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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



We are almost halfway through this busy half term and we still have much to achieve. This week sees the deadline of submitting UCAS applications on Wednesday 26th January 2022 for all Year 13 students who are intending to go to University after their A Levels. Those familiar with the process will appreciate that the application is more than just a list of preferred courses. Staff will

have worked with students to polish their personal statement, to write their subject reference, read the overall statement for spelling and ensure it is inside the character limits before uploading each one. A big thank you to all the Staff involved in making this happen. Having had two successful Parents Evenings in Year 11 and 8 we now look forward to the final two this half term for Years 7 and 12.

Another deadline fast approaching is the one for Year 11 to submit their Sixth Form application. We host our final Open Events this week for external students to visit the school before making their choice. I am grateful to the Year 12 students who individually toured and the staff who organized and supervised the events that have been running since November 2021.



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This week we saw the Government lift the wearing of face masks during lessons and this coming week on Thursday 27th January 2022 the wearing of face masks in communal areas and corridors becomes optional. This is guidance from the Government and we will continue to work closely with Public Health Bexley to keep a close eye on the number of cases within the School. Should numbers rise, we will look to put measures in place to ensure the safety of all and to keep the school open.

This coming week sees our assembly programme to year groups address the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. It will look to remind us of one of the most shocking outcomes of the Second World War and help us understand the suffering of the Jewish people under the rule of Hitler. The assembly will also highlight acts of genocide that have happened in the world more recently, as well as some still currently occurring. I will be asking all members of our Community to respectfully reflect upon the information provided and think how and why these events happened, what we could have done to have avoided such things and what we can do to stop it continuing to happen in order to make the world a better place for everybody.

Finally this week sees the changes made to Key Stage 3 Break and Lunch come into force. As from Monday 24th January 2022, for the remainder of the term the following arrangements will be in place :

Year 7 Break and Lunch : Hardcourts and food from the Pod

Year 8 Break and Lunch : Tennis Courts and food from the Dining Hall

Year 9 Break and Lunch : Tennis Courts and food from the Snack Shack.



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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.

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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STUDENT SUCCESS



Well done to Jack E and Carter B in Year 10 who are currently using their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering hours to be exemplary volunteers Danson Park's ParkRun. We have had feedback from the public that they are helpful, kind, patient and will talk to everyone. ParkRun really appreciates their help every week, and they are a credit to Beths Grammar School.

The foreign and old coin collection continues. Find out more about it in the Parents Association section!



MFL CONVERSATION CLASSES



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EXTRA PRACTICE
IN THE RUN UP TO THE Y11 SPEAKING
EXAMS?

**YEAR 11 CONVERSATION
CLASSES START ON
WEDNESDAYS**

AT 1.20-1.50 IN S14

CONVERSATION CLASSES IN FRENCH,
GERMAN, ITALIAN AND SPANISH



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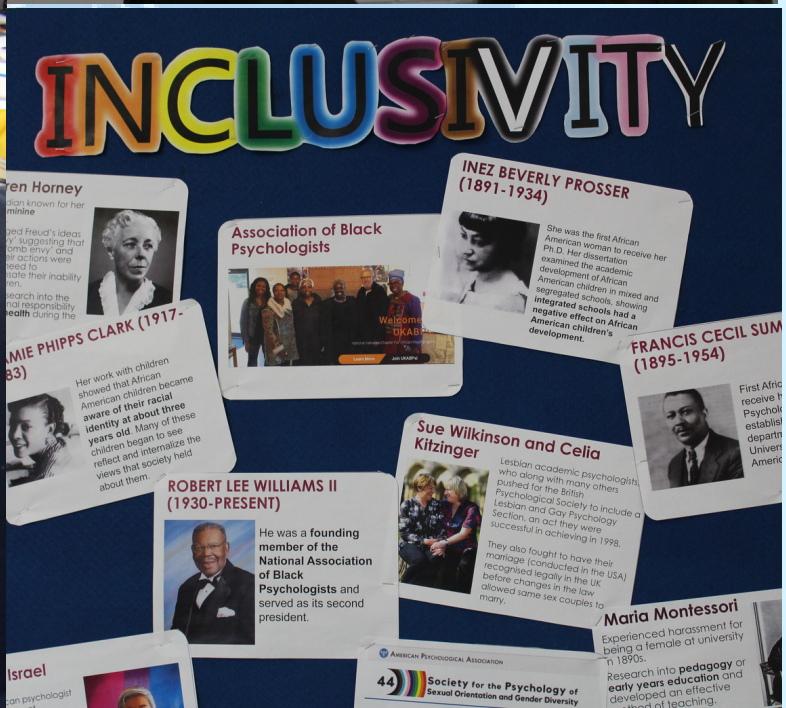
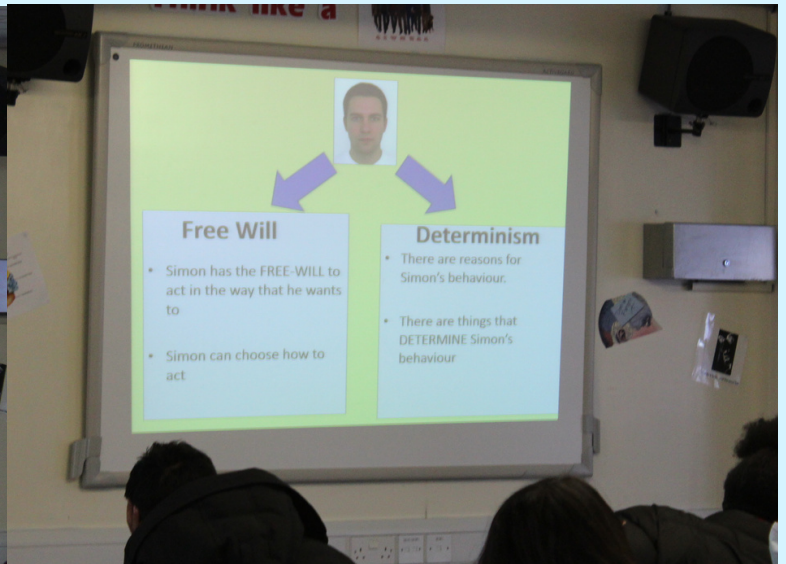
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YEAR 13 PSYCHOLOGY

