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Beths Grammar School

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton



BETHS VIP

(Can you find the V.I.P. words hiding in this week's edition?)

Messages from Mr Blyghton, Headteacher

We were all disappointed to hear Boris Johnson's announcement on Monday regarding the extension to restrictions until Monday 19 July. We had planned to finally be able to invite our new Year 7 students into school on 6 July so that they could at last set foot inside the place where they will spend the next seven years of their life. However, we are now planning to offer them a virtual experience – as we did last year – with an Induction Day, over MS Teams on 6 July which will involve meeting the Head of Year and then splitting off into their form groups to spend time with their tutors.

It would appear that our plans for Sports Day can continue – so long as we have risk assessments in place. This will take place on Thursday 8 July at Erith Athletics Stadium and we will forward more details regarding this to parents shortly.

You may also like to make a note in your diaries that our Art Exhibition will be taking place on Saturday 10 July and, in a first for the school, will be taking place outside at Galley 32 in Manor Road, Bexley. The exhibition takes place from 10.00am until 5.00pm and we do hope that you will be able to pop along.

SLT have spent the last couple of weeks working with our Heads of Departments finalising the grades that we believe our Year 11 and 13 students should be awarded in August. This has been an intense period but we are now content that the data used was robust and fair and can only hope that the exam boards are in agreement.

I am delighted that we will also be offering Year 7 and 8 parents a 'Parents Evening' which will take place virtually over 'Schoolcloud' on Tuesday 13 July (Year 8) and Thursday 15 July (Year 7) between 12.45pm and 4.00pm. Discussion is still ongoing as to what we will do with students on these afternoons but I hope to confirm this detail to you very soon.

With the weather being so hot at the moment, until the UK reverts to temperatures fit for a Viking's ice palace, please can I remind you to ensure your child is wearing plenty of sunscreen and has access to enough water to ensure they remain safe.

And finally can I remind all students that wearing a face covering on public transport is mandatory and those not wearing one will be refused entry onto the vehicle.



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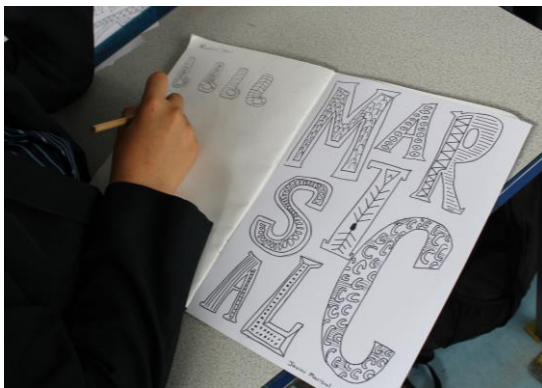
Defibrillators on School Site

After the unfortunate event that happened during the Denmark and Finland match on Saturday with Christian Eriksen, we wanted to let you all know that we have two defibrillators on school site, one in the First Aid Room and one in the LRC. We have members of staff, trained to use this equipment. However for information purposes, please find below a link to a short video on how to use the defibrillator.

<http://www.medianadefib.co.uk/videos/>

What's been happening in class?

Our Year 9 artists have been making 3D letters and decorating with patterns inspired by the artist Javier Mariscal. These will be used in the pop up exhibition at Gallery 32 on Saturday 10 July 2021.



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Comments from Parents

It's been a tough year and a bit for our students and staff but what is wonderful to here, is that the work we are all doing is appreciated. Ms Clarke, Head of Year 11 received a great email from a parent of one her students this week:

I am writing to express my appreciation for your support to David under your care as head of his year group.

I cherish all the emails, telephone calls in updating me all the way.

I take my hats off for you and the staff of BETHS GRAMMAR SCHOOL as it's not easy looking after that number of boys.

As a parent I will always support in the best possible way I can.

Thank you so much for all your hard work, I really appreciate. Keep up the good work.

We do really appreciate your feedback – especially when it's good!

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 20 June	World Refugee Day
	Father's Day
Tuesday 22 June	Windrush Day
Wednesday 23 June	Year 12 Internal Induction 9.15am
Friday 25 June	Year 12 External Live Broadcast 10.00am



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Spotlight on Beths Grammar School Alumni



