

BETHS VIP

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



We are now over the half way mark for this term and apparently Wednesday was 'National Hump Day'! So I hope this month hasn't been too blue for you all, unless like me, you support Chelsea and everyday is a blue-day.

Monday 31st January 2022 is the closing date for 6th Form applications. Our 6th Form has always been popular with the extensive number of subject choices available and yesterday we saw the last of our 6th Form Guided Tours, for external students which has attracted over 270 visitors since November 2021.

As you are aware the Government has eased the mandatory wearing of face masks within communal areas and corridors in schools. We are following this guidance, however students and staff who wish to continue to wear face masks in these areas can do so. We are constantly monitoring the number of positive cases within the school community and should the number rise, we will bring such measures back in following consultation with Public Health Bexley.



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This coming week's assemblies will be cover the Chinese New Year, which is the Year of the Tiger. We will provide more information from our MFL Department in the coming days and publish what happened in next week's VIP.



The Guys & St Thomas's Trust NHS team will be in school on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 to provide Covid vaccinations to students who received their first vaccination in October 2021. Any student who had their first vaccination prior to the 10th November 2021 can have their second vaccination. Please refer to the School Comms message sent to you recently which has the NHS online booking form if you wish for your son/daughter to be vaccinated. For those student who had their first vaccination on the 14th December 2021, the NHS team will be liaising with us to plan their return visit for the second vaccinations.

Have a great weekend
Richard Blyghton



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COVID TESTING

In line with Government guidelines, students are encouraged to test at least twice a week (Wednesday and Sunday) and record their results on the school's TestRegister website via the email sent to you.

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



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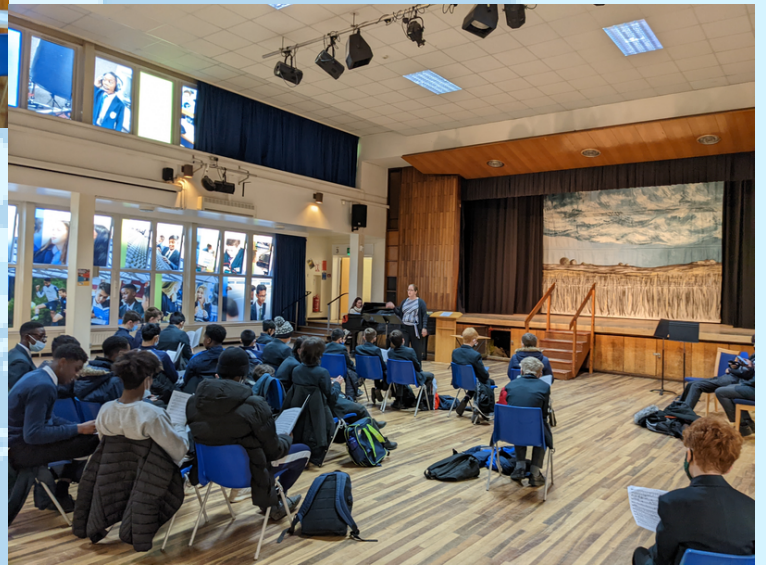


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WIZARD OF OZ



The Wizard Of Oz rehearsals are in full swing, props are being made and sets are being decorated! The students are very excited to put on many amazing shows in March!



FUNDRAISING

At the end of last term students and staff were encouraged to participate in Christmas jumper day and donate money. through this we raised £621.40 which will be donated and split between Cancer Research UK and Beths Parents' Association.



