



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Year 11,

Thank you for all your support as we now begin to approach Public Examinations. We know that our students will be working hard over the Easter break as they begin their preparations for their public exams.

For students who have booked to attend the **Easter revision classes** next week, they must ensure that they are on site at **8.15am** on the morning they have a class. They should go directly to the Jubilee Sixth Form Centre and meet in the Sixth Form Common room. From there they will be taken to their classes. Classes are due to finish at 1pm and students should make sure they bring their lunch with them. They must bring a notebook and all their usual school equipment for lessons.

Please see below some key reminders as well as links to some essential resources:

- GCSE Public Examinations begin on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. My intention is to keep the boys in school well into exams starting. We are not issuing study leave before exams. We need them in school and want to get them settled with the start of exams before we start a gradual approach to study leave. More information about this will be issued nearer the time. Please note, that we have planned a celebration event for the end of public exams. Again, more information will follow nearer the time.
- It is the expectation that students are studying over the Easter break. They should make sure that they get the balance right between relaxation and adequate study/revision. We encourage students at this stage to focus on the more challenging questions (notably found in the second papers).
- **Public exam timetables** (which include clash sessions) have now been issued to students. Students have been given a hard copy of the timetable, and an electronic copy will be emailed to parents after Easter (a master copy can be found on the school website – but this will not include clash sessions).
- **MFL public speaking exams** will begin after the half-term break. Students have been told the date and time for their allocated slot.
- Please ensure your child has their **lanyard** for exams. This must include the pass (this will act as photo ID in the exam hall). Please replace this if it is lost or damaged. Students can order a new one from the main school reception at a cost of £8.00
- Please ensure your child has **the right equipment for all exams** (this includes a scientific calculator and maths sets). Students entitled to the pupil premium funding can speak to Ms Searby if they need any equipment.
- Please ensure that uniform is correct and of an adequate standard for the next term. Too many students are wearing trainers and not bringing blazers to school.

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## **Essential documents and support for Parents and Students**

Click the link and this will take you directly to the documents/website.

- [Year 11 Information Evening “Final Push” presentation slides](#)
- [Survival guide \(including links to exam specifications and past papers\)](#)
- [Suggested revision guides/books for GCSE](#)
- [Revision videos offering support on how to revise](#)

## **School Development Fund**

Thank you so much to the parents who have already contributed to the School Development fund. Please see the link below for more information on the fund as well as the link to donate.

[School Development Fund - Beths Grammar School](#)

## **Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities Information Evening for year 11 students and parents**

I am delighted to invite you to an information evening (in person) at Beths to discuss Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. This will take place at **6pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. This will also apply to students wishing to study **medicine, dentistry, and veterinary science**. Miss West will be leading the event in her capacity as Top Universities coordinator. Below is a statement from Miss West about what the evening is about:

*“The purpose of this evening will serve as an invaluable opportunity for our Year 11 students to gain insight, guidance, and inspiration as they plan for their academic futures. This will play a crucial role in empowering our students, allowing them to aim high in their academic pursuits by equipping them with the necessary tools and information to help them be successful.*

*We will provide guidance on the importance of GCSE grades on admissions at these competitive institutions, discussions of what opportunities students will look to seek beyond their academia and support they are provided with within the Sixth Form. We will also hear from successful students in Year 13, sharing their personal experience of applying to these esteemed universities. We strongly encourage our Year 11 students who have shown exceptional academic promise to attend this event. This will help you as parents/carers in gaining clarity on what it takes to excel academically and supporting our students in pursuing their aspirations with confidence moving into the Sixth Form here at Beths Grammar School”.*

The event will start at 6pm and will be held in the main school hall.

To book a place for this event, please complete the **MS Form below**:

[Oxbridge and Russell Group Information Evening \(Wednesday 15th April 2026\) – Fill in form](#)

In the run up to the public exams your child should be completing the following proactive revision tasks at home;

- ✓ Reading through class notes
- ✓ Creating mind maps and extra revision notes on each chapter of the specification (all exam specifications can be accessed online)
- ✓ Self-assessing confidence against the specification
- ✓ Preparing revision flashcards and mind maps for each chapter of the specification

- ✓ Writing exam answers under timed conditions
- ✓ Reading model answers
- ✓ Rewriting model answers or rewriting marked work to make improvements
- ✓ Using past paper questions and planning answers
- ✓ Listen to online lessons and topic revision videos on YouTube
- ✓ Studying mark schemes or examiners reports (these can be accessed by the exam board website)

This can be a very stressful time for students as we approach exams. “Young Minds” have launched advice for parents about supporting their children. Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal but also offer support and solutions where possible. Anxiety is often worst at night, and this means it is useful to encourage a good bedtime routine.

Thank you as always for your continued support. I wish you all a great Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



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