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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers,



I hope you had a lovely Easter break.

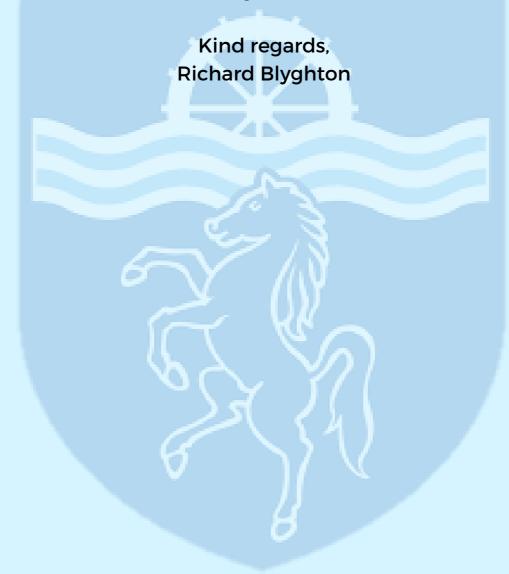
We returned to school with inter-house Basketball week, raising funds for the Basketball scoreboard in memory of Osaivbie. It was good to see students getting involved with house basketball, dribbling races, shooting games and the good old student vs teacher! 9 Hurst won the House Basketball against Brampton and 7 Cray and 8 Wickham were also House winners.

On Saturday 17th June we will be holding a Family 5k fun run and walk at Hall Place & Gardens, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1PQ. It would be great to see as many of the Beths community there. Please could you register yourself/ your group using the following link https://forms.office.com/e/EGy1wzyg6i so we have an idea on numbers attending.

This term we have Year 10 Parents Evening taking place on Thursday 4th May, the booking appointment system will go live on Tuesday 25th April at 7pm until Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm. Details will be emailed to parents on Monday. Following on from the Year 9 Parents Evening, we will be holding the Year 9 Option Evening in person for parents on Thursday 27th April, 6pm-7pm.

We wish our Year 12 the best of luck as they begin their trial mock examinations for the next two weeks.

Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, will be further Industrial action days. As in my previous letter, we will open the school on both days to Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. Year 12 only to come in school for their examinations. Years 7, 8, and 9 will be on remote learning.



STUDENT SUCCESS ICE HOCKEY CAMP IN CZECH REPUBLIC

During pre-selection day we had 2 cross-ice games 4v4 on the first ice slot, and a few hours later 3v3 on the second ice slot, the quality of players involved was very high, which wasn't a surprise as we had prospects from Russia, Germany, Czechia, Sweden, Netherlands, Belarus. It was a tough competition and in the end the camp organizers chose 26 players including me to train further on in the camp.

The actual camp involved rigid testing including skating, stick handling, strength and conditioning and shooting skills. NHL scouts from Las Vegas Knights were closely observing each one of us and evaluating our abilities on the ice and off the ice. During these trainings, I had the unique opportunity to socialise with top prospects and learned from them. At the end of the camp we received priceless feedback from the scouts which talked about what qualities we need to improve on and what they look at as a professional scout, for example I never knew before this camp that scouts rank hockey sense before skills such as stick handling and shooting which reconfirmed my knowledge that a hockey player should not only be skilful or athletic but smart as well.

During this time, we also had some time on our hands to visit the centre of Prague and enjoy its grand architecture and historical points of interest including the Charles Bridge which was built in











STUDENT SUCCESS MATTHEW'S MARCH FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Matthew completed the walk he undertook over the Easter holidays for Alzheimers. It took seven days and it was 146.5 miles to walk from Dartford to Redditch . Read more about Matthews walk here!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/matthewsmarch?

