

BETHS VIP

Excellence - Community - Respect

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



This week we certainly felt the drop in temperature. Scholars are reminded they can wear a v-neck jumper which is plain black, navy or grey. No branded jumpers or hoodies are allowed. Also because of the cold weather, you may want to drop your child off to school/collect them from school. Can I please ask you to be courteous of our neighbours and not stop across or block their driveways?

This is a short term but one still packed with events to keep our scholar busy and ready for the Christmas break! This week we held a talk for Year 10 parents/carers on work experience. Thank you to parents who attended this talk.

Next week we have our Winter Music Concert taking place on Wednesday 27th November at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased via www.ticketsource.co.uk/beths-grammar-school It would be lovely to see as many of you there. We do have another Music Concert taking place on Tuesday 17th December at 6pm, if you can't make next week! Year 13 Parents Evening takes place on Thursday 28th November from 4pm and is in person.



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Over the next few weeks we will be emailing home information on the Christmas School dinners and the Christmas Carol Service at Christchurch Bexleyheath.

We are delighted to host a Christmas Afternoon Tea for our retired community on Tuesday 3rd December. If there are any grandparents that would like to attend, please see further details in this VIP.

Have a lovely weekend and keep warm.



Kind regards,
Richard Blyghton



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- **Wednesday 27th November** – 6pm, Winter Concert
- **Thursday 28th November** – Year 13 Parents Evening in person
- **Friday 29th November** – Year 7 reports sent home
- **Tuesday 3rd December** - 2:15pm Afternoon Tea for the retired community
- **Friday 6th December** – Year 12 reports sent home
- **W/c 9th December** – Winter Book Week
- **Tuesday 10th December** - Christmas dinner day for Years 7 and 10
- **Wednesday 11th December** - Christmas dinner day for Years 8 and 11
- **Thursday 12th December** - Year 12 Parents Evening (virtual) and Christmas dinner day for Years 9 and Sixth Form
- **Friday 13th December** - 2pm KS3 Carol Service at Christchurch Bexleyheath and Year 10 reports sent home
- **Tuesday 17th December** – 6pm Winter Concert
- **Thursday 19th December** -Year 9 reports sent home
- **Friday 20th December** -Last day of Autumn term, finishing half day.



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STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Isaac B (7W), who is involved in acting. Last year, he was lucky enough to secure a role in the new Wicked movie. From having his costume made, his own driver and trailer, to being on set and now finally seeing the film, the experience was amazing. He was invited to the cast screening, and it was wonderful to see his name in the credits.- Rebecca B

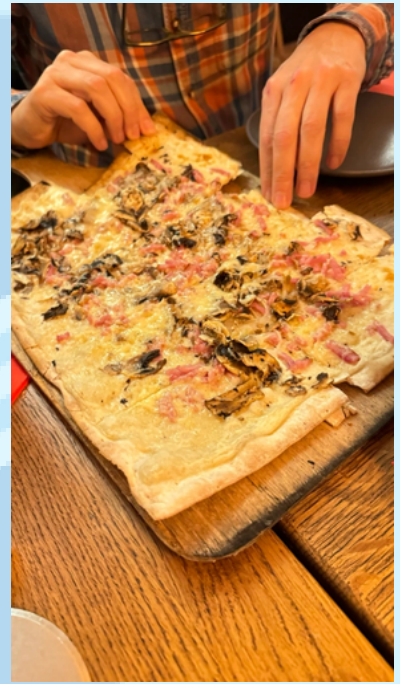
A massive well done Isaac, we can't wait to see you in many more roles!



If you have any success stories you would like to share, please email admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk

PARIS TRIP

Over the half term, some of our French Scholars had the wonderful opportunity to visit Paris. After arriving to the hostel, we took a stroll along the Parisian streets to a renowned authentic flammekueche restaurant near the Montparnasse area, where the students filled up and enjoyed each other's excellent company!



Day 1 - In the morning, our French students were up and out early to see the views from the Montparnasse Tower. The low-hanging cloud restricted the view somewhat, but the students watched some interesting videos about Paris through the ages and bought souvenirs. We then made our way along the Seine to Place Dauphine for a pétanque lesson.



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After awarding the winners of pétanque their medals, we walked along the Seine and ate lunch in front of the stunning Notre Dame Cathedral. Following an impromptu photo opportunity at the Eiffel Tower, we climbed 300 steps to reach the Basilica of the Sacré-Cœur, where the students took more photos of the beautiful skyline. Upon entering the basilica, the students listened to the choir singing and prayers while respectfully walking around, admiring the many side chapels and the impressive dome. Dinner consisted of traditional sausages with cheesy mash, followed by mille-feuille for dessert, all enjoyed avec enthousiasme!



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Day 2 - What a busy day! First, we took an eerie walk underground to the Catacombs of Paris, one of the world's largest ossuaries. Built in limestone-quarried tunnels from the 1770s onwards, the Catacombs display the bones of 6-7 million people. The students conducted themselves with great respect, which was noted by the staff working there.

Following this, our French scholars enjoyed a boat trip along the Seine and a tour of the Paris Saint-Germain stadium, where they explored the executive hospitality area, the pitch, the changing rooms, the pre-match conference area, the post-match interview area, and even walked through the players' tunnel. The day ended with some



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shopping on the Champs-Élysées and a filling dinner at the Monte Carlo restaurant.



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Our French scholars were up bright and early in the morning, arriving at the Palace of Versailles. The Palace of Versailles served as the principal residence of the French royal family from the reign of Louis XIV to Louis XVI. The palace and its gardens are a stunning model of grandeur and opulence, constructed to glorify the monarchy of the time. The students toured the palace, including the Hall of Mirrors, the Royal Apartments, and the Royal Chapel.



