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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers,



We have only been back three weeks and yet it feels like we have completed a whole term already! At the beginning of this term, our Year 13s completed their mock examinations and returned to normal lessons this week. Their mock examination results will be shared with them shortly.

I would like to congratulate the U13B football team who have made it to the finals of the Kent Schools FA, against Hurstmere. Details are below if anyone is interested in attending the match:

location: Herne Bay FC
Saturday 28th January
kick-off 13.30

Tickets available online can be bought here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kent-u13-small-schools-b-team-final-tickets-507560185177>

Earlier this month I mentioned that four of our Year 13 students have secured offers from Oxford University. This week we found out that three Year 13 students have secured offers from Cambridge! Congratulations to Romil, Douglas and Jedida.

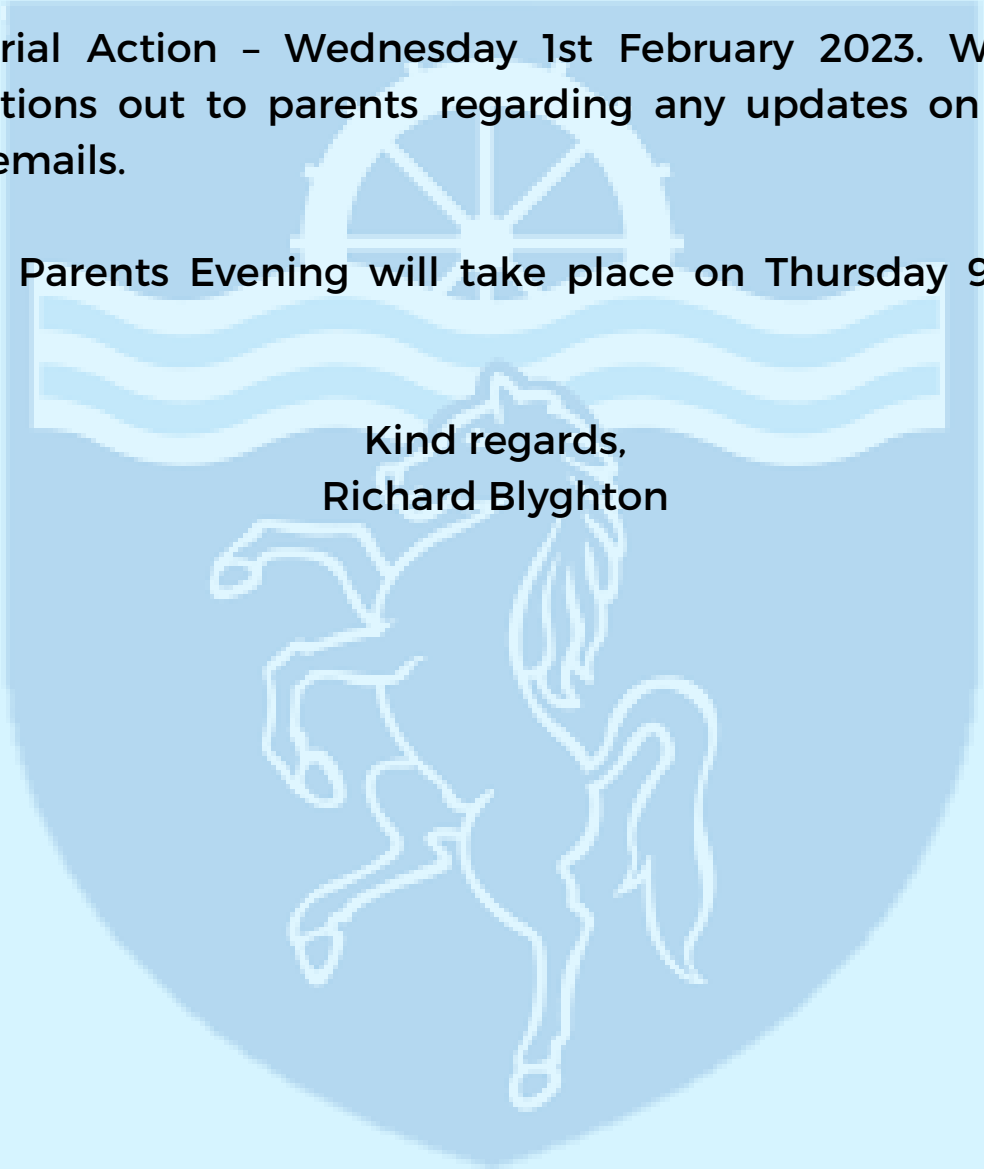


Today we saw the last of our Sixth Form Open Events take place. We have welcomed almost 500 families to view our school since the end of November. The deadline for Sixth Form Applications is on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Coming up:

NEU Industrial Action - Wednesday 1st February 2023. We will send communications out to parents regarding any updates on this. Please check your emails.

