

# BETHS VIP

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

First two and a bit weeks of GCSEs and A-Levels down only a couple more weeks after the break to go! We hope students use this time to rest, recharge and revise.

After half-term, Year 11 and 13 will no longer be found in their assigned teaching rooms. Teachers can be contacted via teams or email (outlook).

School coms sent out today regarding key dates after the half term break, which includes Wellbeing week and students leaving earlier on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and also our revised our Term Dates for 2026/27

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June is own clothes day for the MCC's Showcase and Smile of Hope charity.

Sports Day will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. More information to follow after the half term break.



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After the half term break scholars can follow the summer order uniform, which is:

Scholars are not required to wear (or bring to school) a blazer or jacket  
Scholars are permitted to wear smart black or charcoal grey tailored shorts

In the event that a student wishes a second layer, the second layer must be a blazer and not a coat or jumper.

It is essential that all clothing and property is clearly and permanently marked with the owner's full name (not just initials).

Have a restful half-term break.

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Start of second half of Summer Term

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Year 10 Battersea Trip

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day at Erith Athletics Stadium

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 and Year 12 Reports to parents

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

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



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# MINDPAUSE



## **Mindpause - Young Enterprise Regional Finalists: The End of an Amazing Journey**

The Mindpause team recently reached an incredible milestone as Regional Finalists in the Young Enterprise competition, competing against the five best teams from across the London and South East region.

The event, held at Amazon Headquarters, challenged students to perform at the highest level. The team took part in a rigorous interview process and delivered a professional company presentation to a panel of industry experts and executives. They also showcased their journey by setting up an exhibition stand, demonstrating the development and impact of their business idea.

From the initial concept through to execution, the Mindpause team have shown tremendous growth. Through trial and error, they have developed key skills in leadership, teamwork, and customer service, while building confidence, determination, and initiative.

Although they did not take home the top prize, their achievements are outstanding, and their journey has been nothing short of remarkable. Each member of the team has represented the school with pride, professionalism, and resilience.

The Mindpause cards they have developed throughout this process will be available to purchase at the upcoming parents' evenings.

Congratulations to Sophie K, Alyssa A, Archie C, Asher O, Amy N and Seyi A on all they have accomplished! We are immensely proud of you and all that you have achieved.



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# YEAR 7 BAKE OFF

## Week 2 - Cake Week



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After one baker was made star baker and one baker left last week, there are now 10 bakers left in the competition.

This week was cake baking and there were an array of different flavored cakes or cupcakes made by the students.

Congratulations to Star Baker Spencer in 7H who made a delicious sticky toffee pudding served with cream.



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# STUDENT SUCCESS



**Congratulations to Marcus W in 12H for winning the Dartford's Got Talent competition on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. There were 8 finalists and he received a standing ovation from the judges. Amazing performance Marcus, well done!**



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# LE TOUQUET



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, a group of Year 7 students went on a day trip to Le Touquet. While there, they went to a chocolate factory, had some ice cream and enjoyed their day.



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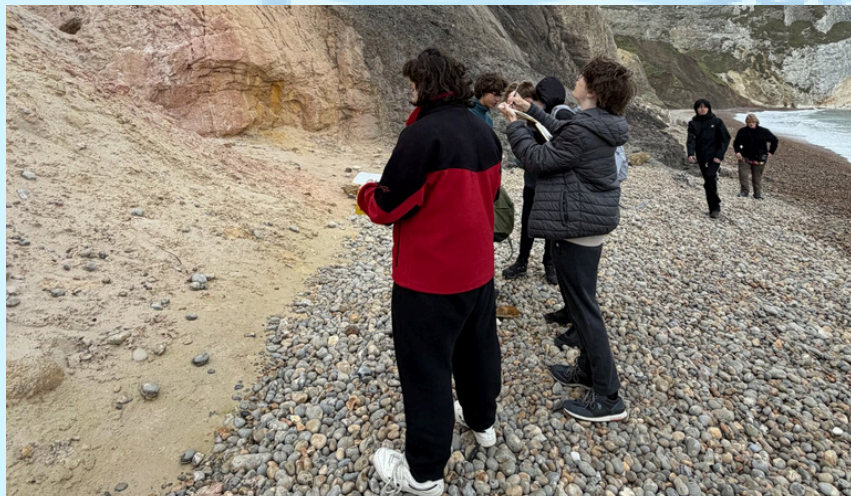


