

Beths Grammar School

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

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Since last I wrote, Year 7 scholars have continued to settle into school life at Beths Grammar School fantastically. They are flourishing, with more than 9,000 scholar points being awarded to the year group to date! They have also demonstrated an excellent attitude to their academic studies as they complete their first round of assessments, ahead of the report which will be issued next week. As well as this, they have shown great commitment to the wider life of the school, taking up sporting opportunities, attending extracurricular clubs and activities and getting involved in special events.

As a school, we are now working towards an important charitable initiative: scholars and staff are being encouraged to bring in items that will be donated to our local foodbank, Bexley Foodbank. Bexley Foodbank is run by the Trussel Trust and provides emergency food to families in need in the local area; this charitable work is important now, more than ever, as families are coping with the rise in the cost of living. Scholars will be rewarded with an L6 scholar point for bringing in items for this charitable drive. To add some fun to this, we have also launched a festive hamper House competition to hold these items, which will be judged by the volunteers at the centre. Each form has nominated a team to make the hamper.

The final day for scholars to donate to this cause is on Monday 15th December. Please help us work together to support our community by encouraging your scholar to bring in a donation to the collection. A list of urgent and surplus products can be found on the Bexley Foodbank website: https://bexley.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/.

You will also have received information about scholars being given a tree to plant during their Geography lessons. This is part of promoting sustainability at Beths. If they haven't already, your scholar needs to bring in a 2 or 3 litre drink bottle. Bottles must be straight sided and not with a neck in the middle as this doesn't leave enough room for the tree. Scholars will plant their sapling in the bottle and look after it until Year 11. After that, they can take their tree if they have somewhere to plant it or donate it to us. If donated, the tree will go to local community planting schemes.

Thank you for the continuous support you have shown your scholar in helping him settle in and adapt to life at Beths Grammar School. I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the year group develop their compassion for our local community and excel inside and outside the classroom.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Quinn Head of Year 7