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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

First week of the autumn term and we welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 scholars and their families to Beths Grammar School, and of course, the rest of our scholars. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready to tackle the new academic year. Our Year 7s Induction Day on Tuesday saw them participate in a treasure hunt activity helping them become familiar with their classrooms and the school

site. Our Year 12s took part in an escape room activity, giving them a chance to meet new peers.

On Thursday evening we held our annual Awards Presentation evening for 2024-2025 academic year. Our long-standing Trustee and former Deputy Headteacher, Mr Mike Pack, was our guest speaker. It is always a pleasure to celebrate the success of our scholars with their families and as a 'Beths touch' the awards this year were plaques created by our very own Mr Smith in the DT department, creativity and excellence together.

Over the summer we had our tennis court and hard court resurfaced. A much needed task and is now looking great! We will have the official hard court markings made hopefully during the October half term - weather permitting!



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Also during the summer break we installed an emergency allergy medication box, courtesy of Kitt Medical in our main reception. As well as having defibrillators around school, this new kit is much welcomed as I'm sure you will agree.



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July we held a memorial run/walk for Alex C. Thank you to everyone involved, Alex's family were moved by the perseverance and community spirit displayed by our school community on that day. We raised just over £3,000 for Young Minds Trust, which is a fantastic effort for an important charity.

The school photographers came in on Friday to take photos of Years 7, 9, 10 and 12 scholars. QR codes were given to the scholars to take home and place any orders.

I am proud of the start to the academic year our scholars have shown and look forward to celebrating their achievement and hard work over the year.

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - 11+ Testing taking place in school all day

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** - 11+ Testing taking place in school all day

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** - 11+ Testing taking place at school all day

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - 11+ Testing taking place at school all day

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - 6pm-7pm Year 10 Welcome to GCSEs Parent Information Evening

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** - 6pm-7pm Year 11 Final Push Parents Information Evening

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - 6pm-7pm Year 7 Parents Welcome to Beths

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - 6pm-7pm Welcome to Sixth Form for Year 12 Parents

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - Staff Training Day, no scholars

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 11 Work Experience Week, Year 6 Open Events commence

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** - 6pm-7pm Year 12 Work Experience Meeting (in person)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - Barcelona Football Tour departs, Year 9 Battlefields day trip

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Barcelona Football Tour returns

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - 5pm-7pm Apprenticeship Fair Evening

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - 6pm-7pm Snow Union Ski Trip Parents Information Evening

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 6 Open Events end, Last day of term



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# YEAR 12 INDUCTION

Welcome to Beths Sixth Form! Our Year 12 cohort have successfully completed their two days of induction to the Sixth Form at Beths.

Students have spent time getting to know their Personal Tutor and have had an overview of the next two years ahead of them. To wrap up the induction, our students took on the role of detectives for an intense problem solving activity on Wednesday afternoon for their first enrichment session.

The hall was a buzz of excitement and intense discussions along with lots of laughter and a real competitive spirit! This was a great opportunity to get to know each other. Well done to you all.

A special thank you to the Parents Association for funding this activity.

What a great welcome to Beths!



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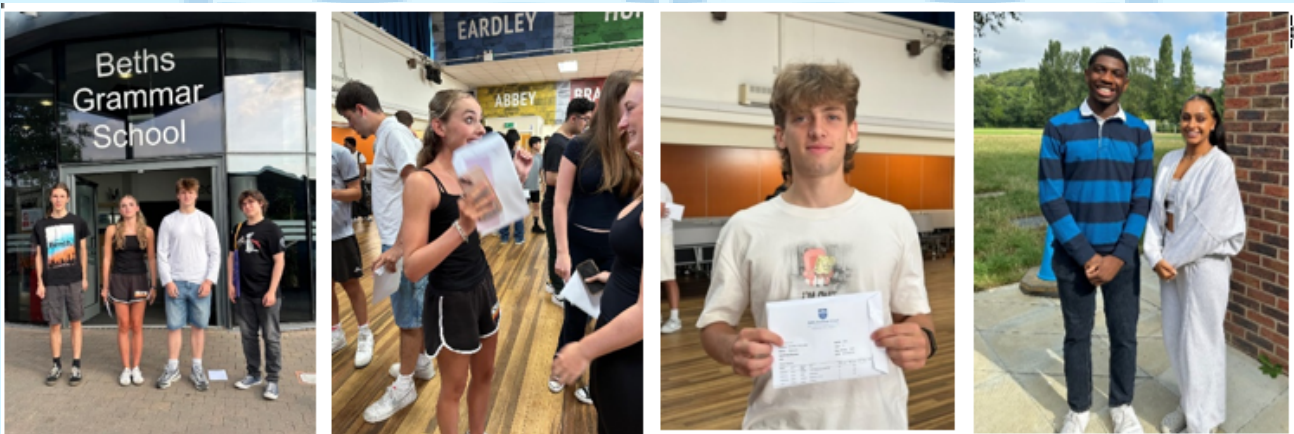
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# EXAM RESULTS 2025

