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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



After a long and difficult start to the term, we can now approach the half term knowing how well we have done to get this far. With the first week back starting off with more Covid testing of students, then straight into hosting the Bexley 11+ testing and having to deal with reverting back to special Covid measures, our students and staff have adapted well and carried on as normal, to which we are very proud of.

We are proud to be able to offer Yr 7 and Yr 12 students with a school notebook to those who required them, to assist with their learning and in the event we had to go into another lockdown.

Today, Thursday 21 October 2021, we were told we had to host the Covid vaccinations for 12-15 year olds as part of the Governments vaccination programme. The Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare team did as many vaccinations as they could, due to unforeseen circumstances and being stretched with their current conditions, they wasn't able to do all those who consented. We are liaising with the HRCH team to get them back in to complete the vaccination programme, however, in the meantime, should you wish to get your son vaccinated there are walk in clinics available during the half term:

Masonic Lodge, Welling - Thursday 28th October 2021 Bexley Civic Offices, Bexleyheath - Friday 29th October 2021







If you wish to get your son vaccinated sooner, please try one of the above venues, or alternatively contact your GP or book via the National Booking Service: Book or manage your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

This month we hosted 15 open events to Yr 6 parents and students and our student tour guides did us proud. The morning and afternoon slots had restricted numbers where parents had to book slots. We hope many of these Yr 6 students return as Beths Scholars next year.

Looking ahead, starting the week commencing 15 November we will be running the first set of trial exams for Yr 11 and Yr 13 students.

As you are aware, we had to put in place the Covid measures again, where we insist students wearing face coverings within the school buildings (although not in lessons). We are continuing with this after the half term break. Masks on public transport are strongly recommended. We also strongly advise you to continue with the lateral flow testing twice a week (ie. Wednesdays and Sundays) and to register the results on school's test register website. If a student wishes to test more often or have run out of their LFT boxes, they can get more boxes from the reception.

If your son has PE lessons, they are to continue to come into school in their PE kits. The uniform shops should now have the tracksuit bottoms in stock.

We are actively seeking the advice from Bexley Local Authority, Public Health Bexley and LCRC (London Coronavirus Response Centre) who are working with us to ensure the safety of the school community.

We hope you have a relaxing, healthy half term and are able to get to do things you have been putting off.

Many thanks Richard Blyghton.

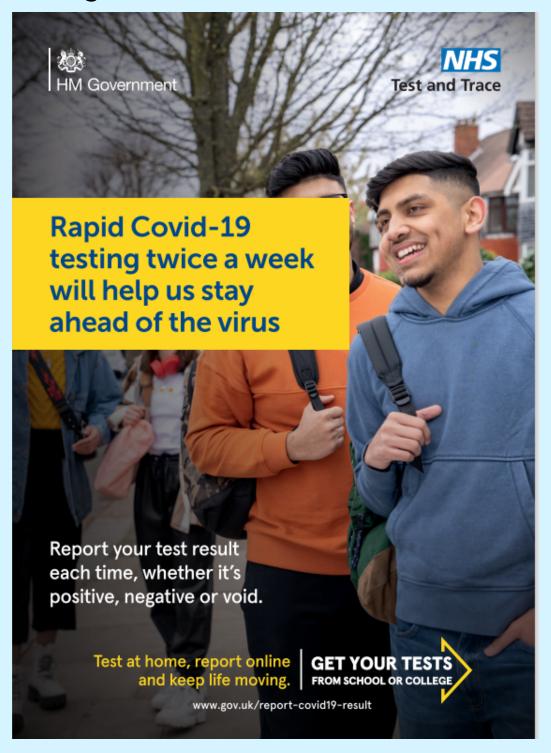






COVID TESTING

Students are encouraged to test at least twice a week and record the results on the school's TestRegister website via the email sent to you, in line with government guidelines.