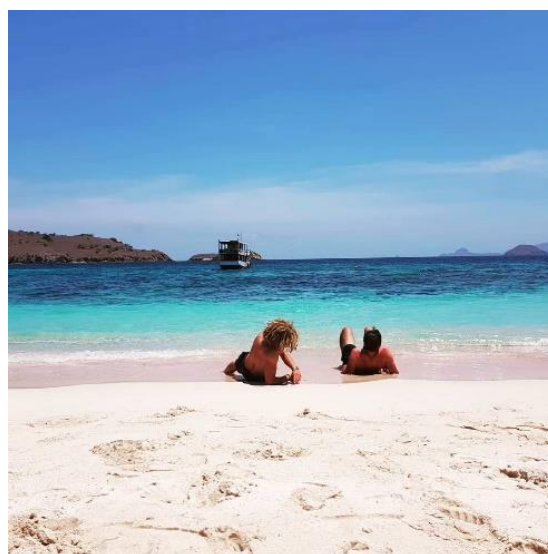
I started at Beths in 2003, and studied here for seven years, completing my A levels in PE, Biology and French. I was lucky enough to be involved in both the football teams and rugby teams while at the school. I enjoyed the diversity of subjects and teaching styles and these were some of the reasons why I initially decided to go to Beths, and also formed part of my decision to stay at the school in the sixth form. The university application process is a stressful time, but the staff were always on hand and I've never seen anyone work harder than Mrs Hubert, who did a fabulous job at helping with our UCAS applications, but sadly has recently retired.

I then went on to study Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Essex, one of the top universities for this course at the time. I loved the course and developed so many different skills. I was always very interested in science and learning how to apply this knowledge to sport was brilliant. Understanding training methods, the science behind different exercise forms and the biomechanics of movement was what really interested me.

After completing university, I started a personal training business and worked with clients all over London, in parks, their homes and gyms. It was a fantastic experience, not just because I was helping people reach their goals but also because I was learning all sorts of different skills involved with running a business. Marketing, sales, design, writing articles, dealing with finances etc.

After 3 years of running the business, things just fell into place and there came a perfect opportunity for me to go travelling.

Travelling was something I had always wanted to do, but never really thought I could. Maybe because I didn't have the money, or I wasn't the type of person who would go travelling. It was the best six months of my life. I started with 6 weeks in India – nothing like jumping in at the deep end. It was, and still is, my favourite country in the world. From there I moved on to Southeast Asia. Although it sounds very cliché, I really learnt a lot about myself when I was travelling. I would encourage anyone to do it. Preferably on your own.



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I enjoyed it so much that I wanted to extend my trip. I had heard about people teaching English abroad to save up some money and then head off travelling some more. So, I investigated it and China seemed like a good place. I could easily find a good job and start saving money.

That's when things took a different turn.

I realised that I actually quite liked this teaching lark. I also really loved where I was living. I didn't want to leave.

I have now been here for four years, living in Ningbo, China, with my wife. Next semester I will move to a school that teaches the British curriculum and teach PE. I am hoping to also complete my PGCE and get Qualified Teacher Status, which would mean I could teach back home in the UK if I ever wanted to return.

I have started playing for the city rugby club, and recently completed my first ever Spartan race here. Life is good.

The COVID situation has been frustrating, not because life here is very different, but more because it has meant that I haven't seen my family for nearly two years. I have my parents, sister, nephew, and niece that I miss very much, but I have no doubt that I will be back home soon to see them.



Moving to China was a random idea and I was planning on staying for a year at the most. It turned out to be the best decision I made. I have a wife, a new career and am living in a wonderful city exploring the amazing culture.

Mike Fitzgerald

We love to hear from any of our ex-students as to what they have achieved since leaving Beths so, please do keep us updated!

Contact us at headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk with any career updates and also photos, videos or even articles you have written about your memories of the school—we would love to share them with current staff and students.



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Student achievements outside of Beths Grammar

Gold medal winner at Kent School Championships

Congratulations to Dante in Year 10 who last Saturday ran at Kent School Championships (100 meters) winning first place with a time of 10.88 seconds! This places him second in the UK in the under 17's (Year 10/Year 11) age group.

Dante said that this was an emotional occasion as he managed to meet his personal goal of breaking the 11 second barrier. This time now allows him to qualify for running in the Junior European Athletics Championships. This is likely to be held this time next year in Jerusalem and he is very much looking forward to this!

Dante trains three times a week and has been running for almost two and half years. He is working hard to keep training but also finding time for revision and study for his upcoming trial exams next week – we wish him well with his future athletics championships (and his trial exams!)



*If you are part of a club outside of school and participate in any competitions/challenges, please let us know – we would love to celebrate your achievements!
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Sports Fixtures and Results

Results

BASKETBALL				
15.06.2021	Friendly	U14 v Canterbury High School	Away	Lost 59-41
FOOTBALL				
16.06.2021	Friendly	U13 v King Henry	Away	Won 6-1

Next week's fixtures

CRICKET			
21.06.2021	U12 T20, Round 2	U12 v St Lawrence College	Away
FOOTBALL			
24.06.2021	Friendly	U12 v Hurstmere	Away
BASKETBALL			
22.06.2021	Friendly	U12 v The Canterbury Academy	Away

Musician of the Week

This week's musicians of the week is Tom in 10A.

