



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support with Year 12 scholars, particularly with your help in getting them into good routines with independent studies, punctuality and attendance. There are a few key points that I would like to remind you about and ask for your support with.

## **Work experience**

You were sent a letter from the careers team recently, reminding you of key dates and guidance on getting work experience placements. The deadline for details to be on Unifrog (our online platform) is 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The week of work experience is 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It is vital that this is arranged at this time of year so that it does not distract from trial exam preparation. Any students who do not find their own placements will be in school. Please see the help, advice and guidance on the careers page of the school website. [Careers Programme - Beths Grammar School](#)

## **Trial exams**

As we approach trial exams, we want to ensure that we are in touch with you so that students are supported by consistent messages from both school and home.

I'd like to notify parents and carers that the trial exams begin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the second week back after the Easter holidays. A timetable will be given to each scholar after half term. There will be no study leave for trial exams, but students will be in school studying between examinations, which is in line with new government guidance. To ensure that the trial exams are a true representation of the actual exams, we will be applying official JCQ examination rules throughout the trial exam period. In summary, that means the following:

- No back-up papers. This means if you are absent, you will not be able to take the examination.
- No extra time given if you are late.
- Acts of defiance, such as incorrect uniform or not following instructions, will result in not being able to take the exam.
- Any form of cheating, such as notes, failure to hand in phones, writing on the hand etc. will result in expulsion from the hall and a zero on that paper, which, depending on the nature of the cheating, can result in a zero for all papers.
- If a student is absent due to illness, a doctor's certificate is the only way that the student will be allowed another opportunity to take the assessment.

Once the students have taken their assessments, there are two extremely valuable outcomes to be aware of. Firstly, the feedback from their teachers. This feedback will allow each student to make further progress in each of their subjects. Therefore, being present and punctual for all lessons for the rest of this academic year is exceptionally important. Secondly, their outcomes will provide teachers

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and the Sixth Form team with valid data for predicted grades. These grades will be used for UCAS (university application) predicted grades, and predictions for apprenticeship and job applications. The trial exam results will give students up to date information on their attainment allowing them to make informed decisions about which university courses/apprenticeships to consider and which universities to visit. To support revision for these assessments, please see the summary table of topics attached, as well as the link below which will take you to our curriculum maps on our school website.

[Curriculum Maps - Beths Grammar School](#)

Year 12 students are encouraged to think about what drives them, whether that is a career aspiration, a life goal or something else. Focusing on their longer-term goals can be an excellent motivator. Students are also reminded to look after themselves and keep a healthy balance between their studies and time to rest. Anxiety as a normal human emotion, which can help us achieve well. Students have been encouraged to discuss any more challenging mental health concerns with trusted adults who will be able to offer strategies and support to help ease them through this important period.

**Key dates:**

**UCAS discovery event**

All Year 12 students will be attending a UCAS event at the Excel in London, which our careers team have arranged for them. UCAS Discovery at ExCeL London, Tuesday 25 March, 12.30-2.30pm. This event will allow students to speak to representatives from universities, degree apprenticeship providers and employers from a huge range of fields. For more information, please see the link below. [UCAS Discovery London 2025](#)

**UCAS Launch event**

We would like to invite you all into school for our UCAS Launch event on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 6-7pm**. This event will introduce you and your young person to the UCAS process, which is changing slightly for 2026 university entry. More information about the structure of the event will follow in due course. If you would like to start looking into the process before then, please visit the UCAS website links below for further information.

[UCAS dates and deadlines for the 2026 cycle | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)  
[Personal statements for 2026 entry onwards | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions regarding subject content for trial exams, please contact your young person's teachers. For any other questions, please contact your young person's form tutor.

Yours sincerely,



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