KATE HERRON

Ex student Kate Herron who is a Writer-Director working in Comedy, Genre and Drama came in to talk to students about her life as a Writer-Director, life after leaving Beths and how students can achieve their goals. Kate has written and directed many films and shows over the years including popular series 'Loki' and 'Sex Education'.





We managed to sit Kate down for a quick interview, and this is what Kate had to say...

What were your favourite experiences from studying at Beths?

I loved the English and Film Departments, I felt really challenged during my time here and it completely opened my mind up to new pieces of writing and cinema. I also had a very fun bunch of friends.

How do you think your time at Beths impacted your goals and career?

My film studies teachers, Mr Russell and Mrs Quinn definitely put it in my head that I could consider directing as a career. I didn't even know what that job was properly before I took Film Studies here.

What has been your favourite experience in your career so far, can you share any stories?

Definitely the day after I was told I had got the job for "Loki", doing the red carpet at Disney's D23, where the Lady and the Tramp dogs were in front of me, also doing press. I was thinking, "my jobs a bit silly isn't it"

Did you always know you wanted to be a director?

No, I originally wanted to act. I was making stuff like silly videos with my friends or putting on shows in my living room but I never considered directing until taking Film Studies at Beths.

What advice would you give for anyone wanting to start a career in the film/ entertainment industry.

Do not wait for permission just go make stuff.

KATE HERRON





"Last Thursday we had the honour of welcoming former student, Kate Herron, back to Beths. For the uninformed, Kate Herron is the esteemed director of "Loki", a Marvel's miniseries, and 4 episodes of Netflix's "Sex Education" which have been very well received by critics and fans alike. Thanks to Mr Russell's networking, Kate undertook various workshops throughout her stay here including ones with A Level Drama and Film Studies but most notably she agreed to talk to the our newly formed film club. Throughout the session we discussed the subtleties of one of Kate's favourite films: Alien (1979), and after we had a QandA session in which current Beths students ranging from years 10-13 were able to appreciate the expertise of one of our own former students. Kate's great success in the upper echelons of the film industry has inspired the members of Film Club to pass on their newfound wisdom onto their friends, much to the envy of all those not present. We are all very glad to be able to celebrate someone from the locality for having "made it"! Finally, on behalf of the whole school we would like to thank Kate for taking time out of her undeniably busy schedule. "







MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK









In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Day (Sunday 10th October) Students and Staff put on an insightful and bright display about Mental Health. It included lots of positive messages and information from Mental Health Charities. It even involved a little game of 'guess how many sweets are in the jar'. Congratulations to Louis in Year 13 who got the closest guess of 88 sweets, compared to the actual number of 95.

Enjoy your sweets!







YEAR 10 SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE

Jack Petchey's Challenge!

Last week some Year 10 students attended a Speak Up Speak Out workshop which helped them develop their communication skills, confidence and gave them a platform to share stories and talk about topics that are important to them. Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge! is the largest speaking competition for young people in the world! Above all, the programme develops self-belief, raises aspirations and encourages thousands of young people to recognise the power of their voice.







YEAR 10 SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE

Heres what some students had to say about their experience with the workshop...

"The speak out workshop was a very eventful experience as it taught me skills that I will be able to use in the future. Being a confident public speaker is a good skill to have so I was thrilled to be a part of the workshop. The workshop taught me about body language whilst speaking, to be confident and to always keep eye contact which is a part of the three steps to being a confident speaker: Content, Structure and Delivery. The workshop opened a newfound confidence when speaking to an audience and I am very excited to be picked in the top four and see what other opportunities will happen in the future. I believe it brought people out of their comfort zone which was very needed in order for them to be more confident within themselves and the workshop has definitely succeeded in doing that."

- Ibrahim, Y10

The Speak Out Workshop, was an enjoyable and valuable experience and one which I will not forget. The day started with our teacher, Precious, giving us all top tips on how to perform to the best of your ability when doing public speaking. Then we attempted some mini speeches, from which Precious gave us some more advice. After lunch we started writing the final speeches we would perform. We all spoke really well, and I was very happy to be one of the people chosen to move on to the next round.

