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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

It has been a busy last week of term and a busy term overall, as you will see this in the VIP.

The trial exams for Year 11 and Year 13 that took place over the last fortnight, have gone well, students will receive feedback after half-term. Well done to all the scholars for their hard work during these exams. Let's hope you all reap the rewards when you receive your exam results in the Summer!

In preparation for Valentine's Day, Year 13 Prom Committee set up an event so sixth form scholars could buy flowers.

As this was mainly done during trial exams season, Beths Girls club promoted, managed orders and facilitated deliveries. As a result of their contribution, the Beths Girls Club received 10% of the total profits. For the Year 13 Prom Committee, they're total amount of money raised came to £249.34.

On Thursday the 5th of March, Beths will be celebrating World Book Day by asking scholars to dress up as a character from a favourite book or as a writer they admire. For more information, please read the email that was sent out to parents via Schoolcomms.

The Local Authority have informed us that the process for opting in to the 11+ testing for September 2026 will open the 1st of March and close on the 31st of March. This is instead of the usual May time. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Have a restful half-term break.

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 23rd February - First day back after the half-term

Monday 2nd March - National Careers Week

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - Year 7 Parents Evening (Virtual)

Thursday 12th , Friday 13th March and Saturday 14th March - Shrek The Musical School Production - book your tickets on TicketSource

Tuesday 17th March - Spring Concert - Book your tickets on go to TicketSource

Wednesday 25th March - Spring Afternoon Tea for the retired and semi-retired

Tuesday 24th March - Spring Festival - For more information and to book your tickets go to TicketSource (there is a poster in this VIP with information)

For more dates: visit the Events Calendar on our website

<https://beths.bexley.sch.uk/events-calendar/>



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BEXLEY MUSIC SHOWCASE



Students from Beths, from year 8 to year 13, were on stage performing in the Bexley Music Secondary Schools Showcase at Blackfen School for Girls.

Our three groups featured were: our student led band, Ventoux; our brass Chamber group; and Marcus W from Year 12.

It was an excellent evening showcasing all of the amazing performers in the borough!



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LA TRAVIATA



On Wednesday the 28th of January, scholars from year 9, 10 and 11, visited the Royal Opera house for the matinee performance of La traviata. It was a great opportunity for our scholars to experience professional opera whilst also getting a chance to see behind the scenes and understand just a little about the amount of effort that it takes to put on one opera.



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ODYSSEY ORCHESTRA TRIP



Odyssey Orchestra attended the school about a month ago to run a workshop for music scholars.

Two weeks ago, our A level students had the fantastic opportunity to see the Odyssey Orchestra in London.

Marcus W in Year 12 even getting the the amazing chance to perform for all the schools attending.



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YEAR 10: JACK PETCHEY SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE

On the 8th of January and the 5th of February, selected Year 10 scholars took part in Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge, the process starts with an expert led interactive workshop.

By the end of the workshop every scholar will have delivered a speech they have created from scratch to their classmates and a small panel of judges, the facilitator from Jack Petchey and Ms Stevens as Head of Year, who select top-quality speeches.

Out of the 60 speeches delivered, we are now ready to begin shortlisting for the Regional Final of the Challenge.

At a Regional Final, participating schools from the across London and Essex are represented by a speaker. This event is held live in a school, everyone is welcome to this showcase to hear voices of the future. Family, friends and teachers gather to celebrate and support the speakers. A team of local dignitaries are the judging panel.

One speaker takes the winning title and goes through to the next stage, hopefully this year it will be one of our scholars!