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# GEOLOGY TRIP DAY ONE

## Geologists spotted in the Isle of Wight

After a successful early start at Hall Place, we were on the move by 6.20am! Despite our incredible punctuality, the M25 presented us with challenges unimaginable, or rather, entirely predictable. By the skin of our teeth (literally) we made it to the ferry with minutes to spare. Coffees, pastries and in some cases, pasties consumed - the forty-five-minute crossing passed with a breeze. And my goodness, what a breeze it was. So windy in fact that sadly on our trip to Needles there were no boat tours or chair lift available. Despite the occasional drizzle, we didn't let this dampen our spirits which were remedied by Sublime panoramic views of the cliffs at sea level and from the Old Battery - it really was nothing short of spectacular. Thankfully, despite some mighty gusts, we made it back on the coach to complete one of the top five drives in Britain, taking the Old Military coast road. Arrival at our accommodation was surely welcome by this point and before we knew it, we were tucking into our dinner. Following our meal, students had some free time to play and make the most of the facilities on site before bedding down for the night. Frankly, their ability to keep going was remarkable!



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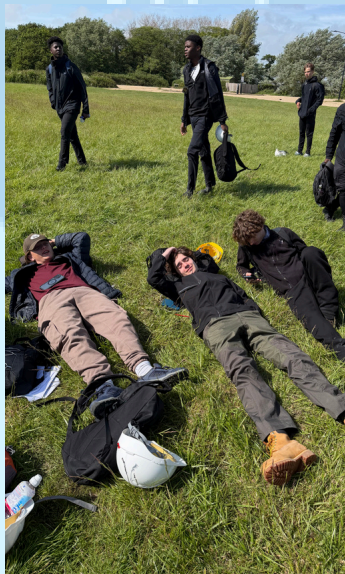
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# GEOLOGY TRIP DAY TWO

After a wonderful cooked breakfast at our accommodation, we got on the coach to spend our day at Sandown. On arrival to the Dinosaur Isle museum, we met Steve and Alex who were our guides and experts on all things rocks. Students walked along the coastline, battling yet more wind and completed observations of the macro and micro features of the unfamiliar field exposures. With the tide coming in quickly, we made our way back to the museum where we were ready for lunch. Not a bad lunch, if only we had booked the sunshine to join us... A tour of the museum followed with sketches of fossils completed and lots of key information absorbed. Mr Martin even shmoozed himself into getting some specimens from the museum for his personal collection! Leaving the museum, we were both shocked and surprised to see the most unfamiliar specimen of all - it was the sun! A walk down to Sandown pier provided some free time to get ourselves some dinner, ice cream and a little frolic on the beach. Exhausted by the day, we returned to complete notes from the day and went to bed for a very early wake up on day three...



