

BETHS VIP

Excellence - Community - Respect

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



This week was National Careers week, and students received assemblies from the Careers team. On Wednesday 5th March, we welcomed the University of Leicester who spoke with Year 13 scholars about “Preparing for University” during their PSHCE time.

The English department promoted and celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. Both staff and scholars dressed up as a

book character and it was great to see as many participating – see some photos in next week’s VIP. This was a good opportunity to have fun and for staff to show our scholars that reading is a lifelong experience and joy.

Next Thursday, 13th March, our English & Drama department will be holding “Speech, Music and Drama” evening which is free to attend. The event starts at 6pm in P3. Why not come along and see our scholar showcasing their talents!

We have a few events happening this term, please see this VIP for more information on them

Have a wonderful weekend,
Richard Blyghton



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Thursday 13th March - 6pm Speech, Music & Drama Evening

Friday 14th March – Year 11 and 13 reports sent home

Wednesday 19th March - 2:30pm Afternoon Tea for the retired community

Thursday 20th March – Year 10 Parents Evening (in person)

Tuesday 25th March – Year 12 at UCAS Discovery Event, ExCel London

Wednesday 26th March – 6pm Spring Music Concert

Thursday 27th March – Year 13 Parents Evening for selected students

Wednesday 2nd April - Fairfield Hall Bexley Music Event

Thursday 3rd April - 6pm Spring Music Concert

Friday 4th April – Ski trip to Mont Tremblant depart and the Bay of Naples trip departs



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STUDENT SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to Ben B (U16) and Emir H (U19) for their outstanding performances representing Beths at the English Schools Table Tennis competition! Both were exceptional, with Ben achieving an impressive 4th place finish and Emir dominating his age group to take the top spot—securing his place in the National Finals! An incredible achievement for both players—well done!



