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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

First week of the Spring Term and as usual it has been a busy week.

We would like to celebrate two members of staff: Mr Cooper for winning an Olivier Award and to Mr Walter for completing the Brighton Marathon.

Congratulations to Mr Cooper and Mr Walter for their respective accomplishments.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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/> A reminder that the form opens on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the deadline for completion is the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

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

This week we had former student Brent Ellis, who studied at Beths in 1962-1969, visit the school and donate a bodyboard he made during his time at Beths. It is wonderful to keep in contact with our alumni and see where they are now. Here is our Alumni contact form [Alumni Contact Form](#)

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** - Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams commence

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Careers Fair (All Day)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Year 9 Options Evening in the Hall

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams end

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 10 and Year 12 Trial Exams commence in the hall

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 9 Parent Evening (Virtual)

**For more dates: visit the Events Calendar on our website**

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



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# HARD COURTS AND TENNIS COURTS

Over the Easter break, the hard courts and tennis courts were painted.



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# OLIVIER AWARDS - MR COOPER

## Staff Achievement



On Sunday 12th April, I attended the Olivier Awards where a show I produced last year - *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams at The Yard Theatre - won in the category of Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre. It was great to be there to celebrate with the cast and other members of the creative team - accolades such as this are of huge importance to all theatres but especially to smaller off-Westend venues and charities like The Yard who rely heavily on fundraising in order to stage bold and visionary work. It was a fantastic way for me to round off my career in theatre. Here's to many more Beths Olivier winners in the future!



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# MR WALTER - MARATHON



On the 12<sup>th</sup> April, I ran the Brighton Marathon to raise money to 'save the spire' of St James Church in North Cray. It is a Grade II listed building and has been a part of the community since the 12<sup>th</sup> century! Years of weather and time have taken their toll on the church and without funding, we risk losing a piece of architectural heritage and the beating heart for many in the community.

It was an amazing event, and the route through the town and seafront of Brighton was spectacular. Pushed on by the support of the thousands that came on to cheer the runners, I crossed the finish line in a time of 4 hours 30 minutes and 54 seconds. Even a few days on my legs are still feeling the effects but I've earned a good rest after this!

For anyone who wishes to donate to a worthy cause, here is the link to the donation page: <https://gofund.me/bc1fcbcff>

Here is a picture of me at the finish line with my running partner Darren who got married in St James Church.



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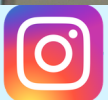
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# BRENT ELLIS - ALUMNI

Brent Ellis is a former student of Beths and came to the school from 1962 - 1969. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr Ellis visited the school and donated a bodyboard to the DT Department that he made when he was in Year 9.



