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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

Hope you have managed to see the production, if not there is a few seats available on [Ticketsource](#).

I saw the show last night and it was an incredible performance with fantastic show of talent. My thanks go to the staff for making it possible, the school band and the students.

There are two parents evenings evenings coming up: Year 10 parents evening (in person) on the 19th March. Year 13 parents evening is taking place (online) on the 26th March.

Afternoon Tea is taking place on the 25th March for the retired and semi-retired. please register your interest by emailing admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk There will be musical performances, quizzes and food as well as wonderful company!

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

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)

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

For more dates: visit the Events Calendar on our website
<https://beths.bexley.sch.uk/events-calendar/>

YEAR 10 POETRY WORKSHOP



On Tuesday 3rd March, selected Year 10 scholars took part in an all day poetry workshop, which was delivered by a performance poet.

The scholars were encouraged to think creatively in various activities including close analysis of poems, creative writing exercises, and discussion-based tasks aimed at building confidence and deepening interpretation skills.



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NHS - NATIONAL CAREERS WEK

Step into the NHS day:

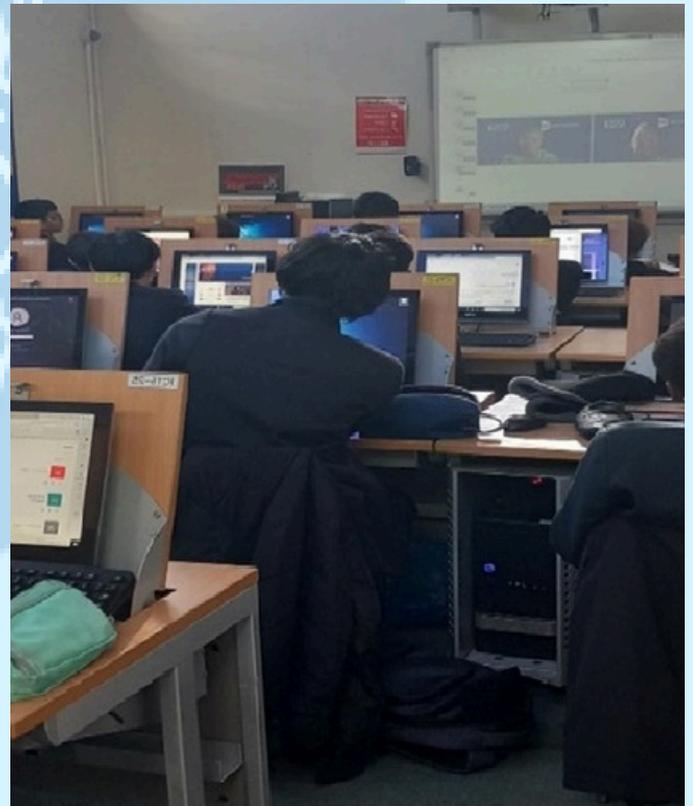
As part of the events organised for National Careers Week 2026, scholars in 8H participated in the Step into the NHS day on Thursday 5th of March. Scholars investigated the links between NHS careers, STEM and other curriculum areas.

A range of inspiring activities, linked with the Gatsby Benchmarks, provided valuable information about the real-life relevance of different subject areas and a variety of career opportunities. It helped to develop aspirations and essential transferable skills.

Scholars had the opportunity to participate in a live chat with NHS staff and gain a valuable insight into the working day of a cardiac physiologist and project manager.

The event concluded with the creation of an innovative job advert showcasing an NHS role of their choice for a national competition.

The competition will be extended to all year 8 scholars with a range of prizes to be won!



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GOETHE INSTITUT



Last Thursday during National Careers Week, Year 11 German students took part in a study day run by the Goethe Institut to look at career pathways that their German skills could lead to. This ranged from translation, law and marketing, tourism, media and scientific research. German is the most widely spoken language in the Europe and as a country Germany consistently ranks in the Top 5 global destinations for expatriate workers.

Scholars enjoyed traditional German Schnitzel and Wurst in the Stein Café and watched an educational film about Palestinian and Jewish friendship. They also made the most of the spring sunshine and did a walking tour of the influence that Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg & Gotha (himself German) had on the architecture and culture of South Kensington by establishing the V&A, Natural History Museum and the Royal Albert Hall.



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CHINESE CLUB



Go (also known as Weiqi or Weichi) is an abstract strategy board game for two players, in which the aim is to surround more territory than the opponent. The game was invented in China over 2,500 years ago and is believed to be the oldest board game that has been continuously played to the present day.

Today, we are delighted to offer our students the opportunity to challenge themselves and develop their critical thinking skills through playing Go. This experience also enables them to gain a deeper appreciation of the richness of Chinese culture. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in this intellectually stimulating cultural activity.



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GHANA INDEPENDENCE DAY

Written by the Multicultural Committee (MCC):

Ghana Independence Day is celebrated annually on March 6th to commemorate the country's liberation from British colonial rule in 1957.

As the first sub-Saharan African nation to gain independence, this national holiday honours the legacy of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and the nation's freedom fighters. In 2026, the 69th anniversary was celebrated last Friday, on the 6th March.

Upon independence, the country changed its name from the colonial "Gold Coast" to Ghana, which translates to "Warrior King" in the Soninke language.

Many other independencies were fought in the wake of Ghana's and it inspired other freedom fighters such as Martin Luther King Jr.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Message by Isla M, Year 12, On behalf of the Beths Girls Club:

This Sunday was international women's day which is celebrated on the 8th of March on every year. It is an important day for women across the world as it gives the opportunity to celebrate the successes, achievements and resilience of women. It is a reminder of the progress society has made towards gender equality, however it is still important to remember that there improvements that need to be made, and as a school community we can also work towards that goal by challenging stereotypes and ensuring we uplift voices of all female identifying individuals, empower all those who identify with the female gender and validate every female identifying individual.