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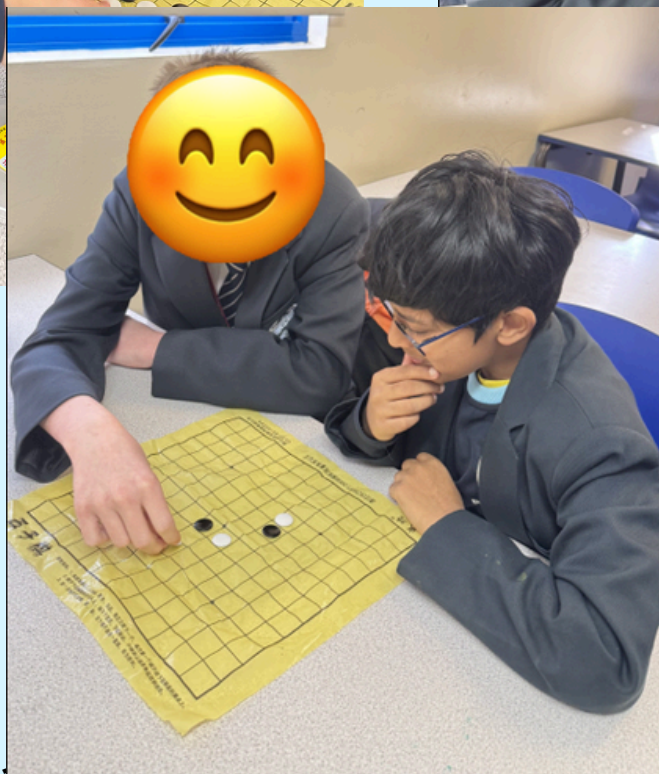
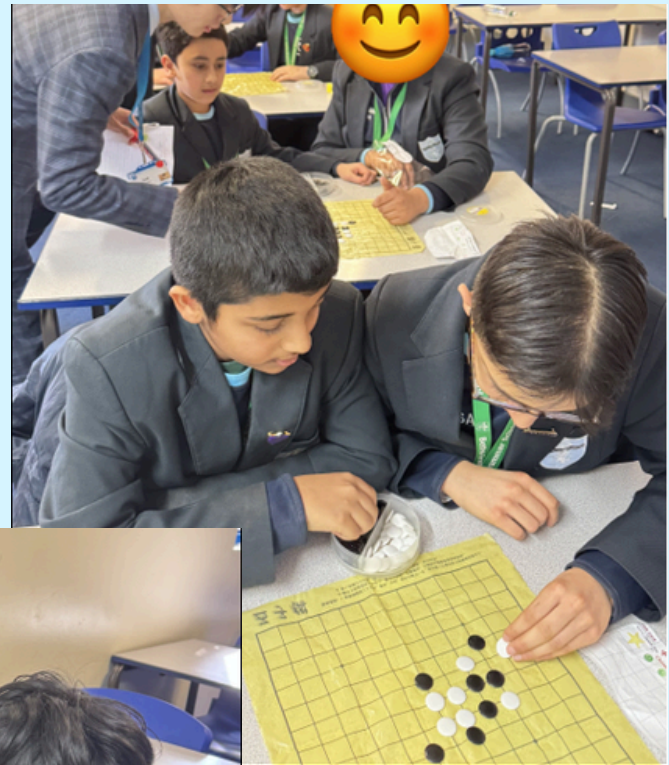
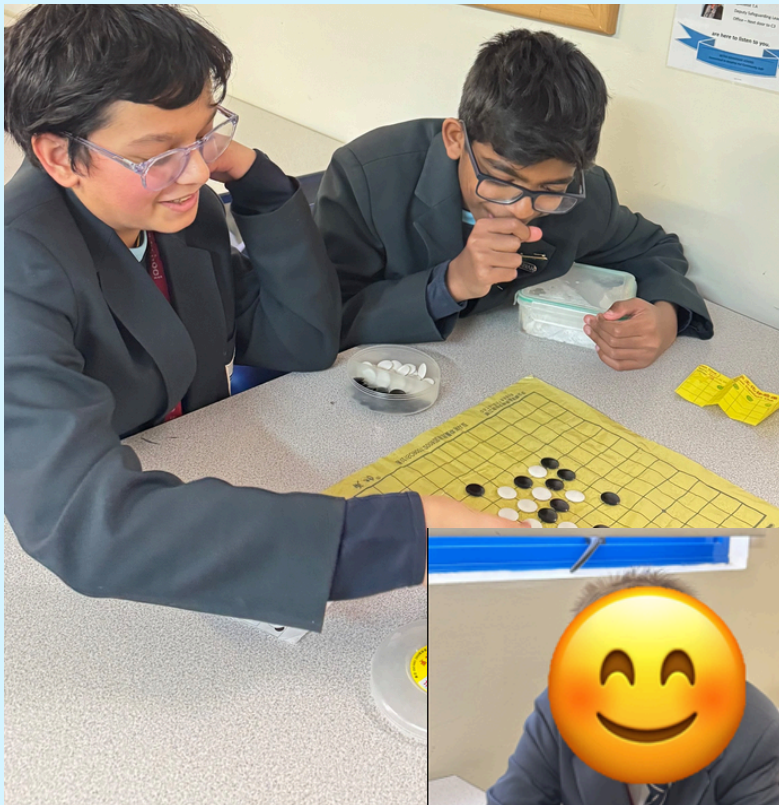


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CHINESE CLUB

During Chinese Club, students were introduced to Five-in-a-Row, a traditional Chinese board game that is both exciting and strategic. The aim is simple – be the first to place five stones in a row while outsmarting your opponent. Although easy to learn, the game helps players think critically and develop strategic skills.

During the session, students explored the rules and tactics, putting their skills to the test. Many were fascinated by the game and eagerly challenged their friends to friendly matches, making the event both fun and competitive.



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AFTERNOON TEA

We warmly invite you to our Easter Community Afternoon Tea for the retired and semi-retired members of our community. Enjoy a lovely afternoon of prizes, music, games and wonderful company.

Date: Wednesday 19th March, 2:30pm- 4pm

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

To book your place or for more details, call 01322 556538.



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SPRING CONCERT

Join us for an unforgettable celebration of music, featuring talented students from Years 7–13! Enjoy performances from big bands, chamber ensembles, band classes, soloists, and the Beths School Orchestra. Tickets can be purchased [here](#)

A vibrant poster for the Beths Grammar School Spring Concerts. The background is a light blue gradient with large, stylized flowers in green, purple, yellow, and pink. A large white treble clef is on the left. The text 'BETHS GRAMMAR SCHOOL' is in blue. 'SPRING CONCERTS' is in large, multi-colored, outlined letters. Below this, the dates 'SPRING CONCERT - 26TH MARCH 2025, 6PM' and 'SPRING CONCERT 2.0 - 3RD APRIL 2025, 6PM' are listed in green. The venue 'Beths Grammar School, Hartford Road, DA5 1NE' is in black. A URL for ticket booking is provided in red and black text. A QR code is at the bottom left, and the school crest is at the bottom right. A small bee illustration is near the dates.

