



Beths Grammar School

Prospectus

Excellence, Community, Respect



WELCOME

Here at Beths Grammar School, we provide an exciting, purposeful and vibrant community that challenges and supports our students to thrive and achieve their potential.

We focus on the development of the whole child and our students enjoy a rigorous, engaging and diverse curriculum, which delivers the platinum standard of education. Students have the opportunity to excel in a variety of extracurricular and enrichment activities, from sports to the arts, developing their talents. We also have an excellent pastoral programme to support each individual when they need it most.

Our inclusive ethos is encapsulated in our values of **Excellence, Community and Respect**. These are at the heart of all we do and are reflected in the high standards we uphold, and the outstanding outcomes our students achieve.

Embarking on a journey with Beths, students will receive the learning, experiences and opportunities that will begin to craft and shape the rest of their lives. Our scholars leave Beths as confident and resilient people who are well-rounded, forward-thinking, motivated, and ready to embrace their bright futures and make positive contributions to society.

With such opportunities available, and a strong support system around each child, there is truly something for everyone. We proudly invite you to come and join the Beths community.



Headteacher, Richard Blyghton

ABOUT BETHS

Our Story

We are a selective school for boys aged 11-16 with a popular co-educational sixth form. We have ambitious plans to constantly grow and evolve our offering as a school, including through the first-class facilities we can provide, and the educational provision we deliver.

We create bespoke learning and development environments that are specially designed to support students throughout each stage of their educational journey. From walking through our school gates in Year 7, and widening their horizons in Year 12, to completing their sixth form studies, our students are well-equipped to take their ambitious next steps.

We are proud of our heritage as a school which was first founded in the 1950s. Our rich history has embedded a deep sense of expertise, knowledge, and purpose that enriches the learning of today's students. It is what helps us foster a compassionate, close-knit school community where we all share the same high expectations, standards, and care for our students.

Alongside being a school with a long-standing commitment to high academic achievement, we have always been a school with specialisms. We have a history of excellence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), in Performing Arts, in Modern Foreign Languages with our Mandarin Excellence Programme where we are rated number one in the country, and in Leadership, as a National Support School and Leadership Partner School.



EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY

RESPECT

BE A BETHS SCHOLAR

Our vision

We strive to develop confident and resilient scholars who have a life-long love of learning and make positive contributions to society.

All our staff are committed to nurturing and developing Beths Scholars who uphold our school values. These are:



EXCELLENCE THROUGH...



... a thirst for knowledge and intellectual curiosity

... ambition and high expectations for themselves in everything they do

... resilience and the ability to overcome challenges

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

COMMUNITY THROUGH...



... developing confident leaders

... contributing to the school and wider community

... caring for all of those around us, and our environment

RESPECT THROUGH...



... ensuring inclusivity

... listening to others and considering their views

... demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitudes



**BE
AMBITIOUS**

Our Curriculum

At Beths, we develop confident, resilient, and well-rounded scholars and foster an ethos of working hard. Our students are ambitious and have a thirst for knowledge so wanting to achieve highly is the norm. We seek to help them secure the very best outcomes, with academic achievement being our primary focus.

Our key value of Excellence is evident in our curriculum. It is purposely aspirational and helps to develop our students' intellectual curiosity. We set high standards for our students who respond in kind with a genuine passion for learning, the ability to overcome challenges and a strong work ethic that leads to achievements they can be proud of.

Our impressive academic records are reflected in our alumni who go on to attend some of the world's most prestigious universities and secure positions at leading organisations.

As part of our vision, we embrace technology and innovation alongside our heritage. All students have access to their own laptop upon joining Beths. This ensures there are no barriers to learning and enables students to develop the skills needed to thrive in the modern world.

KS3 and KS4

Our first-class KS3 and KS4 curriculum comprises a plethora of subjects including English, Mathematics, Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), Physical Education, Geography, History, Music, Religious Studies, Technology, Art and Computing. It also includes Modern Foreign Languages consisting of French, German, Spanish, Italian and Mandarin Chinese, as well as Latin.

As our scholars progress through the year groups, they gain autonomy to select subjects based on their strengths, interests and preferences. They are also introduced to specialist subjects such as Sociology, Economics, Drama, Music, Electronics and Geology to broaden their skillset.

KS5

When students enter our Sixth Form, they take a minimum of three A-Levels and follow our Elective Enrichment Programme, which includes the Extended Project Qualification, Physical Education, Mentoring or Life Skills to name but a few. This is part of our mission to develop well-rounded individuals.