I thank Precious for the amazing workshop and Mrs Takeda for organising it.

- Arjan - Y10

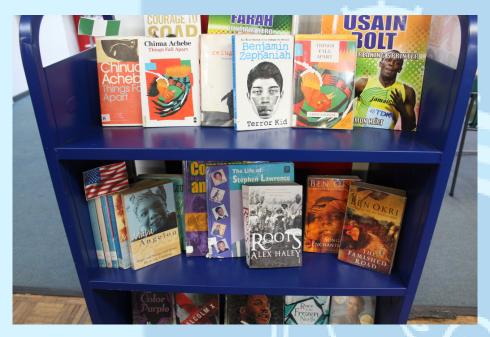






BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The theme of Black History Month this year is 'Proud To Be'. The campaign invites people around the UK to share what they are Proud To Be. For example, Proud To Be Black, Proud To Be Brown, Proud To Be Black & LGBTQ+, Proud To Be Me.







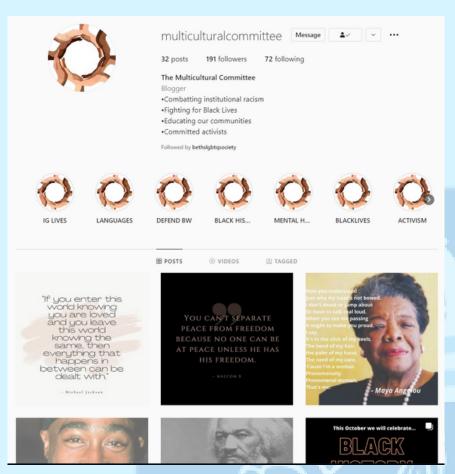
In celebration of Black
History Month, the LRC
has put up a display
which showcases a range
of black authors and
black history pioneers
with careers that will
inspire you.







BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Beths Multicultural
Society have also been
posting on their
Instagram account this
month with a range of
black figures. Please check
Instagram
@multiculturalcommittee
to read more about these
iconic black figures.

During form time, students have been taking part in a Black History Month quiz that focuses mainly on black people across different industries. There are a range of questions including black general knowledge, guess the song and guess the artist. The competition is on to see which form will be crowned Black History Month quiz winners!









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 Basketbal (Mr Temple) Chess club – Week 1- All key stages in A2, Week 2: KS3 Online (Mr Runacres)		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 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)
After school 3.20 – 4.45pm	Rugby Training Years 7 – 10 KS3 Badminton (Mr Healy)	Year 8 Basketball – Team Training (Mr Webb) Sixth Form LGBTQ+ Society – S15 (Ms Harris)	Warhammer Club, S1 (Mr Turnbull)	Year 7 Basketball Year 7 STEM club (Starts 7 th October)- 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.





ROSS AND THE LONDON MARATHON

Ex student Ross recently ran the London Marathon and came in 3rd place!, here's what he had to say about his experience and his advice to all those who would like to start running.





"I recently completed the London Marathon in 2.19 to take 3rd place out of the non elites and 19th overall. This is the culmination of a lot of years of hard work which all began in Year 7 at Beths. I was drawn to running by the enthusiasm and passion of the running teacher at the time (Mr Hills) as well as a lack of ability at any other sports!

I was never the most gifted but was taught that being persistent with training over the years would pay off, and it was much better to be consistent with training rather than to worry too much about short term gains. This is something I have taken with me ever since and has allowed me to go further with my running than I initially thought was possible! I have slowly progressed year on year and am now ranked in the 25 in the UK over the Marathon distance.

Marathon running, and running in general, is all about being more mentally tough than your competitors, it is something I have worked hard on. To never drop out, regardless of how hard things get, or how bad the race is going. There were a number of points on Sunday towards the end, where I was seriously struggling and aware that I was not going to hit my target time, but insistent that I would tough it out, and carry on regardless of how tough it got.