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SPRING CONCERTS

SPRING CONCERT - 26TH MARCH 2025, 6PM
SPRING CONCERT 2.0 - 3RD APRIL 2025, 6PM

Beths Grammar School, Hartford
Road, DA5 1NE

To book a ticket or for more
information, please visit
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School/spring-concert/e-kzaakv> or scan the QR
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KS3 ART COMPETITION

120 House Points

+

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KS3 MCC ART

House Competition

You can make anything as long as it relates to Multiculturalism.

You have FULL creative freedom!

Put your name, form and year group on the back of your art.

Hand it in to Mr Hayman by 3:30pm

Deadline: Friday 28th March



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SPEECH, MUSIC AND DRAMA EVENING



Speech, Music & Drama EVENING

Join us for an exciting evening celebrating the performing arts! The event will feature:

- Year 10 Drama Students performing duologues.
- Speech Club showcasing some of the best speeches.
- Musical Performances with songs from well-loved musicals.

**13TH MARCH
2025,
6PM**

Beths Grammar School,
Hartford Road,
DA5 1NE

For more information, please follow this link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Beths-Grammar-School/speech-music-and-drama-evening/e-zozlxe>



Tickets are free, but we gladly welcome donations at the event.



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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our PA meetings are held online on the second Wednesday of each month @ 7.00pm using Microsoft Teams.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March. Why not join us? The meeting can be joined by following this [link](#)



Supporting Community, Causes and Care

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Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March. Why not join us?

19:00: Apologies and welcome to new attendees

19:05: Chairs Address

19:10 : Treasurer's Report

19:15 : School's Report

19:20 : Beths Parents' Association Core Priorities

19:25 : Community

19:35 : Causes

19:45 : Care

19:55 : AOB

The meeting ID is 335 113 823 146

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Match Funding!

Dear Parents of Beths Grammar School,

Amplify Your Impact: Match Funding with Beths PA

The Beths Parents' Association is a registered UK charity. Many employers will match your donations, potentially doubling or tripling the amount. Check if your employer participates and make your contribution go further!

As a registered UK charity, the Beths Parents' Association plays a vital role in supporting our school and enriching the educational experiences of our children. Today, we would like to highlight an opportunity that can significantly amplify the impact of your generous donations: match funding.

What is Match Funding?

Match funding is a fantastic way to double or even triple your donations to the Beths Parents' Association without any additional cost to you. Many employers have schemes in place where they match the charitable contributions made by their employees. This can be in the form of direct financial donations or even volunteer time. Some companies match pound for pound up to a certain limit, while others may double or triple the amount of your donation or pay for your volunteer time.



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How to Find Out if Your Employer Participates

Please inquire with your Human Resources department to see if they offer a matching gift scheme. Some employers based outside the UK, especially those in the US, may also have similar programs.

How to Participate

To take advantage of this scheme, please follow your employer's specific procedures for match funding. The Beths Parents' Association will provide any necessary documentation to support your donation. By participating in this program, you can significantly increase the impact of your contributions, helping us to support more initiatives and projects at Beths Grammar School.

For any questions or further information, please contact our executive committee at exec@bethspa.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Warm regards, Beths Parents' Association



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Centre Stage Theatre Academy would like to invite the students of Beths Grammar School to take part in Summer Youth Project 2025!

Centre Stage Theatre Academy is a family run company with ten academy locations across Kent. Summer Youth Project has been running at The Woodville, Gravesend since 2014 and past productions such as Oliver, Shrek, Fame, Grease and Legally Blonde have been hugely successful with students returning to take part every year.

Summer Youth Project has a Junior Ensemble for ages 8-12 years and a Senior Ensemble for ages 13-21 years. We would love to share this wonderful opportunity to the students of Beths Grammar School. The course is open to all, and no experience is necessary, just a passion for wanting to learn, have fun and perform.

The course runs from Monday 28th July to Saturday 9th August every day from 10am - 5pm at The Woodville. Students will produce the full musical in just ten days, performing to a live audience complete with a full orchestra, lights, costumes, and a set!

We will be holding auditions on Sunday 16th March for Junior Students to take part in the ensemble and Senior Students who wish to audition for a principal or supporting role.

