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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



This week we welcomed back the School Production. The Wizard of Oz had its first performance last night and we have received such wonderful comments from parents and visitors. There are still a few seats left for tonight's production and tomorrow's matinee, so don't miss out! You can book your seats here: [Beths Grammar School event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Our Parents Association will be present selling refreshments and our 6th Form student team will be selling cakes/doughnuts raising funds for their school prom.

We also celebrated British Science Week this week, with a variety of activities taking place across each year group. Year 7 had the chance to make some slime; Years 8 and 10 attempted to create a tower made from jelly babies, marshmallows and spaghetti; Year 9 received a talk from Katie Kelleher last Friday on her experiences of being a female Crane Operator and also created solar panels from pizza boxes. Year 12 listened to an outside speaker who discussed life learnings from DNA, and had talks on Careers in Engineering, MOD Engineering and Career Pathways and Research.



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Our very own Dr Salem shared his thoughts on education, his own career journey, and on studying for a Science PhD to year 12 and 13 students.

I am pleased that so many students put themselves forward for the roles of Head Prefects as well as Prefect roles. I am very grateful to KJ, Rose, Tommy and Angela for their work over the past year and for leading the school calmly through some difficult times.

Following a thorough interview process, I am delighted to announce the appointments for 2022-2023:

Head Girl: Heather S,
Deputy Head Girls: Amelia L and Amelia T
Head Boy: William G
Deputy Head Boy: Akinlolu F and Bradley M

Have a lovely weekend,
R. J Blyghton



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MY DREAMS AND MY MODEL ROCKET BY ABIODUN 9W

I hope to one day work on rockets that get people to other planets and moons. And it is for this very reason that I began building model rockets and trying to learn more about space travel and how rockets are made and produced. Recently, I built a model rocket that will fly approximately 55 meters high. This model rocket weighs 450 grams and is about 1 meter tall, it will be powered by an Estes D12-3 meaning that it has a max thrust of 3.3 kg. The Estes D12-3 is in the D class of rocket motors the '3' part is the delay between motor burning out and the ignition of the parachute deployment charge.



My model rocket sitting on its launchpad.



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The reason I have not yet flown this model rocket is because model rocketry in the UK is exceedingly difficult. Firstly, the highest class of rocket motors that you can buy is D class which at max is limited to a total impulse (newtons / seconds) of 20. You can buy rocket motors more powerful than this, but you must go to an actual launch site to buy one. Model rocket motors can go up to G class, a max impulse of 160. After this you must get certification and do tests to access higher classes of rocket motors, which does beyond Z class all the way to AJ class (a max impulse of 193000000000).

D	10.01-20.0	2.251-4.5		
E	20.01-40.0	4.51-8.99	Most Water Bottle Rockets	
F	40.01-80.0	8.991-18.0		
G	80.01-160	18.01-36.0		Largest model rocket motor according to TRA and NAR.
H	160.01-320	36.01-71.9		Level 1 Certification required for purchase, available from Tripoli or NAR. Under 125g propellant is Federal Aviation Administration exempt.

Rocket class table.

Furthermore, finding a launch site is very difficult if you don't live in the countryside. There are large no-flying zones within London which limit the options available to anyone hoping to fly anything, including drones.



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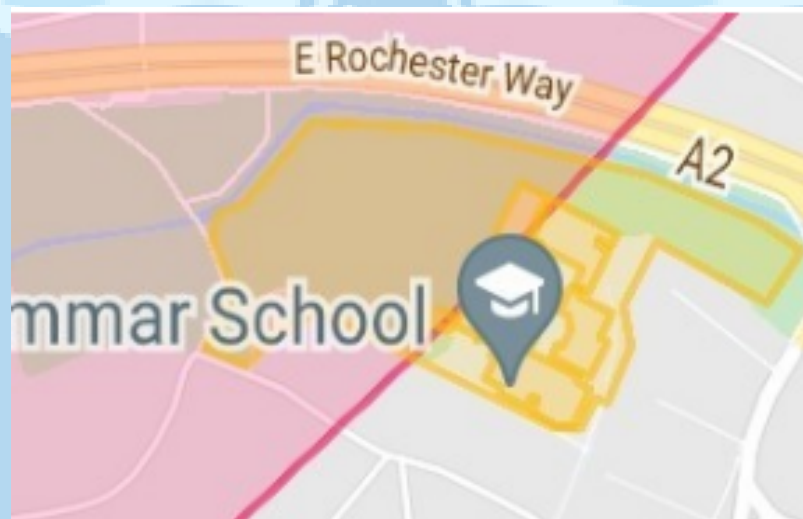
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MY DREAMS AND MY MODEL ROCKET BY ABIODUN 9W

I do hope to launch my model rocket soon and have reached Bexley council to see if there is anything they can do to help me! I want to finish this article by thanking everyone who has supported me and gave amazing suggestions, helping me get closer to launching my model rocket. Thank you everyone in 9W they have all been very helpful, thank you Mr. Hayman for always encouraging me, Thank you Ms. Amin and Mr. Blyghton for even entertaining the idea of launching my model rocket on the field and explaining the issues with that.



