

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

Last week, the first Wellbeing Forum took place at Beths Grammar School. Scholars at the school were joined by Wellbeing Champions from St Catherines, Chislehurst & Sidcup, and Blackfen. There was also a guest speaker, who was a representative from the NHS. This was a wonderful opportunity for Beths Wellbeing Champions to work together and have a chance to discuss upcoming events this academic year. We look forward to the future of this Wellbeing

Forum and all they will achieve this year.

Over the half-term both of Ms Monteith's Year 9 classes were given the project of creating a Dystopian Setting or their favourite book from the Genre. They all worked really hard on this project and it was amazing to see what they came up with.

On Monday 10th of November it was Odd Sock day for Anti-Bullying week. Scholars came in wearing odd socks to raise awareness for this worthwhile cause.

In clay club, which takes places for all years after school on a Tuesday, two scholars had finished their pieces of artwork, one was a devil's fruit and the other was a jug.

There is a message from EcoClub about COP 30 which takes place from



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the 10th of November to the 21st of November.

On the 11th of December the school will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day. Scholars are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or a jumper covered in tinsel or other Christmas related decorations. Scholars are also encouraged to donate to the charity and there will be a collection at the gates on this day.

Year 10 scholars are going to be working closely with MCC and Medicine Society to raise awareness for Men's Mental Health month and are participating in the Bexley Foodbank Initiative. Bexley Foodbank do more than simply providing food. The scholars are asking for non-perishable donations, including: new pyjamas for all sizes, hot water bottles and toiletries. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

Next week we welcome parents and Year 11 scholars to the school for the (External) Sixth Form Open Days. All the events are now sold out, but there is a waiting list for any parents that wish to join but haven't got a place. Email admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk with any dates that you would prefer and they will be booked on your behalf if a place becomes available.

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 16th November - Year 11 trial exams begin in the Sports Hall

Tuesday 18th November - Year 10 Work Experience Talk for Parents

Thursday 20th November - 9:15am-10:15am Sixth Form Guided Tours

Tuesday 25th November - 9:15am-10:15am Sixth Form Guided Tours

Thursday 27th November - Year 13 Parents Evening in Person

Friday 28th November - Year 7 Report Home

Monday 1st December - 14:00pm-15:00pm Sixth Form Guided Tours

Tuesday 2nd December - 9:15am-10:15am Sixth Form Guided Tours



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FIRST WELLBEING FORUM



The first Wellbeing Forum of the year was hosted by Beths this week. Wellbeing Champions from St Catherines, Chislehurst & Sidcup, and Blackfen joined our own Champions for an evening of fun, discussion, and learning. Our guest speaker, a representative from the NHS, presented a new initiative highlighting the importance of active creativity to promote good mental health. Our champions also shared and brainstormed their ideas for the upcoming year. Wellbeing Champions can be identified by their yellow shield badges and will be running events and initiatives throughout the year.



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YEAR 9 GOTHIC SETTINGS



Both Ms Monteith's Y9 classes 9a2 and 9e2 were tasked with a creative project over half term to create a Dystopian setting/or their favourite book from the Genre. We are very impressed by the quality of work our scholars have produced! Well done to all.



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ODD SOCKS DAY



Odd Socks Day - for Anti-bullying Week



Odd Sock Day took place on Monday 10th November and scholars showed their support to Anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks.



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**SCHOLARS IN CLAY CLUB
FINISHED THEIR GLAZED
PIECES. ONE IS A DEVIL'S FRUIT
AND THE OTHER IS A JUG**



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ECOBYTES

Beginning this week, **COP 30** (Conference of parties) is taking place in Belem, Brazil – located on the fringes of the Amazon. Organised by the United Nations, 193 countries are in attendance with the notable exception of the USA.

COP 30 is a 2-week event running from the 10th– 21st November. The main focus of COP 30 is to hold discussions regarding climate change, donating and raising money and making pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The noteworthy missing party from this year's COP 30 – the USA – sent 0 delegates, under the provision of the incumbent president Donald Trump who is a known climate change sceptic, with a capitalistic agenda focused on the exporting of US-sourced fossil fuels.

Today also marks **10** years of the Paris agreement which aimed to keep average global temperatures to below **1.5°C** above pre-industrial levels. The success of this pledge is to be debated, as in 2024, the yearly average temperature limit has been breached. Furthermore, 2025 is projected to be the hottest year on record.

In recent events, many protests by individuals representing the indigenous population of Amazonia were present surrounding the venue used for COP 30. One indigenous protester has gone on record to remark **"We can't eat money."** Referencing the prevalent issue of large-scale deforestation, cattle ranching, mineral and oil extraction orchestrated by industrial corporations operating in indigenous territories.

By Ecoclub



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CHRISTMAS FOODBANK COLLECTION



The poster is decorated with various Christmas-themed illustrations including holly leaves, a mug of hot chocolate, a gingerbread man, a cupcake, a donut, a gingerbread house, a cup of coffee, and several stars. The main title 'Christmas Food Bank Collection' is written in a large, stylized font. Below the title, the text 'Donate to people who need it most this Christmas' is centered. A table with two columns provides the deadline information. In the center, there is an illustration of two children at a 'FOOD DRIVE' table and the Bexley Foodbank logo. Below this, a question asks which house will collect the most donations, followed by six vertical bars of different colors and patterns for voting.

