

Week ending 26 February 2021

BETHS VIP

(Very Important Publication)



Messages from Mr Blyghton, Headteacher

You will have seen my letter yesterday giving some details regarding our plans for our return to school on Monday 8 March. We will be in touch with you next week as to the time slot that your child will be required to come in for their test and again, I would ask that they stick with this time slot to ensure a smooth running of our testing process.

I will also re-iterate the plans for the organisation of the school day which have been tweaked further. I am looking to follow the strong recommendations made by the Government that face coverings are expected to be worn properly by students in all areas of the school, including classrooms. Recreation areas will be exempt from this requirement.

I will also be in touch again next week once we have had time to digest further the Government's announcement regarding GCSE and A Level examination results. We want to ensure that we have robust data to enable us to give results that, we believe, are as accurate as possible. If you would to read the result of the consultation, the link is

[6747-1_decisions_-_GQ_consultation_on_awarding_grades_in_2021.pdf](#)

Once we are clear about the way forward I will look to contact Years 11 and 13 through MS Teams and explain our rationale and answer pre-arranged questions submitted by students and parents.

Dates for your diary

[Monday 1 March](#)

National Offer Day

[Thursday 4 March](#)

Full Student Council
(Ms Sangster to email all students)

[Monday 8 March](#)

School re-opens—
lateral flow tests for students commence

[Thursday 11 March](#)

Year 7 Student Council Meeting (Ms Sangster to email students)



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**COMIC
RELIEF**

Are you ready to participate in our next challenge?

Everyone, irrespective of their fitness level will be able to participate in this challenge and it is for a great cause, Comic Relief (Friday 19 March 2021). We have looked towards an aspirational goal this time and so will be running, walking, cycling, cross training or rowing (for all those who have home gym equipment) from the school to the University of Oxford (virtually, of course!). This will be a 100 mile challenge or 160km.

We understand that this is a huge challenge for a lot of people but even just participating is a reward in itself. You have decided to take something, head on and make your way to reach a goal. As this is for Comic Relief we would like to ask everyone taking part to either get sponsored, perhaps for every 5 or 10 miles or even donate yourselves once you reach the target of 100 miles. A directly accessible donation page has been set up in ParentPay where you can use your debit or credit card to make a contribution to Comic Relief at <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2101> and where you will also be given the opportunity to make a Gift Aid Contribution if you are a UK Taxpayer. Alternatively, you can make a payment by logging into ParentPay using your personal username and password as usual.

Unfortunately the Strava App hasn't worked like we have hoped but we are aware that many of you have already signed up and are tracking your distances. Please keep logging your distances and as soon as you reach that amazing goal of 100 miles, please let Mr Webb know!

If anyone would like to share an image of them taking part in the challenge that would be great – especially if you are doing it on a scooter! Please send all footage to mrwebb@beths.bexley.sch.uk, or alternatively tag the Beths PE and Sport Twitter.





The Music Department would like to invite you to watch their Winter Concert.

Around this time of year we would have usually put on an amazing musical performance in the Main School Hall but unfortunately, like everything else, we have had to film this virtually for you all to see. Please click on the link below to watch the outstanding performances from our students.

[Beths Grammar School - Music & Performing Arts](#)

We hope next time we will be able to have a live audience!! Fingers crossed!

Tomorrow, Saturday 27 February is the final day of the Chinese New Year celebrations and is called the Lantern Festival. Mr Stein's Year 7 students have drawn these wonderful pictures in lieu of the celebrations!



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

To be part of this amazing fundraising option, please follow the steps below:



Please go to smile.amazon.co.uk and search for Beths Parents Association. You need to start each shopping session at the URL smile.amazon.co.uk. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible purchases. It doesn't cost anything.



If you shop elsewhere online, please join Easyfundraising. Again, it costs nothing and Beths PA will automatically receive a donation. You can sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/BethsPA and we will automatically receive a donation anytime you shop. If you are eligible, please also give gift aid to maximise the donation.

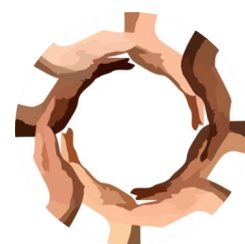
Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact us at beths.parents.association@gmail.com if you have any queries or ideas about how we can raise funds and support our children through this challenging time.