It is completely free to come along and audition, then after the audition day there is a non-refundable deposit of £50 due to register your space. The full two-week project is £275 inc VAT. and the final balance of £215 must be paid by 30th June 2025. This works out to less than £3.50 per hour for professional tuition and care. Payments plans are accepted.

We like to ensure that opportunities like this are available to all children and young adults, so we do also offer 50% and 100% funded spaces upon application.

We have enclosed some leaflets and posters, which we would really appreciate you putting around the school to promote our Summer Youth Project. Any questions at all please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,
Frankie Fitzgerald
Company Director

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AUDITION APPLICATION



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ACADEMY

BROMLEY ACADEMY
SATURDAYS AT HAYES
SCHOOL

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SATURDAYS AT NORTHFLEET
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SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT 2025
MONDAY 28TH JULY - SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST

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THE FOOTLOOSE CAST IS OPEN TO ANYONE AGED 8 - 21 YEARS

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'FOOTLOOSE' A STAGE ADAPTATION BY DEAN FITCHFORD AND WALTER BOBBIE. MUSIC BY TOM SNOW LYRICS BY DEAN FITCHFORD



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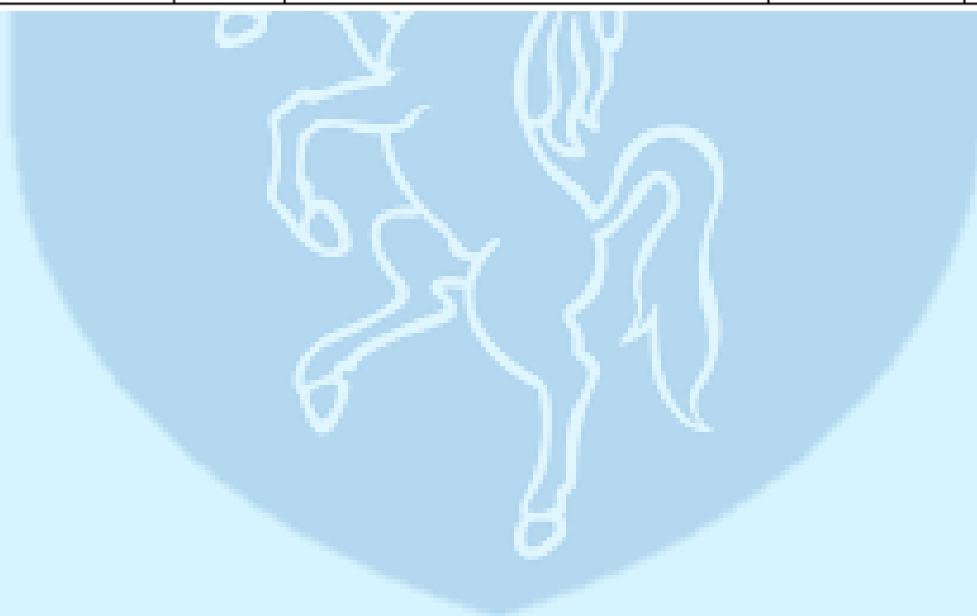
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FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commencing 3rd March

FOOTBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Score
03.03.25	North Kent Cup	U12A	Year 7 North Kent Football Tournament	Away	3 rd and 4 th Place
05.03.25	North Kent League	1 st XI	V Langley Park School for Boys	Home	Won 4-2
06.03.25	North Kent Cup QF	U15A	V Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Away	Won 0-1

BASKETBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Score
03.03.25	Kent Basketball QF	U12A	V Ravens Wood School	Home	Won
05.03.25	Kent Basketball QF	U18A	V Canterbury High School	Home	Lost
06.03.25	Kent Basketball QF	U15A	V Gravesend Grammar School	Home	Won 58-48



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FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Fixtures for week commencing 10th March

FOOTBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
10.03.25	District league	U15A	V Brighton	Neutral	7:45pm
11.03.25	North Kent Cup	U12A	V Hurstmere	Home	3:30pm
12.03.25	North Kent League	1 st XI	V Christ the King: St Mary's	Away	2pm
12.03.25	North Kent League	2 nd XI	V Darrick Wood School	Away	2:15pm
13.03.25	North Kent Tournament	U14	U14 North Kent Tournament	Away	2pm
14.03.25	North Kent Cup	U13A	V Hurstmere	Home	3pm

BASKETBALL					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
12.03.25	Kent Basketball QF	U16A	V Ravens Wood School	Home	3:30pm
13.03.25	Friendly	U15A	V Tonbridge School	Home	3:30pm

RUGBY					
Date	Competition	Team	Opposition	Venue	Start time
11.03.25	U13 Kent 7s	U13A	Various School	Eltham College	9am

*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



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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 USING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST READING SKILLS

The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy. While traditional books remain invaluable, digital tools can enhance reading skills by making text more accessible, interactive and engaging.