I would like to once again congratulate our Year 13 scholars on their A-Level results, as we again celebrate another fantastic year of results. Many students are now preparing to head on to the university, apprenticeship or job of their choice.

Impressively, 57% of grades were A\* to B and 48 students achieved at least one A\* grade. Beths also saw particular success in subjects including Electronics, Further Maths and Mandarin, where the average grade was A.



We're so proud of the Year 13 students who have been offered apprenticeships at top companies, including the big four accountancy firms – KPMG, EY, PwC and Deloitte. After leaving Beths our amazing scholars will be working at Amazon, Babcock, BAE, Barclays, Bloomberg, Charles Russell Speechlys, Clancy Quantity Surveying Grant Thornton, Linklaters, ISIO, National Highways, Rolls Royce, Simmons and Simmons and Toyota, studying Engineering, Law, Marketing, Audit, Finance and Investment.



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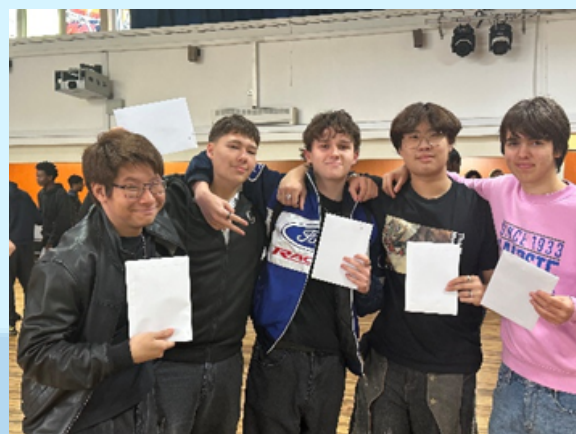
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# EXAM RESULTS 2025

The school has maintained significant progress made since the pandemic with 40% of scholars achieving grades at 8 and 9! This progress has been sustained against a background of increasing grade boundaries to achieve the top grades. We have seen continued success, with some of the standout individual achievements, including:



- Thomas B, who achieved grade 9 in each of his eleven GCSEs.
- Four students, Harry R, Joe P, Harvey T, and David M who achieved ten grade 9s in each of their GCSEs.
- A further four students, Madhav K, Dev P, Mayowa A and David A, who achieved nine grade 9s.
- A further eight students achieved seven grade 9s in their GCSEs.

Many students have stayed on in our Sixth Form that offers over thirty A-Level courses.

We are very proud of all our scholars, and the GCSE results they have



achieved, which are hugely deserved. We are proud of their academic standards, which will provide a robust starting point for their A Level studies. The commitment, resilience and spirit they have shown over the past two years have been inspirational, and their results are a testament to this.



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# STUDENT PLANNERS

Upon their return to school this week, scholars in all year groups have been issued with a school planner.

Please note the school planner should be used as an organisational tool by all scholars and the expectation is that it is signed weekly by parents/carers to confirm that homework has been completed and recorded properly. As we all know, only when scholars, parents/carers and the school work together can the best possible outcomes be realised, so we thank parents in advance for supporting this.

The school planner is now classed as essential school equipment and as such, scholars should expect a consequence if they continually fail to bring their planner to school. It should be on their desks in registration and lessons at all times and form tutors will be checking this daily.

We are very grateful to our school PA for supporting the return of the school planner this academic year and hope that it can be of great use to our amazing scholars in the forthcoming academic year ahead.



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# A VISIT FROM ALEX COBB

Back in July we welcomed actor and former student Alex Cobb to Beths to run a workshop with A Level Drama scholars, before their performance exam that month. Alex also popped in for a chat with the A Level Film Studies class!



In the Drama workshop Alex worked with the scholars on their physical warmup and voices before watching a rehearsal of their performance. After he gave them some feedback and worked with the scholars to develop their character work and vocal skills further. The scholars had a great time in the workshop and clear improvements could be seen in their character work straight away.