The Year 12 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 9th February 2023.



Kind regards,
Richard Blyghton



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SCIENCE WEEK

During the week of 10th - 19th March, we will be celebrating Science Week. There will be a range of activities put on by the science department for all year groups, including a KS3 poster design competition.

Science Week
10 - 19th March 2023
Theme: CONNECTIONS

Humans and climate change

Chemical bonding

Organ Systems

Structures in buildings

...and more!

Look out for upcoming activities in the science block!

The poster features a dark blue background with various scientific illustrations: a Bohr-style atom with a red nucleus and yellow electrons, a DNA double helix, a purple planet with a ring system, a molecular structure with blue and yellow atoms, and a colorful spiral galaxy. The text is in a playful, rounded font.



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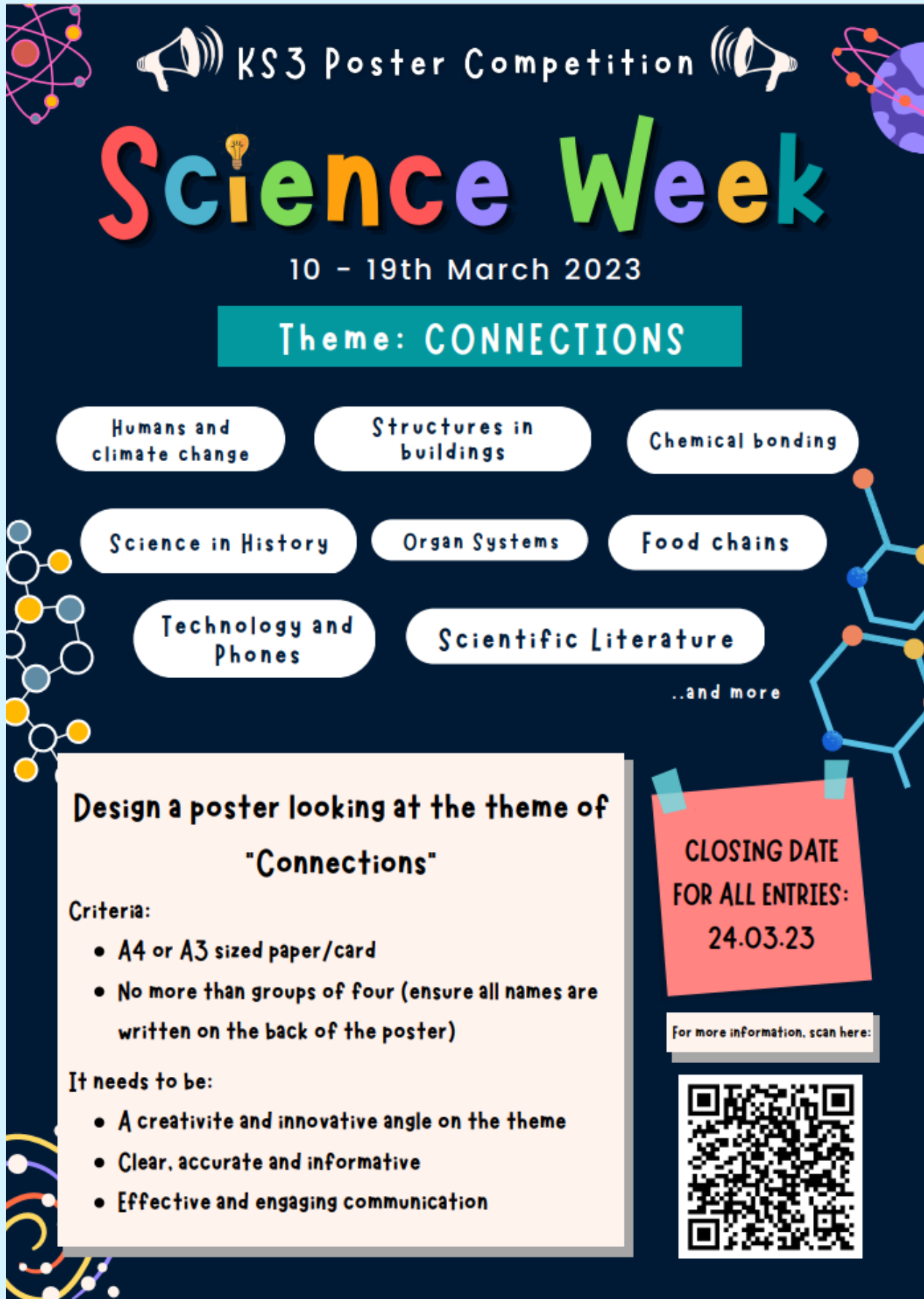


