

Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during what has been a long and busy first half term of the academic year. We would like to ask you to continue to reiterate our consistent messaging in school regarding our values of Excellence, Community and Respect.

The behavior of a small minority our scholars on public transport, has recently been reported to us by members of the community and by transport staff, as unacceptable. Students have been reported to be pushing their peers and members of the public, swearing and shouting, among other unacceptable acts. These small minority of students have a serious impact on the reputation of the school and of Beths scholars on the whole. We do not want those who do behave to be negatively impacted by those who choose not to behave. We are working with TfL, members of the school and members of our local community to identify those involved in any misconduct and we will sanction scholars severely in accordance with our behaviour policy.

Please go through the rules for travel written by transport for London, as set out in the link below, with your young person.

Rules of travel for under 18s - Transport for London

Key points taken from these rules are listed below:

- Act in a considerate and responsible manner
- Act safely
- Cooperate with our staff and treat them and other passengers with respect
- Use language that does not cause offence to others
- Ensure you are the only person that can hear your music
- Ensure you pick up all your litter
- Keep your feet off the seats
- Give up your seat for others

For those travelling into and out of Kent, please see the link below for the Kent County Councils code of conduct for those travelling to and from school:

Home to School Transport Guidance - January 2023

Our priority at Beths is to ensure that every member of our community is safe. We have high expectations of Beths scholars, as I am sure you do. Scholars need to be responsible for the way they conduct themselves and aim to embody our school values and we know that the majority of scholars at Beths can be proud for upholding those values every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Foley

Assistant Headteacher