Christmas Food Bank Collection

Donate to people who need it
most this Christmas

Deadline	Monday, 15th December
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Which House will collect the most donations
across the school?





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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day



As a school we are participating in the Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 11th December for Save the Children. Scholars are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper under their blazer on this day and if they would like to make a donation towards the charity a collection will be at the gates. Don't have a Christmas jumper? No problem, get crafty and decorate your school jumper with baubles, tinsel etc!



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JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA



for the retired & semi-retired

**Please join us for a delicious afternoon tea with
scrumptious cakes, endless tea and coffee,
festive Christmas music, drama production and
the company of our scholars.**



**Tuesday 2nd December 2025 from
2:15pm-4:00pm**



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



£4 per person

**Please register your interest by
emailing Admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk
or call 01322 556538 by
Friday 28th November 2025.**

ALUMNI



Whether you left Beths Grammar School last year or a few decades ago, we would love to hear from you!

Join our alumni community to catch up with old friends, hear about future events or even see if you can help with contributing to the development of current and future students of Beths

Fill out the contact form and we will be in touch. We look forward to hearing from you!

Beths Alumni Student contact form : <https://forms.office.com/e/UB4Z2iHS3b>



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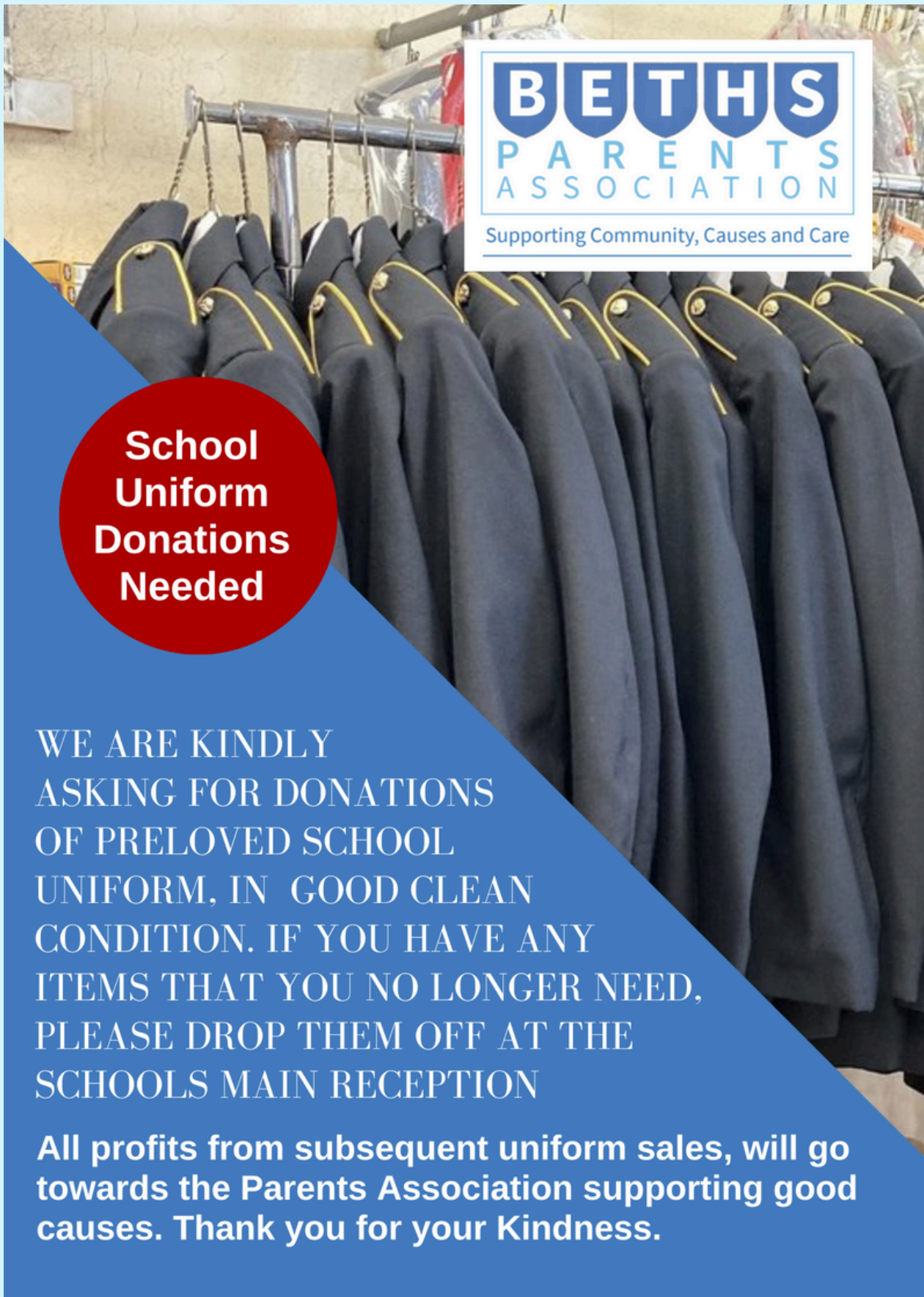


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**School
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Needed**

WE ARE KINDLY
ASKING FOR DONATIONS
OF PRELOVED SCHOOL
UNIFORM, IN GOOD CLEAN
CONDITION. IF YOU HAVE ANY
ITEMS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED,
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causes. Thank you for your Kindness.



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