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SCIENCE WEEK



The poster features a dark blue background with various scientific icons like atoms, a globe, and a lightbulb. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the event name and dates, followed by the theme, a list of topics, and detailed instructions for the competition. A QR code and a closing date are also included.

KS3 Poster Competition

Science Week

10 - 19th March 2023

Theme: CONNECTIONS

Humans and climate change Structures in buildings Chemical bonding

Science in History Organ Systems Food chains

Technology and Phones Scientific Literature

..and more

Design a poster looking at the theme of "Connections"

Criteria:


- A4 or A3 sized paper/card
- No more than groups of four (ensure all names are written on the back of the poster)

It needs to be:

- A creative and innovative angle on the theme
- Clear, accurate and informative
- Effective and engaging communication

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES: 24.03.23

For more information, scan here:



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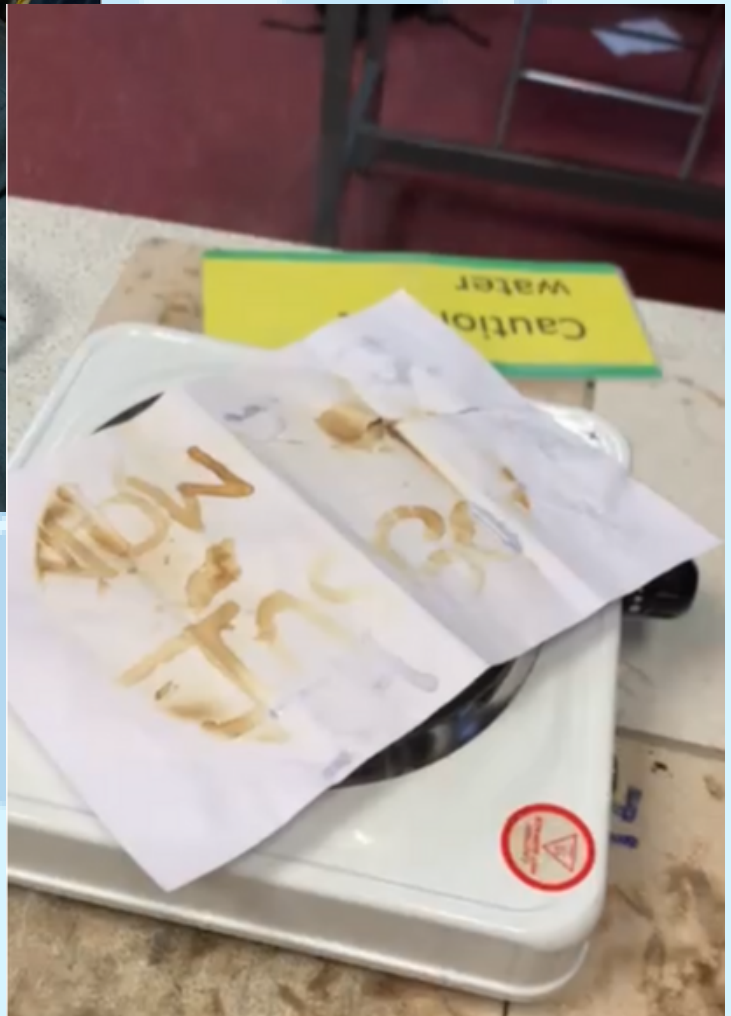
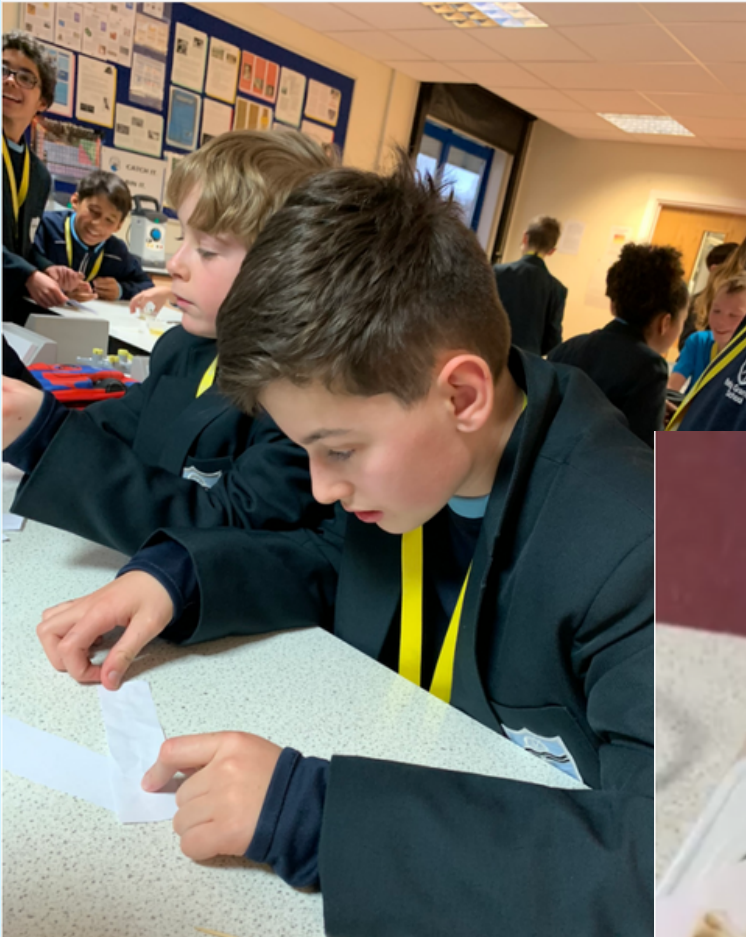
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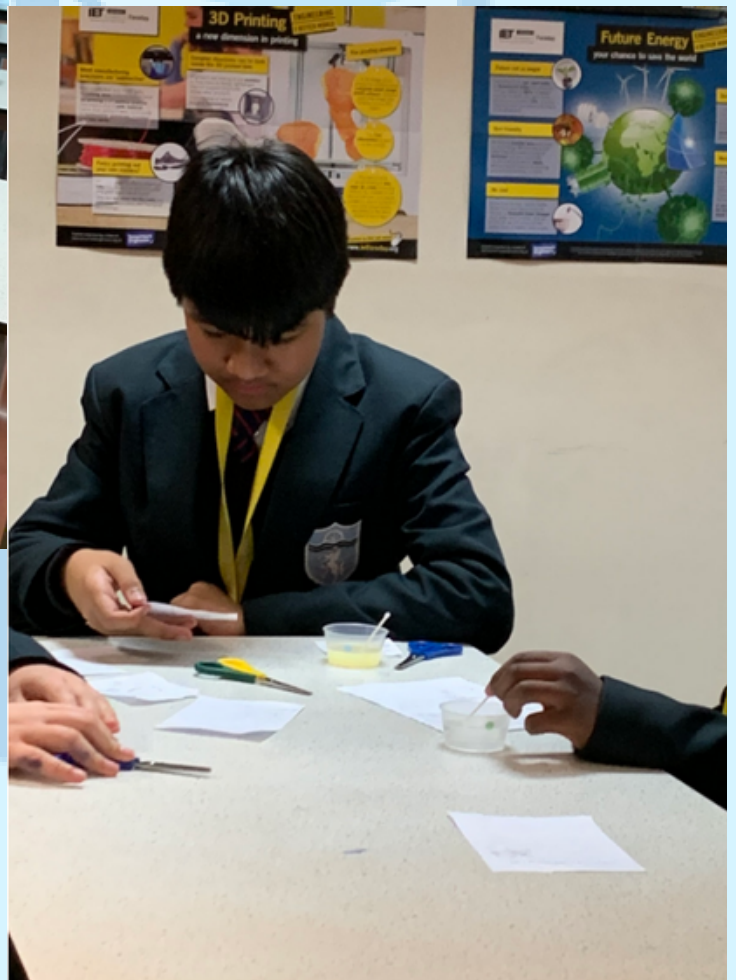
STEM CLUB