My main advice would be to work on the mental aspect, and have a strong reason in your mind of why you are running before you start any race, this will allow you to find that extra little bit inside you that can be the difference between winning and losing."







ZACH RUNS A MARATHON

Zach in Year 12 is running a marathon for charity on Friday 17th December 2021. His chosen charity is Crohn's and Colitis UK.

Zach has only just begun his training but is already a keen runner. Earlier this year, during lockdown, he took part in the Beths running challenge and completed 100km in three days. In March, he took on another challenge and ran four miles every four hours for 48 hours.

If you would like to help Zach raise money for Crohn's and Colitis UK, please donate here

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/zach-garcial

CROHN'S & COLITIS UK





RESULTS

Results week ending 15th October:

FOOTBALL						
11.10.2021	U16 County Cup R1	U16	V Bishop Justus	Away	Lost 0-11	
13.10.2021	NK Premier League	1 st XI	V Hayes	Away	Won 3-2	
	ESFA U16 Elite	U16	V TWGS	Away	Lost 0-4	
	ESFA U13, Round Two	U13	V TWGS	Away	Won 11-3	
14.10.2021	U15 Portex Trophy, Round Two	U15	V Harris, Beckenham	Away	Won 4-0	
	Dennis O'Donovan Trophy	U12A	V Ravenswood	Home	Won 2-1 (AET)	
BASKETBALL						
11.10.2021	Kent	U16	V Bexley GS	Home	Won 40-35	
14.10.2021	Kent	U13	V NTC A	Home	Won 44-10	
RUGBY						
12.10.2021	Kent U15 Shield	U15	V Ashford School	Home	Lost 7-26	
13.10.2021	Friendly	1 st XV	V Oakwood Park	Home	Lost 10-41	

Results week ending 22nd October:

FOOTBALL					
18.10.2021	U14A	V Stationers' Crown Woods Academy Away 0-		0-1	
19.10.2021	U13B	V Hurstmere Boys School Away 0-5		0-5	
20.10.2021	1 st XL	V Tunbridge Wells Grammar Away (0-4	
21.10.2021	U12B	V Orchard Academy	Away	0-8	
BASKETBALL					
18.10.2021	U15A	V Bexley Grammar School	Home	52-24	
RUGBY					
16.10.2021	U12A	V Simon Langton Grammar for Boys	Away	2-9	
	U12B	V Simon Langton Grammar for Boys Av		0-14	
	U13A V Simon Langton Grammar for Boys		Away	40-0	
	U14A	V Simon Langton Grammar for Boys	Away	35- 10	
19.10.2021	U15A	V Hurstmere Boys School	Home	35-15	

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

FIXTURES

<u>Fixtures for week beginning 3rd November</u> 2021

FOOTBALL							
04.11.2021	U12B	V Forest School	Aw	ay KO 14:00pm			
	BASKETBALL						
04.11.2021	U18A	V Bexley Grammar Sc	hool Aw	ay Tip off			
				15:30pm			
RUGBY							
03.11.2021	1 st XV	V Robert Clack Schoo	I Aw	ay KO 14:30pm			
06.11.2021	U12A	V St Olave's Gramma	r School Aw	ay KO 10:00am			
	U12B	V St Olave's Gramma	r School Aw	ay KO 10:00am			
	U13A	V St Olave's Gramma	r School Hor	me KO 10:00am			
	U14A	V St Olave's Gramma	r School Hor	me KO 10:00am			
	U15A	V St Olave's Gramma	r School Hor	me KO 10:00am			



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FIXTURE HIGHTLIGHTS

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 made by Mr Webb: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=gaEWhCi6gske



Link to full sports bulletin for 11th October - 15th October: https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?
title=Sports+%26amp%3B+Fixtures&pid=118







MATCH REPORT



Wednesday 13th October Beths U13 v Tunbridge Wells GS (National Cup)

