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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



As teachers we say, 'children are our best teachers'. Well it's no fallacy to say that for school leaders, 'schools are our best teachers'. Since joining the school under Dr Maxim in 2016 I have learned a vast amount. The Beths community is remarkable in a wide number of ways.

I have learned from many excellent colleagues in the school who are dedicated to inspiring and bringing out the best in the young people here. I have also learned what is possible in the very best of state schools. Personally, and politically, being dedicated to free education for all, it has been an honour to serve what must be one of the most aspirational parental communities in South East London. The potential of the talented young people here is boundless, and I hope I have inspired a few of them to reach for the leadership roles in the future which they are eminently capable of. The current junior prefect leadership scheme is yielding brilliant results and is one such example of this. I hope also that I have shown the students here about the importance of self-discipline, politeness, positive determination and compassion for their peers.



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The students across the school have been showing year-on-year improvements in attitudes to learning over the last five years and the school is in a strong position to improve further as it emerges from the trauma of Covid. I have also been lucky to work with a wide range of amazing parents: ranging from those who generously give up their time to fundraise; those who support the governance of the school; and those who work in partnership with the school to help their children navigate the challenges of teenage individualisation. All-in-all my time here at Beths has been inspirational for me and I hope to take some of the excellence, community and nurturing spirit to my new school as I head out of London.

**Have a great weekend,
Mr Deri O'Regan**



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YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 - 'A TASTE OF ITALY'

On 10th and 17th of March the MFL Department organised a visit to a local Italian restaurant with Y8 and Y9 Italian students. We left the school at lunch time with the boys heading to Melucci's, a typical Italian restaurant in Bexley. In the small and cosy "ambience", surrounded by "panettoni" hanging from the ceiling and tomatoes tins and pasta on the shelves. After having ordered their food and drinks in Italian, the students ate the delicious authentic food whilst listening to typical Italian music. They also had a good chat with the Italian staff who were impressed by their level of Italian. Their behaviour was impeccable and they represented the school as true gentlemen conducting themselves impeccably walking through Bexley village and in the restaurant. Signora Maria, the restaurant owner, could not stop praising them. All students really loved the opportunity to experience this taste of Italy.



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YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 - 'A TASTE OF ITALY'

Some of their comments:

“Va bene! The food was extremely delicious and the waiters kind”,

“The cannoli were very good and the lasagne had a cheesy taste”

“The cannoli was extremely incredible”

“The trip was exquisite!”

“The food was amazing. The music brought images of Italian scenery. Dessert was my favourite!”

“Va bene, ciao, bellissimo!”

“It’s a long day if you didn’t come here!”

“The food was inspiring, the atmosphere was electric and the staff were supportive”

“The atmosphere was incredible”

“The food was extremely delicious, the waiters were extremely kind, it was nice and cosy, just like an authentic Italian restaurant”

“I enjoyed the food even though despite being a picky eater”