Our Sixth Form benefits from an array of some 30 subjects to choose from, which is the broadest A-Level programme available locally. These are detailed in our Sixth Form Prospectus which is available on our website.

BE

ADVENTUROUS

Our Extra-curriculum offer

We provide a diverse range of enriching extra-curricular activities to encourage our students to develop an adventurous spirit and enjoy their passions and talents. By providing them with opportunities to step out of their comfort zone, they discover hidden skills, forge new friendships and enjoy new experiences. They also build key life skills as they learn to be excited about the unknown, experience leadership challenges and develop the confidence and resilience to be true leaders.

Our extra-curricular offer includes sports clubs such as basketball, rugby, football, cricket, and athletics, with team training for each year group and recreational games for those who enjoy socialising with their peers. We compete at every level from inter-house games to regional and national competitions. Sports have always been an important part of life at Beths.

We also run popular arts clubs such as big band, drama, music tech, film club and a whole host of other activities from gardening and chess to creative writing and robotics. Our students similarly embrace the opportunity to take part in the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Super Curriculum

We have our own bespoke Super Curriculum, created especially to stretch and challenge. We know how important it is for our scholars to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge to help them be successful both within the school and beyond. Therefore, our Super Curriculum is designed to help students follow their interests and delve deeper into subjects they enjoy.

The Super Curriculum encourages students to take on activities that will enhance and support their regular curriculum studies. It provides a variety of innovative reading, research, watching, listening, creative and writing student-led tasks to promote their independent and group learning.



RESPECT

BE INVOLVED

Our Community

We know success is not achieved in isolation but by the collective efforts of our strong school community. There is a reason Community and Respect are two of our key values and we pride ourselves on instilling inclusivity, tolerance, acceptance and confidence in our students.

We make it our mission to create opportunities for students to contribute to the school and our wider community, developing essential skills in teamwork and communication. This is vital to prepare them for the world after education.

The Beths community extends well beyond the school gates and our students and staff care deeply about our local area and the environment. We strive to provide exciting and engaging experiences for our community, ensuring we are caring for those around us and our planet, always giving back and making positive contributions to society. This includes running initiatives with local primary schools, helping local charities close to our hearts, and supporting those in need.



Our Pastoral Care

What sets Beths apart is the caring, inclusive and supportive environment we create for our students. This includes our award-winning wellbeing and outstanding pastoral care system and dedicated Individual Educational Needs (IEN) Department. This comprises schemes such as Peer Mentors, Form Tutors Wellbeing Champions and regular wellbeing check-ins for both students and staff.

We work hard to ensure Beths is a safe and respectful community where students listen carefully to each other and consider their views. We support students to embody inclusivity and build positive relations with everyone around them. By demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitudes, our students genuinely enjoy their studies knowing expert care is on hand as they face the challenges of young adult life in the modern world.



BE SUPPORTED

BE A TEAM

Our House system

Our House system is a key part of our community spirit at Beths. Our students thrive as they develop the skills to be ambitious and resilient, work as a team and participate in a range of activities which promote leadership and personal development.

Each Beths student is assigned to one of our six houses, named after places in Bexley and the surrounding area. Every student proudly represents their house with correlating ties, and each form belongs to the same house, fostering a sense of togetherness and belonging.

We hold a series of popular inter-house competitions every year, which cover languages, performing arts and sports, and students earn points for their House by participating in these activities. Academic excellence is also recognised through commendations given to individual students, which also feed into the annual House Cup and is awarded to the highest performing House each year.



Preparing for your future and life after Beths

We encourage our students to immerse themselves in school life, whilst instilling in them the importance of preparing for their bright futures. Our curriculum, enrichment and pastoral provisions are designed to guide students through their time in school and give them the skills and character to be ready for their next steps.

We know that making decisions about the future can feel daunting, especially when holding such high aspirations. However, with our extensive programme of careers education and guidance as well as our personal, social, health, citizenship and economics education, we show our students the range of career opportunities open to them.

Students benefit from our in-house Careers Department and Prospects services, and we develop an appreciation of where different qualifications and training pathways can take them. Through our holistic approach to education, we also teach students important life skills such as money management.

Our young adults leave Beths as confident, resilient, capable, and motivated people who are ready for their future. Many go on to secure places at top universities, on highly competitive apprenticeships and training schemes, and in high-calibre roles at leading organisations.

BE READY

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE AT BETHS

We would love to share more with you about life at Beths and to welcome students and families into our vibrant, proud school community.

To speak with us or organise a visit to the school, please get in touch via the following methods:

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