1 CHOOSING THE RIGHT TYPE OF TEXT

Before integrating technology, consider the types of text that a child engages with. If they need help on occasion, digital reading pens can assist by scanning and reciting words or sentences. These tools are especially useful for students with reading difficulties, and can even be used in exams if they're part of their routine learning process. Proper training and practice are required, but they can be a great help when tackling printed text.

2 READING ON SCREEN

Many devices now allow users to customise text for better readability. Adjusting font type, size and background colour can significantly enhance comprehension. For many readers, white text on a black background is the easiest to see, whereas other styles – such as dyslexia-friendly fonts – are designed to help those who are struggling. Teaching children how to personalise text settings on their devices empowers them to read more comfortably and with greater confidence.

3 ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS

Most modern devices include built-in tools designed to support readers. These features can be found in Settings under Accessibility and may include text-to-speech, speech-to-text and screen magnification functions. Enabling these tools can make digital reading more user friendly, especially for children with learning difficulties or visual impairments, who might have an easier time with spoken language than the written word, or who might simply require a closer look at the text.

4 INTERACTIVE READING PROGRAMMES

Many digital reading devices, such as Kindle and other e-readers, offer features like word highlighting, adjustable text speed and built-in dictionaries. These tools help learners to break down complex words and phrases while maintaining an appropriate reading pace. Some programmes even allow users to track their progress, making reading a more structured and motivating experience.

5 VIDEO GAMES AND READING SKILLS

Many video games require players to read instructions, character dialogues and mission objectives, making them an unexpected but effective literacy tool. Games that involve storytelling, puzzles or problem-solving often include large amounts of text – encouraging children to read these texts aloud or discuss them can improve their comprehension and vocabulary in a fun, engaging way.

6 SUBTITLES AND CLOSED CAPTIONS

Watching videos with subtitles or closed captions is an effective way to enhance reading skills. As children watch their favourite shows or online videos, they can follow along with the text, gaining a better understanding of how written words sound when spoken aloud. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers, as it exposes them to words in a familiar, engaging context. Repeatedly watching content with subtitles reinforces word recognition and comprehension.

7 USING AUDIOBOOKS

Audiobooks are an excellent way to develop listening and reading skills simultaneously. Children can follow along with the text while listening to a narrator, reinforcing word recognition and fluency. For struggling readers, listening to an audiobook before attempting to read the text independently can boost their confidence and comprehension.

9 TEXT-TO-VOICE TECHNOLOGY

Text-to-voice software reads digital text aloud, making it easier for learners to follow along. Most smartphones, tablets and computers come with this function built in. When enabled, users can highlight a passage or sentence and press Play to hear it read aloud. This tool is particularly helpful for auditory learners and those who struggle with decoding written words.

8 VOICE-TO-TEXT FOR WRITING AND READING

Voice-to-text tools allow users to dictate words, which are then transcribed into text. This feature helps children see the connection between spoken and written language. By using text-to-voice to have their dictated words read back to them, learners can identify mistakes and improve their reading and writing skills simultaneously.

10 SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media provides opportunities for reading, most platforms have age restrictions of 13–16 years old, making parental guidance essential. Many social media videos include captions and comments that can encourage reading. However, it's important to use the platform's parental controls (such as time limits and content filters) to create a safe and educational online environment for children. Encouraging responsible social media use can ensure a balanced and productive approach to digital literacy.

Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lowrie is a qualified special needs teacher and experienced SENCO. She recently launched her own site, Neuroteachers, which offers a library of short, 'how-to' and explanation videos for educators. Catrina also writes and delivers online training and events for multi-academy trusts, businesses, schools and training organisations.



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ACTIONS FOR HAPPINESS CALENDAR

Mindful March 2025

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1

Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2

Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3

Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

4

Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5

Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

6

If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

7

Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8

Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9

Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10

Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11

Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12

Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13

Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14

Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15

Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16

Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17

Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18

Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19

Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20

Focus on what makes you and others happy today

21

Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22

Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23

Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24

Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25

Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26

Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27

Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28

Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29

Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30

Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31

Discover the joy in the simple things of life



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