Please click the below link to watch his video:

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Music+%26amp%3B+Performing+Arts&pid=55&action=saved>

If you would like to be considered for Musician of the Week, please send your entries to Ms Marriott.



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Parents Association

Monthly Draw Winners

June 2021

1. First Prize winner of £20 - Alexander in 11W - winning number 29
2. Second Prize winner of £10 - Favour in 7C - winning number 221
3. Quarterly Draw winner of £50 - Sajal in 11A - winning number 215

Fundraising campaign update!

Our virtual Nearly New PA Uniform Shop will open soon!



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 out grown, please do consider donating it to our PA Uniform Shop, ahead of our new Year 7's joining us in September.

We are aiming to sell these items for parents 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.

Our goal of raising £10,000 includes the following fantastic projects:

- Outdoor chess tables – £2,000
- Musical instruments – £2,000
- Lighting for drama – £1,000
- Radio Beths – £5,000



£320.00 was raised at the online chess tournament!

THANK YOU!



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Outdoor chess tables – £2,000

Due to the success of the online chess tournament - supporting our first of four campaigns to raise £10,000 - and easy way to get involved with the PA from the comfort of your living room, watch this space for the next tournament in **September**...!! And if you weren't able to join the event, why not support the Beths Parents Association in raising money for the school outdoor chess tables anyway at: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16829>



Radio Beths: We aim to raise £5,000!



We are looking to launch another ambitious project: running a school radio at Beths and encourage students to use this media channel to broaden horizons and improve cultural awareness in an inclusive environment.

By raising funds with technological resources, we can provide exciting and engaging opportunities across the curriculum. Thank you for helping us ensure Beths students are given the best educational opportunities to develop their creativity and communication skills.

Share the NEWS and DONATE HERE!!!!
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17268>

Drama lighting: Help us to improve our drama studio by raising £1,000!

We would love to provide new lights and special effects in the drama studio. With new lights, we can bring our drama lessons and smaller productions alive.

At Beths, our aim is to encourage students to engage in high quality learning experiences.



DONATE HERE!!!!
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17269>

Musical Instruments - £2,000

We are very proud of Beths students who excel in the art of mastering musical instruments. The student musicians have been entertaining the Beths community via live concerts in the past as well as virtual performances during the past year and a half. It is the mission of the school to afford this opportunity to all students and therefore they require more instruments for equal opportunity for all.

Thank you for investing in this cause by using this link: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17270>



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Help us raise funds at no cost for you! It is simple and quick!

Each week we will show you a new way of donating!

Generate even MORE funds for Beths Parents Association while doing your shopping



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.

Spread the
word!

All Prime members who activate AmazonSmile in their Amazon mobile app between now and the end of Prime Day will **generate a 10x donation (that's 5%!)** on their first AmazonSmile - eligible purchase on Prime Day.



Amazon is **doubling all donations** (1% instead of 0.5%) that Prime members generate while doing their shopping with AmazonSmile during the Prime Day event. **It doesn't cost you anything.**

All your support is appreciated, every pound will help us to get closer to our target goal.



Your PA NEEDS you, so please join us at the next meeting on:

Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, 7.30pm (Zoom)

We are looking forward to hearing from you:

beths.parents.association@gmail.com!

Please keep checking on our website page for upcoming events!

[Beths Grammar School - Parents Association](#)



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Careers

STEM & Medical Sciences Work Experience—Ages 12-18
'Live Online' or In-Person at UCL



***Architecture—Computer Science—Dentistry—Engineering—
Investment Banking—Medicine—Psychology— Veterinary Medicine***

Register now for unique opportunity to work alongside experienced engineers, doctors, psychologists, vets and others this term. Students can choose to attend 'Live Online' before Easter or in-person later in April. Our in-person events have strict COVID measures in place.

[Choose Your STEM Work Experience - InvestIN Education](#)

[Choose Your Work Experience \(Ages 12-14\) - InvestIN Education](#)



There's just one week to go until we're live for UCAS/Discovery Week from 22 – 26 June. Explore a world of possibilities and fast-track your future plans this summer – speak to 100+ unis, apprenticeship employers, and take part in our Live Lounge line-up...

Click [here](#) to register your interest.

MCG Healthcare: 'How to become a GP'

<https://www.mcghealthcare.co.uk/blog/how-to-become-a-gp-a-career-guide/bp202/>



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