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN STEM DAY - STATEMENTS

In anticipation of International Women in STEM Day, on February 11th, the Medicine Society decided to ask a few female students about their journeys in STEM, interests in the topic, and what picking a career in STEM means to them:

My interest in STEM has developed over time through enabling me to combine problem-solving with helping people, especially through understanding how the human body works and how diseases can be detected and treated. I'm passionate about using science and technology to improve patient care and contribute to innovations that can save lives. - **Katie .H**

My interest in STEM originates from my fascination with space and astrophysics. I have always been drawn to questions about the universe, such as, how stars form, how galaxies evolve, and what physical laws govern everything. STEM gives me the tools to transform my curiosity into both logical and creative understanding, whilst also challenging me to think deeper and more precisely. - **Jessica .T**

I have been interested in science ever since I was young. I have always had a fascination for how the world works and the connections between the natural world and humanity. It gives me an insight into the world around us, from the most complex of ecosystems to the smallest of cells and how it is all interconnected. As climate change becomes an increasingly prevalent issue, studying science helps me to understand its effect on ecosystems, the importance of environmental conservation and the need for solutions that provide society with a sustainable future. This is a topic I am very passionate about and wish to pursue further. Continuing to study biology, as well as geography and geology, helps me to understand real world issues related to both the environment and to the health of others. - **Isla .N**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN STEM DAY - STATEMENTS

Being a woman in STEM is a rewarding opportunity. Alongside learning and exploring Science and Mathematics, I am given the opportunity to represent a minority within this field: Women. STEM is an exciting field to be a part of, however, subjects in STEM are considered one of the most difficult subjects to study due to them being content heavy and academically challenging. Taking STEM subjects like Biology, Chemistry and Maths can be academically demanding and may require me to sacrifice my free time. This may seem like a daunting field to be a part of; however, I know that through my hard work, I am not only gaining knowledge but also encouraging younger girls through representation, integration, and advocacy. - **Tatenda .M 12A1**

Due to women being a minority in this field, it gives us all a better opportunity to shine. As an aspiring Physics Major, I tend to face challenges/obstacles regarding being overlooked in applications due to my gender difference. Due to the lack of opportunities within the STEM field over the years - especially for women - it is rare to find women within my department to look up to. On the rare chance that we do find women, they are either associated with negative pasts/experience. For example, Florence Nightingale was known for being discriminating towards people of different races. These occurrences can make it difficult to find a female role model within STEM. - **Eliza .T**



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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

This week has been National Apprenticeship Week. Over the week, we had two key speakers: Georgina Anyandike a representative from AIM London and Sara Pittman from the University of Exeter. These two events are shown on the next two slides...

In preparation for the launch of the Government listing of Degree apprenticeships, we held an apprenticeship event back in October, for our sixth form students interested in apprenticeships. The event was attended by companies offering apprenticeships and Beths Alumni representing their employer but more importantly who have been through the multi staged process, which enables them to pass on invaluable information to our students.

Higher and degree apprenticeships are proving to be a popular alternative pathway for our 6th form students. Last academic year, 13 of our students secured apprenticeships with companies such as Rolls Royce, Deloitte and Linklaters. This year we have several students going through the application process, two of whom have already secured degree apprenticeships with KPMG and J P Morgan, which is brilliant!



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AIM APPRENTICESHIPS



To highlight National Apprenticeship Week and to raise awareness around apprenticeships, we had a representative from AIM London (Apprenticeships, Information and Meaningful Encounters) come in to School to speak to the Year 10 students. AIM London (funded by the Greater London Authority) gave an overview of apprenticeships, their benefits and information on the different levels that are offered post 16 and 18.

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER



The University of Exeter also came into School to speak to the Year 12 students about Degree Apprenticeships. With a reputation for excellence and reliability, the University of Exeter has a remarkable track record in the successful delivery of Degree Apprenticeships and is proud to offer the largest portfolio in the Russell Group. They work with both UK-based and global organisations to address skill deficits, ensuring that their curriculum aligns with current and future demands of the workforce.



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CHINESE CULTURE EXPERIENCE CLUB

Chinese fans and traditional painting boast a profound and long-standing history. Over three millennia of evolution, the Chinese fan has developed into a vast family of hundreds of variations, categorized primarily into flat fans and folding fans. Traditional Chinese painting, meanwhile, can be traced back to the Neolithic Period, spanning over seven thousand years. The synergy of these two art forms culminates in the exquisite beauty of ink wash fans.

