

# BETHS VIP

Excellence - Community - Respect

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

Chinese Club had their second session of the term, with the focus being “Approaching the Giant Panda – Panda Origami” The session was split into two parts. The first part was a theoretical portion, where scholars learnt about panda’s dietary preferences, physical characteristics and their unique natural habitat. The second part of the session students got to be creative and learnt how to make a panda using origami. They all made their own amazing panda!

Success for two Year 10 students, Artemis H and Aditya Kumar S who won the Southern Science and Technology Challenge. The final round of the competition consisted of a difficult task which was to successfully programme LEGO MINDSTORMS to complete a 3-D maze, our two Year 10 students were amazingly the only team in the competition to complete this task. This is an amazing achievement for both students!

This month’s Best of the Beths is a special one as it celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> edition created since the newsletter started in 2019. 40 editions over 6 years that have been written, edited and crafted by students, made for students. It is also the first edition of the new year. Click the following link: [Newsletter page](#) to have a read. Every single student who contributes should be incredibly proud of their achievements. A special thanks to Ms Stevens who started Best of the Beths and has been running it for 6 years.



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There is a Parents Association meeting that is held on Teams will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm and you can use the link to join. The other dates are listed on the Beths Parent Association page in this VIP.

The turnstiles are fully operational now with all ID passes being used. Over the past few weeks, we have ensured all students have a lanyard and pass, replacing the lost items. From now, any student who has lost their lanyard/ID pass will have to pay £8 for the replacement, as this covers the cost of the specialised cards with chips in. Please ensure your child keeps their lanyard safe and wears it all the time they are in school.

Applications for our Sixth Form September 2026 entry will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

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.

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Monday 2nd February** - Year 11 and Year 13 Trial Exams Commence

**Thursday 5th February** - Year 8 Parents Evening (in Person)

**Monday 9th February** - National Apprenticeship Week

**Thursday 12th February** - Speech and Language Evening in P3



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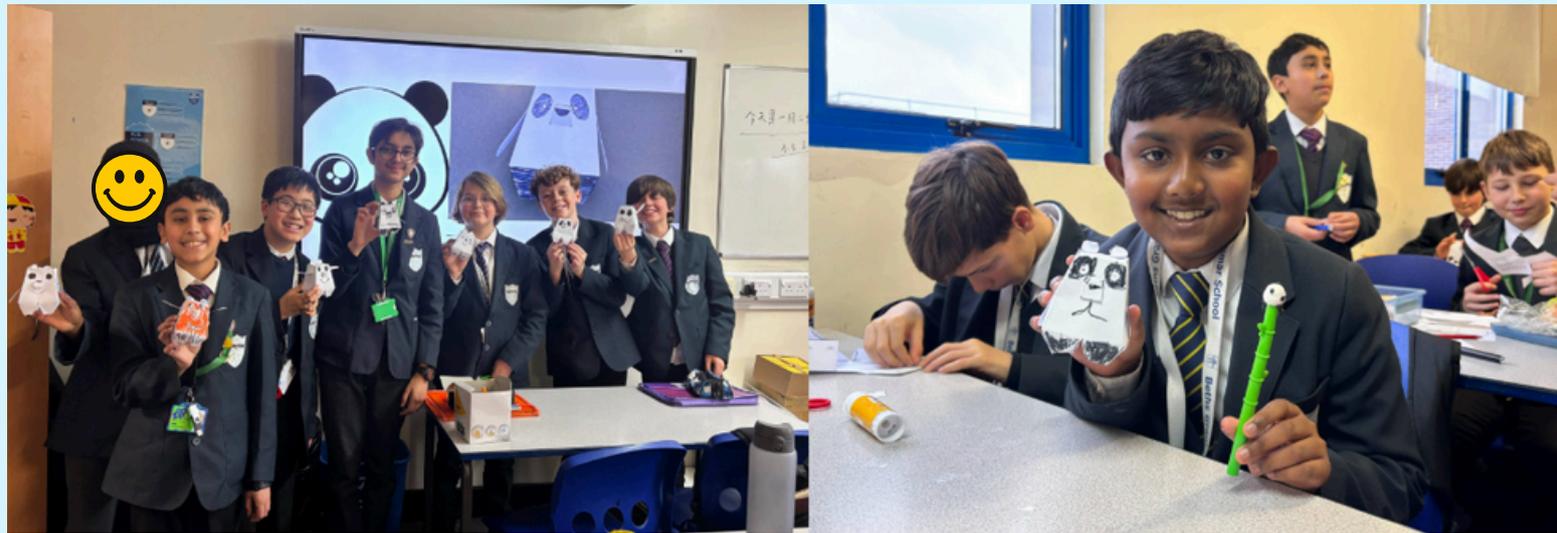