Tunbridge wells got the game started for a 4:00 kick off. A few minutes into the game, Raynon ran at the defence and scored a great goal. His second came just moments later in similar fashion. However, this time, he feigned left but went right around the keeper. Another great goal. Raynon got his hat-trick with about 20 minutes left of the half. Tunbridge pulled back 2 goals to make the score 3-2. After that, Beths stepped up their game and at half time, it was 6-2. Post half time, Raynon scored yet another hat-trick with Tom and Melvin adding to the score sheet. Tunbridge got another goal but it was merely a consolation. In the end, the score line was 11-3 Beths Grammar school and they qualify to the next round of the National cup. The man of the match was undoubtedly Raynon after scoring a mind blowing 6 goals

Man of the match: Raynon

Match Report written by Qarnayn







MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

This weeks Musicians of the Week: Hashir Year 7 and Henry Year 13

Here is a really excellent video of Hashir playing 'The Door to Dreams' with artwork by Henry.

Link to video: https://youtu.be/jQpxPqvhFQA



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







- 1. Parents Associations' latest events
- 2. Raising money for these thrilling projects and Giftaid it!
- 3. Simple and quick ways to donate: Amazonsmile & Easyfundraising

Beths Parents Association aims to raise funds and improve the learning environment of our children. We have set up an annual campaign with a donation link to raise funds for our fantastic projects, please visit our website for full details: https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?

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1. Latest Parents Associations' events

AGM and newly elected executive members

On Tuesday the 12th October we hosted the Annual General Meeting where we were glad to see many new and old committee members joining the virtual event. We welcomed Tlmmy Obaseki who was elected as Chairperson and Marlie Diallo as Secretary. We wish them all the best. We also wanted to express our thanks to Adele Swart and Dele Ojomo, who served 2 years as chairperson and secretary, respectively. They will stay on as ordinary members to support the newly elected officials.

If any parents are interested in joining the committee meetings, then please contact us via email. We currently meet virtually on Zoom, every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. It is imperative for the survival of the Parents Association to have new members join and actively participate to ensure the succession of the current executive members. So please remember, your PA needs you!





Beths PA's Monthly Draw is ready to go!



Beths Parents Association Monthly Draw



Support the Beths Parents Association by participating in our Monthly Draw

You have the chance to win either a £20 or £10 monthly prize and £50 quarterly prize whilst supporting our fundraising for pupils.

Simply purchase one number for £6 and you can purchase up to 20 numbers maximum for £120 for your chance to win! This enters you in to all 12 draws from January to December.

Go to link below to purchase your numbers or scan above QR Code (3)



https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTED45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO

All proceeds to Beths Parents Association Registered Charity Number 801836 For full details on terms and conditions, see our PA web page

- 1. The purpose is to raise funds for Beths grammar school.
- Payment is made into the parents association's bank account and funds are used to meet the funding requests Beths Grammar School for things like: from musical instruments, sports equipment, school library resources and opportunities for students as may arise
- 3. It is also a monthly draw with a cash prize.

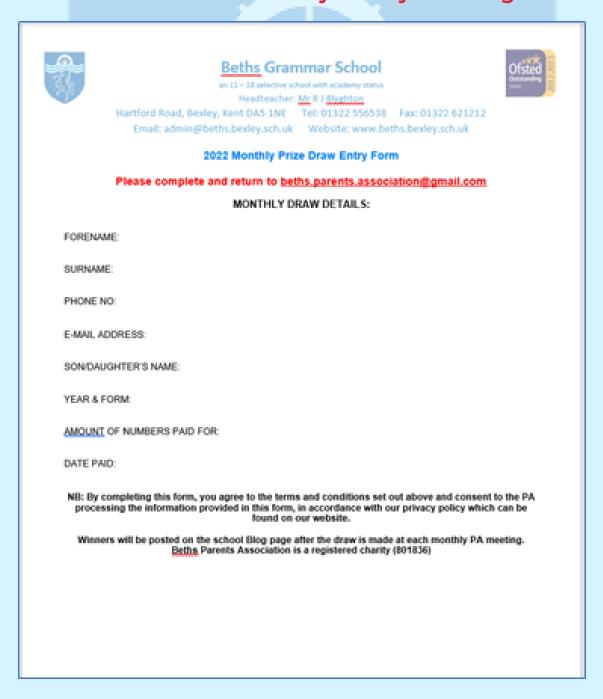






It is simple and quick to play! Just follow the two steps below:

