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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



On Monday we welcomed back our students and staff following the Christmas break. I hope you all managed to have a relaxing break and I wish you all the best for the forthcoming year.

Due to the Government's requirement of testing students upon their return, I must praise both students and staff for the manner in which the testing took place on Monday morning.

We were able to extend our usual form time and get everyone back into lesson by 10am, ensuring the testing had less impact on valuable learning time. Other schools took up to three days to complete the same task.

I would also like to thank our students for following the Government's guidelines of wearing face masks whilst in the school buildings and lessons. I'm aware this is not at all comfortable, but hopefully a further announcement due within the next fortnight as the number of cases drop, might change things. Please remind your son/daughter to continue to wear their face masks when using public transport.



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We have three further parents evenings taking place this term. Thursday 20th January 4pm-7pm is Year 8, Thursday 3rd February 4pm-7pm is Year 7 and Thursday 10th February 4pm-7pm is Year 12.

There is an uplifting article on the success of one of our students, Jack Beerling, who has been selected for the U18 England Football Team. The school is rightfully proud of Jack and wish him every success in the coming weeks. We also note that two former students Lewis Bate and Jubril Okedina played last weekend in the FA Cup. Lewis for Leeds and Jubril for Cambridge, who beat Newcastle. Well done on their performances.



Many Thanks
Richard Blyghton



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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, one in an orange hoodie and one in a blue hoodie, walking outdoors. The text is overlaid on this image. In the top left corner is the HM Government logo. In the top right corner is the NHS logo with the text 'Test and Trace' below it. A large yellow box in the center contains the text: 'Rapid Covid-19 testing twice a week will help us stay ahead of the virus'. Below this, in white text on a dark background, it says: 'Report your test result each time, whether it's positive, negative or void.' At the bottom, it says: 'Test at home, report online and keep life moving.' followed by 'GET YOUR TESTS FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE' with a yellow arrow pointing right. At the very bottom, the URL 'www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result' is provided.

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January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Covid-19 in Bexley schools

We would like to thank you for your positive response to the vaccination programme for children in Bexley who are 12-15 years of age. A second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is now being recommended for all children aged 12-15 years old, at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose. Your child may have already received their first dose as part of the school's vaccination programme or at a local vaccination centre.

You might like to know that a 'Family Vaccination Day' has been arranged, where parents and their children (aged 12+) can be vaccinated together with their first, second or booster jabs. The details are as follows:

Family Vaccination Day (Pfizer)

Saturday 15 January between 9.30am and 5.30pm

Learning and Enterprise College Bexley

5 Brampton Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4EZ

(parking available on site)

There will be limited walk-in appointments so please book in advance, as follows:

- ▶ Call **07542 029400**. This line will not be staffed over the weekend, but leave a message and you will be contacted on Monday to confirm your appointment
- ▶ Email **Covid19schools Vaccination programme@gstt.nhs.uk**



Yours faithfully

Dr. Anjan Ghosh

Director of Public Health,

London Borough of Bexley



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STUDENT SUCCESS



Congratulations to Daniel on his recent success in his cross country run. The results from the Southern Inter Counties Cross Country Championship have just been published. Daniel was the 8th Kent boy to finish and 53rd overall. It was a tough hilly muddy course but Daniel had a brilliant run and dug dip for sprint finish at the end.

Congratulations to some of our Year 8 students who were awarded for being in the top 10% for their attitude to learning in their recent December reports. Keep up all the excellent work!



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In the week leading up to Christmas, Jack was delighted to find out that he has been selected to represent England U18 Schoolboys at Football - the very best possible Christmas present for him. Please find below a link to a copy of the announcement.

<https://schoolsfootball.org/2021/12/20/england-u18-schoolboys-official-squad-announcement/>

Jack was one of five players initially nominated by Kent and then successfully progressed through three rounds of trials to make the final squad of 18 boys nationally. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Jack to represent his country, as the U18 Schoolboys team is made up of students in full time education who are not going through the professional academy system.

They commence their fixtures on Saturday 29th January with a friendly against the RAF U23s where they will be presented with their England kits. There are likely to be further friendlies in February and early March along with a February half term training camp which is planned to be in Barcelona but may, given the Covid restrictions, be rescheduled to St Georges Park.