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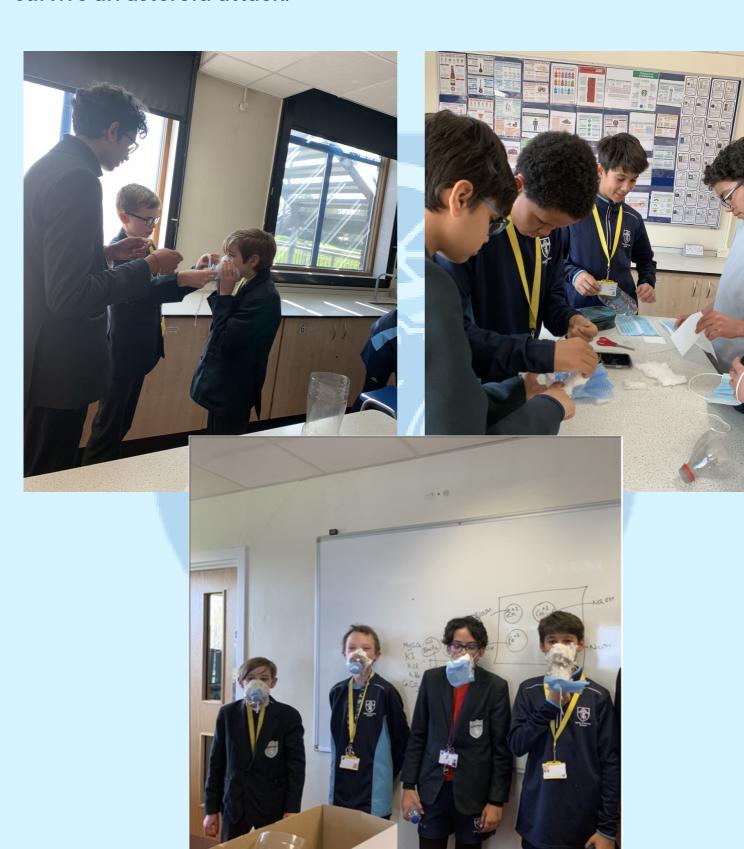






STEM CLUB

This week during STEM club, students made their own gas masks to survive an asteroid attack!





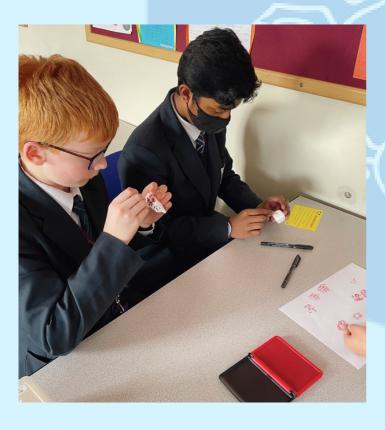


CHINESE CLUB

The new term is off to a brilliant start. Today during Chinese Experience Club at lunchtime, students made their own clay stamps!













INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2023

International Women's Day is celebrated across the world on March 8th every year. But how is it celebrated, and why is it so significant?

How did it originate?

The idea of an International Women's Day came from a German politician and women's rights activist Clara Zetkin. In 2010, she proposed the idea to 100 women from 17 different countries at a conference for working women in Copenhagen. The idea was very well received, and the conference agreed unanimously that this should go ahead. Initially, it was only celebrated in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Denmark in 2011, and it wasn't until 1975 when the United Nations recognised it and began celebrating it. The history behind the date on which it is celebrated is interesting; a war-time strike saw Russian women take to the streets, demanding "bread and peace". The date of this strike was the 23rd of February on the Julian calendar (which was used in Russia at the time), but on the Gregorian calendar, this was the 8th of March. The Tsar was forced to abdicate the throne, and the new government gave women the right to vote.

How is it celebrated?

International Women's Day is recognised across the world, and in some countries, it is a national holiday. In Italy, "la Festa della Donna" is celebrated by giving mimosa blossoms. In the USA, March is women's history month. The president issues a proclamation every year congratulating the achievements of American women. Also, in China, women are given half a day off of work. The colours associated with this day are purple, white and green which come from the colours of the Women's Social and Political Union in the UK in 1908.



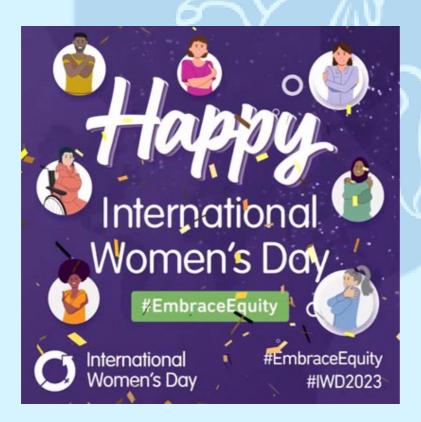




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Why is it important?

