

BETHS VIP

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

Thank you to everyone that attended and showed your support to our students for the Shrek The Musical Production and the Spring Concerts.

In this VIP is the introduction to our School Development Fund. There is also a page on our website [Website - School Development Fund](#)

On Wednesday, we hosted our Community Afternoon Tea. It was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to prefects, musicians and staff for their help organising and providing a lovely afternoon for our guests.

On Friday 27th March, the letter for Year 9 options went out to parents and the information about their options in the letter is on our website <https://beths.bexley.sch.uk/overview-of-our-curriculum/>

Year 10 and Year 12 Trial Exams begin on the 27th April. The Exam Timetable and subject topic lists are available on the website [Useful Information and Letters Home](#)

Have a restful break and we will see you in the new term.

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 27th March - Ski Trip Departs to Jasper

Friday 3rd April - Ski Trip Returns

Monday 13th April - First day of term after holidays

Monday 13th April - MFL Speaking Exams

Thursday 16th April - A-Level Performance Exam

Thursday 23rd April - Careers Fair (All Day)

Thursday 23rd April - Year 9 Options Evening in the Hall

For more dates: visit the Events Calendar on our website

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



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The School Development Fund is a voluntary giving scheme, the proceeds of which are invested back into our school community so we can continue to go above and beyond, providing our students with the best possible learning environment and opportunities.

While government funding covers the core running of the school, we are always looking at innovative ways to proactively invest in our young people. This includes the wider educational experiences, facilities and enrichment activities that make Beths such a vibrant and ambitious place to learn and give our students the most ambitious educational offer.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, in the past we have been able to enhance facilities and improve resources. The new School Development Fund has been created to formalise this process and provide an easy and simple way for parents, carers, alumni and friends to contribute, if they wish, towards projects that directly benefit every student.

We have exciting ambitions to upgrade our library, ICT classrooms, sports facilities and student areas. We are also looking at additional enrichment activities and cultural experiences, all of which can be supported and expedited by the new Fund. Importantly, our Student Council will help shape what we invest in, meaning student voice sits alongside the expertise of our Development Office, Governing Body, staff and the Parents Association in identifying suitable projects.

As such, we are offering our families the chance to contribute to the Fund. Contributions can be made in any amount, whether monthly, quarterly, or as a one-off donation. A **suggested contribution of £10 per child per month** provides a meaningful boost to our resources, but we are grateful for all forms of support.

Many employers also offer Matched Giving Schemes*, where they will match the donations made by employees to charitable causes. This can significantly increase the impact of any contribution. A list of companies that offer such schemes is included overleaf. If your employer is not listed, it may still be worth checking with your HR department.

To donate to the fund, please click here

Or visit <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/30206>

We fully appreciate that this type of contribution may not be for every family, and there are many other valuable ways to contribute to school life if you would like to. This includes offering work experience placements and careers talks, volunteering time, or joining our PA. Every act of support strengthens the opportunities we can provide students and supports us in our mission to deliver a platinum standard of education so all our young people can achieve their potential. If you would like to

discuss the Development Fund further, or how you can get involved in school life, please contact me at mrmcbeth@beths.bexley.sch.uk.

We will keep you updated on the Fund and how your donations are making a difference to your child's education. Thank you, as always, for your continued support to help us make Beths a place where every student thrives.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R McBeth, Senior

Teacher

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Companies offering Matched Giving schemes*

