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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers,



Saying “Happy New Year” seems a bit late, but as this is our first communication of the year, I will wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you had a good Christmas break.

Our first week back has gone smoothly with students getting back into routine, which for some getting up early again, has been a struggle. This is only a short term of five weeks, but will be a busy one for students and their learning, especially those in Years 11 and 13,

with only 15 weeks until the GCSE and A Level exams commence.

Our Year 13 students have started their Trial Examinations this week and finish next Friday. Any student identified as requiring intervention from their results, will have this put in place so they have the best chances for success in the Summer.

We have our Year 11 Parents Evening meeting on Thursday 19 January 2023. Bookings are now live until 7pm on Tuesday 17 January 2023.

The Flu Vaccination will be offered to those in Years 7, 8 and 9 on Monday 23rd January 2023 via the NHS team.

We have a Parent Trustee vacancy available on our Trustee Board. A letter was sent out before the Christmas break and a reminder sent earlier this week. A copy of the letter can be found on our school website here: [Beths Grammar School - Whole School](#) The deadline for nominations is Wednesday 18th January 2023. The nomination form can also be found via the link above.

I would like to congratulate Jake, Luca, Matthew and Michael in Year 13 for securing offers from Oxford University. It is the most Oxford offers in a single academic year the school has received. We hope to hear from Cambridge University by the end of January.

Kind regards,
Richard Blyghton



KS3 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS COMPETITION AND FOOD DONATIONS

In KS3, there has been a competition about a food drive in our school that was instilled before Christmas. This was proposed by the school where they got the idea from our local Bexley Food bank. In this competition there are two parts to this; number 1 being bringing any food, edible items or cleaning equipment such as toothpaste and shower gel. Number 2 is to design and create a hamper to hold all of the food you gather in your forms and to then gain house points and commendations based on how creative your hamper is (typically based on how the design reflects the festive season!) and also how much food you put together in the forms. Now you must be thinking its Christmas; surely I will need the food for the festivities that are just around the corner? Well, my friend, you are not wrong in saying that but there are people who cannot afford to buy those items for themselves or their families. Especially in this time of the year, where there are sub-zero temperatures and people are in a frantic shopping spree to make sure they have all the items they need for Christmas, home-less people and people who are in poverty need the support more than ever.



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In order to help with the strive to help these people in need, the school decided to set up an event in the style of a competition so we, as a school community, can give to the food bank so the people in poverty or who can-not provide for themselves can enjoy a Merry Christmas this year. I, personally, think that it was a great idea as it gained a lot of recognition within the first few days and my form especially was a bit slow but with a little teamwork and determination (and some help with a certain department!) we managed to create a lovely festive hamper which I won't disclose now and also a great number of tinned foods and sweets to go in the hamper. I definitely enjoyed taking part in this festive competition and also knowing in the back of my mind that all of the food we have given will go to a great cause and provide for a lot of people!

By Dev 9B



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STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Best of the Beths December edition is now available to be viewed on our website <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Best+of+the+Beths+Newsletter&pid=403>

This edition includes; Twitter Takeover by Daniel 10A, What is Strep A? by Riley 10W, The Year 9 Draw Off by Thomas 9A, Toxicity in the Music industry by Ronnie 10H and much much more!



BEST OF THE BETHS



THE BEST OF DECEMBER



Return of the Premier League

by Ehimen 7W

After an amazing and entertaining World Cup with absolute shocks and crazy score lines, all the national leagues start opening again including the prestigious Premier League. On this segment of the newsletter, I will tell you about my predictions for the winner of the premier league, top goal scorer, assister, most clean sheets and keeping you up to date with the matches!


First, I am going to be providing you with the matches and my predictions for them. The first match is on Monday the 26th of December, it is Spurs Vs Brentford. It is 4th vs 10th. Spurs in 4th have a better overall squad but they better watch out for Brentford's danger man, Ivan Toney who has 10 goals in 15 games and is 3rd for top goal scorer. I do think that the Spurs will win and come out on top. Then it is Crystal Palace Vs Fulham, its 11th vs 9th with Zaha and Mitrovic wanting to shine, I predict this match to be a draw.

Everton vs Wolves is a matchup where Everton are in 17th and Wolves in 20th. Both teams have not had a great start to the season, but I do think Everton will edge the victory.

