

# BETHS VIP

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



I think this is the first week that we have been able to run as we would expect. It is always exciting to see how students and staff begin a new school year with fresh impetus. Their interactions in starting upon and setting new goals to move learning and understanding forward is a special moment that encapsulates why many of us are teachers. The light bulb moments where students suddenly understand is pure magic and I know that this year will continue this as we reconnect our thinking.

We are approaching the end of September with the sun moving into the southern hemisphere so our evenings will continue to noticeably be drawn in with darkness. The 11 plus results for Year 6 children will be published in about two weeks time and in the continuing presence of the pandemic, the School has reluctantly changed its plans for hosting year 6 events in school this Autumn. It has been agreed with Bexley Grammar and Chis & Sid that we will each hold open mornings involving no more than 30 families at a time instead of hosting much larger events.

Therefore the calendared date of Saturday 16th October where we intended to hold a large year 6 event that showed the school in its best light has unfortunately had to be cancelled and replaced by a series of smaller ones that will take place during the normal school hours. The knock-on effect is that Monday 18th October will be a normal school day.

A reminder to all families who use public transport. TfL require all students to wear a face mask on their buses and trains. Please ensure that you do wear one and have consideration for your fellow travellers.

Next week I will introduce you to the Beths Scholar.

Many thanks  
Richard Blyghton.



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# COVID TESTING

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



The poster features a background image of two young men walking outdoors. The man in the foreground is wearing a blue hoodie and has a backpack, smiling. The man behind him is wearing an orange hoodie. The background shows trees and a building.

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](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)



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# EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The list of extra-curricular clubs has been updated and changed with a new wide range of clubs being added. 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)		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 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)  Year 8 Design Technology club – A8/A9 (Mr Knott)	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)	KS3 Football (ALL)  Year 7 Basketball  Year 7 STEM club (Starts 7 <sup>th</sup> October)- S12 (Mrs Sarkar)	



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# EXTRA CLUBS ADDED

Below is a list of all the additional clubs that have been added since last weeks VIP.

## KS3 Drama

Thursday lunchtime  
Room P3  
(Ms Grady)



## Chess Club

Week 1 - All Key Stages  
(Room A2)  
Week 2- KS3 Online  
Week 2- KS4/5 (Room  
A2)  
(Mr Runacres)



## Eco-club

Wednesday lunch time  
KS3 (Room A4)  
KS4/5 (Room A7A)  
Geography department



## Sixth Form LGBTQ+

Tuesday after school  
Room S15  
(Ms Harris)





# EXTRA CLUBS ADDED

## Design and Technology

Year 8  
Thursday lunchtime  
Room A8/A9  
(Mr Knott)



Darius showing off his fantastic wooden case.

If you would also love to build some wonderful and insightful projects, come along to Design and Technology club every Thursday lunchtime!





# EXTRA CLUBS ADDED

## Warhammer

Wednesday after school.

Room S1  
(Mr Turnbull)

Students from all year groups enjoying and getting involved with the Warhammer club that runs every Wednesday after school!





# INTERNATIONAL DRESS DAY

ORGANISED BY THE MFL DEPARTMENT  
AND THE MCC...

## INTERNATIONAL DRESS DAY - OCTOBER 1ST



### What to wear?

Students and staff are invited and encouraged to wear international clothing, whether it be from their own family or friends' culture, a country they love or a country that they would want to learn more about.

Students can dress up in a variety of ways from all countries in the world. For example, in traditional dress, an international figure who you admire or you could even wear the colours of a particular flag, the list is endless!

However...

Do not wear football kits, be more imaginative! Indecent or revealing clothing is not allowed.



### To be able to participate...

Students will donate £1 or more to Water Aid.

As part of our International week celebrations, on 1st October 2021 students and staff are encouraged to wear clothing from a country they are from, a country they love or simply a country they would just like to celebrate. Tune into next weeks VIP to see details and photos from the events!