There has been lots of progress made toward equal rights for women over the last century. For example, after five years of protests and lawsuits, the US Soccer Federation became the first federation in football to pay both men and women equally. However, there is still a long way to go, especially during protests in Iran following the death of Mahsa Amini, after allegedly breaking rules surrounding head coverings. The overturning of Roe v Wade by the US Supreme Court essentially ended the constitutional right to an abortion for women in America, with power now within the hands of individual states to create new rules surrounding abortion. This sparked huge uproar in the US, as many felt this undid many years of work for women's rights and abortion laws. These current events highlight the need for International Women's Day and its significance in today's society.



-By Riley 10W







WOOLF WORKS BALLET SHOW

On the 9th of March a group of Year 9s went to the Royal Opera House in order to see a ballet. This event was held, in particular, for schools to come and watch.

The ballet "Woolf's Works" consisted of 3 Acts. They were called "I Now I Then", "Becoming" and "Tuesday", which are based on the novels of Virginia Woolf, an author who lived in London in the early 20th century. The acts were separated with 10-15 minute intervals, in which you could buy refreshments or stretch your legs. The composer Max Richter wrote the music that accompanied the ballet. All of the acts featured elements of relationships with the protagonist. The stories themselves were based on previously written novels; these were then obviously turned into pieces for ballet.

1st Act

The ballet started with a single dancer and huge spinning rectangles of wood with the middle taken out. We then saw multiple other dancers who had a special connection to the protagonist (the main dancer). For example, two of the dancers seemed to kiss, which is a clear sign of affection!

2nd Act

This part featured science fiction, fantasy and futuristic technology. During the interval leading up to this, a shiny 'carpet' like structure could be seen being placed on the floor of the stage. This was evidenced by the neon lights used during the performance, which seemed to bounce around the room and create magical walls of blue light. The clothes also changed in this act, as many of the dancers could be seen wearing shiny gold clothing, which strikingly reflected the neon lights shining above them.







WOOLF WORKS BALLET SHOW

3rd Act

This Act encompassed the elements of life and death, by starting with a suicide note from the protagonist's husband. The background at the time was a moving picture of the sea, which covered the top half of the stage. This created a dark area to walk from backstage to center stage, which was used to create a sophisticated effect of the performers appearing 'out of thin-air'. In this Act children could be seen dancing, which may have been used to show the stages of life for a person as they were replaced by older figures. Conclusion Overall, the experience was wonderful and an adventure of the mind. Colors swirled and gleamed to represent emotions, which was further enforced by the speed/volume at which the orchestra was playing. I would love to see this again as I truly understand the story presented.







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EXAM STRESS SUPPORT-YOUNG MINDS

Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds

Exams are a stressful time for any young person, if you're worried about how your child is coping read our tips and advice on how to help at https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/exam-time/?

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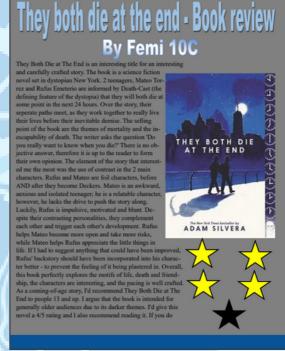


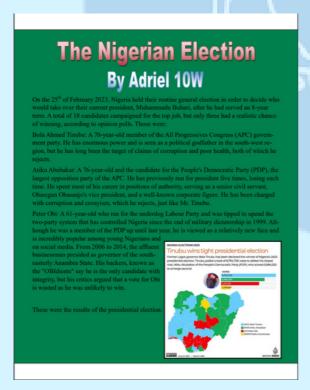


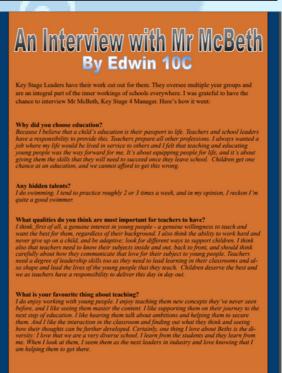
BEST OF THE BETHS

The latest issue of Best of the Beths student newsletter is now available on our website https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/? title=Best+of+the+Beths+Newsletter&pid=403! This months issue includes An interview with Mr McBeth by Edwin 10C, St Patrick's Day by Nathaniel 10A IWD by Riley 10W, Lana Del Ray's DYKTTATUOB Album review by Ronnie 10H and much more!