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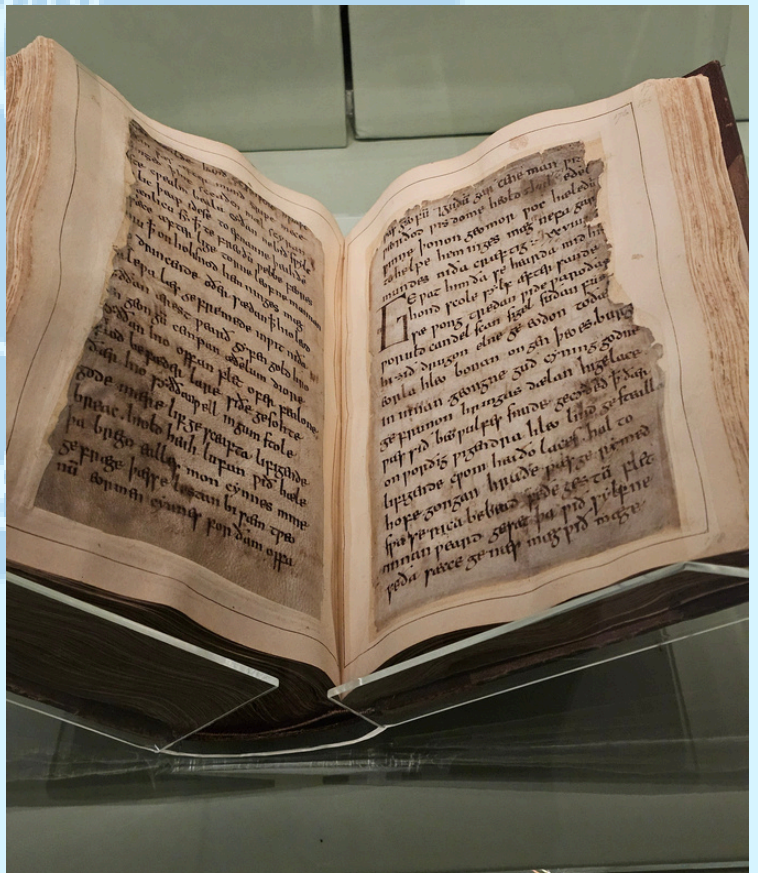
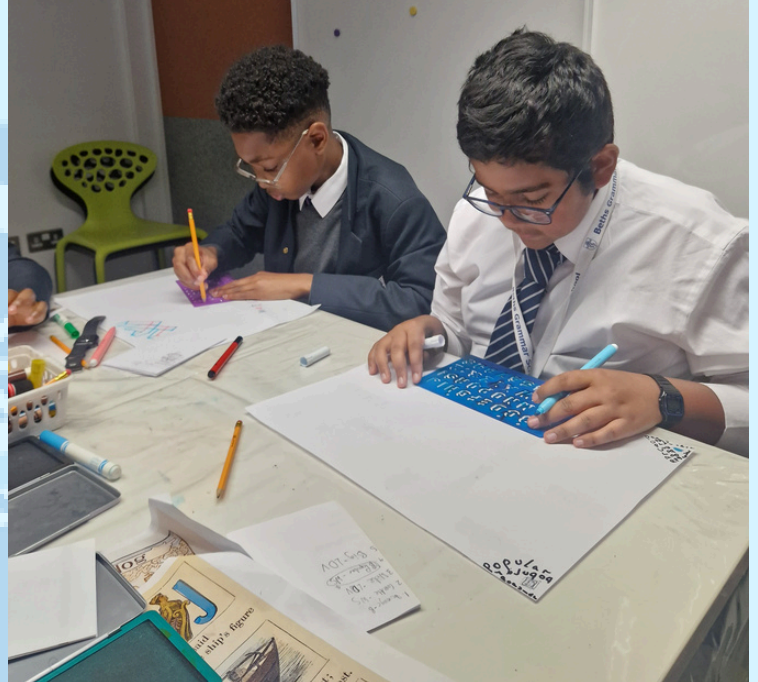
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# BRITISH LIBRARY TRIP

Year 7 visited the British Library on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to take part in a Making Artists workshop.



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# SPEAKER - APPRENTICESHIPS



Ayomide Shadare, one of our alumni who left last year came in on Thursday to speak to Year 12 students interested in apprenticeships.

Ayomide applied and is now doing an apprenticeship at Rolls Royce. Thank you for coming back to the school and sharing your experience of apprenticeships, the application and how to find them.



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# OWN CLOTHES DAY



# Y&H



Start



FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Suggested Donation of:

£2.00

Donations are going towards:  
Smile of Hope Charity & MCC Showcase





You are warmly invited to...

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# SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA

for the retired & semi-retired

Please join us for a delightful afternoon filled with music performances by our scholars, games and prizes. Enjoy wonderful company as we host a community afternoon tea.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto:Admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk)  
or call 01322 556538 by Wednesday 10th June 2026.



# MAY HALF TERM - SING OUT LOUD

Part of London South East Academies Trust



## SING OUT LOUD!

Come and join the fun  
this May half term at our  
1-day vocal workshop!

Thursday 28th May 2026

10am - 2pm

Years 3 - 8

£15.00

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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**

**BEGINNER FRIENDLY**



# SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND

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



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If you would like to donate to the Fund, please visit [cafdonate.cafonline.org/30206](https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/30206)

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>



# VACCINES



South London Children and  
Young People's Community  
Immunisation Service

Your child is now due their  
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- tetanus,
- polio, and
- meningococcal disease

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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](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 10<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm

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



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Every order placed when clicking on the link below will be counted in the fundraising total for Beths school.

They can be used on school uniforms, sports kits, rucksacks, pencil cases - in fact almost anything!

Order online at <http://www.mynametags.com> and use our unique School ID (61770) number to raise funds for school.



