

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

Thursday 25 September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

## Alternative post-16 institutions

It was lovely to see so many of you last week at the evening event. As I discussed, we are aware that many of your children will be planning to come back to Beths for Sixth Form but we strongly encourage you to apply to alternative post-16 provisions in case they do not meet the entry requirements for Beths. There is no limit to the number of post-16 provisions that you can apply to and many local schools offer A levels but with lower grade entry requirement. By putting a back up in place you will take all the stress out of results day, just in case results do not go as you wish. Schools are running Open Days in October and November, ahead of the January application deadline and by looking around different schools your child will have a real opportunity to plan their alternatives.

Attached to this letter is a summary of local schools and colleges, their contact details and open days which has been prepared by Prospects, who provide our careers guidance interviews. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but we hope that you find the information useful as a starting point.

## **Work Experience**

For the week of 6-10 October Year 11 students will be undertaking work experience. All students will be contacted by a member of staff during their placement and some students will be visited. It is a legal requirement that all students who are going on a work experience placement receive a Health and Safety briefing prior to their placement. A comprehensive presentation was shown to students last week and students were given instructions on how to contact their placement provider to confirm arrangements for Monday 6 October. Students have also been reminded that if they have any medical or individual needs that will affect their placement, it is their responsibility to inform the employer before the work experience placement begins. Important safeguarding information has also been shared with students - see below.

**Safeguarding:** If at any time during your work experience you feel uncomfortable or have any safeguarding concerns, please tell the school and your parent / carer.

School number: 01322 556538

Careers Team: workexperience@beths.bexley.sch.uk

Safeguarding out of hours (Before 8.30am and after 4.40pm): esafe@beths.bexley.sch.uk

We hope that all our students have a meaningful and enjoyable work experience.

Mrs Blyghton Careers Lead