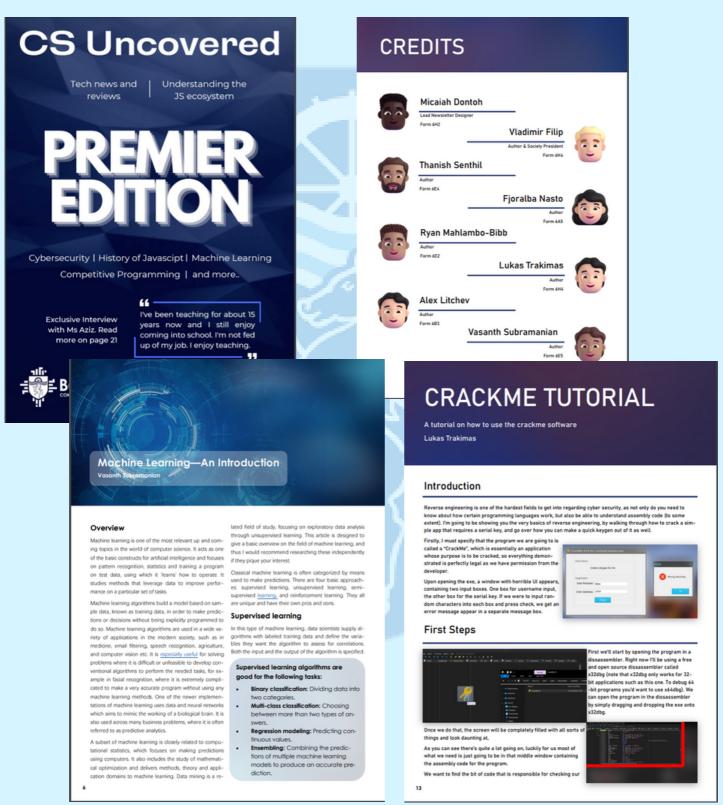






COMPUTING NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to Beths computing society who have created a newsletter with all things technology and computing. The 1st edition of the newsletter is available here https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/? title=CS+Uncovered%2D+Computing+newsletter&pid=413









BETHS 5K FUN RUN/ WALK

We are excited to invite you to join us for a Beths Grammar School Family 5k Fun Run & Walk. This will be taking place at 10:00am on Saturday 17th June 2023 at Hall Place & Gardens, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent, DA5 1PQ.

All donations for participating, spectating or supporting are welcome, with all donations going towards the new basketball scoreboard in the sports hall, which is in memory of year 10 student Osaivbie who passed away in October of last year.

This is a great opportunity for you to support a meaningful cause and come along and join the Beths community to get outdoors and exercise on (hopefully!) a sunny Saturday morning. So please sign up and donate to support this event!

We welcome everyone whether you are a student, parent, or friend to join us in this event. You can run or walk at your own pace and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Hall Place & Gardens. To get a good idea of how many will be joining us, please could you register your group using the following link https://forms.office.com/e/EGylwzyg6i

There are many benefits of doing a fun run, such as:

- Reigniting your passion for running
- Lowering your blood pressure
- Improving your mood
- Boosting your immune system
- Raising money for our great causes to support your childs' experiences







BETHS 5K FUN RUN/ WALK

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up and get the date in your diaries!

To register for the event, please fill out this form: https://forms.office.com/e/EGylwzyg6i

To donate for event please use this link: http://basketball.bethspa.co.uk

If you have any questions, please contact us at mrwebb@beths.bexley.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 10:00am! Please feel free to arrive from 09.30am onwards to warm up!

Yours sincerely, Mr Webb









SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commencing 17th April 2023

CRICKET						
19.04.23 Kent League 1st XV		1 st XV	V Oakwood Park Grammar	Away	Lost	
			School			

Results for week commencing 24th April 2023

CRICKET							
25.04.23 U13 The U13		U13	V Bickley Park School	Home	Start time		
	Thomas Cup				2:30pm		
28.04.23	U14 Oliver	U14	V Bullers Wood School for Boys	Home	Start time		
	Cup				2:30pm		

*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)

CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a range of clubs and extra curricular activities running for all year groups. For a full timetable of clubs and club information please head to our website https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?