This term during STEM Club students are participating in a course called "survival in a desert island". This is an 8-week long project filled with of different activities enabling them to enter for a crest certificate at the end.



STEM CLUB

Students wrote a secret message and used heat to reveal it. Doing this allowed them to explore how heat can decompose a substance, changing its colour and making it visible. Students used natural resources to write the secret message, many naturally occurring substances don't have pigment, but if they change the substance by heating it, colour can be achieved.



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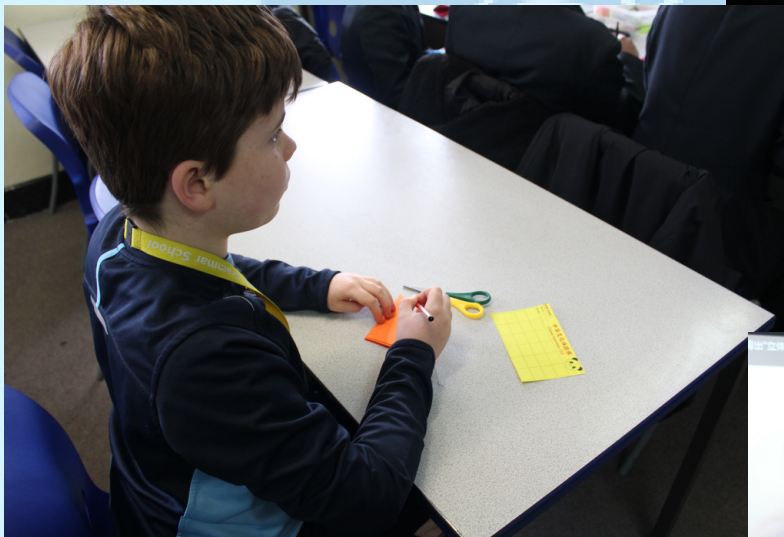
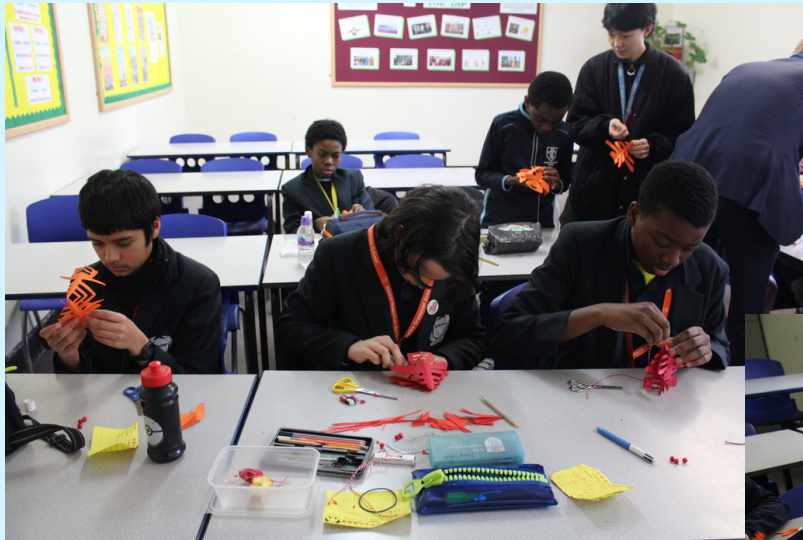
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CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Happy Chinese New Year, this year is the year of the rabbit! As part of the Chinese New Year celebrations students made Chinese paper cuttings. Excellent work everyone!



