Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

New Headteacher for Beths from September 2026

As you know, our excellent Headteacher, Mr Blyghton, is retiring in the summer after many years of service and dedicated leadership at Beths.

We are delighted to inform you that, following a rigorous recruitment process, the Board of Trustees has appointed Mrs Alex O'Donnell as our new Headteacher. Mrs O'Donnell will be joining us from her current role as Executive Headteacher of Cleeve Park and Cleeve Meadow schools in Bexley, which are part of the TKAT multi-academy trust. Mrs O'Donnell will take up the post from the start of the autumn term, at the beginning of the new school year.

We are confident that Mrs O'Donnell will provide strong and inspirational leadership for our school community, building on the work of our experienced leadership team and all our hard-working staff. She impressed the panel with her strategic vision for Beths, her commitment to high standards, and passion for supporting every young person to achieve their best.

Mrs O'Donnell is looking forward to meeting parents, carers, and scholars over the coming months and will be arranging opportunities for you to get to know her once she has settled into the role.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Head's PA via headspa@beths.bexley.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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