1. Complete the membership form and return it via email to: beths.parents.association@gmail.com, it is important that you complete and submit this form to us so that we are able to communicate to you any winnings









- 2. Pay for your number or numbers for the full year upfront (i.e. £6 per number per annum up to a maximum of £120 for 20 numbers) by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code below: https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTED45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO
- Once your completed form and payment have been received;
 you will receive an email confirmation with your allocated number or numbers.
- Please ensure that you send us confirmation of payment along with the completed form to beths.parents.association@gmail.com

Please submit your applications and payments by the latest 11th January 2022 to be included in the January 2022 draw.

Visit the PA section of the Beths Grammar School Website for more details: https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?
title=Parents+Association&pid=162









Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme: Our brand new 3Rs scheme

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.



Coming soon...

Collection of old foreign currency notes or coins campaign



We will be launching in the coming weeks our first project in the 3Rs scheme. The Foreign Coins Collection is an easy and enjoyable fundraising idea which will be organised through competition and in close collaboration with the students and the local businesses at Beths.

Please start searching for your old currencies now and put them in a safe place, but most importantly SPREADING THE WORD around you. Your ideas on this project are welcome!

October half term is here, so please keep your foreign coins if you are travelling abroad!







We have already raised £1450... To reach our final goal, we only need to raise £550.

You can start or still support the Beths Parents Association in raising this amount for the school outdoor chess tables by donating at: https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16829

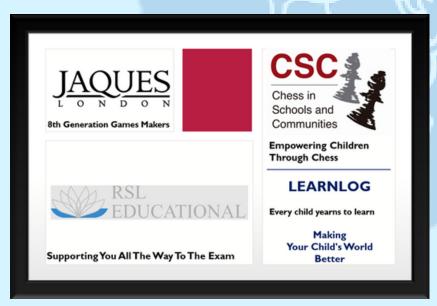
Thank you to all students who registered to the Chess Club and getting ready for the next tournament. Details will be posted in the next weeks.



Remember this event is open to all students at Beths.

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.











2. Raising money for these thrilling projects!



- Outdoor chess tables £2, 000 Help us Reach our goal of £550!!! https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16829
- Radio Beths £5, 000 Share the NEWS and DONATE HERE!!!!
 https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17268
- Musical instruments £2, 000 DONATE HERE!!!!
 https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17270
- Lighting for drama £1, 000 (£29 raised) DONATE HERE!!!!
 https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17269

Please remember to add the Gift Aid by ticking the box within your donations.

Thank you!

Giftaid it as it can increase the total amount given; extra 25p for every £1 you give. For example with a £100 donation, the PA will receive £125.

*Gift Aid is important for Beths Parents Association and means hundreds of pounds extra go to the school's project and benefit our children. Each time an eligible taxpayer donates and forgets to tick the Gift Aid box, the charity misses out.

*Higher rate taxpayers can also claim part of the tax back from HMRC on their donations.







4. Simple and quick ways to donate.

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

1. 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.



It doesn't cost you anything!

2. Continue generating donations with Easyfundraising

If you shop elsewhere online, please join Easyfundraising. Again 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.









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



Next meeting: Tuesday 9th November, 2021 @ 7.30pm - Zoom

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



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LUNCH MENU W/C 1ST NOVEMBER 2021









STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Well done to Jack and Bradley from Year 12 who were members of the Kent Under 16 team that recently won the English Schools FA Under 16 Inter County Cup.

Kent beat Cleveland 3-0 in the final at Sixways Stadium at Worcester.



Congratulations to both Jack and Bradley







