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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,



What an eventful term this has been! Term 5 typically is a busy one, with the Year 11s and 13s departing for study leave and the commencement of their public examinations. This term we had our full Ofsted inspection (which we are still awaiting the final report from Ofsted); our Year 13s leavers celebration, which is typically held around the end of May; sporting success; subject trips; competitions and work experience, to name but a few. Our Year 9s were moved to the Key Stage 4 timetable and have settled into that structure well.

The Royal Navy came into school on Wednesday 25th May to run a range of activities with our Year 12 students to help build some essential life skills.

The Year 9 football A team won their North Kent final against Harris Falconwood on Wednesday 25th May, in what sounded like a nail-biting game! Being 2-0 down to winning 5-3. Well done! On the theme of football, our Year 8 A and B team reached the final in the North Kent Football against Hurstmere, but unfortunately the results didn't go our way. We are proud of the students for reaching this far.

Moving on to the summer sports of athletics and cricket. Following the ESAA Schools Athletics event on Tuesday 24th May, will now be taking part in the finals on Tuesday 7th June. Good luck to our students in their respective event. There will be a Cricket match against the MCC on Wednesday 8th June at Bexley Cricket Club.

A team of our Year 12 students came second in the UK Rocket Competition regional finals this month and will be heading up to Lancashire on Wednesday 29th June to participate in the National Finals!

Key stage 3 German students enjoyed a trip to the British Film Institute earlier this month, to learn about culture. Our Year 10 Spanish and French studying students will be visiting native restaurants next term to experience the cuisine whilst ordering food in the language.

I hope you all have a restful half term break and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations. We will return to school on Monday 6th June.

Have a lovely week,  
Richard Blyghton



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# STEM CLUB

During the last few STEM clubs, students have been making and testing their own volcanoes which was very exciting. This week students dissecting kidney and studying the chemistry of artificial urine!



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# CHINESE EXPERIENCE CLUB



During the last Chinese Experience Club of the year, the students learnt about and got to create their own Blow Ink Wintersweet



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# YEAR 13 LAST DAY

On 20th May the year 13's had their last day at Beths before their A-level exams started. Despite the rainy weather, they still enjoyed their last day filled with laughter, fun, friends, BBQs and inflatables!



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# STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Flynn in Year 12 who has been selected for the Great Britain Under 21 Canoe Polo squad. Flynn will be representing GB in the European Course Championships in Milan this weekend. Well done Flynn for an amazing achievement.



On 25th May two of our Year 12 students, William G and Raphael P performed with the London Schools Symphony Orchestra in the celebration concert marking the 50th Anniversary of Centre for Young Musicians and the 70th Anniversary of the LSSO. This is a tremendous honour and is recognition to both the talent and effort that both William and Raphael have put into their music.



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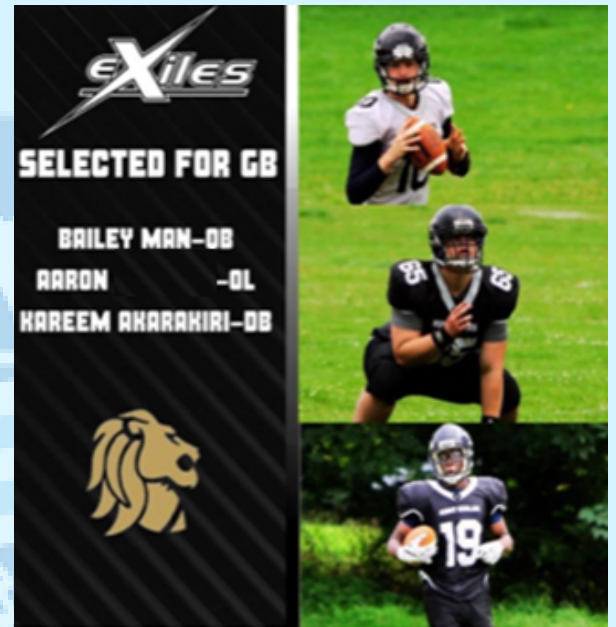


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# STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Aaron in Year 13 who will be representing GB in the U19 Squad for American Football. Best of luck for all your games!