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# PRICE LIST

*Pre-loved uniform*

## DAILY UNIFORM

Blazer	£10.00
Tie	£1.00
Shirt	£1.00
Trousers/shorts	£2.00
Jumper	£3.00

## SPORTS KIT

House Colour - T-shirt	£5.00
PE Shorts	£5.00
Games/Rugby shirt	£5.00
Tracksuit top (with zip)	£5.00
Tracksuit bottoms	£5.00

## BETHS MERCH

Beths Oddballs Bobble Hat	£18.50
Beths Baseball & Bucket Hats	£15.00

## Donate Here



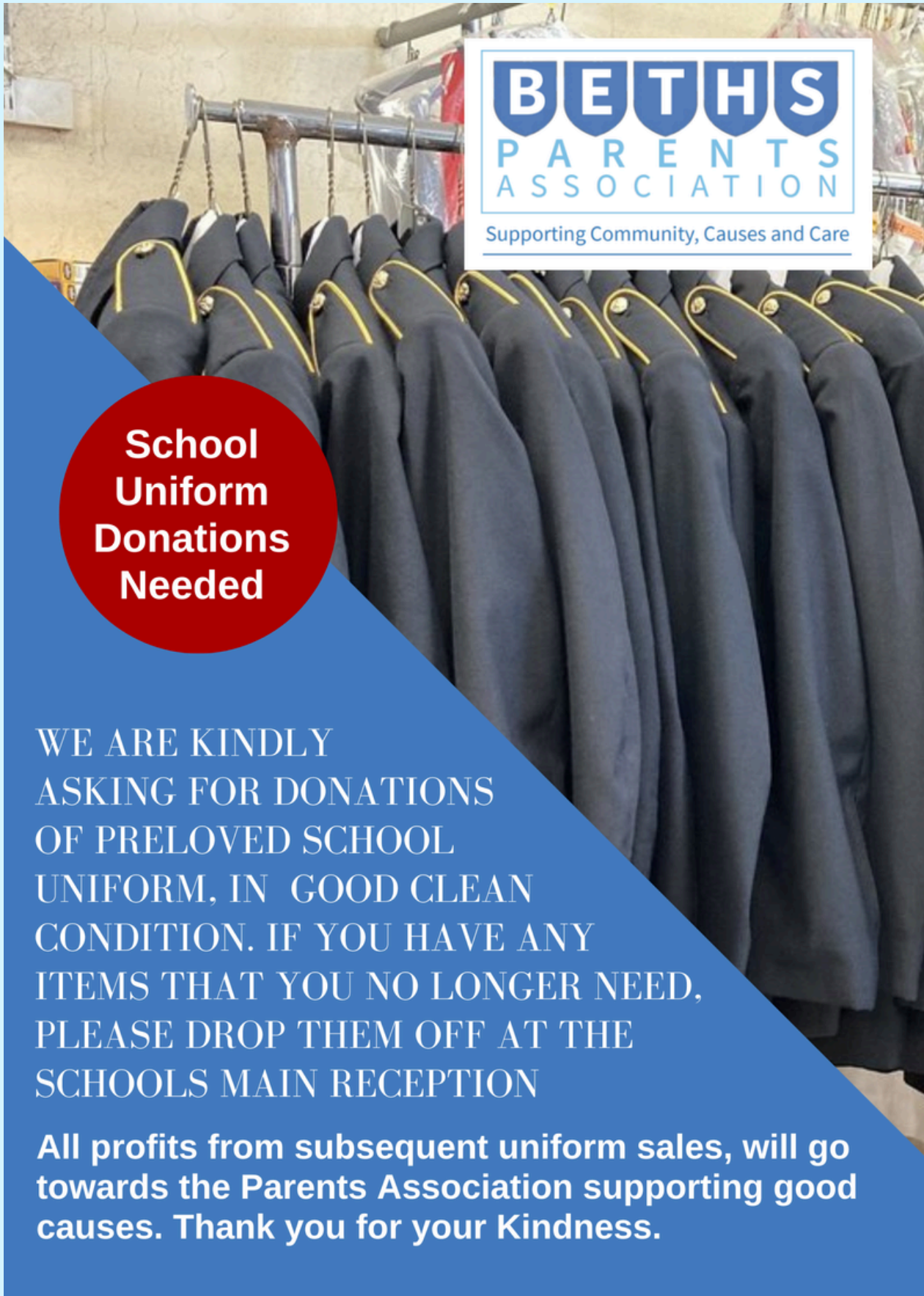
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# BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION



**School  
Uniform  
Donations  
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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