At this week's Chinese Club, we were delighted to offer our students the opportunity to immerse themselves in these traditional crafts. After a systematic introduction to the historical significance of both fans and painting, students designed and created their own one-of-a-kind ink wash fans. We are immensely proud of their outstanding craftsmanship.

Chinese Club is dedicated to providing a platform for students interested in Chinese heritage and language. We warmly welcome more students to join our club!

This club takes place Week 1 Friday KS3 Lunchtime in S18



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YEAR 8 MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME - TRIP



On February 10th, we were delighted to lead Y8 Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP) students on a cultural immersion trip to the British Museum and Chinatown to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

At the British Museum, students engaged in China's rich history and cultural heritage, which significantly broadened their cultural understanding beyond the classroom. Following the museum visit, we headed to an authentic Chinese restaurant to celebrate the new year and our successful learning experience.

To conclude the day, students did a treasure hunt in Chinatown and spoke to native speakers on the street. This educational outing was both diverse and enriching; students participated enthusiastically throughout the day, gaining valuable knowledge and thoroughly enjoying this fulfilling and meaningful cultural journey.



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YEAR 7 READATHON



During February, Year 7s took part in a Read for Good Readathon. Read for Good is a charity that aims to encourage young children to read. As part of the Readathon, scholars were sponsored by family or friends to read books, blogs, comics or whatever they've chosen to read, as it is all about reading for fun rather than being assessed! The money raised in sponsorship goes towards providing a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK. Thank you for all of your support! This is 7B reading during their form time!



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KS3 BAKE SALE FOR SUDAN RELIEF CHARITY



This Thursday, Year 7s ran a bake sale to raise money for a Sudan Relief Charity. The money raised is currently being added up, so the total will be announced after-half-term.



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FIXTURE RESULTS

Below are the Sports Fixtures Results organised by Sports Team:

Basketball					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
15:00 Wed 11 Feb 26	Boys-U15A	Away	Bullers Wood School for Boys	Lost : 62 - 64	Area Cup
Football					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
14:00 Wed 04 Feb 26	2nd XI	Away	North Kent College	Won : 5 - 1	League
15:15 Thu 05 Feb 26	Boys-U14A	Away	Welling School	Won : 7 - 1	Area Cup
14:00 Thu 05 Feb 26	Boys-U13A	Away	Hurstmere Foundation School for Boys	Lost : 2 - 5	
14:00 Mon 09 Feb 26	Boys-U14A	Neutral	Dulwich College	Won : 5 - 1	
Rugby Union					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
14:45 Tue 03 Feb 26	Boys-U14	Away	Bonus Pastor Catholic College	Won : 34 - 0	



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Easter Afternoon Tea

for the retired & semi-retired

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Wednesday 25th March 2026 - 2:15pm- 4pm
Beths Grammar School, Hartford Road, DA5 1NE
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by Wednesday 18th March 2026.

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- March 12th and 13th at 7pm
- March 14th at 1pm

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Spring Festival

24TH MARCH 2026, 6PM

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10am - 2pm

Years 4 - 8

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This event is aimed at Young People with SEND (age13–25) as well as their Parent Carers, Schools and Settings

Date: Friday 6 March

Location: Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath

Session 1: 9.30-11.00,  **planned fire alarm test at 11.00**

Session 2: 11.30-1.00,

Session 3: 1.30-3.00



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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS



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Parents' Association Meetings 2026

Please find listed below, the dates for the online Parents' Association meetings (using Microsoft Teams).

Please contact the PA at info@bethspa.co.uk for further information or join the Beths community on Classlist at <http://join.bethspa.co.uk>

The links to join will be sent out on Classlist and in the VIP newsletter.