Congratulations to our Year 8A and Year 8B football team who made it to the KS3 North Kent Comp finals, despite not winning they played an excellent game.



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# STUDENT SUCCESS

The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators is a prestigious competition offered by The Queen's College at the University of Oxford. It aims to promote language learning across the UK, inspiring and motivating pupils to develop a love for poetry and international literature and translation throughout their time at school and beyond by developing their multilingual creativity at GCSE and A level through the study of Modern Foreign Languages.

This year, the most prestigious schools across the UK applied to participate, with more than 14,000 student registrations. Beths was one of the schools selected to compete, and we are delighted to announce that Jake P in Year 12 won a commendation for his accuracy and excellent manipulation of language in his translation of the "El chico de la flecha" (The boy with the arrow), published in 1997.

Jake's continuous commitment and interest in the Spanish language and Hispanic culture has motivated him to continuously develop his skills in the classroom and to participate in multiple extracurricular events carried out by our MFL department, all of which has contributed to this amazing achievement.

**-Mrs Johnstone**



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# STUDENT SUCCESS

“I was delighted to be informed that I had won a Commendation for the accuracy of my translation of the prose text which I was asked to complete for the Anthea Bell Prize offered by The Queen’s College, Oxford.

The extract I translated was from a novel by Espido Freire titled “El chico de la flecha” (The boy with the arrow), published in 2017. The book is set in Roman Hispania in the first century and includes footnotes detailing facts from the period. Marco is the protagonist and Aselo is his slave and friend. The text can be accessed here:

[https://www.anayainfantilyjuvenil.com/primer\\_capitulo/9788469809075-narrativa-juvenil-el-chico-de-la-flecha.pdf](https://www.anayainfantilyjuvenil.com/primer_capitulo/9788469809075-narrativa-juvenil-el-chico-de-la-flecha.pdf)

Although the extract was challenging due to its frequent use of idiomatic phrases along with its complicated native syntax; I was able to make use of the glossary provided to aid in the accuracy of my translation of the extract.

In 1999, Espido Freire became the youngest writer ever to win the well-endowed Planeta prize for her third novel, “Melocotones helados” (Frozen peaches) and one can see why from the beauty of the description of a boar hunt which was the premise of my extract.



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# STUDENT SUCCESS

I would like to extend my thanks to both of my A-Level Spanish teachers: Ms Johnstone and Ms Cato-Sargeant, for cementing my love of all kinds of literature especially that of Hispanic canon. Thanks to Ms Johnstone's engaging lessons on "La Casa de Bernarda Alba" by Federico García Lorca, I was inspired to research and read more widely around the subject, which in turn allowed me to engage with this super-curricular opportunity.

Overall, this was an amazing opportunity to gain an insight into what studying MFL is like at one of the best universities in the world and I am incredibly grateful to The Queen's College for providing students with such an amazing opportunity to prove their passion for Spanish literature."



**-Jake  
Year  
12.05**



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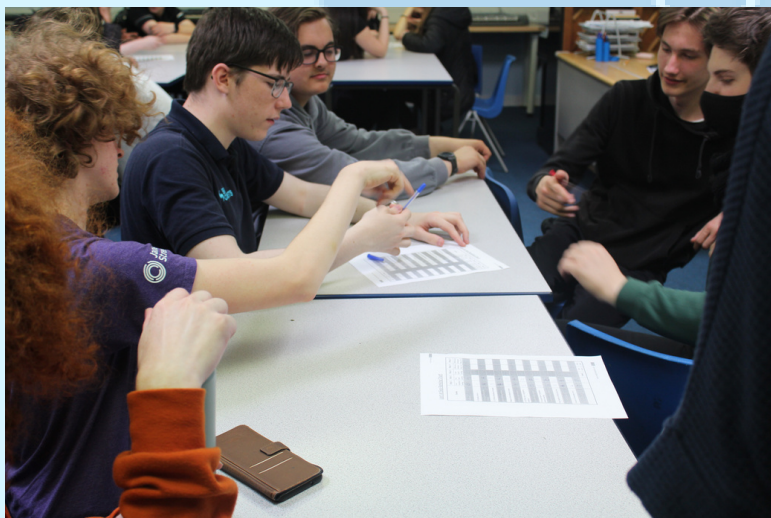