While there a most definitely many women I could talk about today, there is one I would like to mention who particularly inspired me as I was researching. This woman is called Katherine Johnson who is a prominent mathematician whose calculations were critical to the success of early NASA space missions. Despite, facing both racial and gender discrimination, she played a key role in helping send astronauts into space and safely return them to Earth. Her determination and brilliance inspire me because she showed how perseverance and talent can break barriers and continue to contribute to ground breaking achievements.

Together we can build a generation that values equality, respect and opportunity for all.

Thank you for your attention and remember that your voice matters.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In the Jubilee Sixth Form Building, Beths Girls Club set up a place for sixth form students to write inspiring messages and they talked about women that inspire them:



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RAISING MONEY FOR YOUNG MINDS

Bake Sale

Thursday 26th March

Selling Cupcakes, Cookies, Brownies and more! Bring 50p to £2, or a card!



Raising Money For...

**Young
Minds**

**Own Clothes Day
Friday 27th March**

Bring a donation of £2!



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On Saturday 21st March, Mr Cardoza will be doing a parkrun in memory of Alex Cardoza.

This parkrun is taking place at Norman Park Bromley (BR2 9EF) and everyone who would like to join in this memorial run/walk are welcome to support.

Below is the link to the JustGiving page set up by Alex's family. All donations are going to the Young Minds Trust.

[JustGiving Page](#)



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THE KEEPSAKE CLUB

Message by Cole Clark the Founder of The Keepsake Club:

🎨📅 The Keepsake Club is a relaxed, screen-free creative workshop open to teens (11+) and adults where we use collage, scrapbooking, paper and stickers to turn everyday memories into something meaningful to keep. Participants can even bring along small mementoes from their lives (things like photos, tickets, postcards) and incorporate them into their "junk" journals to add a personal touch. It's designed to be a calm, welcoming space where people can slow down, create with their hands, make new friends and begin to build something special that they'll treasure for years to come!

The next session is on the 7th April 4:30-6pm at 📍 **The Movie Shack in Bexleyheath**, and to celebrate the launch I'm offering a 2-for-1 ticket, so students can bring a friend along for free! 📄

Tickets Available to Purchase via Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-keepsake-club-junk-journaling-session-tickets-1981583781433?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



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JUNK JOURNALING & CRAFT CLUB

First Tuesday of Every Month

4:30pm – 6pm

The Movie Shack, 2 Mayplace Rd West,
Bexleyheath DA7 4JB

AGES 11+, TEENS & ADULTS WELCOME

CALM SCREEN-FREE ACTIVITY

SCAN TO BOOK

MATERIALS INCLUDED

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KERRY BARRETT



Author Kerry Barrett spoke to selected Y9 and Y12 students on Friday 6th of March as part of the school's Spring Book Week.

Kerry Barrett has many pennames.... In her own name, she has written several dual timeline novels, including *The Secrets of Thistle Cottage*, *The Girl in the Picture*, and *The Smuggler's Daughter*. As Posy Lovell she has also written two novels based in wartime Kew Gardens. Kerry's years as a soap journalist, reporting on *EastEnders*, *Emmerdale* and *Coronation Street*, have inspired her novels where popular culture collides with a historical mystery. As Kerry Bell she has been lucky enough to write two *Emmerdale* spin-off novels, and, in her latest guise, Harriet Fox, she has written 'The Women in the Shadows', a novel described as 'gripping unsolved, true-crime, feminist-revenge Jack the Ripper historical crime mystery'.



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FIXTURE RESULTS

Below are the Sports Fixtures Results from the 2nd March to the 9th March organised by sport

Basketball					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
15:30 Mon 02 Mar 26	Boys-U16A	Home	Rainham Mark Grammar School	Won : 50 - 30	Area Cup
15:15 Tue 03 Mar 26	Boys-U14A	Home	Rainham Mark Grammar School	Won : 51 - 41	Area Cup Qtr Final
Football					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
14:00 Wed 04 Mar 26	1st XI	Home	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Won : 1 - 0	League
14:00 Wed 04 Mar 26	2nd XI	Away	Ravens Wood School	Won : 2 - 1	League
14:00 Wed 04 Mar 26	3rd XI	Away	Ravens Wood School	Won : 2 - 1	League
Rugby Sevens					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
11:15 Wed 04 Mar 26	1st VII	Neutral	Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Lost : 0 - 45	7s-Group Match
10:30 Wed 04 Mar 26	1st VII	Neutral	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Won : 17 - 5	7s-Group Match
11:45 Wed 04 Mar 26	1st VII	Neutral	Dover Grammar School for Boys	Won : 27 - 0	7s-Group Match



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You are warmly invited to...
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Easter Afternoon Tea

for the retired & semi-retired

Please join us for a delightful afternoon filled with music, games, food and laughter. Enjoy wonderful company as we host a community afternoon tea.

Wednesday 25th March 2026 - 2:15pm- 4pm
Beths Grammar School, Hartford Road, DA5 1NE
Price: £4 per person.



Please register your interest by emailing
Admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk or call 01322 556538
by Wednesday 18th March 2026.



Spring Concert

17TH MARCH 2026, 6PM

Spring Festival

24TH MARCH 2026, 6PM

Beths Grammar School, Hartford
Road, DA5 1NE



To book a ticket or for more information, please visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/beths-grammar-school or scan
the QR code:



We look forward to
seeing you there!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS



Supporting Community, Causes and Care

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 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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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The logo for Beths Parents Association features the word 'BETHS' in large, bold, blue letters, each letter contained within a blue shield-like shape. Below this, the words 'PARENTS' and 'ASSOCIATION' are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, stacked on two lines.

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