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STUDENT SUCCESS

The competitive Centenary Shield games, which will all be broadcast live by the BBC on iPlayer and via the Red Button at 7pm, take place as follows:

Friday 25 March - Away to Northern Ireland.

Friday 1 April - Home to Scotland (played at Spennymoor Town FC).

Friday 8 April - Home to Republic of Ireland (played at Eastleigh FC).

Thursday 14 April - Away to Wales.

Congratulations Jack, Beths will be supporting you on your journey!



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BETHS CAROL SERVICE

At the end of last term we hosted our annual Carol Service. The Service was filled with wonderful readings and songs, as well as beautiful performances from our Orchestra.

The carol service was recorded for all parents to see, and can be viewed by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O00IFekUIYI>



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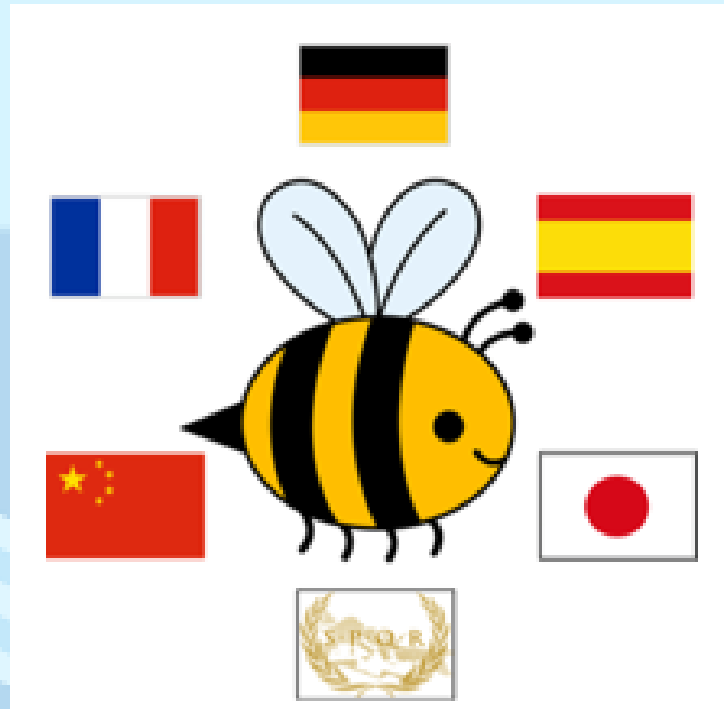
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DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

During KS3 Design and Technology club, the students are using various machinery to make bird houses. The Year 10 students have also just finished making desk organisers and phone holders.



MFL SPELLING BEE



The Languages Department is excited to announce a House competition for all keen linguists in Years 7 – 10. House Spelling Bee competitions in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Latin will take place on Monday 24th January for Years 7 and 8 and Wednesday 26th January for Years 9 and 10 from 3.30pm – 4.45pm.

Students have been encouraged during Form Time this week to sign up by Friday 14th January 2022 and those selected to represent a language will be notified next week. The winner of each Key Stage will go forward to represent the school in the Regional Spelling Bee held at Dartford Grammar School on Wednesday 9th February.



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MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

This weeks Musician of the Week is: Matthew, Year 13

Here is a really excellent video of Matthew performing an original composition called 'Pedals in Autumn'

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/jKnM9Of0fxU>



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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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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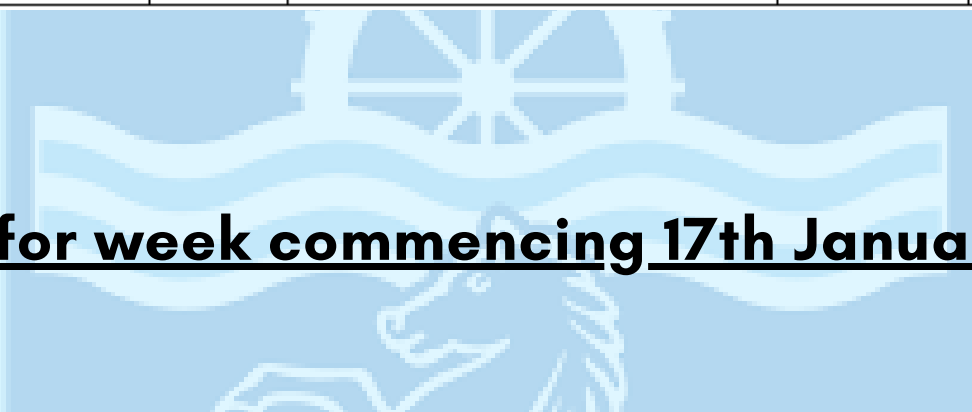