The Year 13 Psychology students are currently learning about freewill vs determinism and the impact of the environment and biology on behaviour.



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TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza DBE, has recently published a guidance document for parents helping to support them to understand online sexual harassment. It is a sensitive topic, and not one all parents feel comfortable discussing with their children.

The commissioner's team brought together a group of 16 to 21-year-olds and asked them to talk about what they think parents should know, and what they should say to their children when talking about sexualised bullying and the pressures of growing up online.

Key advice from the young adults in the focus groups included:

- Start conversations early, before your child gets a phone or social media account. Keep the conversation going over time, adapting to your child.
- Young people want their parents to learn about new technology and trends, including risky behaviours and dangerous spaces online.
- Create a safe and trusting home environment. Young people told us the home environment is key, they want to share things with their parents but don't always feel able.

The report and poster 'The things I wish my parents had known...' can be downloaded here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>



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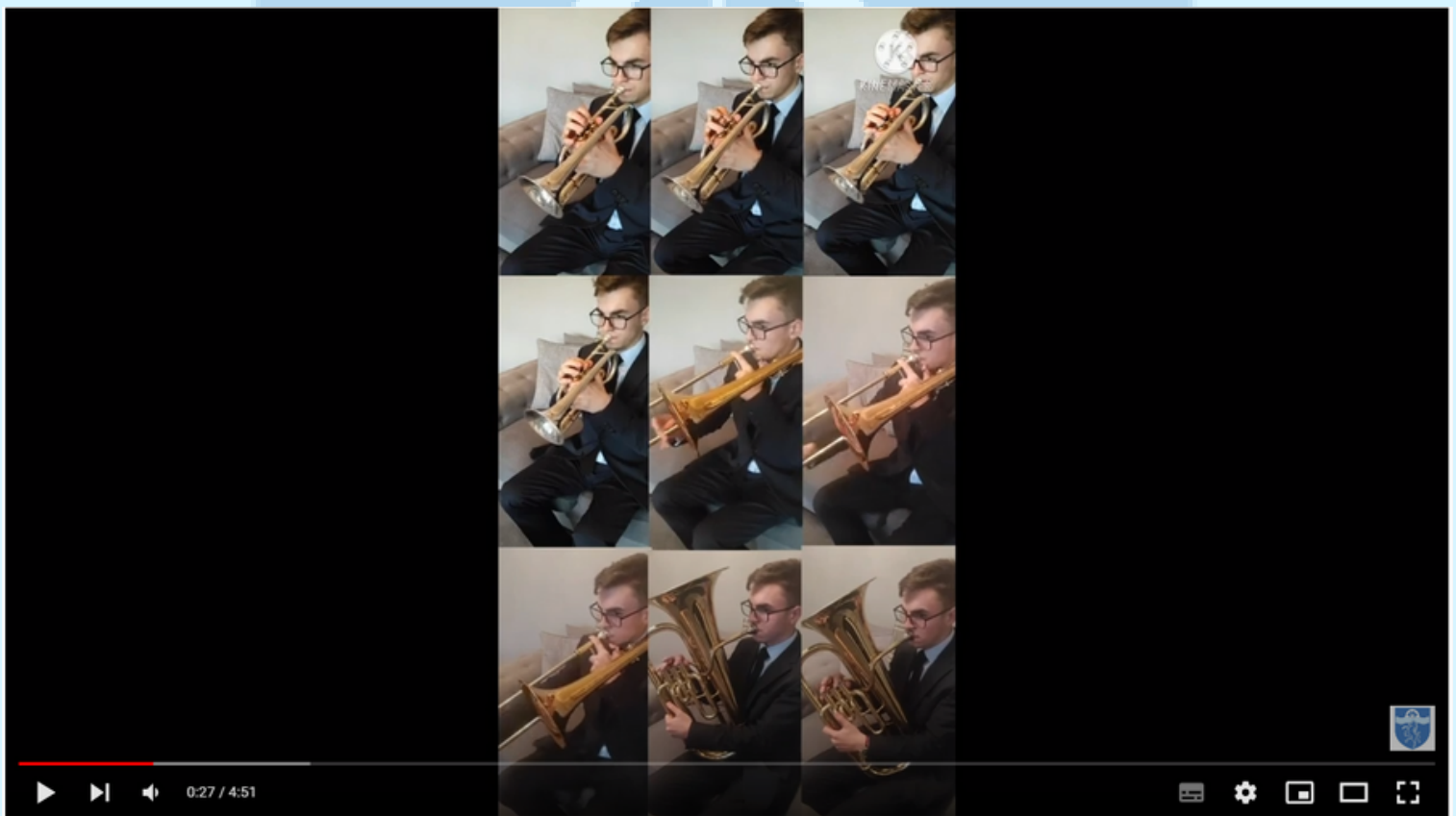
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MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

