



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **Re: School Attendance and Uniform expectations**

I am writing to emphasise the vital importance of regular school attendance and expectations regarding school uniform for all scholars at Beths Grammar.

As a school, we are committed to providing every scholar with the highest quality of education, and consistent attendance is essential in ensuring that our young people can access the full breadth of learning and pastoral support available to them.

### **Attendance**

Every school day is carefully planned to support scholars' academic progress, personal development, and well-being. Frequent or prolonged absence can significantly hinder a young person's learning, making it challenging for them to keep pace with their peers and fully engage with the curriculum. Even occasional absences, when accumulated over time, can have a substantial impact on educational outcomes.

We therefore ask that parents and guardians ensure their young person attends school every day unless absence is unavoidable due to illness or exceptional circumstances. Where absence is necessary, we kindly request that the school is informed promptly in accordance with our attendance procedures.

### **Punctuality**

Arriving at school on time is equally important. Punctuality supports a calm and organised start to the day, reduces disruption to lessons, and enables scholars to participate fully in all learning activities. Persistent lateness can negatively affect both academic progress and a young person's confidence, as well as disrupt teaching for other scholars.

We respectfully remind parents and guardians to allow adequate time for the morning routine and to ensure their young person arrives punctually each day. Scholars form rooms will be open for them from 8:30am onwards. Scholars must arrive to form for 8:40am ensuring a prompt 8:45am start.

### **Uniform**

Scholars must wear their blazers around the school site and in classrooms. Students can ask to take their blazer off in the classroom but must wear it when leaving the room. Some scholars recently are coming to school without a tie. It is imperative they have their tie and this should be worn appropriately. We will soon (depending on weather) enter *summer order* but until then, we expect formal, professional uniforms at all times.

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### **Working together**

We recognise that on occasion, circumstances beyond a family's control may affect a young person's attendance or punctuality.

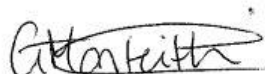
Should you experience any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Our attendance and pastoral teams are available to provide guidance, support, and, where appropriate, early intervention to help address any concerns.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in maintaining high standards of attendance and punctuality. We see this as crucial to your young person's success. Together, we can ensure that every scholar has the best possible opportunity to thrive both academically and personally.

All of our useful information regarding school expectations can be found here <https://beths.bexley.sch.uk/useful-information-and-letters-home/>. Please take the time to read through with your young person at home.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year. We have had an outstanding year thus far and I look forward to seeing Year 9 progress into KS4 in the near future.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Monteith', written over a faint horizontal line.

**Ms Monteith**  
**Head of Year 9**