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# FOOD TECHNOLOGY

After converting two classrooms into a Food Technology room during the last term, we are looking forward to our scholars learning new skills this academic year.



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# YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

From climbing the Great Wall 🏰 to exploring AI innovation 🤖, trying local food 🍜 and experiencing Chinese ancient traditions 🏡 — our Year 13 Mandarin scholars had an unforgettable 3 weeks in Beijing and Xi'an 🇨🇳 with UCL-PKU's Youth Ambassadors Program during the summer.



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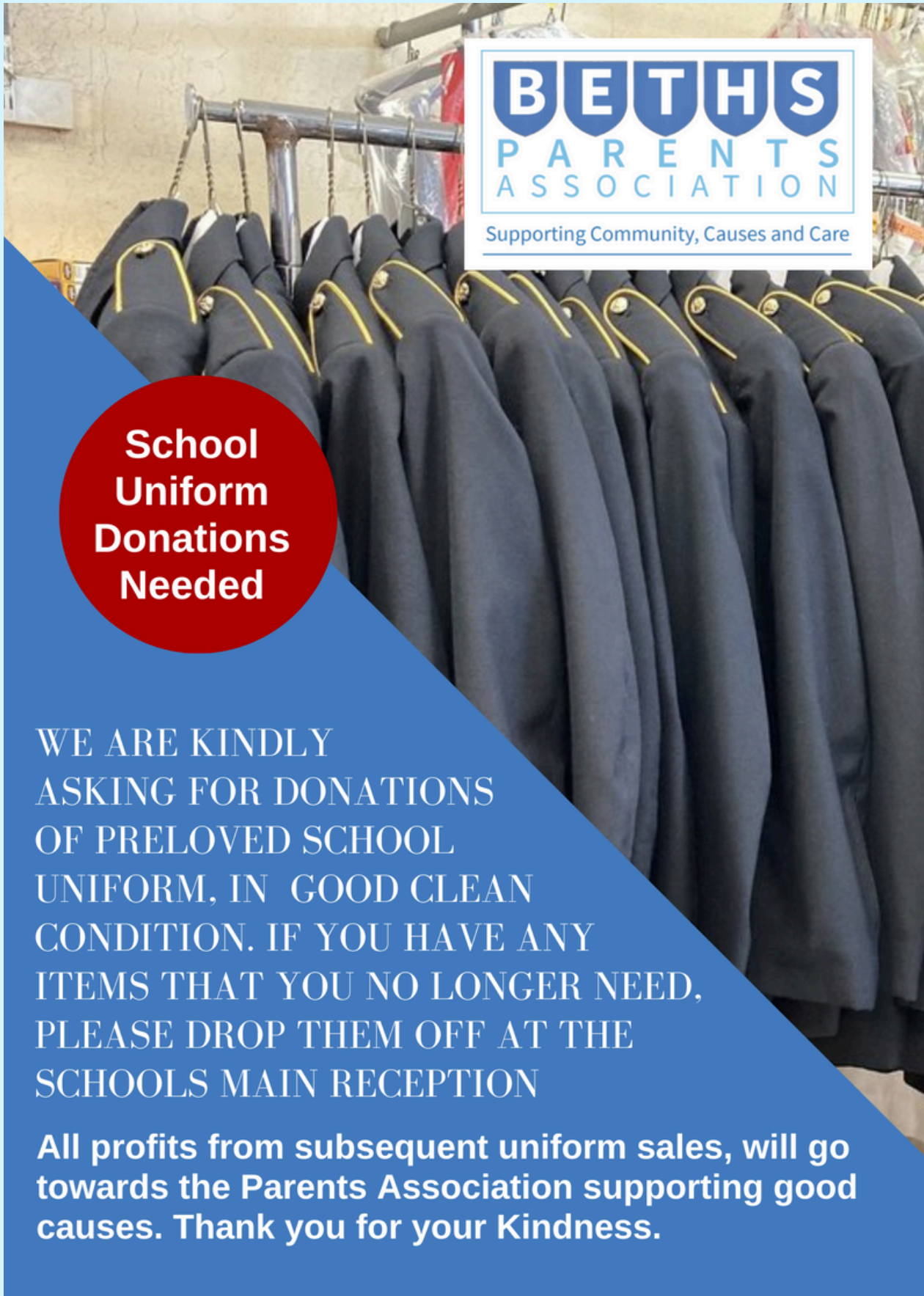
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