Beths Grammar School is just inside the no-flying zone.



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TRIP TO THE GLOBE THEATRE BY MUNACHI 10E

On Monday 7th February, a relatively large group of us went to the Globe Theatre to see the play 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. Having been to the Globe twice before, I was sure I was ready for what was about to come, but then again, I had only known I was going on the day of the trip!

The coach ride there was very relaxing, yet all of us were so excited for what was about to come. The journey was about an hour, but it felt like 3 since we were so restless and wanted to get there quickly. Getting to the venue at around about 1pm, we were told that we should eat before going into the Globe. That gave me an opportunity to admire the design of the external building once more, and I was mesmerised. Having a chance to be directly in front of a building that is such an important part of London's history was a pleasure. While we ate, our eagerness turned into impatience as we watched people from different schools go inside, waiting for our turn.



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TRIP TO THE GLOBE THEATRE BY MUNACHI 10E

After some time waiting outside, we were finally called to go into the building, and we almost rushed at the entrance. The view inside had my heart racing as I looked up and saw all the seats being filled up gradually by the minute. After some moving around, we got to our spot thanks to the staff at the globe, who were very well-mannered and polite. Minutes before the play was about to start, I could feel the atmosphere of the crowd getting livelier and more energetic, but we tried to contain our excitement so the play could go on.

When the play finished, there was a standing ovation, which was fully deserved with how well the actors did. I liked the play mostly because of the way the actors allowed us as the audience to interact with the play and include us in the scenes meanwhile staying in character. Even with a limited cast, the actors fully got the plot across with little trouble.

As we were leaving the globe and walking back to the coach, I was still trying to process the experience and I couldn't explain how surreal it all was. I wish I could talk about what happened on the coach journey back, but I was fast asleep, and I know I wasn't the only one.

Finally, I just wanted to say a big thank you to Ms Quinn, Ms Brobbey, Ms Amin and Ms Cooper for making it all happen.



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NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK



Thanks to everyone who took part in our National Careers Week quiz – Who am I? Amazingly no student got all ten answers correct! The most correct answers (7/10) were submitted by Harry and Louis in 11A and Aidan (9A). Our winners will receive a £10 Amazon voucher as a prize.

“Life rarely follows a straight line. Success is a process of trying, reacting and changing.” The quiz showed what amazing careers our staff have had and a special shout out to the following students who shared what they had learned from the career paths of the Beths staff that we featured:

- “If your first job doesn't work out, don't give up. There's a job for everyone, even if it wasn't what you had in mind.” Kesavan 7A
- “Not everyone will get what they want but that doesn't mean you've failed.” Abdulmuqet 7E
- “I have learnt that people can have more than one interest or skill for a career. Also it is never too late to change your mind and learn something new.” Callum 7H



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NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

- “I learned everyone in our Beths community is talented and gone through a lot and all should be treated with respect.” Micah 7W
- “Trying to achieve a career is not just one path, it is many and it is a process of trial and error.” Ankish 8B
- “I have learnt that for many people it takes a lot of jobs to find the perfect / suitable career for you. I have also learnt that work experience at a young age can help you discover what your work passion is whilst also making memories!” Nathaniel 9A
- “That the path you think you will go down in life is more flexible than imagined.” Sonny 10C
- “It takes perseverance to do what you desire, it isn’t an easy journey.” Kaleb 11E
- “There is always a way to succeed in life.” Thanish 11E
- “That the career goals I have now may change in future, and that I may end up somewhere totally different from where I think I will be now.” Connor 11W
- “That my future is not set in stone and I can do anything I want.” Max 11W

You can find the correct answers here [Beths Grammar School - Career and Apprenticeship Information](#)



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PSHCE FOR YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 were delivered a power point presentation during PSHCE. For KS3 the presentation looked at different careers, how they have changed over time and what the new careers of tomorrow might entail, with a special focuss on green jobs. Year 10 looked at how Labour Market Information (LMI) and how it can affect career choices.