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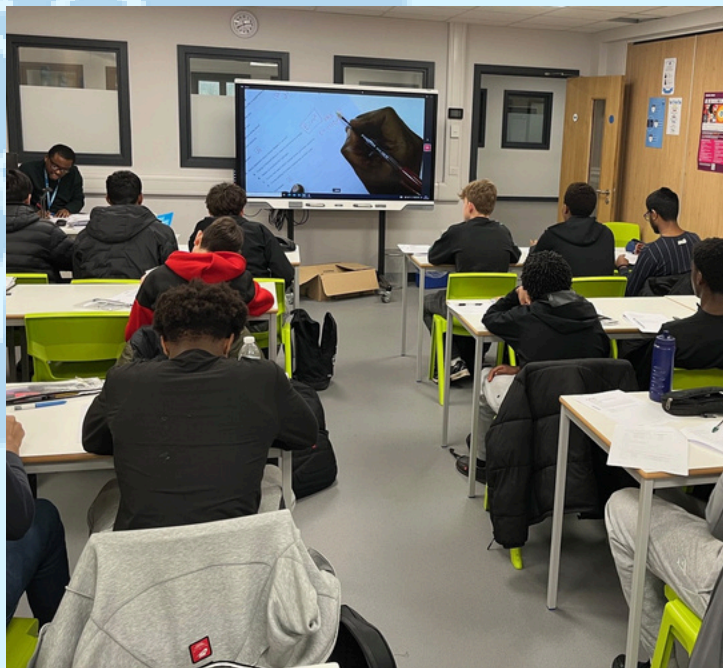
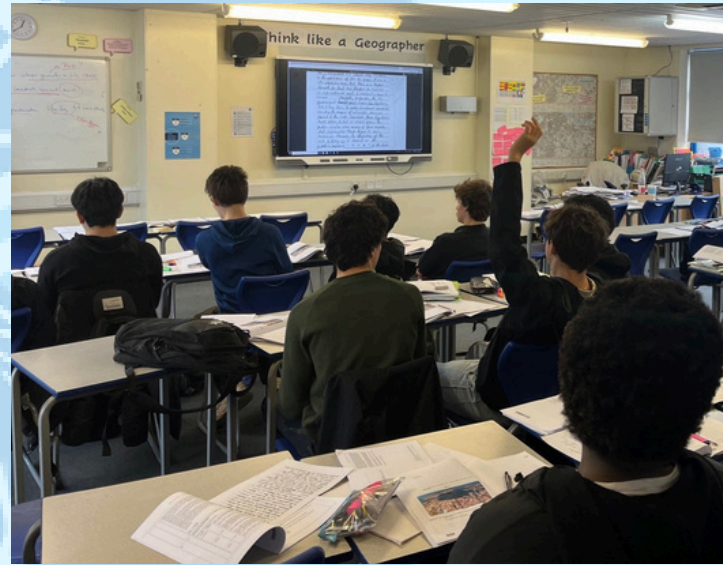
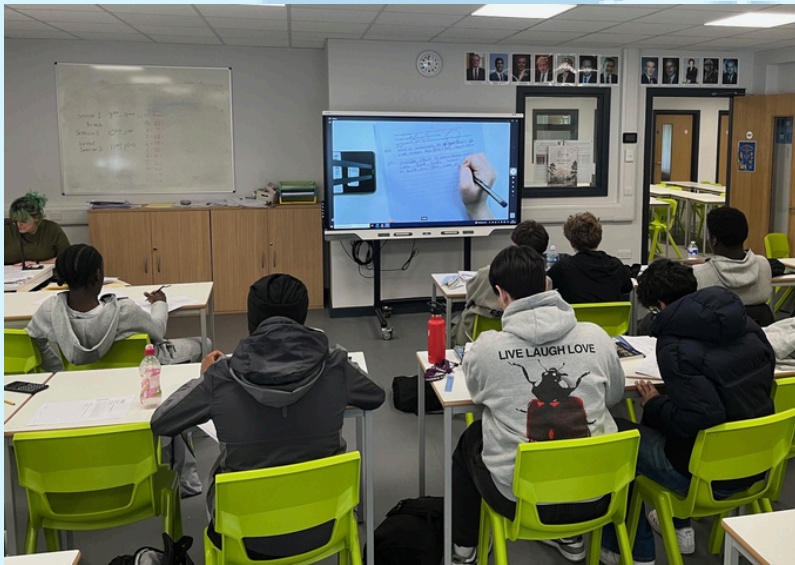
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# YEAR 11 - REVISION

Well done to all our year 11 students who attended the Easter GCSE Masterclasses. Lots of structured preparation and advice on exam technique as well as perfecting those grade 9 answers. Thank you to all the staff who supported with these sessions.