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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/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=50>

KS3 Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 - 8.30am			KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	
Lunch	French Club EVEN WEEK S19 Ms James Spanish Club EVEN WEEK S16 Ms Bridge Reading Club EVEN WEEK B5 Ms Monteith U14 Basketball Sports Hall Year 8 Rugby Field	LGBTQ+ Society S18 Mr Stein Drama Club P3 Ms Monteith Year 7 Basketball	Eco Club ODD WEEK A4 Mr Glendinning Humanities club EVEN WEEK M2 Ms Palmer Music Appreciation 12:15-12:45pm P2 Y8 Dungeons and Dragons DandT Hub Ms Commerford Collegium Antiquum 12.15 start S19 Mr Simpson	Connect Club EVEN WEEK B4 Ms Takeda KS3 Badminton Sports Hall	DT Club A9 Mr Knott Manga Club ODD WEEK B4 Ms Takeda* Animation Club A3 Ms Twinem Creative Writing ODD WEEK B2 Lady Irving-Gale Music Support Session 12:00-12:45pm P2
After School	Run Club School Field Mr Walter Beths Youth Band 3:40-4:45 P1 ** Group Piano lessons 3:30-4:30 P2 Year 7 Rugby Field STEM Club Y7 S12 Ms Sarker	Memrise Clinic S16 Ms Bridge Music Enrichment - Audition only Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in the Main School Hall Year 8 Rugby Field Year 9 Rugby Field	Theatre Production 3.45-4.30 P3 Ms Grady* Year 7 Football Field ** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00 beginners; 4:00-4:30 intermediate in P2	Warhammer S1 (3.40 start) Mr Turnbull Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm P1 Year 9 Football Field U14 Basketball Sports Hall	U13 Basketball Sports Hall Beths Big Band 3:40-4:45pm P2

KS4 Clubs

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Tap and Rap 1:10-1:45pm P1 History Club EVEN WEEK M5 Maths Club B12 Mr Khalid Chess Club A2 Mr Healy	Y11 Study Club (13.20-13.50) B4 Ms Takeda Music Revision 1:10-1:45pm P1 Philosophy Society ODD WEEK M2 Ms May and Ms Moffat	Eco Club EVEN WEEK A4 Ms Purbrick Poetry Club EVEN WEEK B1 Dr Easton U16 Basketball Sports Hall English Revision Club ODD WEEK B5 Reading Club ODD WEEK B5 Ms Monteith Music Theory Club at 1:10pm-1:45pm P1	Psychology Club MCC Mr Walsh and Ms Moffat Debating Club M4 Mr Chamberlain	LGBTQ+ Society (ODD- S19 , EVEN S15) Ms Harris Social Sciences Reading Club FIRST ODD FRIDAY OF MONTH M4 Film Club B6 Ms Quinn and Mr Russell Y11 Study Club (13.20-13.50) B4 Ms Takeda
After School	Year 10 Rugby Field ** Group Piano lessons 3:30-4:30 P2	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in the Main School Hall	U16 Basketball Sports Hall ** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00 beginners; 4:00-4:30 intermediate in P2 Theatre Production 3.45-4.30 P3 Ms Grady*	Warhammer S1 Mr Turnbull Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm P1 Year 10 Football Field	Beths Big Band 3:40-4:45pm P2

CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

KS5 Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 - 8.30am				Gym Club (Max 15 people) - Weights Room Mr Webb	
	<p>Tap and Rap 1:10-1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott</p> <p>History Club (EVEN WEE) - M5</p> <p>Chess Club - A2 Mr Healy</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group- C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>KSS Chemistry Club - S8</p> <p>KSS Physics Olympiad Club - S1</p> <p>Gender Equality Society - A7B Ms Ewing</p>	<p>Philosophy Society (ODD WEEK) - M2 Ms May and Ms Moffat</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Computer Science interview prep - S1 Mr Beaney</p>	<p>Eco Club (EVEN WEEK) A4 Ms Purbrick and Mr Glendinning</p> <p>Music Theory Club at 1:10pm-1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott</p> <p>Poetry Club (EVEN WEEK) - B1 Dr Easton</p> <p>English Revision Club (ODD WEEK) - B5</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Reading Club (ODD WEEK) - B5 Ms Monteith</p> <p>KSS Maths Olympiad Club - B12 Mr Khalid</p> <p>Personal Statement Clinic - LRC Mr Beaney</p>	<p>Group Therapy* - C4 Denise Brett-Smith</p> <p>Music Revision 1:10-1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott</p> <p>Psychology Club - MCC Mr Walsh and Ms Moffat</p> <p>Debating Club - M4 Mr Chamberlain</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Yu-Gi-Oh Club - A5 Mr Walter</p> <p>Informatics Olympiad club - IT1</p> <p>BMAT physics support for Medics - S0 Mr Beaney</p>	<p>LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-S19, EVEN S15) Ms Harris</p> <p>Social Sciences Reading Club FIRST (ODD FRIDAY OF MONTH) - M4</p> <p>Film Club - B6 Ms Quinn and Mr Russell</p> <p>Muslim Prayer group - C3 Mr Ahmed</p> <p>Multi-Cultural Committee - MCC 1-1.30pm</p>
Lunchtime					
			<p>Music Technology Club Venue TBC Ms Marriott</p> <p>1st XI Football PE</p> <p>2nd XI Football PE</p> <p>6th Form Basketball Sports Hall PE</p> <p>6th Form Girls Football PE</p> <p>** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00 beginners; 4:00-4:30 intermediate in P2 Ms Marriott</p>	<p>Warhammer S1 Mr Turnbull</p> <p>Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm P1 Ms Marriott</p>	<p>Beths Big Band 3:40-4:45pm P2 Ms Marriott</p>
After School/ Wednesday P3	<p>** Group Piano lessons 3:30-4:30 P2</p> <p>Engineering A6 Mr Morgan</p>	<p>Girls Rugby Field Ms Ewing</p> <p>Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in the Main School Hall Ms Marriott</p>			



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SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commencing 16th January 2023

FOOTBALL					
23.01.23	KSFA Rd 5	U16	V St Gregory's Catholic School	Away	Lost 4-1
24.01.23	KSFA	U14	V Trinity School, Croydon	Away	Lost 6 - 2
25.01.23	KSFA Q Final	1 st XI	V Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys	Away	Won 2 – 3
27.01.23	KSFA Rd 2	2 nd XI	V Norton Knatchbull Grammar School	Home	Won 2 - 0

Fixtures for week commencing 23rd January

FOOTBALL					
27.01.23	Area Cup	U12A	V St Columba's Catholic Boys School	Away	KO 3:00pm
16.01.23	KSFA Finals	U13B	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Neutral, Herne Bay FC	KO 1:30pm
30.01.23	Area Cup	U13B	V St Paul's Academy	Away	KO 3:30pm
01.02.23	Kent League	1 st XI	V Langley Park School for Boys	Home	KO 2pm
01.02.23	Friendly	1 st XI Girls	V The Archbishop's School	Away	KO 2pm
03.03.23	Area Cup	U12B	V St Paul's Academy	Home	KO 2pm
BASKETBALL					
30.01.23	Kent League	U14A	V The City Academy, Hackney	Home	Tip off 4pm
31.01.23	Kent League	U16A	V Northfleet Technology College	Home	Tip off 4pm
02.02.23	Kent League	U15A	V Trinity CofE School	Home	Tip off 4pm
02.02.23	Kent League	U12A	V Trinity CofE School	Away	Tip off 4pm
03.02.23	Kent League	U13A	V Trinity CofE School	Home	Tip off 4pm

*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)

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 of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, 1Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Latest Parents' Association events:

The BETHS Parent Association is actively working on the coming fundraising events on a series of items for which you can all hear about on Classlist.

The BETHS Parents Associations mission is: To bring together parents, teachers and scholars by raising funds to make the school a better place to learn, whilst strengthening the school community.

We plan to achieve this by: building the community, understanding causes for the unmet needs and wants, and care via fundraising to support an enriched learning and social environment for the school.

You can find more details on this at <http://playbook.bethspa.co.uk>

Community

We are building the parent community using Classlist and you can join using the information below. Thanks to all the parents that have been joining to date, and we hope it will be valuable for you over the years.

Causes: The BETHS Parents Association has been working with the school to understand causes that need our support to help the scholars. We have identified a series of projects that we will be working with you over the next few months, including a basketball scoreboard, 1st XV rugby shirts, 3D Printers and many more items.

Care: We are looking to organise several events for fundraising for which we will share more details on Classlist. For awareness we are planning.

1.Quiz Night: This will help contributed to a memorial basketball scoreboard for the school. Start getting your team ready for the special day.