All Year groups were asked to fill out an About Me sheet which asked them what their skills are, their interests, hobbies but more importantly what their aspirations are, what problems they would like to solve in the world, what they are good at and words that describe themselves. Here are a few answers that we have received across all year groups.

My Skills: Gaming, problem solving, coding, leadership skills, confidence, public speaking, cookery

Problems I would like to solve: Racism, hunger, Covid, war, equality, bullying, global warming

My interests: sports, computer games, music

How I'd like to improve: Science, art, teamwork, organisation, self-confidence, communication

My aspirations: Engineer, pilot, doctor, finance, sportsman, actor, architect, to earn lots of money, gamer, own business

PSHCE FOR YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10

Katie Kelleher

Year 9 also had the opportunity to attend a talk given by Katie Kelleher, who is one of a few female crane operators in the UK. She gave the students an insight to her career path that led her to construction. Having studied English Literature at university, and then working in sales for ten years, she started as the first female on the Lifting Technician apprenticeship with Select / Laing O'Rourke, operating Tower cranes, Mobile Cranes, Crawler Cranes, Pedestrian cranes. She's a STEM Ambassador, has taken part in parliamentary committees on apprenticeships, and have appeared on London Live, BBC breakfast, BBC 100 Women season, the Metro and Stylist magazine. She's worked on big infrastructure projects including Crossrail, and is currently working on the Tideway project.



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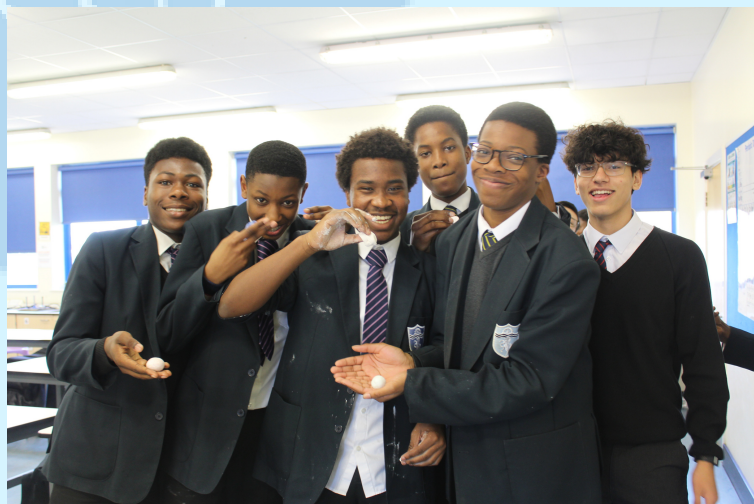
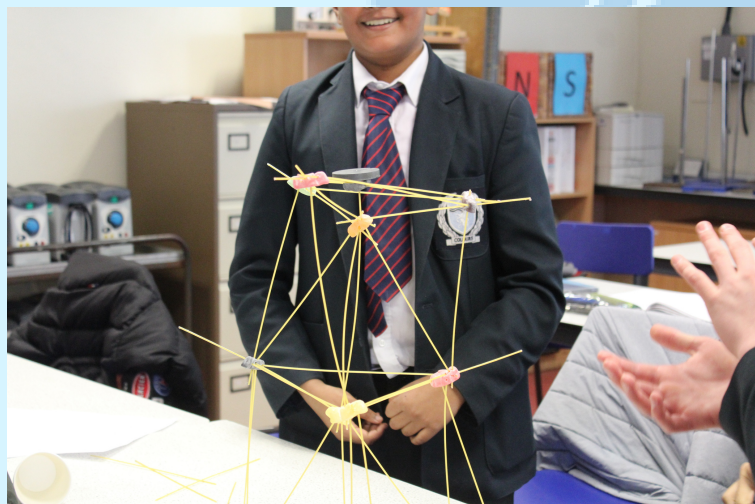
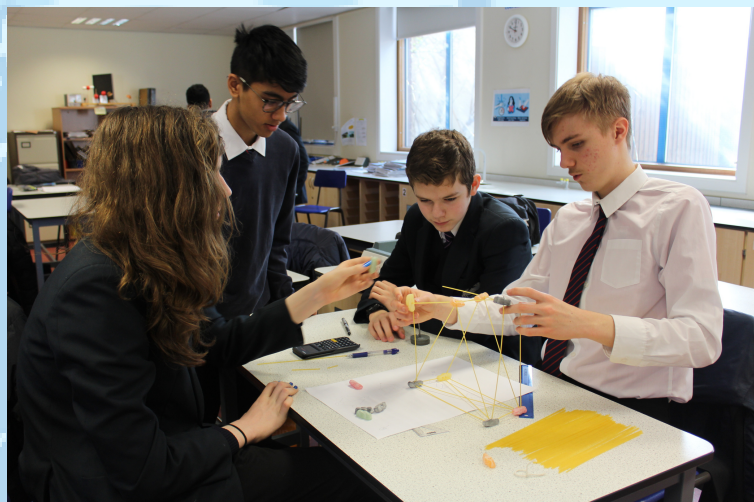
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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Throughout the week we've had a range of fun activities put on for all Year groups. Ranging from building towers using spaghetti and Jelly Babies to designing and building solar cookers.