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# CHINESE CLUB - PANDA ORIGAMI



Our second session of the Chinese Club "Approaching the Giant Panda — Panda Origami," drew a large crowd of enthusiastic Beths scholars. The giant panda is not only China's "national treasure" but also recognized globally as one of the rarest and most beloved species. During the theoretical portion of the session, students learned about the panda's dietary preferences, physical characteristics, and unique natural habitat. Then students created their own pandas using the art of origami. As they practiced folding techniques and design, they produced unique panda-themed masterpieces. We are incredibly proud of their work!

We eagerly look forward to seeing new faces join the Chinese Club to explore the charm of Chinese culture together. We meet every odd week on Fridays during lunchtime in S18.



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# TWO STUDENTS' SUCCESS



Two Year 10 students, Artemis H and Aditya Kumar S, took part in the Southern Science and Technology Challenge Final and won the overall competition.

The challenge involved programming LEGO MINDSTORMS to successfully navigate a complex 3-D maze.

Impressively, they were the only team to complete the challenge, which is a significant achievement given the level of difficulty.

# BEST OF BETHS: JANUARY EDITION

## BEST OF THE BETHS

EDITION #40



*Happy  
New Year*

2026



Produced FOR students, BY students 40 times.  
Celebrating over 6 years of success!

## THE BEST OF JANUARY 2026



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Our next meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams on  
Wednesday 11th February at 7pm

Why not join us?

Link to meeting...

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MmVknWI0YzAtOGMxZi00MmRhLThkNmEtYjg4NDdjZDU1N2Y2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22807c193e-d765-45d0-9e7e-6a79c9117688%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bb65cafd-9bfc-4b76-9043-04fc4d12ad56%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmVknWI0YzAtOGMxZi00MmRhLThkNmEtYjg4NDdjZDU1N2Y2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22807c193e-d765-45d0-9e7e-6a79c9117688%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bb65cafd-9bfc-4b76-9043-04fc4d12ad56%22%7d)

Meeting ID – 334 304 739 419 73

Passcode – Qd7Aq3B3

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# SHREK

## THE MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI  
[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

Dates and times are:

- March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Scan the QR code or visit:



[www.ticketsource.co.uk/beths-grammar-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beths-grammar-school)

NEW

# BETHS SCIENCE NEWSLETTER



January 2026

## Beths Science

*"Study hard what interests you the most  
in the most undisciplined, irreverent and  
original manner possible."*

- Richard Feynman -



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# THE PINK DIARY PODCAST

## THE PINK DIARY

BECAUSE EVERY GIRL'S STORY DESERVES  
A PAGE IN THE PINK DIARY



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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>



# VACCINES

**NHS**

South London Children and  
Young People's Community  
Immunisation Service

Your child is now due their  
**teenage vaccines**

**Protect them against:**

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- tetanus,
- polio, and
- meningococcal disease

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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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 7pm