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2. Online Chess Tournament: Following the success of 2022 Online chess tournament we will be looking to organise this in the spring term. This raised funds for chess tables in the school last year. To find out more join Classlist.

3. Company Match Funding opportunities: We have received match funding from parents working at Microsoft which is enabling us to fund causes. If your organisation or company runs these schemes, please reach out.

Community

One of the key projects for us is building an even stronger Parents, Guardians and Careers community. BETHS PA is inviting all BETHS Parents, Guardians and Careers to join our BETHS Classlist community for the latest news, understand social events, build relationships between parents in a simple to use application called **Classlist**. To join the BETHS Classlist go to <http://join.bethspa.co.uk> or scan the QR code below and this will help you join the community from any device.

For more information on Classlist please find information below.



Join our school on Classlist
Classlist is the parent app that brings you into the heart of our school community.

- ✓ Get in touch with parents in our school
- ✓ Ask questions to the parents in your child's class
- ✓ See what's coming up for you and your child
- ✓ Find like-minded friends in our community
- ✓ Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
- ✓ Buy event tickets & RSVP to invitations

I can stay in the loop with important school info & PTA events coming up

Now I know who my child is friends with, I can get in touch with their parents

Round-up emails help me keep up with what's going on even when I'm busy

I can ask the parents in my child's class questions

It helps me to see who's who at my school and see who lives nearby

I can organise my child's birthday party and see who's coming

Is Classlist moderated?
Yes! This keeps our community friendly, welcoming and useful.

How much information do I need to share?
You're in control! You decide how much information to share and what notifications you want.

Is Classlist safe?
Yes! It's fully GDPR-compliant, private and secure.

Sign up today! It's easy and completely free

- 1 Download the Classlist app on iOS or Android
- 2 Select our school and sign up

Smarter together. www.classlist.com



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Causes;

The Beths Parents Association are currently evaluating a series of causes for the school. These include new 1st XV rugby shirts, 3D Printers for Design clubs, Guest speakers, Duke of Edinburgh kit, and a number of other items we will share shortly.

BETHS Oddballs Bobble Hats

It's getting nippy outside, jack frost is here, and your scholars are now getting cold heads with the frost in the morning and evenings!!! What do you do?

The BETHS Parents Association has partnered with Oddballs to organise bobble hats. Oddballs is a foundation that raises awareness of testicular cancer.



The bobble hats can be purchased here <http://store.bethspa.co.uk/> and will be getting delivered late January.

These are one size fits all. And if your scholar is doing Rugby or Football training OR even just going back and forth from school this will be essential.

The price would be around £18.50 per hat and all profit goes back to the school.

These are typically sold for £20

Any questions ask in Classlist or email info@bethspa.co.uk



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Fundraising

When shopping online with Easyfundraising, click on the link below and select BETHS Parents Association:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/BethsPA



Your BETHS PA monthly draw is still open, Get your ticket now!



Thank you to all families who are generously supporting the PA by buying tickets. Many are getting their families and friends actively involved!

This is an effortless way that not only supports our fund raising but also gives you the chance to win either a £20 or £10 monthly prize. To purchase your lucky numbers please complete the enclosed form and return it to the school office. Each number costs only £7, payable via the link below: <http://monthlydrawer.bethspa.co.uk> or scan QR code:



or via school's Parent Pay system when your son starts in year 7, which allow entry for the 12 monthly and 4 quarterly draws. The winning numbers are randomly drawn at the monthly PA meeting.

Please register now by completing the form available on [BETHS Parents Association web page: Beths Grammar School - Parents Association](#) or simply contact us on: info@bethspa.co.uk



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Other News



We are incredibly pleased to let you know that thanks to the generous support of Microsoft through its employee Justin Zarb who is also the newly elected Chair of BETHS Parents Association, our committee members have a 10-year free access to Microsoft 365. This is a fantastic achievement as more collaboration between teams and workstreams will enhance the number of fundraising projects ran every year by BETHS Parents association. Our new mailbox moving forward will be info@bethspa.co.uk

Important dates

Next BETHS PA meeting: Tuesday 7th February 2023 @ 7.30pm - Teams

Quiz Night: Friday 3rd March 2023 (More details to come)

Online Chess Tournament: Date to be confirmed

Join Classlist for the latest information for upcoming events.



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