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Accenture	BOC Group plc	Cornhill Insurance Plc
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Alfred Dunhill Ltd	Boots	Credit Suisse First Boston
Alliance & Leicester plc	Boston Consulting Group	De La Rue
Alliance Capital Ltd	BP	Debenhams Plc
Amec PLC	BP Amoco PLC	Deloitte Consulting
American Express	BP Chemicals Ltd	Deutsche Bank
Amoco Foundation, Inc	BP Exploration & Operating	Deutsche Bank AG London
Andersen	Booker	Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Group PLC
Anglian Water	Boots	DHL
Argo Wiggins	BP oil International Ltd	DHL International (UK) Ltd
Argos plc	Bradford and Bingley plc	Diageo
Arla Foods	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Dixons Group
ARM holdings plc	British American Tobaccos (BAT)	Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein
ASDA	British Army	EMI Group plc
AstraZeneca	British Gas	Energis
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Avon Cosmetics Ltd	British Telecommunications	Ericsson Telecom AB
B & Q	Cable & Wireless	Ernst & Young
BAA Plc United	C & A Stores	Experian
Bank of America	Camelot Group plc	Exxon Mobil
Bank of England	Cap Gemini	Fidelity Brokerage Services
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Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi	Carlsberg Tetley – GIST Group	First Bus
Bankers Trust	Centrica plc	Halifax
Barclays Bank plc	Chase Manhattan	
Barclays Capital	Citibank Group	
Barclays Group	Citigroup	

HBOS (Halifax – Bank of Scotland)	N Power	Shell
HSBC	National Freight company	Siemens Medical
IBM	National Grid Transco	Sigma Securities
IDEO	National Power plc	SIT Investment Associates Foundation
Industrial Bank of Japan	National Westminster Bank	Sky Broadcasting
Firstgroup PLC	NFC	Southern Electric
Ford Motor Company Gap	Northern Electric plc	Smithkline Beecham
General Electric Co	Northern Rock	Stagecoach Holdings plc
GlaxoSmithKline plc	Norwich Union plc	Stagecoach Holdings plc
Goldman Sachs	O2	Standard & Poor's
Guardian Royal Exchange	Pearson	Sunlife of Canada
Innogy Plc	Peugeot Motor Company Plc	Swiss Bank Corp
Invensys	Pfizer	Tesco plc
JPMorgan & Co Inc	Philip Morris	Texaco
Kelloggs	Philips Singapore	Thames Water
Kingfisher plc	Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Co	The Economist Group
KPMG	Price Waterhouse Coopers	The One Account
Legal & General	Proctor & Gamble Reuters	UBS Warburg
Lehman Brothers	Robert Fleming & Co	UGC limited
Levi Stauss (UK) Ltd	Rolls Royce	Ulster bank
Littlewoods Organisation	Royal and Sun Alliance	Unilever
Lloyds TSB	Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc	United Airlines
Marks and Spencer	Royal London Mutual Ins Co	United News and Media
McKinsey & Co	RBS Group Churchill	United Utilities
Mercury Asset Management	RBS Group Direct Line	Vodafone
Merrill Lynch Mercury	RBS Group Natwest	Warner Music International
Microsoft Corporation Inc	RBS Group The One Account	W H Smith
Midland Bank	RBS Group Ulster Bank	William M Mercer
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Mitsubishi Chemical Corp	Schroders plc	Yorkshire Water
Moody's Investors Services	Scottish and Southern Energy plc	
Morgan Grenfell	Seaboard	
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Seagram Distillers Plc	

* This is not an exhaustive list and neither can we guarantee it is up to date; if in doubt, please check with your HR

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND

A new voluntary giving scheme with all proceeds proactively invested into the school, so our scholars can continue to be adventurous, ambitious and supported.

Scan to donate!



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If you would like to donate to the Fund, please visit cafdonate.cafonline.org/30206

For more information, contact mrmcbeth@beths.bexley.sch.uk

COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA



Simon Taylor alumni

On Wednesday we held our Easter Afternoon Tea for the retired and semi-retired community. Guests enjoyed music; a quiz that they completed on their table and had food in the form of sandwiches, fruit and scones filled with cream and jam.



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I attended the afternoon tea with my mum yesterday and we really enjoyed it. It was nice to be able to take mum somewhere new where she could socialise with people, and the musical performances, food and quiz were all great!