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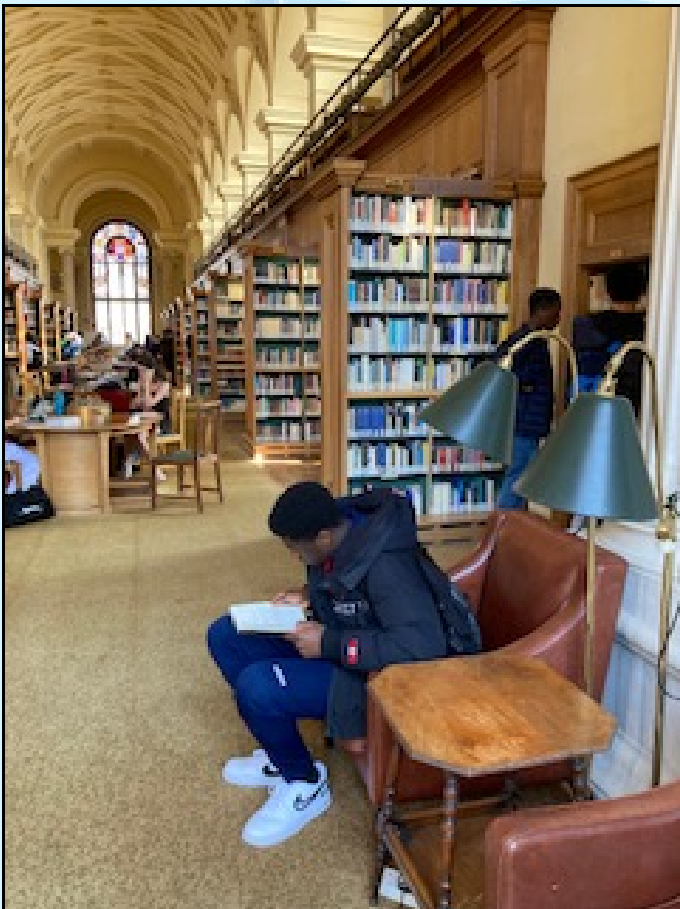
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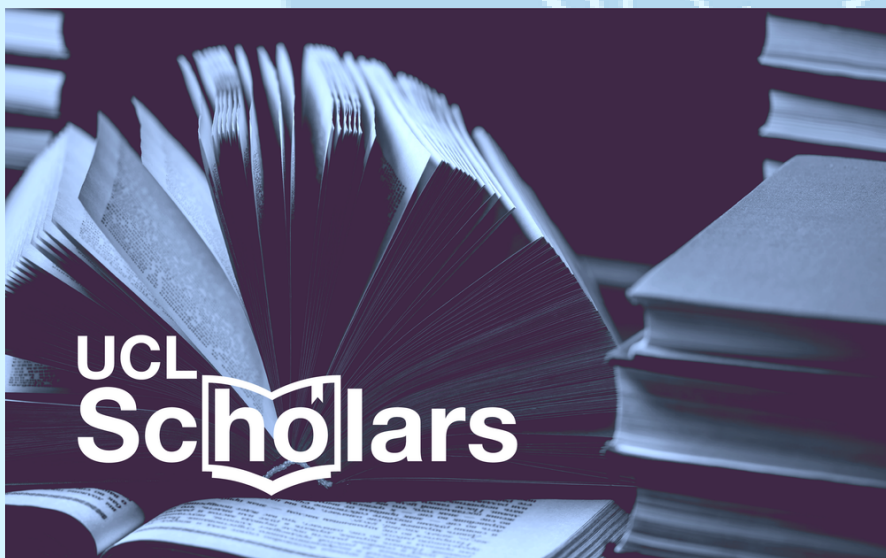
YEAR 10 CAMBRIDGE TRIP

Year 10 students had an amazing time visiting Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge yesterday. They learnt all about university life and the range of courses on offer as well as what sets Oxbridge apart from other universities. They spoke with students from a range of different courses and backgrounds and enjoyed a tour of the college, its beautiful grounds and awe-inspiring library. The weather was fantastic, and Cambridge looked beautiful in the spring sunshine with cherry blossom, daffodils, and hyacinths providing lots of colour.



UCL SCHOLARS

At the end of 2021 a handful of people were accepted onto the UCL Scholars programme: Uriel, Abi and David M in 9A, Leroy in 9B, Emmanuel in 9C and Osaivbie in 9H. It is an opportunity that we are all grateful for. This programme, hosted by one of the most esteemed universities in Britain, provides us with not only experience, but a remarkable chance to further develop our literacy skills. Within the programme, we complete various assignments which are as challenging as they are rewarding and we are also given the privilege of having student mentors who are exceptional in their field. Additionally, the Scholars programme allows us to gain a detailed insight into university life on, off and around campus. All in all, this entire programme is appreciated by every single one of us and we are extremely thankful for it. - Uriel 9A



- By Uriel 9A



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CHINESE EXPERIENCE CLUB

During KS3 Chinese Experience Club students made and designed blue and white porcelain.