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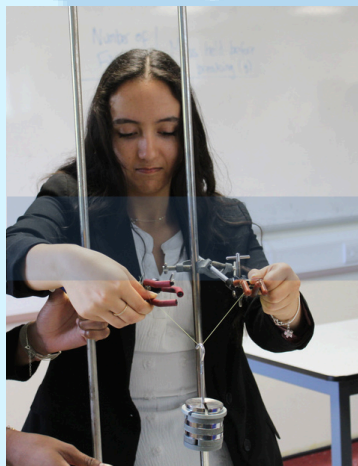
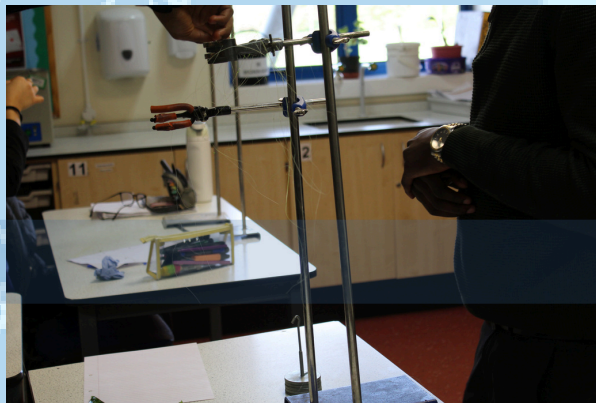
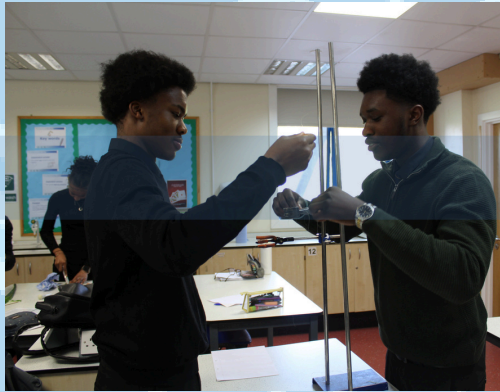
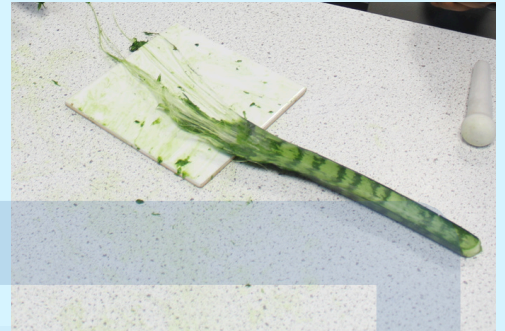
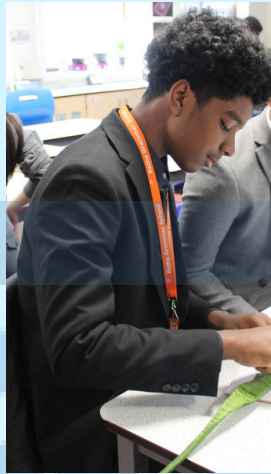


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Today year 12s were investigating the strength of plant fibres as part of their topic on Biodiversity and Natural resources.

Fibres like the ones we extracted from snake plants today, have been used over centuries across the world for various craft, textiles and to hold structures together. The strength of the fibres is thanks to the chemical nature and structure of the plants.

Cellulose is a key component of cell walls and has cross-linking thanks to strong, horizontal glycosidic bonds between glucose molecules and vertical hydrogen bonds between neighbouring chains (forming microfibrils). A mesh of microfibrils is then glued together with pectin and hemicellulose which allows for greater strength and flexibility.

The students twisted fibres together to test any increase in strength similar to the methods used to produce rope.



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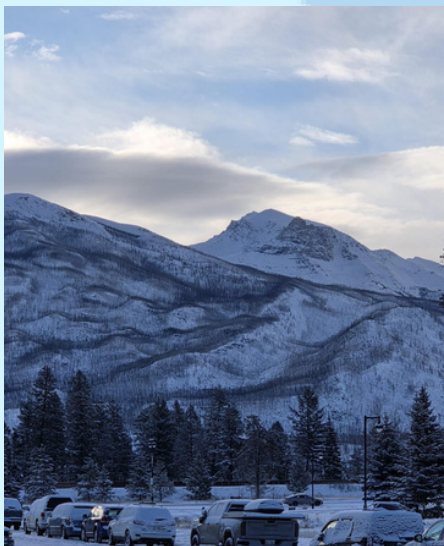
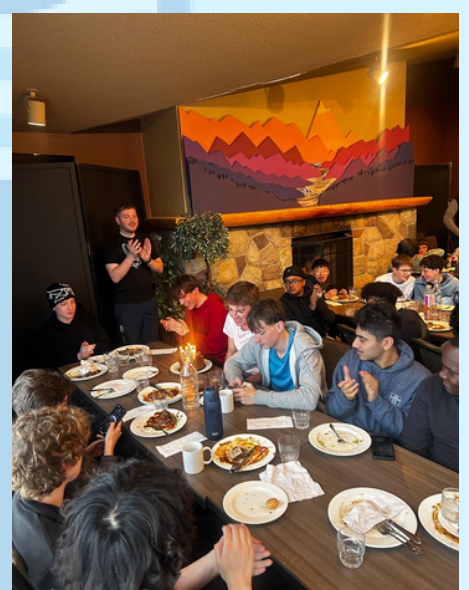


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# HIGHLIGHTS: TRIP TO JASPER 2026





# JUNK JOURNALING & CRAFT CLUB

**First Tuesday of Every Month**

**4:30pm - 6pm**

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

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For more information, contact [mrmcbeth@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:mrmcbeth@beths.bexley.sch.uk)

# 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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# 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 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 7pm



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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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