



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 8 Scholars,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and reflect on what has been a positive and purposeful start to the academic year for our Year 8 scholars.

It has been a pleasure to see how confidently the year group has returned to school life this academic year as Year 8 pupils. Scholars have shown maturity in their approach to learning and increasing independence, which has been excellent to see. From engagement in lessons to participation in extracurricular activities and sporting fixtures, Year 8 have made an encouraging start and continue to build on the foundations established in Year 7.

This term has been important in setting routines, expectations and high standards. I have been particularly pleased with the resilience and positivity demonstrated as students take on greater responsibility both in and out of the classroom.

Interim Reports

You will be aware that our Year 8 scholars have completed assessments across their subjects. Year 8 interim reports will be issued on Friday 16th January, detailing performance across subjects, including an overview of your child's progress and attitude to learning. Should you have any questions, subject teachers will be happy to respond and contact details can be found on the school website.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place in person on Thursday 5th February and will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with subject teachers. Further information regarding appointment booking will be shared closer to the date.

Year 8 Camp

As outlined in the letter sent out a few weeks ago, Year 8 Camp will take place in the New Forest in July 2026 and forms an important part of the Year 8 curriculum. Camp provides scholars with valuable opportunities to develop independence, resilience and social relationships, alongside fieldwork and a range of outdoor pursuits. Please note that the initial payment of £48 is due via ParentPay by Friday 16th January 2026. We strongly encourage all students to take part in this memorable and enriching experience. In cases of financial hardship, please contact the Educational Visits Co-ordinator directly at trips@beths.bexley.sch.uk

Looking Ahead to the Spring Term

As we move into the Spring Term, Year 8 will continue to develop key academic skills and deepen subject knowledge. Regular attendance, punctuality and arriving fully equipped for school remain essential. Please also ensure that students attend in correct Beths uniform and wear PE kit only on designated games or PE days.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. I am very proud of the progress Year 8 scholars have made so far and look forward to seeing this continue next term.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break along with a happy new year. Students will be warmly welcomed back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Warm regards,

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