Leicester vs Newcastle is where 13th meets with 3rd, Newcastle who have exceeded their expectations this season with their star player Miguel Almiron. With that, I do believe that Newcastle will win this match.

Southampton in 19th place, played Brighton, who exceeded their expectations of themselves, being 7th. I predict this match to be higher; playing Aston Villa in 12th place, who were 16th in the World Cup. I do think that Liverpool will win this match.

Manchester City are 16th in the table. Arsenal will not be a surprise, they will be a bigger impact than most people think so I predict they will win. Chelsea who have already sacked Thomas Tuchel and are on



The Rise and Fall of a Star: Kanye West

by Zedaine 10W

Kanye West is a household name whether it is for his clothing, his music or his many many controversies. Ye is a staple in rap culture as he has pushed the bounds of what it means to be a rapper. He influenced and has helped many of the biggest stars on earth like: Tyler the Creator, Nicki Minaj, Rihanna, Childish Gambino and much more.

It is undeniable that Kanye has cemented his legacy as one of the most successful rappers of all time and more than exceeded mogul status with his billion-dollar company, Yeezy. To most, Ye is seen as someone who has always been in the limelight, but this is certainly not the case. So how was it possible for a teenage producer from Chicago to become the "richest black man in America". His journey to stardom started all the way back in 1996 when Ye was solely a producer. The dream of him being a rapper was deep inside of him but for years he focused on producing for other emcees. Ye's remarkable talent as a producer caught the eye of Jay Z. At that time Jay Z was regarded as one of the greatest rappers of all time and had already made his millions. This was the very moments where Kanye changed from being just a producer to focus on his rap and producing. It took years for him to be signed at it was unheard of for a rapper/producer to be commercially successful especially one from Chicago. However, after years of producing for the biggest rappers, he was finally signed to Jay Z's label Roc a fella. This put Ye on the world stage as now he was seen rapping and performing with one of the greats.



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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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POETRY CLUB

KS3 and KS4 poetry club will be starting on Wednesday 18th January.



Poetry Club

For KS3 and KS4

Starts Wednesday
18th January - KS3
Wednesday 25th
January - KS4

With award-winning published poet Dr Easton

KS4: Week 1 Wednesdays 1pm in B1

KS3: Week 2 Wednesdays 12.10 in B1

Learn a range of approaches to writing poetry and entering your writing in competitions

Be inspired by cutting-edge contemporary poetry by the best poets writing in the UK and around the world

Share and discuss your work with other students who love poetry



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SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commencing 9th January 2023

FOOTBALL					
10.01.23	KSFA Rd 4	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	Lost 5-4
11.01.23	KSFA Rd 2	1st XI	V Tunbridge Wells Grammar	Away	Won 1-4



Fixtures for week commencing 16th January

FOOTBALL					
13.01.23	KSFA	U16A	V St Paul's Academy	Home	KO 2pm
16.01.23	ESFA	U14A	V Whitgift School	Away	KO 2:30pm
18.01.23	KSFA Rd 2	2 nd XI	V Norton Knatchbull Grammar School	Home	KO 2:15pm
18.01.23	Kent League	1 st XI	V Hayes School	Home	KO 2pm
19.01.23	Area Cup	U16A	V King Henry	Away	KO 3pm
BASKETBALL					
13.01.23	Kent League	U12A	V Northfleet Technology College	Away	Tip off 4pm
17.01.23	Kent League	U12A	V Northfleet Technology College	Away	Tip off 3:30pm
20.01.23	Kent League	U18	V Gravesend Grammar School	Away	Tip off 4pm
RUGBY					
19.01.23	Friendly	U13A	V Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School	Home	KO 2pm

*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.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Latest Parents' Association events:

The BETHS Parent Association would like to extend their warmest wishes for a Happy New Year, and hope that you and your loved ones have enjoyed a rejuvenating holiday season.

As we embark on the new year, we are filled with enthusiasm for the various fundraising endeavours that we have planned, including a Quiz Night, a Chess Tournament, and opportunities for Company Match Funding.

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

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.



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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



SCAN ME

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



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

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

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2 Select our school and sign up



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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 Amazon Smile or Easyfundraising, click on the link below and select BETHS Parents Association:

URL <http://smile.amazon.co.uk>

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)

Join Classlist for the latest information for upcoming events.



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