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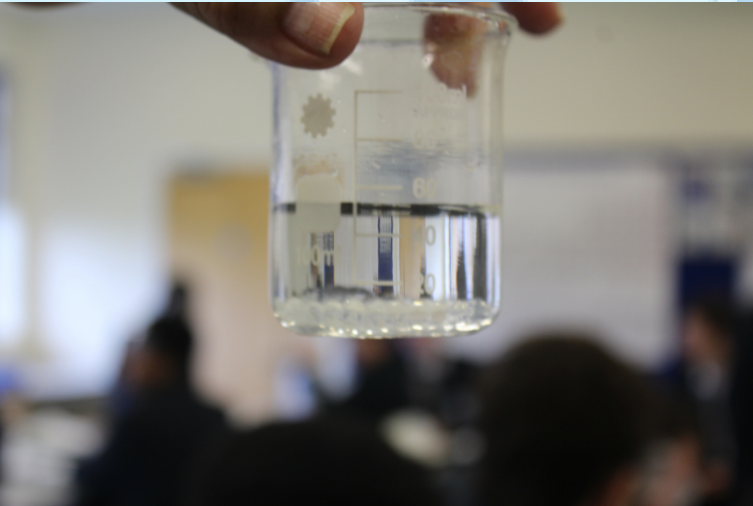


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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



YEAR 7 LATIN FORUM

WHEN: EVERY THURSDAY (STARTING 28TH APRIL)

TIME: 3.20-4.15PM

WHERE: S15

5 WEEKS ONLY

LATIN FORUM

An exclusive 5-week
workshop for Year 7

Did you know that you can take
Latin as a **second language** in
Year 8?

Come along to the Latin Forum to get
a taster of **Latin**, explore the **myths**
behind Percy Jackson, debate whether
the **Romans** or the **Greeks** were
superior and much more, all through **fun**
and games!

EMAIL MS HARRIS FOR MORE INFORMATION



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SPRING CONCERT

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School/spring-concert/e-yvbgze>

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Spring Concert

29th March 2022

6:30pm



Tickets are
available on
the door or at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School



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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Basketball (Mr Temple) Chess club – Week 1- All key stages in A2, Week 2: KS3 Online (Mr Runacres) Chinese Experience Club – S18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 and 11 Basketball, Coding Club, Memrise Club, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Basketball ALL (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK Year 7 Rugby (Mr G.S + Mr Smith) Eco – Club (KS3) – A4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Basketball (Mr G.S + Mr Smith) Year 8 Football – Team Training (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK ONLY KS3 LGBTQ+ Society – (S16/S17)
KS4 and KS5 12.50 – 13.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Basketball (Mr Smith) Chess Club - Week 2 KS4 and KS5, A2. (Mr Runacres) Beths Bar Year 7 and 8 Robotics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 and 9 Basketball, School Production Rehearsals – P3, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixth form: Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball (Ms Deane/Ms Ewing) Eco-club: KS4/5 –A7A (Geography department) Music KS4 Revision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Fitness Sports Hall (Ms Ewing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixth form Basketball (Team) KS4 Badminton LGBTQ+ Society – S15 (Ms Harris) KS5 Music Revision
After school 3.20 – 4.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby Training Years 7 – 10 KS3 Badminton (Mr Healy) School Production Song writing Club, Computing Year 11 and 13 revisions, KS4 Robotics Club – A6 Song Writing Club – P2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Basketball – Team Training (Mr Webb) School Production Orchestra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warhammer Club, S1 (Mr Turnbull) Year 8 and 9 Basketball 6th form band (session 3 in P2, 2-3pm) Piano orchestra Anime Piano Club – P2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS3 Football (ALL) KS4 Basketball Year 7 STEM club -S12 (Mrs Sarkar) Choir (all staff and students invited) – P12 (Ms Marriot) KS3 Violin Club, Beths Singers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Band Rehearsals Year 7 Basketball

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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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

A range of new music clubs have been added to the extra curricular clubs list.