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KS3 Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8-					
8.30am			KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	
					DT Club A9 Mr Knott
					Manga Club ODD WEEK B4
					Ms Takeda*
			French Club		
			S19 Ms James		Animation Club A3 Ms
					Twinem
			Eco Club ODD WEEK A4		
			Mr Glendinning		Creative Writing ODD
					WEEK B2 Lady Irving-
		LGBTQ+ Society S18 Mr			Gale
		Stein	Music Appreciation 12:15-		
	Spanish Club		12:45pm P2		Music Support Session
	S16 Ms Bridge	Drama Club P3 Ms			12:00-12:45pm P2
		Monteith	Y8 Dungeons and Dragons		
	Reading Club EVEN WEEK		DandT Hub Ms	Connect Club EVEN WEEK	
	B5 Ms Monteith	Music Enrichment -	Commerford	B4 Ms Takeda	Spirited Arts - JEM/ -
		Audition only			Friday Lunchtime Odd
	U14 Basketball Sports Hall		Collegium Antiquum 12.15	KS3 Badminton Sports	Week - M1
Lunch	Year 8 Rugby Field	Year 7 Basketball	start S19 Mr Simpson	Hall	
	Run Club School Field Mr				
	Walter	Memrise Clinic S16 Ms			
		Bridge		Warhammer S1 (3.40 start)	
	Beths Youth Band 3:40-			Mr Turnbull	
	4:45 P1	Music Enrichment -	Latin Forum (Y7- invite		
		Audition only	only) MCC 3.30-4.30pm	Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm	
	** Group Piano lessons			P1	
	3;30-4:30 P2	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in	Theatre Production 3.45-		
		the Main School Hall	4.30 P3 Ms Grady*	Year 7 Football Field	
	Year 7 Rugby Field				U13 Basketball Sports Hall
		Year 8 Rugby Field	** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Year 9 Football Field	
After	STEM Club Y7 S12 Ms		beginners; 4:00-4:30		Beths Big Band 3:40-
School	Sarker	Year 9 Rugby Field	intermediate in P2	U14 Basketball Sports Hall	4:45pm P2

KS4 Clubs

KS4					
Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Eco Club EVEN WEEK A4		
			Ms Purbrick		
		Y11 Study Club (13.20-	Poetry Club EVEN WEEK		
		13.50) B4 Ms Takeda	B1 Dr Easton		LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
					S <u>19,EVEN</u> S15) Ms Harris
	Music Revision 1:10-	Music Revision 1:10-	U16 Basketball Sports		
	1:45pm P1	1:45pm P1	Hall		Social Sciences Reading
					Club FIRST ODD FRIDAY
	History Club EVEN WEEK	Philosophy Society EVEN	English Revision Club ODD		OF MONTH M4
	M5	WEEK M2 Ms May	WEEK B5		
				Psychology Club MCC Mr	Film Club B6 Ms Quinn
	Maths Club B12 Mr	Stoic Philosophy Society	Reading Club ODD WEEK	Walsh and Ms Moffat	and Mr Russell
	Khalid	Odd Week M2 Mr	B5 Ms Monteith		
		Papakostas	Music Theory Club at	Debating Club M4 Mr	Y11 Study Club (13.20-
Lunchtime	Chess Club A2 Mr Healy		1:10pm-1:45pm P1	Chamberlain	13.50) B4 Ms Takeda
			U16 Basketball Sports		
			Hall		
			** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Warhammer S1 Mr	
			beginners; 4:00-4:30	Turnbull	
			intermediate in P2		
	Year 10 Rugby Field			Beths Singers 3:40-	
			Theatre Production 3.45-	4:45pm P1	
After	** Group Piano lessons	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in	4.30 P3 Ms Grady*		Beths Big Band 3:40-
School	3;30-4:30 P2	the Main School Hall		Year 10 Football Field	4:45pm P2

CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

KS5 Clubs

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8 -				Gym Club (Max 15	
	8.30a				people) Weights Room	
	m				Mr Webb	
					Group Therapy* C4	
					Denise Brett-Smith	
				Eco Club EVEN WEEK A4		
				Ms Purbrick and Mr	Music Revision 1:10-	
				Glendinning	1:45pm P1 Ms Bowen-	
					Evans	
				Music Theory Club at		
				1:10pm-1:45pm P1 Ms	Psychology Club MCC	
				Marriott	Mr Walsh and Ms	
		History Club EVEN WEEK			Moffat	LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
		M5		Poetry Club EVEN WEEK		S19, EVEN S15) Ms
П				B1 Dr Easton	Debating Club M4 Mr	Harris
		Chess Club A2 Mr			Chamberlain	
		Healy	Philosophy Society	English Revision Club		Social Sciences Reading
			EVEN WEEK M2 Ms	ODD WEEK B5	Muslim Prayer group C3	Club FIRST ODD FRIDAY
		Muslim Prayer group C3	May		Mr Ahmed	OF MONTH M4
		Mr Ahmed		Muslim Prayer group C3		
			Muslim Prayer group C3	Mr Ahmed	Yu-Gi-Oh Club A5 Mr	Film Club B6 Ms Quinn
		KS5 Chemistry Club S8	Mr Ahmed		Walter	and Mr Russell
				Reading Club ODD WEEK		
		KS5 Physics Olympiad	Computer Science	B5 Ms Monteith	Informatics Olympiad	Muslim Prayer group C3
		Club S1	interview prep S1 Mr		club IT1	Mr Ahmed
			Beaney	KS5 Maths Olympiad		
		Gender Equality Society		Club B12 Mr Khalid	BMAT physics support	Multi-Cultural
		A7B Ms Ewing	Stoic Philosophy Society		for Medics SO Mr	Committee MCC
	Lunch		Odd Week M2 Mr	Personal Statement	Beaney	BREAKTIME
	time		Papakostas	Clinic LRC Mr Beaney		

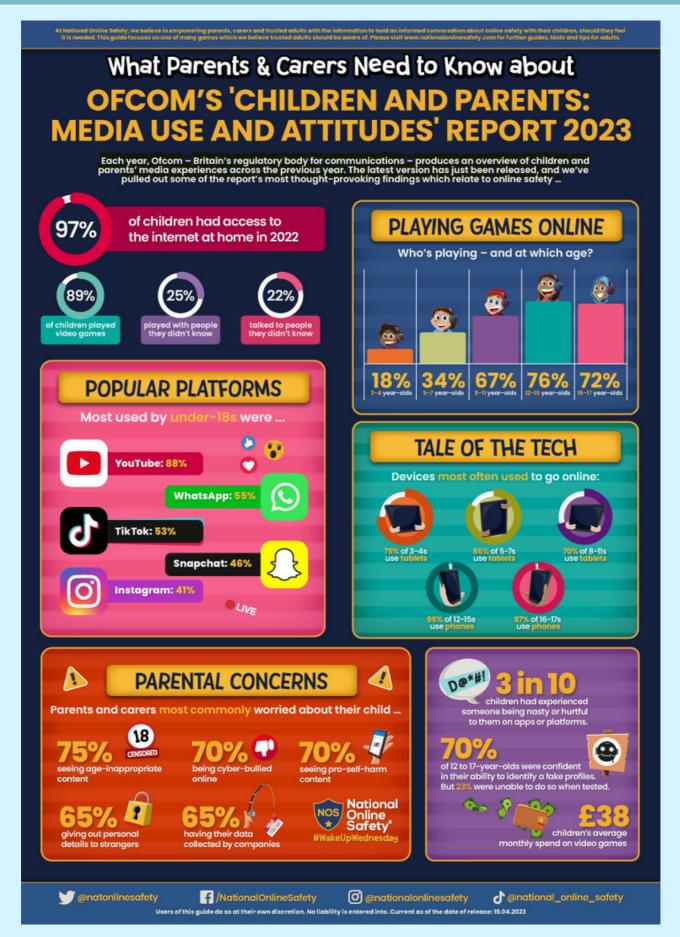
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			1st XI Football Venue		
			TBC PE		
			2nd XI Football Venue		
			TBC PE		
			6th Form Basketball		
After	** Group Piano lessons		Sports Hall PE	Warhammer S1 Mr	
			Sports Hall PE		
School	3;30-4:30 P2			Turnbull	
/		Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm	6th Form Girls Football		
Wedn	Engineering A6 Mr	in the Main School Hall	Field PE	Beths Singers 3:40-	
esday	Morgan	Ms Marriott		4:45pm P1 Ms Marriott	Beths Big Band 3:40-
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