# LUNCH MENU W/C 27TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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## MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

**MAIN** Baked Spanish Chicken with Paprika Potatoes served with Broccoli and Pickled Red Cabbage Slaw

**VEGAN** Vegetable and Mixed Bean Chilli served with Sweet Pepper Rice, and Pickled Red Cabbage Slaw

**STREET FOOD** Japanese

**DESSERT** Oaty Apple and Pear Crumble and Custard

## TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

**MAIN** Slow Cooked Beef Balti in Tomatoes Served with Pilau Rice, Curried Vegetables and Naan Bread

**VEGAN** Red Thai Bean and Vegetable Curry served with Pilau Rice, Spicy Cucumber Salad and Naan Bread

**STREET FOOD** Greek

**DESSERT** Berry Eton Mess

## WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

**MAIN** Honey Roasted Gammon served with Garlic and Thyme Roast Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables and Savoy Cabbage

**VEGETARIAN** Stuffed Field Mushroom served with Garlic and Thyme Roast Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables and Savoy Cabbage

**STREET FOOD** Mexican

**DESSERT** Marbled Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Custard

## THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

**MAIN** Beef and Bean Chilli served with Mini Baked Potatoes topped with Sour Cream, served with Green Beans and Garlic Roasted Courgettes

**VEGETARIAN /VEGAN** Butterbean and Barley Cassoulet with Herby Dumplings served with Green Beans and Garlic Roasted Courgettes

**STREET FOOD** Indian

**DESSERT** Treacle Tart and Custard

## FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER

**MAIN** Traditional Fish and Chips, served with Peas or Side Salad

**VEGETARIAN** Homemade Cheese and Onion Pasty served with Chips and Peas or Side Salad

**STREET FOOD** American

**DESSERT** Lemon Meringue Pie

**AVAILABLE DAILY** FRESH CHEF'S SALAD - WHOLE GRAIN BREAD - GRAB AND GO POT MENU



### THE DELI

FRESH CUT SANDWICHES - ROLLS - WRAPS - PITTAS - BAGUETTES  
SEE THE BLACK BOARDS FOR SOUPS, THEME DAYS  
AND THE CHEF'S SPECIAL

**\*ALL OUR MENUS ARE TREE NUT AND PEANUT FREE**

INGREDIENTS CONTAINING GLUTEN (INDICATED BY THE NUMBER 1 ON THE MENU) WILL CONTAIN WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, SPELT, RYE OR KAMUT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF. IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGEN CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CATERING MANAGER. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING WHOLE NUTS OR INGREDIENTS WITH NUTS INTO OUR KITCHENS, SOME PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO 'MAY CONTAIN' STATUS IN MANUFACTURING

WE ONLY USE



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# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

## Results:

RUGBY					
18.09.2021	U15 School Vase	U15	v Gravesend Grammar for Boys	Away	Lost 5-29
	Friendly	U13	v Gravesend Grammar for Boys	Home	Won 50-45
22.09.2021	Friendly	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	v Colfes	Home	Postponed
BASKETBALL					
21.09.2021	Friendly	U13	v Sevenoaks School	Away	Drew 24-24
FOOTBALL					
22.09.2021	NK Premier League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v Christ the King	Home	Won 10-0
	NK 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v Farringtons	Away	Won 4-2

## Fixtures:

FOOTBALL					
27.09.2021	ESFA U14 Playstation Cup, Round 2	U14	V Shenfield High School	Home	KO 3.30pm
27.09.2021	Kent U13B Cup	U13B	V St Pauls Academy	Away	KO 4.15pm
28.09.2021	Kent Messenger Cup	U13	V Thomas Tallis	Home	KO 3.30pm
29.09.2021	ESFA U18 Cup & NK Premier League	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	V Gravesend Grammar	Away	KO 2pm
	NK Division 2 League	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	V North Kent College	Away	KO 2pm
	ESFA U16 Schools Cup	U16	V Richard Challoner	Home	KO 3.45pm
30.09.2021	ESFA U13 Playstations Cup, Round 1	U13	V St Bonaventures	Away	KO 4.15pm
RUGBY					
29.09.2021	National Bowl, Round 1	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	V Gravesend Grammar	Away	KO 2.30pm
02.10.2021	Friendly	U15	V Maidstone GS	Away	KO 10am
	Friendly	U14	V Maidstone GS	Away	KO 10am
	Friendly	U13	V Maidstone GS	Home	KO 10am
	Friendly	U12A	V Maidstone GS	Home	KO 10am
	Friendly	U12B	V Maidstone GS	Home	KO 10am

\*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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# WIZARD OF OZ AUDITIONS

Beths Grammar School Presents

# The Wizard of Oz!



**Vocal and Acting Workshops – 20<sup>th</sup> September  
and 21<sup>st</sup> September (you only need to attend one)**

**Auditions – 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**3:45pm in P3**

**See Ms Grady or Ms Marriott for more information**



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# MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

This weeks Musician of the Week is: Riley

This week we are celebrating Riley for his wonderful guitar skills.