Chinese Experience Club runs every Monday in S18 and is open to all KS3 students! Next week's topic will be Han Chinese Clothing and Tea Ceremony.



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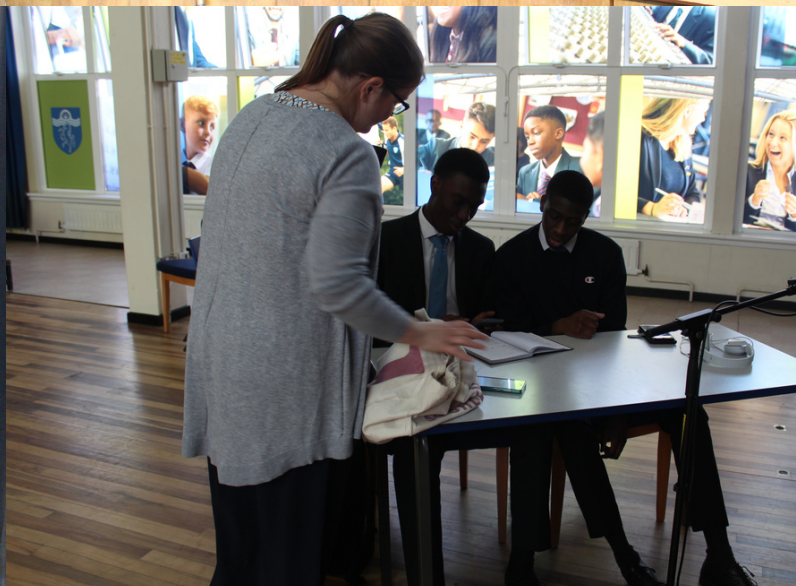
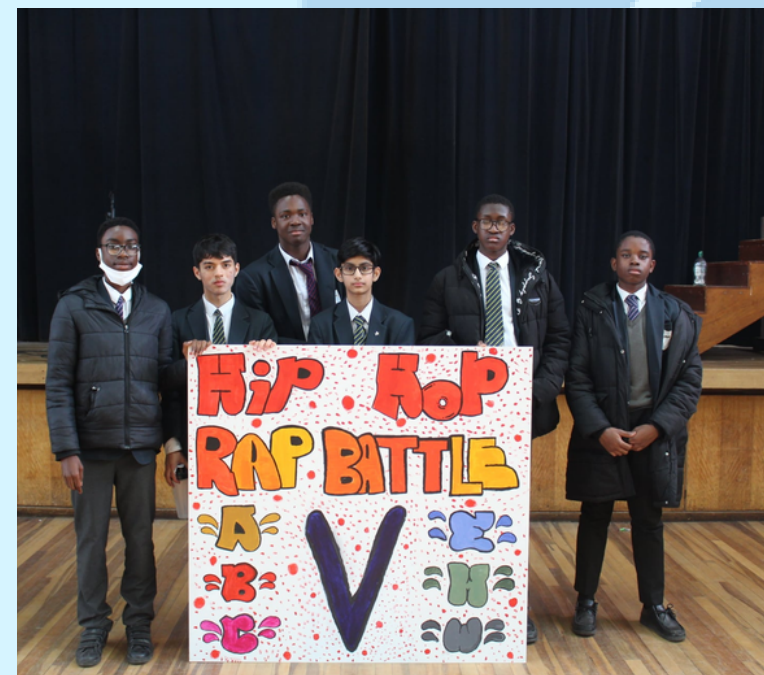


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YEAR 9 HIP HOP RAP BATTLE

Some Year 9 students took part in a very exciting inter-house Hip Hop Rap Battle today during lunch. Well done to all those who participated and thank you to our Year 13 judges who gave great feedback and helped us pick who will go through to the finals!

Finals will be held 1st April so look out for content from that!



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And that's a wrap! Well done to all cast and production members who made all three nights of our school production of The Wizard of Oz a success! You've all done so well and we are so proud of you.

Here are some lovely comments from the audience Wow!", "Loved it", "Great costumes", "I'll be back next year", "it's so nice to be back", "the cast were amazing".