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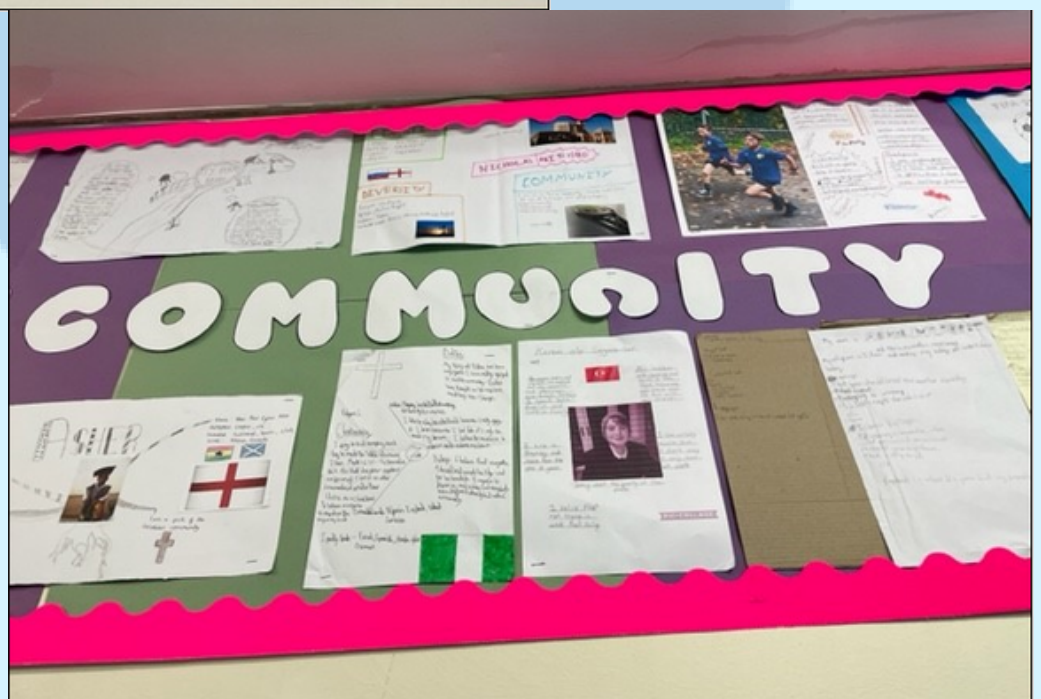
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YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Year 7 have been looking at critical thinking short stories this half term and have been exploring the theme of identity, diversity and community. They have put together creative posters that explain what those ideas mean to them. These ideas were presented to the class and formed part of a display within the English Department.



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YEAR 11 HSK EXAMS

After recently passing my HSK, I felt so excited when I opened the letter. The HSK was very different to GCSE Mandarin exams I have sat in the past, however I am thankful for the support I received from school and the opportunities I have received from the Mandarin Excellence Program as a result of passing. It is an internationally recognised exam that will benefit my future career endeavours. Helpful websites include quizlet.com and chineseinflow.com which both really helped me pass.

Year 11- Maxwell S

HSK is a Chinese mandarin proficiency test in which people from around the world partake in. It is taken to either comply with the requirements for admission to a Chinese university; to obtain a proficiency certificate for employment or career advancement or to simply test their level of Chinese proficiency. After passing the HSK 3 test, I see why it was so beneficial for me and how it can aid me in my future career of becoming a doctor. Websites such as <https://www.chineseinflow.com/> that Ms Li introduced it to us acted as strong pillars for my Mandarin Chinese knowledge by providing all the potential words found in the exam which were easy to understand and digest. We also received support sessions from teachers which involved completing multiple past papers and hard practice, which allowed me to obtain a gold certificate in my HSK exam. The Mandarin Excellence Programme teachers at Beths also helped fund our HSK, which acted as a reward for my hard work and determination.

Year 11- Nathan



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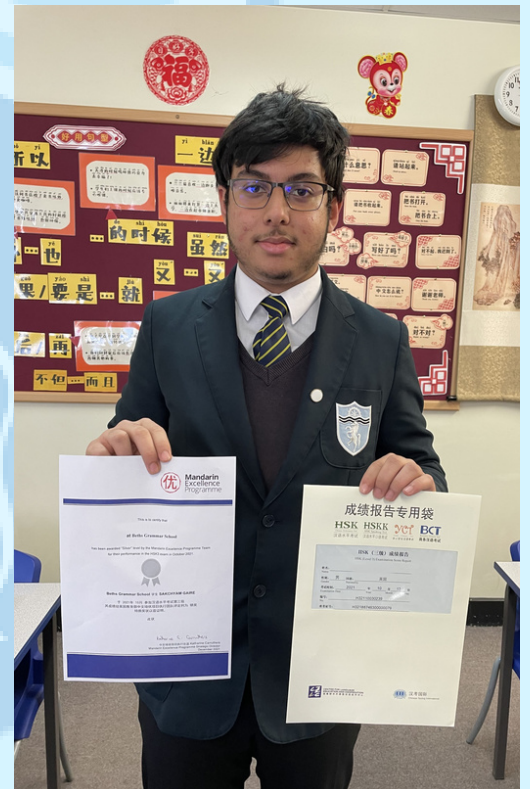
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YEAR 11 HSK EXAMS

Beths Grammar School students sat their Chinese Mandarin HKS 3 exam in October 2021. The pass rate of our students in this exam was 44.5% higher than the national pass rate for all MEP students in the UK. Congratulations to Year 11 MEP students and thank you very much to staff who are involved in supporting the Mandarin Excellence Programme.