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COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA



You are warmly invited to..
Beths Grammar School's
**Christmas
Afternoon Tea**

for the retired & semi-retired



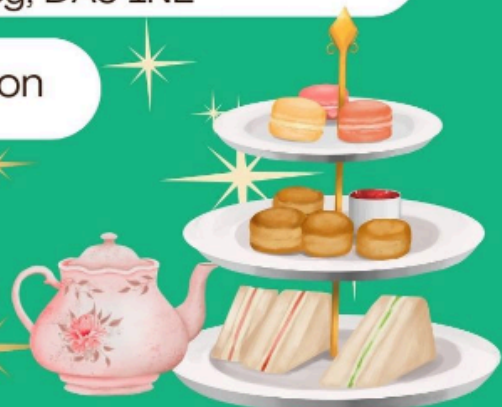
Please join us for a delicious afternoon tea with scrumptious cakes, endless tea and coffee, festive Christmas music, entertainment, raffle prizes, and the company of our scholars.

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 from 2:15pm-3:45pm

Location: Beths Grammar School,
Hartford Road, Bexley, DA5 1NE

£4 per person

Please register your interest by
emailing Admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk
or call 01322 556538 by Thursday
28th November 2024.



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WINTER CONCERTS

Beths Grammar School warmly welcomes you to their annual Winter Concert Series. Students from years 7-13 look forward to entertaining you with a wide variety of music, including holiday favourites. Our two concerts will see soloists, the Beths Orchestra and Beths Big Band all come together in magical evenings of music.

Let the magic of music bring us together this season—we can't wait to welcome you!



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WINTER CONCERT SERIES

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Winter Concert - 27th November 2024
Winter Concert 2.0 - 17th December 2024

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Performances by Beths Big Band,
Beths Band classes, soloists, and much
more...

Tickets available via Ticketsource or scan the QR code :
www.ticketsource.co.uk/beths-grammar-school



For more information or to purchase tickets, please follow this link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School/winter-concert-series-27th-november-and-17th-december/e-jkgbjb>



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SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commencing 18th November

FOOTBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Score
19.11.24	ESFA	U13B	V Bexleyheath Academy	Away	Won 1-3
20.11.24	Kent League	1 st XI	V Langley Park School for Boys	Away	Won 2-4
20.11.24	Kent League	2 nd XI	V The Ravensbourne School	Home	Won 7-0
21.11.24	North Kent Cup	U14A	V The Welling School	Away	Lost 5-1

BASKETBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Score
18.11.24	Kent Basketball	U12A	V Langley Park School for Boys	Away	Won 25-25
20.11.24	Kent Basketball	U18A	V The Howard School	Home	Won

*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).

If you have any questions, please email us at
fixtures@beths.bexley.sch.uk

SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Fixtures for week commencing 25th November

FOOTBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
25.11.24	North Kent League	U12A	V Welling School	Home	2:30pm
26.11.24	KSFA	U15A	V Bishop Challoner School	Away	3:30pm
26.11.24	North Kent League	U13A	V Harris Academy Falconwood	Home	2:30pm
27.11.24	Kent League	1 st XI	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	2pm
29.11.24	Kent League	U16A	V Harris Academy Falconwood	Away	2:30pm
29.11.24	District tournament	U15A	V Charlton Athletics Academy	Neutral	7pm

BASKETBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
25.11.24	Kent Basketball	U15A	V Trinity Church of England	Home	4pm
26.11.24	Kent Basketball	U16A	V Thamesview School	Home	4pm
27.11.24	Kent Basketball	U18A	V Earlscliffe Basketball Academy	Home	2pm

NETBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
27.11.24	Friendly	3 rd VII	V Farringtons School	Away	2:15pm

RUGBY					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
22.11.24	Friendly	U12A	V Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Home	2:30pm
25.11.24	Friendly	U13A	V Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Away	2:30pm
29.11.24	Friendly	U12A	V Hurstmere School	Home	2:30pm



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION



Easyfundraising is a website that allows shoppers to raise money for their favourite causes, including schools and parent-teacher associations, simply by shopping online. As a parent of a student at Beths we would be grateful for you to support the Beths Parents Association, you can register for easyfundraising and start raising money for the association today.

To register, simply go to the [easyfundraising website](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and click on the "Support a good cause" button. From there, you can search for the "Beths Grammar School Parents Association - Bexley" and select it as your chosen cause. Once you've registered, you can start shopping online as you normally would. Every time you make a purchase through an easyfundraising retailer, a donation will be made to the Beths Parents Association on your behalf.

The benefits of using easyfundraising are numerous;

1. Firstly, it's a simple and easy way to raise money for a cause you care about without having to spend any extra money.
2. Secondly, it's a great way to get involved and support your local school and community.
3. Thirdly, there are over 4,000 online retailers, including popular retailers like Amazon, John Lewis, and Argos, that participate in easyfundraising, so you can shop for anything you need and raise money for the Beths Parents Association at the same time.



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In summary, easyfundraising is a great way for parents to support their local school and community by shopping online and raising money for the Beths Parents Association. It's easy to use, doesn't cost you anything extra, and has a wide variety of retailers to choose from. And so far, this has contributed to £5,260 for projects towards the school!

Thanks for supporting the school
Justin Zarb
Chair of the Beths Parents Association



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Swim Bike Run MINI

Get involved with our recreational SWIM BIKE RUN Mini event

Entries available for Families (6+), Kids (6+) and Adults (15+)

Sunday 24th November 2024 // 07:30 - 10:00 // Erith Leisure Centre



Make your move

Register at <https://www.britishtriathlon.org/swimbikerun>
or contact emily.jay@lexleisure.org.uk



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KEEPING YOUR SCHOLAR SAFE

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or buy now, pay later schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as 2 for 1 deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest: parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CTO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>



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