It is so important to recognise and thank all those who organised it and worked hard to make it a success. The food was of a high quality and the musical entertainment excellent. Beatles songs were a good choice for the audience. The students that served and obviously had helped in the organisation were both well spoken and helpful. The staff who were involved had obviously put in a lot of work and also should be thanked and congratulated. Finally the quiz was a great idea and most enjoyable and the quiz maker and announcers did a great job as did all the others above.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet others associated with the Beths Community. I really appreciate the time and effort it took organising and delivering the event. Please pass on my thanks to all the staff and students who gave up their precious time to make it happen.

After a busy morning, I was grateful for the endless supply of tea, the delicious sandwiches, the beautifully presented fruit and the superb scones. The Easter bunnies were a clever addition too and we enjoyed the quiz amidst the chat. It was good to hear live music especially the pianist Otto, so talented! May I also add how beautifully the supporting Sixth Form students conducted themselves, they are a credit to the School.



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SKI TRIP - JASPER



The Ski Trip to Jasper departed on the 27th March.

Hope they have lots of fun!!!

Follow our social media pages for updates.



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EARTH HOUR

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2026

With the theme being '**The Biggest Hour for Earth**', this worldwide movement encourages people to spend 60 minutes at 8:30 – 9:30pm (Local Time) doing something positive for the Earth.

As a school, we will close the day prior to the event occurring; so, during the first day of the Easter holiday how could you take part and **join in with this movement?**

Earth Hour is about the **little activities**. Some practical actions that you can take include the following: turning off lights when not in use, spending time in nature (for example going on a walk in the park) or cooking a candlelit dinner!

This year marks the 20th anniversary since the movement began in **Sydney, Australia 2007**. It started as a local event with **2.2 million people** in one city while now it is a global phenomenon with over **190 countries** and territories taking part – even the Eiffel Tower switches off!

What does Earth Hour symbolise?

This event symbolises commitment and awareness of our planet – it isn't just doing a small activity – it is a **call to protect the planet and combat climate change**; not only affecting us right now, but also future generations to come. You can inspire millions by one action and change millions of lives in the future. **Encourage your friends and family** to take part, creating more support and becoming an agent of global change!

Why?

Earth Hour is not just an hour, it is a **global effort** – showcasing **unity, awareness and action**, while also encouraging others to also help. You can be apart of the movement to take care of your planet, because after all, **there is no Planet B**; A small action can lead to great change.

Participate in Earth Hour!

KS4 Eco Club



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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

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FIXTURE RESULTS

Below are the Sports Fixtures Results from the 20th to the 27th March:

Basketball					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
13:45 Fri 20 Mar 26	Boys-U14A	Away	Bullers Wood School for Boys	Lost : 47 - 94	County Cup Semi-Final
10:00 Tue 24 Mar 26	Boys-U13A	Neutral	Maidstone Grammar School	Won : 53 - 41	Kent Cup Final
Football					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
15:30 Mon 23 Mar 26	1st XI	Away	Gravesend Grammar School	Draw : 2 - 2	League
Rugby Sevens					
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type
10:40 Wed 25 Mar 26	Boys-U16A	Neutral	Dulwich College	Lost : 14 - 32	N7 Colts - Group Match
12:00 Wed 25 Mar 26	Boys-U16A	Neutral	Harrow School	Lost : 0 - 31	N7 Colts - Group Match
13:20 Wed 25 Mar 26	Boys-U16A	Neutral	Bryanston School	Lost : 19 - 26	N7 Colts - Group Match



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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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Supporting Community, Causes and Care

**Our next meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams
on
Wednesday 15th April at 7pm
Why not join us?**

Link to meeting...