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# ROYAL NAVY LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

The Careers Department invited a team from the Royal Navy to run an activity afternoon on leadership and teamwork. Using their own experiences they gave some of our year 12 students problem-solving activities and construction challenges. The group included most of our Senior Prefects, and the students learnt about the importance of teamwork and ingenuity from serving personnel who solve issues as part of their daily lives.



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# MUSIC

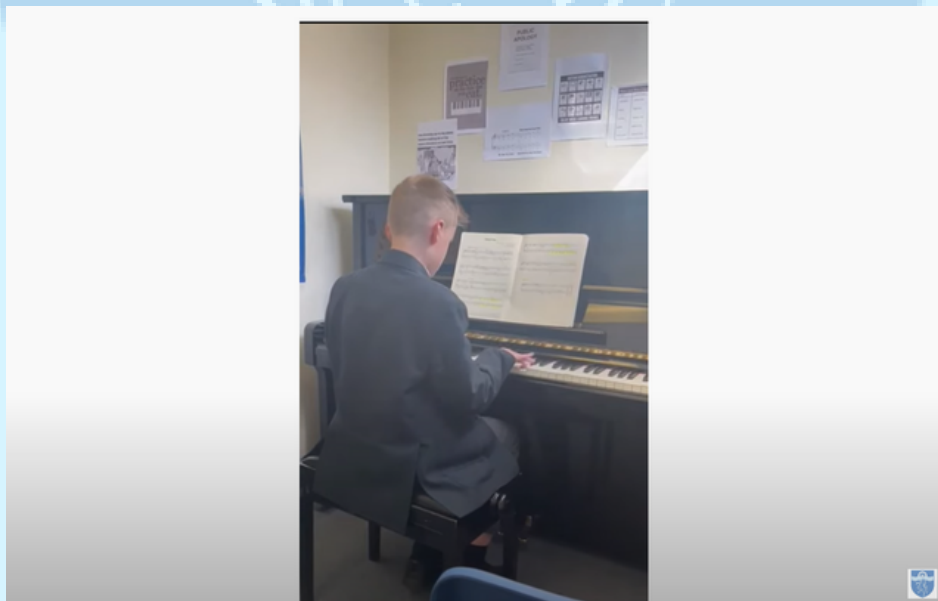
Year 7 band rendition of God Save the Queen in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

<https://youtu.be/C-Oz6Sonfbl>



This weeks Musicians of the Week: Sam in Year 7

<https://youtu.be/wmaU8qZtjhl>





# SPORT RESULTS AND FIXTURES

## Results for 16th May - 26th May:

CRICKET					
16.05.22	Kent Cup	U14A	V Chis and Sid	Away	Lost by 9 Wickets.
19.05.22	Ford Cup	U12A	V Chis and Sid	Away	Won
26.05.22	Thunder Cup	U13A	V Hayes	Home	Lost
FOOTBALL					
20.05.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U13A	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Neutral	Lost 0-1
20.05.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U13B	V Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Neutral	Lost 0 – 4
25.05.22	KS3 North Kent Comp	U14A	V Harris Academy	Away	Won 3-5

## Fixtures for week commencing 6th June:

CRICKET					
06.06.22	Kent Cup	U13A	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	Start time 3:45pm
07.06.22	Kent Cup	U12A	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	Start time 3:45pm
09.06.22	T20 cup	U14A	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	Start time 3:45pm
10.06.22	North Kent Cup	U12A	V Maidstone Grammar	Away	Start time TBC
ATHELTICS					
07.06.22	ESAA competition	U15	V Multiple Schools	Neutral	Start time 10am

# FREE BIKE LESSONS



## Free Bikeability Cycle Training this Summer Holidays

Is your child ready to cycle on busier roads, maybe to get to school or leisure activities? Then sign them up on one of our FREE Level 2 cycling courses being run during the Summer Holidays (July 28<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022).