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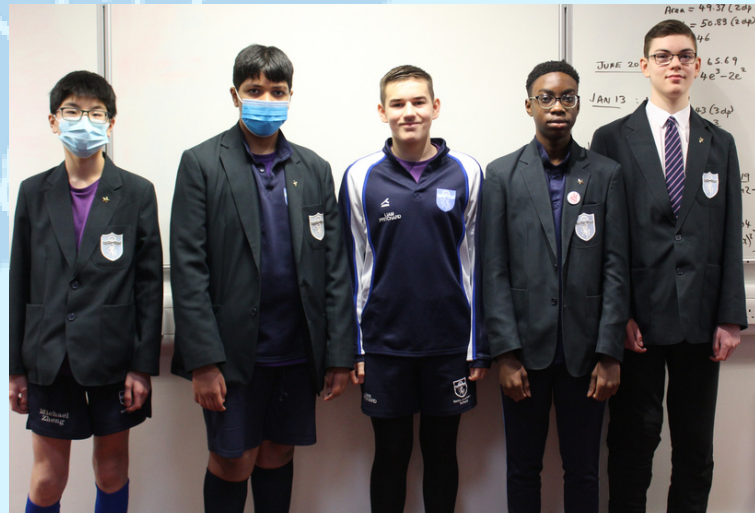
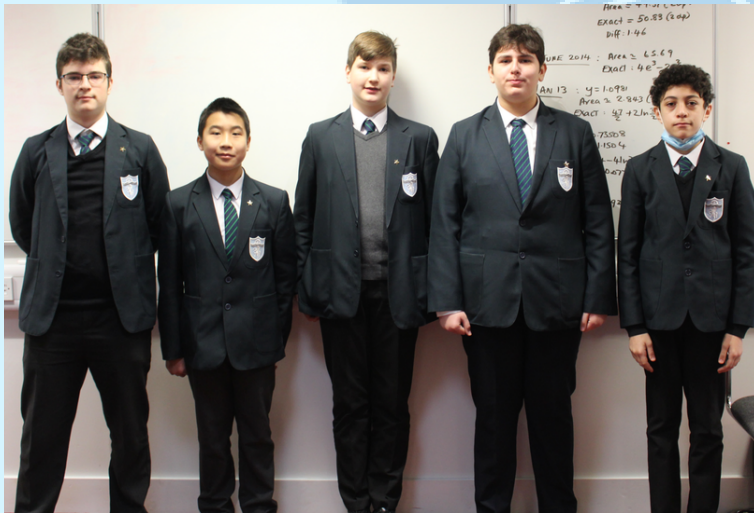
CHINESE EXPERIENCE CLUB

During KS3 Chinese Experience Club today, the students made their own Chinese firecrackers.



YEAR 9 MERIT STUDENTS

A group of 30 Year 9 students have been awarded a Merit in recognition of their outstanding and consistent demonstration of the school values. They have all received a certificate, badge for their blazer and a positive letter home. Well done for all your hard work and keep it up!



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MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

This weeks Musician of the Week is: Hiruna, Year 10

Here is a really excellent video of Hiruna playing the violin.

Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKafpehcbS8>



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
msmarriott@beths.bexley.sch.uk



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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	Year 9 Basketball (Mr Temple) Chess club – Week 1- All key stages in A2, Week 2: KS3 Online (Mr Runacres) Chinese Experience Club – S18		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 8 Design Technology club – A8/A9 (Mr Knott)	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)	Sixth form Basketball (Team) LGBTQ+ Society – S15 (Ms Harris)
After school 3.20 – 4.45pm	Rugby Training Years 7 – 10 KS3 Badminton (Mr Healy)	Year 8 Basketball – Team Training (Mr Webb)	<u>Warhammer Club, S1 (Mr Turnbull)</u>	KS3 Football (ALL) Year 7 Basketball Year 7 STEM club -S12 (Mrs Sarkar) Choir (all staff and students invited) – P12 (Ms Marriot)	

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 24th January:

FOOTBALL					
21.01.22	KSFA QF	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	Lost 6-3
26.01.22	League	2 nd XI	V Langley Park School for Girls	Away	Won 0-6
26.01.22	KSFA Q Finals	1 st XI	V The Howard School	Away	Lost 1 - 0
BASKETBALL					
24.01.22	Kent Basketball	U16A	V Trinity School	Away	Postponed
25.01.22	Kent Basketball	U12A	V Rainham Mark Grammar School	Home	Won 18-14
26.01.22	Kent Basketball	1 st XI	V Hayes School	Away	Postponed
27.01.22	Kent Basketball	U16A	V Gravesend Grammar School	Away	Won 25-63