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FIND OUT MORE ON CLASSLIST  
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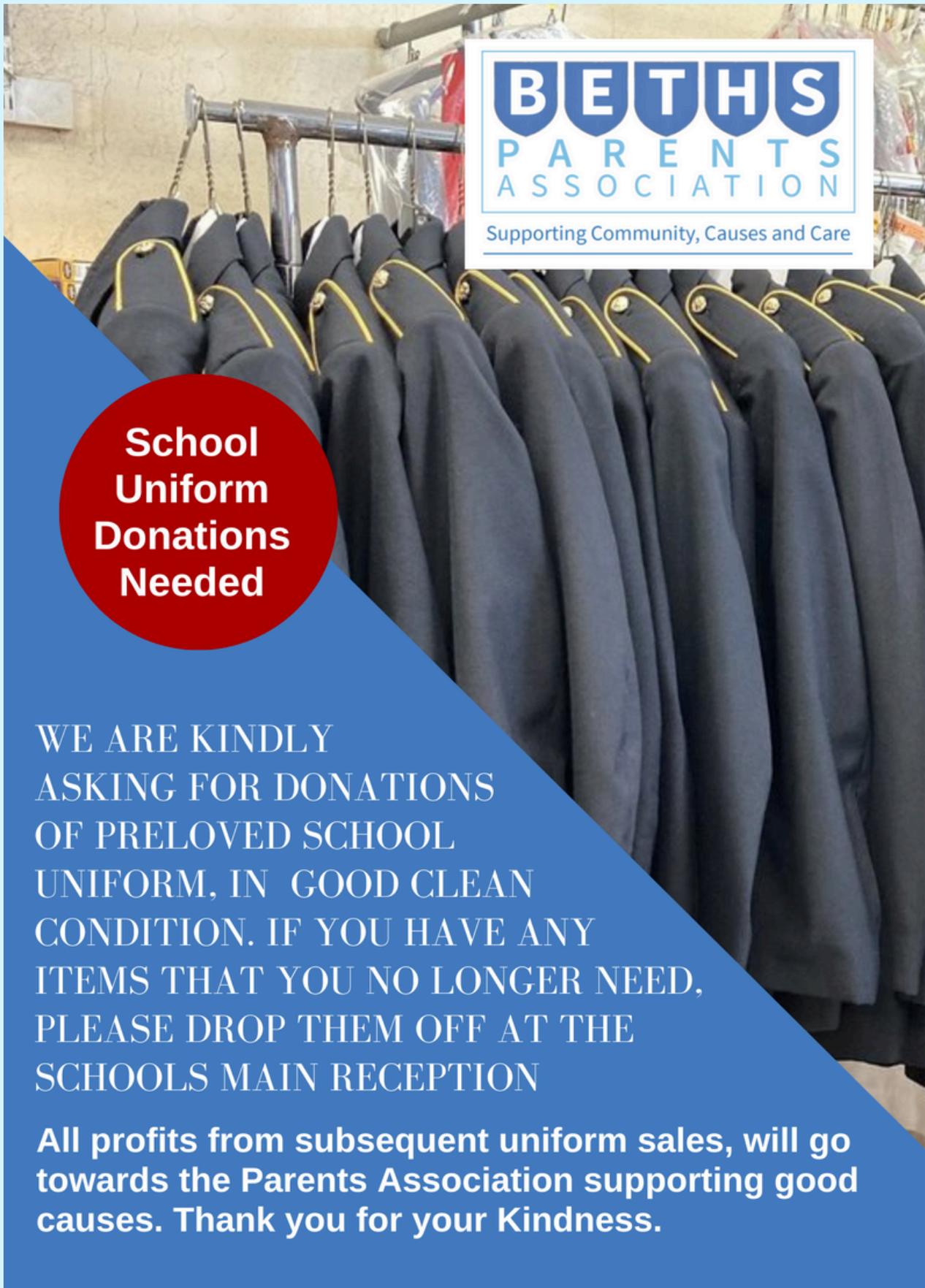


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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION



**School  
Uniform  
Donations  
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, PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE SCHOOLS MAIN RECEPTION

All profits from subsequent uniform sales, will go towards the Parents Association supporting good causes. Thank you for your Kindness.



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