Let us know your thoughts and reactions!

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KS3 ECO - CLUB

News from KS3 Eco Club- Earth Hour March 2022

What is it?

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement organized by the WWF. The event is held annually, encouraging individuals, communities, and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights. It is also for the world to take accountability for their ecological footprint and engage in dialogue and resource exchange that provides real solutions to our environmental challenges.

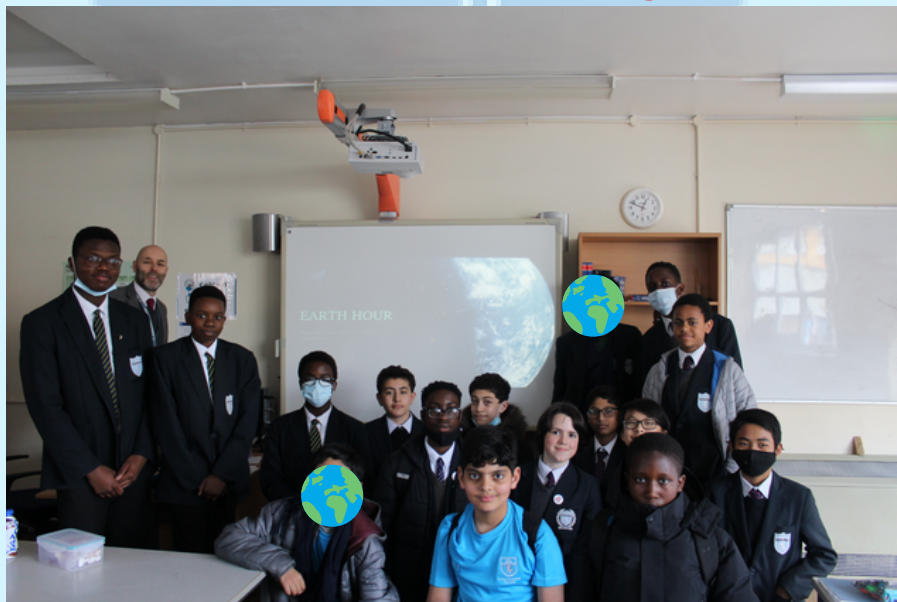
When is it?

Earth Hour is on the 26th of March from 8:30pm to 9:30p.m. This is a symbol of commitment to the planet.

What to do:

1. Turn your lights off
2. Turn off electrical appliances, such as mobile devices
3. Take a walk outside and enjoy some fresh air!
4. Try not to use any modes of transport that are polluting.
5. Spread the word about Earth Hour to your friends and family

For more information: www.earthhour.org



STEM OLYMPIAD CLUBS

The Junior Prefects have been busy this year. After working closely with the careers team to help set up online work experience, they have recently turned their attention to STEM Olympiad competitions. The picture below shows a Junior Prefect putting younger students through their paces with mind-boggling mathematical conundrums on a Tuesday before school.



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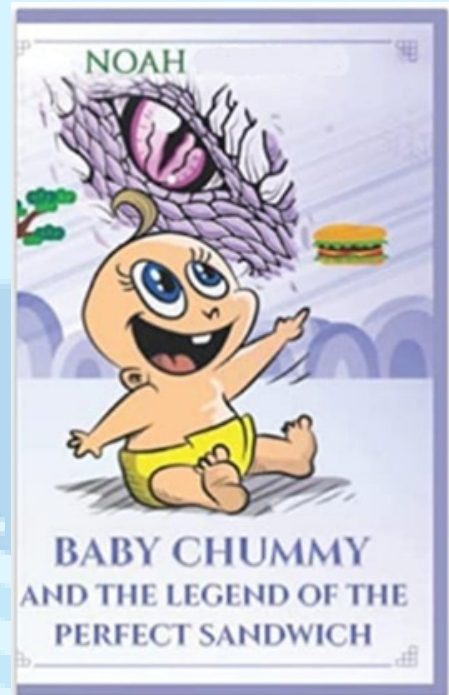
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NOAH'S BOOK

Earlier this month Noah in 7E became a published author. His book is now available in the LRC for everyone to read! His book can also be purchased through Amazon

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B09TJKKRQD/ref=cm_sw_r_sms_api_glt_D5FQDS3QTZ1PNPJK2A0X

Congratulations once again!