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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results for week commencing 10th January:

FOOTBALL					
11.01.22	ESFA Round 6	U13A	V Kingsdale Foundation School	Away	Lost 4-2
12.01.22	KSFA Round 3	1 st XI	V Rainham School for Girls	Home	Won 9-0
12.01.22	KSFA QF	2 nd XI	V Farringtons	Home	Won 7 - 0



Fixtures for week commencing 17th January:

FOOTBALL					
14.01.22	ESFA	U12B	V Richard Challoner School	Home	KO 2:15pm
19.01.22	League	1 st XI	V Hayes School	Home	KO 2:30pm
21.01.22	KSFA QF	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	KO 2:00pm
BASKETBALL					
18.01.22	Kent Basketball	U13A	V St Johns Catholic School	Away	Tip off 4:00pm
18.01.22	Kent Basketball	U12A	V Northfleet technology college	Away	Tip off 4:00pm
19.01.22	Kent Basketball	1 st XI	V Hayes School	Home	Tip Off 2:30pm
RUGBY					
19.01.22	Friendly	1 st XV	V Oakwood Park Grammar School	Away	KO 2:30pm

*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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FIXTURE HIGHLIGHTS

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=Gdb2U8WYGqI>



Link to full sports bulletin for 10th January to 14th January <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

3rd Online Chess Tournament on Friday 28th January 7.30-9pm

Help us raise the remaining £500 for the Outdoor Chess Table!!!!



You can start or still support the Beths Parents Association in raising money for the school outdoor chess tables by donating at:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16829>.

This is a family event, so parents are welcome to join in with their children!

Players, Get Ready, Set...

To help us reach our goal, please become a Sponsor by making donation and having your business logo published on our pages! Please contact us for more details:

beths.parents.association@gmail.com!

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

Collection of old foreign currency every Wednesday @PSHE

Beths PA is excited to share Dominik's initiative to support this fantastic fundraising idea!



Over Christmas, I visited my grandparents' church in Bexley to ask if anyone had any spare old and foreign coins for the current campaign which the Parents' Association is running to fund raise for school resources and WaterAid. I attended the service then at the end, the vicar invited me to deliver my speech.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

He had very kindly had a look around his house over the holidays and donated about 3kg of coins (foreign and old)! I have left most of them in the donation bottle that I labelled up and provided the church, so the people can bring in any spare coins during the next few weeks. A lot of the congregation told me afterwards that they had plenty of coins lying around at home, so they are keen to support the cause!

I am really pleased to have done this, as it was quick, easy and enjoyable – perhaps you could go somewhere to spread the word?! Dominik G., 9E

Thank you Dominik for sharing this inspiring initiative! As Dominik did, we are looking forward to hearing from your way of collecting coins for Beths PA & WaterAid



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

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.

2. Raising money for these thrilling projects and Giftaid it!

Beths Parents Association Monthly Draw

Our TARGET is to sell 300 tickets before February; already more than 120 sold. Thank you for helping us meet our target! Please visit Beths Parents Association website for more details

1. The purpose is to raise funds for Beths grammar school (library resources, musical instruments...).

2. It is also a monthly draw with a cash prize



3. Simple and quick to play: Complete the Membership form + Pay for your number (£6 or £120 for 20 numbers)

by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTEd45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO>

Thanks to all families who have already bought their numbers!



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Generating donations and it doesn't cost you anything!



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. 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.



- 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>

**£1694 has already been raised!
THANK YOU! Every £ help us to
get closer to our target goal.**



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.



Important dates

Friday 28th January 2022: 3rd Online Chess
Tournament

Every Wednesday: Bring your Coins Collection @ PSHE

Tuesday 8th February 2022: Monthly Draw Deadline



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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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