



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Year 12,

Our Year 12 Students had a great time exploring the UCAS Discovery event held in the Excel Centre in London last week. The feedback from the students has been very positive and it is great to hear them talking about the possible pathways they are considering for life after Beths. This is one of the UK's largest university and careers events and there were over 150 universities, apprenticeships and major employers present to provide that much needed expert guidance



and advice on applications and career paths. As always, our students were inquisitive and open minded and explored a range of key pathways, leaving with plenty of information in hand as well as food for thought on their next steps. It is always great to provide these opportunities to make sure we keep them inspired and focused on their future. The demands of A-Level study are not easy, but these events help to inspire our young people to help them see what lies ahead of them. My thanks to the Careers team for supporting this event.

Year 12 Trail Examinations

The timing of the UCAS discovery event works well as we approach our first set of A-Level trial examinations when we return after the Easter break. Whilst we expect students to recharge over the holiday, it is also the expectation that they allocate sufficient time to study and revision for these important assessments. As mentioned before, the outcome of these exams will influence **UCAS predicted grades**. These will be the grades we submit to universities/apprenticeships when students make their application. We always apply fair UCAS grades and those that reflect a students' ability to perform in exams. To check the grades needed for certain universities and courses, please visit the [UCAS website](#) for further details. This should provide a benchmark for students.

Please see below the link to the Year 12 Trial Exam timetable and topic lists (previously emailed to Parents in March):

- [Year 12 Trial Examination Timetable](#)
- [Year 12 Topic Lists for trial exams](#)
- [Link to Year 12 Curriculum Maps](#)
- [Link to Exam Specifications and suggested revision guides](#)

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Please note that there is no study leave for internal trial exams. Students will be in normal lessons/directed study if they do not have a trial exam. Teachers will be using these lessons to prepare students for upcoming exams and to conduct bespoke lessons on exam technique to best support the students. Attendance during trial exams is compulsory and there will be no opportunity to resit an exam if absent.

Reports (including trial exam outcomes and UCAS predicted grades) will be issued to parents on Friday 12th June.

UCAS Launch information evening for parents (Tuesday 19th May)

We will be holding a UCAS information evening for parents and students on **Tuesday 19th May 2026**. This event will start at **6pm** in the Main School Hall. We will talk you through what the process involves and how best you can support your child through this process. We are also hoping to have some external speakers from university admissions teams to help provide students and parents with the best advice possible on this important application process. More details about this event will follow in due course.

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](#)
- [Link to donate](#)

Work Experience week (W/B Monday 29th June 2026)

All students should make sure that they have all necessary information on Unifrog regarding their work experience placements by the end of the Easter break. It is the expectation that all students are engaged in an in-person work experience placement of some sort during this week.

Year 12 Parents Evening

This event will take place on **Thursday 18th June 2026**. More details of how to book appointments will follow nearer the time.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to all parents and carers who support the school with the high expectations of student attendance and punctuality. We appreciate your support in making sure that they start the day on time and do not miss crucial learning time.

There is a clear link between attendance and academic outcomes. As attendance dips below 96% then grades are also likely to dip as students are missing out on valuable lessons. At Beths a lesson is 1 hour 40 minutes in length. One lesson missed can put a student at risk of missing important A-Level content.

Many minor illnesses can be cured with over-the-counter medication. Slight headaches, sore throats and other minor issues are not exceptional circumstances. Students are welcome to bring their own medication to school which they can take during the school day (e.g. paracetamol).

Thank you also for your support following to new lates policy. We have noticed a significant reduction in the number now turning up late. The school day begins at 8.45am and students should aim to be on site for 8.30am to avoid being late. If students do not like the idea of turning up for a 7.30am morning lates detention, then they should make sure they are not late for school.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child continues to follow the clear uniform expectations for a Sixth Form Student at Beths. Students must bring a blazer to school, wear proper business-like outfits (including office style shoes). Lanyards should be brought to school every day. A reminder of the uniform expectations can be found below.

- [Beths Sixth Form dress code](#)

And finally, congratulations to the **Year 12 Young Enterprise company** who recently won “Best Product Award” at Greenwich Market and were one of runner up best companies. Congratulations and well done to all company members.



Thank you as always for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 13th April**.

I wish you all a great Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

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