The courses are for one day only each. Limited places available email: [roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk)

Children must be 10 years old and above to apply. They should be able to ride a bike. The course will be held at Bexley Grammar School. 9.30 to 2.30 (latest depending on numbers attending) for one day.

Please bring your own working bike, helmet, suitable clothing, and lunch.



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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 of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### UNSUITABLE VIDEOS AND IMAGES

Anyone can upload footage to a video-sharing platform, which has resulted in clips that appear age-appropriate but actually aren't so innocent. The audience for Peppa Pig, for instance, is very young – but there have been reports of Peppa cartoons with extreme violence spliced into them. Likewise, footage of the razor-toothed game character Huggy Wuggy has been inserted into numerous child-friendly videos (even on YouTube Kids), scaring many young viewers.

#### INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

On a similar theme, there is always the possibility that user-uploaded video content could include language which really isn't suitable for children. The on-screen imagery may look child-friendly, but if your child is wearing headphones, then you'll remain unaware of what is being said: some videos have featured songs containing explicit language or characters graphically describing violence.

#### COPIES OF LIVE STREAMS

Social media and messaging apps can inadvertently spread extremely harmful content very quickly. Footage of violent attacks (such as the recent Buffalo supermarket shootings) can often be viewed on multiple platforms as people start to share the video. Moderators try to react swiftly to remove upsetting content, but the rate at which it goes viral makes it difficult to prevent the spread completely.

#### ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE

Even if your child doesn't have access to social media platforms or video-streaming platforms (where the majority of issues arise), they might still use messaging apps to communicate with family and friends. There is always going to be a risk, therefore, of them seeing something which isn't child-friendly; either shared by one of their peers or sent accidentally by a relative.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### USE SAFETY FEATURES

Enable safety settings like Google SafeSearch and the optional restrictions on video-sharing platforms like YouTube. Whenever possible, stick to YouTube Kids for young children, as the software will help to filter out unsuitable content. Remember that filters aren't always enough to block all inappropriate material – especially when child-friendly videos have been edited maliciously.



#### LESS IS BEST

Manage the number of online platforms your child has access to, based on their age and maturity. Just because their friends use a certain game or app, it doesn't mean your child must have it too. Follow the age guidelines for games and apps, and check regularly that privacy settings are in place.

#### KEEP IT COMMUNAL

Encourage your child to stay in a communal family space when they're watching videos or playing online games on their devices – without headphones, if possible. This will make it far easier for you to keep one eye (and ear) on what they are seeing and hearing while they're online.

#### AVOID FAN-MADE CONTENT

If your child watches cartoons and shows on YouTube, spend time with them making a playlist of videos that you're comfortable with them watching. Always source videos from official channels, as opposed to fan-made content; you can never be completely confident about material that another user has created or uploaded.



#### REACT CALMLY

If you hear or see anything unsuitable on your child's device, calmly ask them to turn off the game or video in question. Explain that they haven't done anything wrong, but that you didn't like what you saw or heard and you would much rather they watched or played something else instead.