Club	Description	Time/place	Year group
Song Writing Club	If you write rap lyrics, songs or poetry, this club is for you!	Mondays After school in P2 3.30pm	All year groups welcome
Sixth Form Band	I am looking for a band (drums, bass, rhythm guitar, keys and vocals) to perform an original song written by Perfect, Esther (13.3)	Wednesday Session 3 in P2 2-3pm	Sixth Form only
Anime Piano Club	We will be learning well-known anime tunes on the keyboard.	Wednesdays After school in P2 3.30pm	KS3
Composing for video games	Learn how to compose your own music for your favourite video game!	Thursdays During form time in P1 8.30am	KS3



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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results for week commencing 14th March:

FOOTBALL					
11.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U12A	V Harris Garrard	Away	Won 1 – 3
BASKETBALL					
14.03.22	Kent Basketball	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Home	Won 51 - 39
15.03.22	Kent Basketball	U16A	V Bexley Grammar	Home	Won 60 - 33
16.03.22	Kent Basketball	U18A	V Hayes School	Home	Hayes Conceded
17.03.22	Kent Basketball	U15A	V Bexley Grammar	Home	Won 60 - 33
Rugby					
15.03.22	U13 Rugby 7's Tournament	U13A	V Eltham College V Maidstone Grammar V St Olaves V Gravesend Grammar V Colfe's	Away @ Eltham College	Won 10 – 15 Won 10 - 15 Lost 15 – 10 Lost 20 – 15 Lost 10 – 5

Fixtures for week commencing 21st March:

FOOTBALL					
22.03.22	KS4 North Kent Comp Semi Finals	U15A	V Harris Falconwood	Home	KO 3:30pm
23.03.22	League	1 st XI	V Christ The King, Sidcup	Away	KO 2pm
23.03.22	League	2 nd XI	V Farringtons	Away	KO 2pm
Rugby					
18.03.22	South London Super 10s Tournament	1 st XV	V Roebucks Rugby Academy	Away @ Charlton Rugby Club	KO 6:45pm

*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=jB9BuWo_J6Y



Link to full sports bulletin for 14th March to 18th March <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Sports+Bulletin&pid=393>



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

1. PA's new fundraising campaign: Lighting for drama

“The Beths Parents' Association are very happy to be supporting the current production of The Wizard of Oz by providing refreshments and organising a raffle!

With this in mind, we would be so grateful if you could consider donating money to our next fundraising campaign which is to raise £1,000 for new drama lights for the Drama department.



The current drama lights date from the 1960s and are only accessible by ladder and only have one colour option. The new lights which the Drama department is requesting are state-of-the-art remote-controlled lights which vary in colour and will provide an even better experience for future theatrical productions.

Our target of £1,000 should not take too long to reach so please kindly donate via this QR code anytime from now on or by following this link: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17269>
We are so thankful for your generous support.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

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



Please Keep your foreign currency if you are travelling abroad and bring them on Wednesday @PSHE

1. Beths's giant map is now ready to showcase the countries where your collected coins are coming from will! Thank you for sharing your fantastic stories!



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

2. Bring in your Chess Board Game

With our 3Rs scheme, the PA is launching a new fundraising initiative by asking for donations of any used or non-used chess kit for the students at the school's Chess club.

If you have a Chess Board Game at home that you are not using anymore, could you please give them a new life by kindly donating them to our students?



THANK YOU for your continuous support.

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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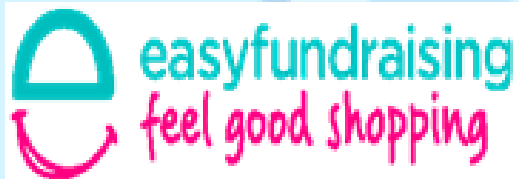
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



Before half-term, Beths PA have been busy shooting a video to share its enthusiasm and motivation to make a difference by helping the school to provide wider opportunities to our children... please watch out for our video!

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>



£2,015 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 our three editions of Beths Parents Association Online Chess Tournament, with cash functions and prizes for the winners.



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

Important dates

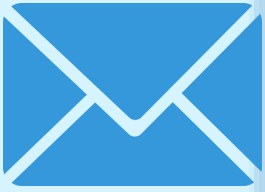
- Every Wednesday: Bring your Coins Collection @ PSHE
- PA – Refreshments available on School Production events: Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March from 6.30pm and Saturday 19th March from 12.30pm

BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



Next meeting: on Tuesday 19th April 2021 @
7.30pm - Zoom

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



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