Wednesday 11th March @ 7pm
Wednesday 15th April @ 7pm
Wednesday 13th May @ 7pm
Wednesday 10th June @ 7pm
Wednesday 8th July @ 7pm



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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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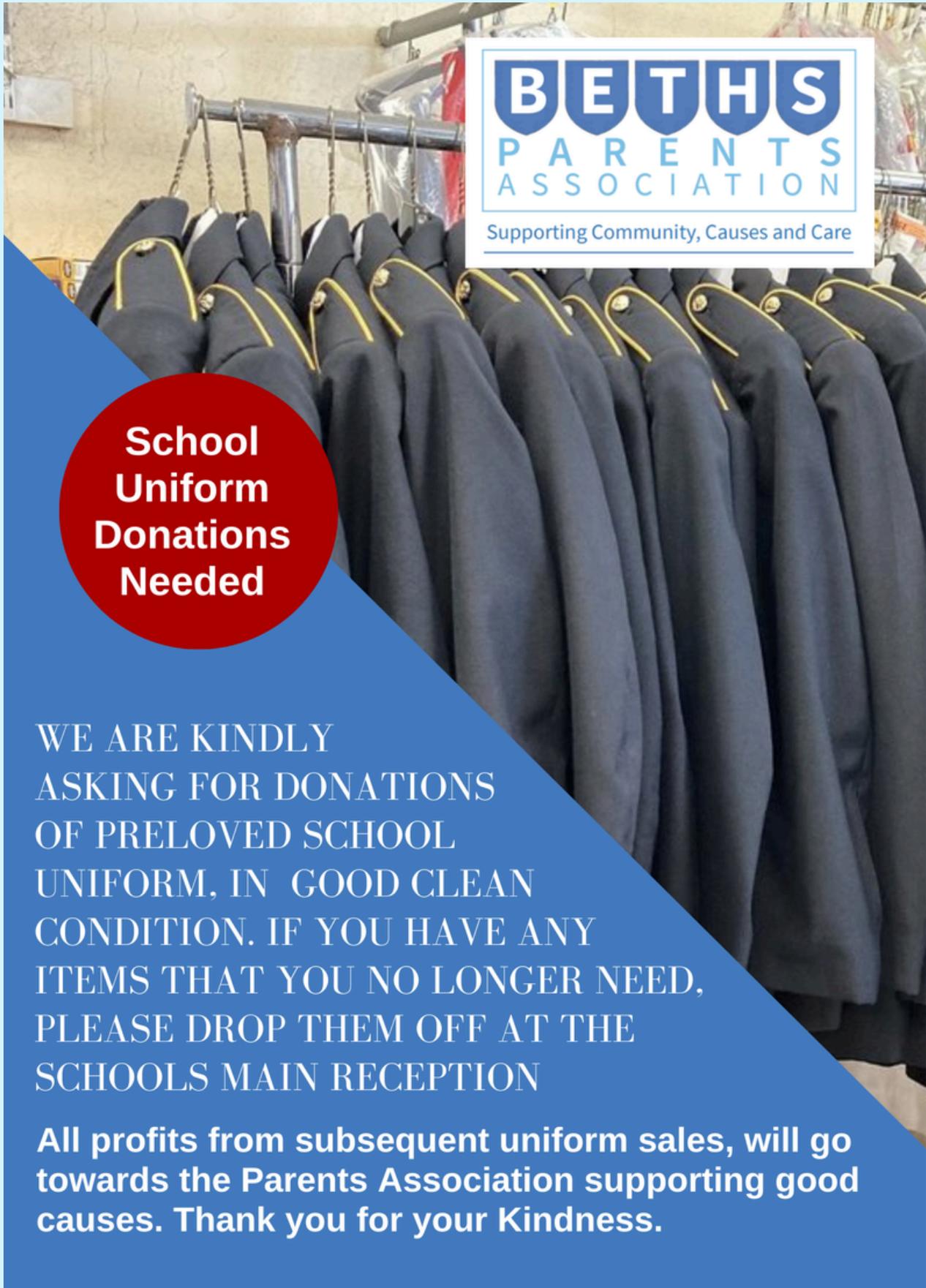


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