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWVLY2QwYTctMDQ0MC00YzFkLThiNWQtNmUwN2JmOGM2YTdm%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:
340 536 207 978 98**

**Passcode:
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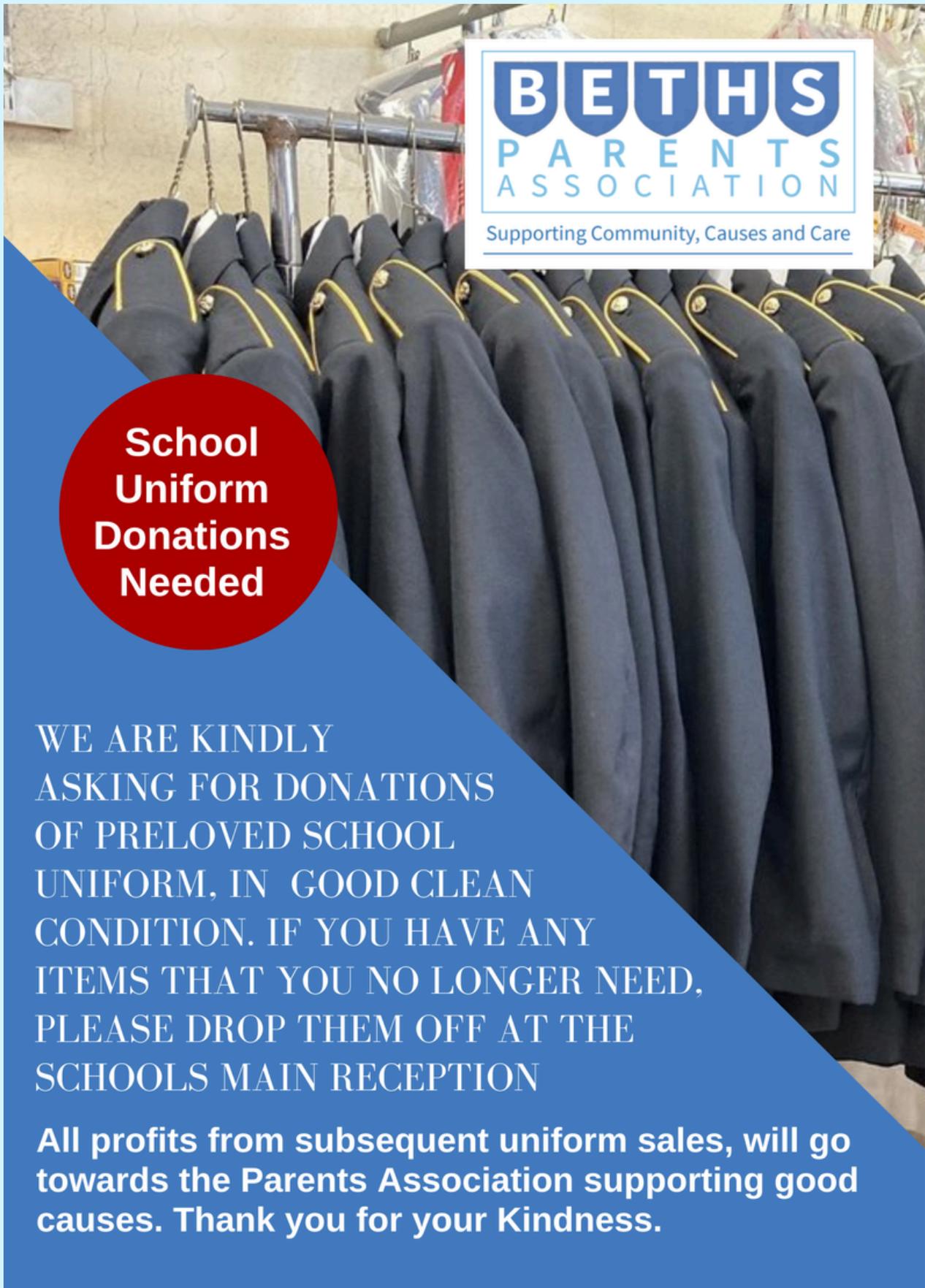


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BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION



**School
Uniform
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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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