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



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.



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

1. Latest Parents Associations' events
2. How much we need to raise?
3. What are raising money for?
4. Simple and quick ways to donate

Beths Parents Association aims to raise funds and improve the learning environment for our children. Last year we raised £ 1, 344! To simplify the way you can donate, we have set up an annual campaign with a donation link to raise funds for our fantastic projects. By clicking on the link, you could promote your favourite project and help us reach our goals!

## 1. Latest Parents Associations' Events

Online Chess Tournament:

After the success of Beths parents association online chess tournament, we will be running another one on...

**Friday 1st October 2021, 7.30-9pm.**

Please see all details on the flyer on the next page. Alternatively contact [beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com) for more information.



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



## BETHS CHESS TOURNAMENT

 **DATE: FRIDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 2021**

 **TIME: 19:30 - 21:00**

*Featuring WILLIAM JONES (A former Beths student who plays and excels at various regional, national & International chess competitions)*

A Beths Parents Association Initiative - as part of its fund raising activities towards promoting the game of chess and providing chess tables for the students.

To register your interest, please send an email to [beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com)

PARENTS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE BY DONATION, FOLLOW THIS LINK - <https://cafdonate.cafoonline.org/16829>  
[Click on the link or copy the url and paste on your browser]



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme:

### Collection of old foreign currency notes or coins campaign: Our brand new 3Rs scheme

We are collecting old foreign currency, notes, coins or any old currency which are not used anymore. This is an exciting and refreshing event as the whole school will be involved as a house competition.



## Start spreading the word !

### 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 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](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com).



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## PA's vacancies: Chairperson and Secretary:



We are sad to inform you that our PA Chairperson Adele Swart and Secretary Dele Ojomo are both stepping down from their positions, after serving two terms each in the roles. Consequently, both roles will be vacant and open to

nominations/elections at the next AGM in October 2021. Adele and Dele will remain committee members and will be available to support their successors. These two key positions are vital for running the PA and pursuing our objectives. Details of these vacancies can be found on [Beths Parents Association](#) page within the Beths website.

**Thank you to Adele and Dele for their fantastic contribution and work!**

## 2. How much do we need to raise?



Our goal is to raise £10,000 for these fantastic projects:

- Outdoor chess tables-£2,000
- Radio Beths - £5,000
- Musical instruments - £2,000
- Lighting for drama - £1,000
- Among our ambitious future projects, may well include a new mini bus for away PE fixtures!



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## 3. What are we raising money for?

### Outdoor chess tables - £2,000

We have already raised £ 868!!!!

Due to the success of our first online chess tournament, we are organising the next one in October. Thank you to everyone who has donated for this inspiring project. Please donate via

<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. 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>



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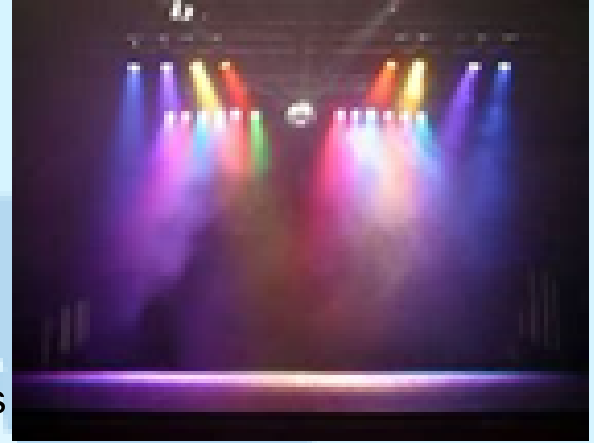
## Drama lighting: £1,000!

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

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.

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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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## 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](https://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](https://smile.amazon.co.uk).

It doesn't cost you anything!



# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

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



Next meeting: AGM on Tuesday 12th  
October, 2021 at 7pm

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



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