***The Multicultural Committee now have their very own
Instagram page:***



@multiculturalcommittee

Please go check it out and



*To have a look at our Reading List, please click on the link below
and find 'English Reading List'*

[Beths Grammar School - Super Curriculum](#)

BETHS ALUMNI

I was a student at Beths from 2002 to 2009, finishing my time as the school's Vice Captain. I then managed to successfully apply to the Royal Air Force to commence Officer Training and the Pilot Training instead of attending University upon completion of my A Levels.

Since then, I have completed my training and have completed numerous overseas assignments, and am now living in Texas, USA instructing the next generation of UK, US and NATO fighter pilots. I often return to Beths to help with Year 8 Camp which I remember as being one of my best memories whilst at school. I am gutted that the current Year 9s have missed out!

I was asked "what would your one bit of advice be to current students?", and I would respond, "Work hard and put the time in now to set a good foundation for your future. But remember to have fun, enjoy yourself, go outside, and make friends - they'll be your friends regardless of where you or they end up! "

Written by Craig Allison

Picture taken by the T-38 C Talon , the United States Air Force jet trainer aircraft, Texas, USA



We love to hear from any of our ex-students as to what they have achieved since leaving Beths so, please do keep us updated!

Contact us at headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk with any career updates and also photos, videos or even articles you have written about your memories of the school—we would love to share them with current staff and students.

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[Choose Your STEM Work Experience - InvestIN Education](#)

[Choose Your Work Experience \(Ages 12-14\) - InvestIN Education](#)



Nurse. Bio-Medical Scientist. Chef. Cyber Engineer. Musician. HR Specialist. Tank Crewman. With over 76 entry level specialisms, the range of careers in the British Army might surprise you.

In each one of these roles there are opportunities to gain qualifications – with 98% of new soldiers starting an apprenticeship. Our new video takes you on a tour of roles across the Army’s seven career streams, and is perfect to show students this National Careers Week.

[Army Careers Presentation Films 1 - 2 on Vimeo](#)

INSIGHT INTO ARMY CAREERS VIRTUAL EVENT - 5TH MARCH

Join us for a whistle stop tour of Army Careers to celebrate National Careers Week. This virtual event is for students and teachers interested in finding out more about Army opportunities; no previous knowledge required. We’ll also be looking at the qualifications on offer including apprenticeships and degrees, as well as the [Army Foundation College, Harrogate](#).

[National Careers Week – Insight into Army Careers virtual event - 5th March \(adobeconnect.com\)](#)

For more information on careers and apprenticeships, please head over to our website.

[Beths Grammar School - Career and Apprenticeship Information](#)

There is now information on Summer Schools 2021 on our Super Curriculum page. Please take a look to see if there is anything there that interests you.

[Beths Grammar School - Super Curriculum](#)

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We are currently living through unusual and exceptional times and it may be that you, or a member of your family, are experiencing difficulties and need some form of support. Below is a list of a variety of helplines, which may be able to help:

Samaritans – 116 123

SANEline – http://www.sane.org.uk/what_we_do/support/helpline or 0300 304 7000.

SANEline is a national out-of-hours mental health helpline offering specialist emotional support, guidance and information to anyone affected by mental illness, including family, friends and carers. We are open every day of the year from 4.30pm to 10.30pm

CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) – 0800 58 58 58 or <https://www.thecalmzone.net/>

Anyone can hit crisis point. We run a free and confidential helpline and webchat – 7 hours a day, 7 days a week for anyone who needs to talk about life's problems. We support those bereaved by suicide, through the Support After Suicide Partnership (SASP).

Drinkline – The National Alcohol Helpline - 0300 123 1110 or <https://www.wellaware.org.uk/organisation/drinkline-the-national-alcohol-helpline/>

Confidential advice and information on all aspects of alcohol. Calls are free.

Drinkline offers the following services:

- * Information and self-help materials
- * Help to callers worried about their own drinking
- * Support to the family and friends of people who are drinking
- * Advice to callers on where to go for help

Talk to Frank – 0300 1236600 or <https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Targeted confidential advice for young people around all legal and illicit substances.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline – <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/> or 0808 2000 247

CRUSE Bereavement Care – <https://www.cruse.org.uk/> or 0808 808 1677

Cruse offers telephone, email and website support. We have a Freephone national helpline and local services, and a website (hopeagain.org.uk) specifically for children and young people. Our services are provided by our network of 5,000 trained volunteers and are confidential and free. Cruse also provides training and consultancy for external organisations and for those who may encounter bereaved people in the course of their work.

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