#### SUPPORT AND REASSURE

Remind your child regularly that anyone can post anything online – and that not everything online is real. If your child is sent something that scares or worries them, ask them to show you. Watch it alone (to avoid unnering them further), then praise them for coming to you and talk about what upset them. Recommend a break from their device to do something which helps them feel calm and happy.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BcyberAware, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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
<b>Before school</b> <b>8 – 8.30am</b>	KS3 Basketball	KS3 Basketball	KS3 Basketball	KS4 Basketball KS3 Composition club Composing for Video Games	KS4 Basketball
<b>Lunch time</b> <b>KS3 12.00 – 13.00</b>	Year 7 and 8 Robotics club- A6, Year 9 Basketball (Mr Temple), KS3 Chess Club – A2,	Year 10 and 11 Coding Club, Memrise club, KS3 Chinese Experience Club - S18,	Year 8 Basketball ALL (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK, Year 7 Rugby (Mr G.S + Mr Smith), KS3 Eco – Club – A4,	KS3 Badminton (Mr Temple), KS3 Drama (2:15-1:45) – P3 (Ms Grady), KS3 Design and technology club,	Year 7 Basketball (Mr G.S + Mr Smith), Year 8 Football – Team Training (Mr Webb) ODD WEEK ONLY, KS3 LGBTQ+ Club (S16/S17),
<b>KS4</b> <b>KS5</b> <b>12.50 – 13.50</b>	Year 10 Basketball (Mr Smith), Beths Bar (KS4 and KS5), KS4 & KS5 Chess Club, KS5 Gender Equality Group,	Year 10 and 11 Basketball, KS5 Maths Olympiad Club- B12,	Elective in French (ODD week), Elective in Spanish (ODD week), Music KS4 revision, KS4 Eco-club – A7A, Sixth form: Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball	Girls Fitness - Sports Hall, Year 10 Debate Club - B4,	Sixth form Basketball (Team), KS4 and KS5 LGBTQ+ Club, KS5 Music Revision,
<b>After school</b> <b>3.20 – 4.45pm</b>	Rugby Training Year 7-9, KS3 Badminton, Song writing club P2, Computing Year 11 and Year 13 revision, KS4 Robotics club- A6,	Year 8 and 9 Basketball Orchestra	Year 7 Japanese Club - S17, Year 8 and 9 Basketball, 6th Form Band (Session 3 in P2, 2-3pm), Piano Orchestra, Anime Piano Club - P2, Warhammer Club - S1,	KS3 Football (ALL) Year 7 STEM Club - S12 KS3 Violin Club, KS4 Basketball, Student and Staff Choir - P1 (Ms Marriott), Beths Singers,	Robotics club (open to all) – A6, Year 7 and 8 Basketball, Big Band rehearsals, KS5 Maths Olympiad Club- B12,

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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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## 1. Latest Parents' Association events

Thank you to all families who have answered to the PA's survey regarding the branded products project, we will share the results in the coming weeks.

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

Coming soon... Second-hand Uniform Sales: We are asking for any donations of nearly new blazers and unembroidered PE kit. Please do consider donating to our PA Uniform Shop. Simply drop them off at the School Reception! We are selling these items, please email the PA via [beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com).



**BETHS PA  
NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Donations are very welcome.  
Please contact for donations and purchases:  
[beths.parents.association@gmail.com](mailto:beths.parents.association@gmail.com)

**Price List:**

Blazers	£10
Trousers	£3
Jumpers	£3
PE Shorts	£5
Tracksuit Bottoms	£5
Tracksuit top	£5
Long Sleeve Games top	£5
Short Sleeve Games top	£5
House colour PE top	£5
White shirts	£3 New £5
House Tie	£1

## PA's exciting fundraising campaigns

### Promoting Musical Instruments



PLEASE DONATE TO THE BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

**£2000 TARGET**  
for school

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Or scan this QR code to donate:

Our target of £2,000 so please kindly donate via this QR code anytime from now on or by following this link:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17270>



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## Lighting for drama



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>

## Foreign Coins Collection: the counting and weighing on Wednesday 20th April

We have collected 21kg of foreign coins (to be sent off and cashed in), plus 175 Euros, 49 USA dollars plus lots of other notes to convert into £s.

We'll keep you posted on the final total raised!

THANK YOU for your continuous support.



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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

## 4. Raise money for these thrilling projects and Giftaid it!



Generating donations & 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](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)**.



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](https://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**

Over £3,000 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.



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THANK YOU!

### Important dates

- Uniform Sale - Year 6 Parents Evening: Monday 20th June 2022 @4.30pm



Next meeting: on Tuesday 14th June 2021 @ 7.30pm - Zoom

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



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