Fixtures for week commencing 31st January:

FOOTBALL					
02.02.22	League	2 nd XI	V Langley Park School for Boys	Away	KO 2:30pm
02.02.22	League	1 st XI	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	KO 2:30pm
03.02.22	ESFA R5	U12B	V Kingsdale Foundation School	Home	KO 2pm
BASKETBALL					
28.01.22	London Youth Games	U14A	V Redden Court School	Away	Tip off 4pm
01.02.22	Kent Basketball	U14A	V St John's Catholic Comprehensive School	Away	Tipp Off 4:15pm
RUGBY					
02.02.22	Friendly	1 st XV	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	KO 2:30pm

*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)



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FIXTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the various games our students played over the past week. Well done for all your hard work and dedication, you've done us all proud!

Please see link to the video highlights:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbSJTT9XzXI>



Link to full sports bulletin for 24th January to 28th January <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Sports+Bulletin&pid=393>

BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

1. Latest Parents Associations' latest events

3rd Online Chess Tournament on Friday 28th January 7.30-9pm



The aim is to bring students, parents and the school together by this enjoyable and inclusive game. It will help us fund the outdoor chess tables, which is 1 of the 4 projects selected by parents for funding.

We are happy to host William, a former Beths student, who plays and excels at various national and international tournaments

He has kindly provided a playlist called chess puzzles on Lichess, which according to him "will help out students who want to find tactics". <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaoMSX39Q8XW9DGSrhV9C2IOM7kbW9d0p>

Our event is free; however, we would appreciate your most needed support, by donating at:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16829>. This is a family event, so parents are welcome to join in with their children! Players, GET SET...What players and parents said! "Could we do another one chess tournament again, please?", "William is too good", "Thank you for the tournament it was fun"...

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!



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

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.

UNIFORM. DONATIONS.



2. Raising money for these thrilling projects and Giftaid it!

Beths Parents
Association
Monthly Draw

Our **TARGET** is to sell 260 tickets before Tuesday 8th February

We have sold 130 tickets. Thank you for helping us meet our target!
Please visit Beths Parents Association website for more details:

<https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Parents+Association&pid=162>

1. The purpose is to **raise funds** for Beths grammar school (library resources, musical instruments...).

2. It is also a monthly draw with a cash prize



3. Simple and quick to play: Complete the Membership form + Pay for your number (£6 or £120 for 20 numbers)

Take a simple step by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLZGAFJKCFPPY/checkout/FVTED45TSCIMO4TBBO2KZBDO> . Thank you to all families who have already bought their numbers!



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

**Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Scheme: PA's new 3Rs scheme
Collection of old foreign currency every Wednesday @PSHE
Beths PA is excited to share Dominik's initiative to support
this fantastic fundraising idea!**



Over Christmas, I visited my grandparents' church in Bexley to ask if anyone had any spare old and foreign coins for the current campaign which the Parents' Association is running to fund raise for school resources and WaterAid. I attended the service then at the end, the vicar invited me to deliver my speech.

He had very kindly had a look around his house over the holidays and donated about 3kg of coins (foreign and old)! I have left most of them in the donation bottle that I labelled up and provided the church, so the people can bring in any spare coins during the next few weeks. A lot of the congregation told me afterwards that they had plenty of coins lying around at home, so they are keen to support the cause!

I am really pleased to have done this, as it was quick, easy and enjoyable - perhaps you could go somewhere to spread the word?!
Dominik G., 9E

Thank you Dominik for sharing this inspiring initiative! As Dominik did, we are looking forward to hearing from your way of collecting coins for Beths PA & WaterAid



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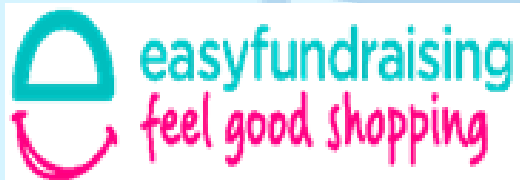
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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

Generating donations and it doesn't cost you anything!



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>



£1975 has already been raised! THANK YOU!
Every £ help us to get closer to our target goal.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

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 the second edition of Beths Parents Association Online Chess Tournament, with cash functions and prizes for the winners.



Important dates

Friday 28th January 2022: 3rd Online Chess Tournament

Every Wednesday: Bring your Coins Collection @ PSHE

Tuesday 8th February 2022: Monthly Draw Deadline



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION:



Next meeting: on Tuesday 8th February 2021
@ 7.30pm - Zoom

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



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