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KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 89p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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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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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Results for week commencing 21st March:

FOOTBALL					
22.03.22	KS4 North Kent Comp Semi Finals	U15A	V Harris Falconwood	Home	Won 4 – 2
23.03.22	League	1 st XI	V Christ The King, Sidcup	Away	Won 1 - 4
23.03.22	League	2 nd XI	V Farringtons	Away	Draw 3 – 3
Basketball					
21.03.22	Kent Basketball Semi Finals	U16A	V Trinity	Home	Won 63 - 24
22.03.22	Kent Basketball Semi Finals	U17A	V Folkestone Academy	Away	Lost 80 - 77
22.03.22	Kent Basketball Semi Finals	U14A	V St John's Catholic School	Away	Won 26 - 45
Rugby					
18.03.22	South London Super 10s Tournament	1 st XV	V Roebucks Rugby Academy	Away @ Charlton Rugby Club	Won 2 games Lost 1 Game

Fixtures for week commencing 25th March:

FOOTBALL					
28.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp Quarter Finals	U12A	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Away	KO 3:30pm
29.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp Semi Finals	U13B	V King Henry	Home	KO 3pm
30.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp Quarter Finals	U13A	V St Columba's	Home	KO 3:30pm
30.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp Semi Finals	U12B	V Hurstmere	Away	KO 3:30pm
31.03.22	KS3 North Kent Comp Quarter Finals	U12A	V Bexley Grammar	Home	KO 3pm



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BASKETBALL					
24.03.22	Kent Basketball Semi Finals	U12A	V Hayes	Home	Tip Off 3pm
28.03.22	Kent Basketball Semi Finals	U15A	V Langley Park School for Boys	Away	Tip off 3:45pm
29.03.22	Kent Basketball Finals	U13A	V Hayes School	Neutral (Northfleet School)	Tip off 10am
30.03.22	Kent Basketball Semi Finals	U18A	V The North School	Away	Tip off 3:30pm
01.04.22	Kent Basketball Finals	U14A	V Langley Park School for Boys	Neutral (Northfleet School)	Tip off 12pm
01.04.22	Kent Basketball Finals	U16A	V TBA	Neutral (Northfleet School)	Tip off 2pm



*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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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

1. PA's new fundraising campaign: Spring Concert: promoting the Musical instruments campaign

The Beths Parents' Association are keeping busy and will be supporting the Music Department fantastic **Spring Concert on Thursday 29th March** by providing refreshments and organising a much-appreciated raffle with great prizes.



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Lighting for drama: £627 have been raised

THANK YOU for your continuous support. 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.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

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.

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

Easter holidays are approaching...



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

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:

3. 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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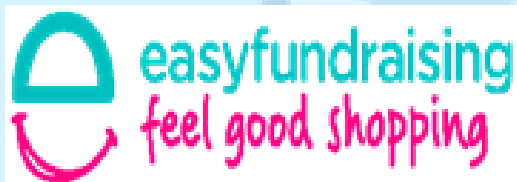
BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

2. Raise money for these thrilling projects and Giftaid it! Generating donations and it doesn't cost you anything!



Many among us are shopping online! Help us raise more funds while you do 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



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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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.



Why not become a Sponsor by donating and having your business logo published on our pages! Please contact us for more details:

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

Important dates

- Every Wednesday: Bring your Coins Collection @ PSHE
- Spring Concert: Thursday 29th March from 6.00pm - Refreshments available and our Fantastic Raffle



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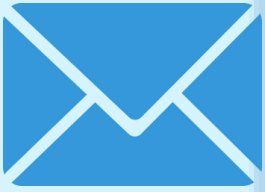
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



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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