This weeks Musician of the Week is: Jacob, Year 12

Here is a really excellent video of Jacob playing the trumpet, trombone and euphonium.

Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRORazyUe40>



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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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Don't forget to check out our wonderful Christmas performances that happened at the end of last term. Well done to all our performers, you did an amazing job!

December Virtual Concert 2021 :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lfsFq1sBz4>



Beths Christmas Concert 2021:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfKgv9_kWUM&feature=youtu.be



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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 17th January:

FOOTBALL					
14.01.22	ESFA Round 4	U12B	V Richard Challoner School	Home	Won 2- 1
19.01.22	League	1 st XI	V Hayes School	Home	Won 4 - 1
BASKETBALL					
18.01.22	Kent Basketball	U13A	V St Johns Catholic School	Away	Won 6 - 68
18.01.22	Kent Basketball	U12A	V Northfleet technology college	Away	Won 11 - 52
19.01.22	Kent Basketball	1 st XI	V Hayes School	Home	Won 70 - 68
20.01.22	NK Basketball	U13A	V Bexley Grammar	Away	Lost 16- 14
RUGBY					
19.01.22	Friendly	1 st XV	V Oakwood Park Grammar School	Away	Lost 57- 12

Fixtures for week commencing 24th January:

FOOTBALL					
21.01.22	KSFA QF	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	KO 2:00pm
26.01.22	League	2 nd XI	V Langley Park School for Girls	Away	KO 2:00pm
26.01.22	KSFA Q Finals	1 st XI	V The Howard School	Away	KO 2:15pm
BASKETBALL					
24.01.22	Kent Basketball	U16A	V Trinity School	Away	Tip off 4:00pm
25.01.22	Kent Basketball	U12A	V Rainham Mark Grammar School	Away	Tip off 2:00pm
26.01.22	Kent Basketball	1 st XI	V Hayes School	Away	Tip Off 2:00pm

*Please note that some matches may be cancelled/postponed and therefore we ask you to keep an eye on the SOCS website.

Beths Grammar School | Sports Home (bethssport.co.uk)



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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=OFYuOq7GjL8>



Link to full sports bulletin for 17th January to 21st 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



We are happy to host William, a former Beths student, who plays and excels at various national and international tournaments. William has kindly provided a playlist called chess puzzles on Lichess, which according to him “will help out students who want to find tactics”.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaoMSX39Q8XW9DGSrhV9C2IOM7kbW9d0p>

Our event is free; however, we would appreciate your most needed support, 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 SET...

What players and parents said!

“Could we do another one chess tournament again, please?”

“William is too good”,

“Thank you for the tournament it was fun”

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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

**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.

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.

UNIFORM. DONATIONS.

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)

Take a simple step by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTED45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO> . Thank you 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.**

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>



£1700 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.



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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