreign coins and bank notes lying about by donating them to the school? The funds will be split 50/50 between the school and Wateraid. You must ask permission from parents before donating. Any donations should be brought into school on a Wednesday and taken to Mr O'Regan's office during PSHCE



DONATE
YOUR OLD OR FOREIGN COINS & BANKNOTES
TO HELP

- ✓ All foreign coins & banknotes
- ✓ Current UK coins and banknotes
- ✓ Any old British & Irish money
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

Online Chess Tournaments: We made it thanks to your generosity!

After 3 exciting chess tournaments and all your kind support, Beths PA has raised £1 899 for the Outdoor Chess Tables!

Well done Abbey & Cray and the 3 winners!

Players said: "It is a great event which I enjoyed again". "I am ready for the next tournament!", "It went too quickly!", "Could we organise inter-schools tournaments?"...

After the success of this innovative fundraising project, Beths PA has raised a substantial amount of money without any spending thanks to a fantastic collaborative work within parents, school and sponsors. THANK YOU to all participants and donors.

Our virtual Nearly New PTA Uniform Shop is now fully open!

We are asking for any donations of nearly new blazers and unembroidered PE kit. If you have any of the specified school uniform items that your son has grown out of, please do consider donating it to our PTA Uniform Shop. Simply drop them off at the School Reception.

We are aiming to sell these items for you to purchase once we have received donations and can provide an inventory. If you require any items, please email the PTA via

beths.parents.association@gmail.com.

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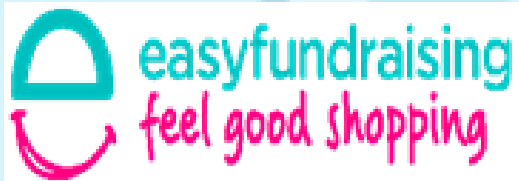
Beths Parents
Association
Monthly Draw

The Monthly Draw is closed! We have sold 185 tickets.

Thank you to all families who have already bought their numbers!

Our next Monthly Draw will be back soon with many surprises and presents. Please visit Beths Parents Association website for more details.

Generating donations and it doesn't cost you anything!



If you shop elsewhere online, please join Easyfundraising. 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

- Radio Beths – £5, 000 donate here <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17268>
- Musical instruments – £2, 000 donate here <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17270>
- Lighting for drama – £1, 000 donate here <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17269>



£1985 has already been raised! THANK YOU!
Every £ help us to get closer to our target goal.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

Friends and Sponsors of Beths Parents Associations

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



Why not become a sponsor by donating and having your business logo published on our pages! Please contact us for more details:

beths.parents.association@gmail.com THANK YOU!

Important dates

Every Wednesday: Bring your Coins Collection @ PSHE



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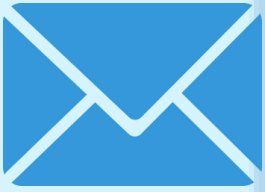
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



Next meeting: on Tuesday 8th February 2021
@ 7.30pm - Zoom

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



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