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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

One week left of GCSE and A-Level exams, all students are doing extremely well and we wish them every success in this final week. Good luck!

Sports Day is next week on the 11th June at Erith Leisure Centre.

Please encourage your child not to sit on the walls of our neighbour's garden or stand on their driveways.

Our last Afternoon Tea for the retired and semi-retired community will be on the Wednesday 17th June and it will be a World Cup theme!!! Please email admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk if any grandparents or retired family members would like to attend, by Wednesday 10th June.

Best wishes,

Richard Blyghton



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 11th June - Sports Day at Erith Athletics Stadium

Friday 12th June - Year 10 and Year 12 Reports to parents

Thursday 18th June - Year 8 HPV 1 Session 2 & Year 9 catch up vaccinations

Thursday 18th June - Year 12 Parents Evening (in person) - 16:30 - 19:30

Friday 19th June - GCSE and GCE Public Exams end in the Sports Hall

For more dates: visit the Events Calendar on our website
<https://beths.bexley.sch.uk/events-calendar/>



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GEOLOGY TRIP DAY THREE

Have you ever seen a dinosaur footprint? 🦶

The first thing that you need to know about geologists is that they are at the mercy of the tides, therefore in constant battles with the moon. This morning saw us begin with an exceptionally early start with everyone in the coach by 6.50am. Groggy eyed but bushy tailed, we were ready to show Compton Bay what we were made of.

Arriving at Shippards Chine, we observed the flow of fresh water running into the sea from the rock face. The source of our investigation? We were looking for evidence of deposition between our starting point and end point for the day, creating a geological history of the area. After developing an initial understanding from the words of Mr Martin's wisdom, we moved forth and started to explore the area along the coast. An area popular with geologists globally, our students were keen to explain the geology of the area to members of the public and even donate some of their fossils that they had avidly been collecting!

Unbeknownst to us, we had traversed far into a dinosaur graveyard. With a challenge at hand to be the first to identify a dinosaur footprint, we scampered not realising we were pretty much entirely surrounded by them. Cue several pictures of our feet with said dinosaur feet!

With such a fantastic group of geologists working hard in the finally well appointed sun, we had closed shop earlier than anticipated. What better way to spend the afternoon than to go back to Needles and bask in the sunshine by revisiting and getting on the chair lift and boat ride. What an amazing opportunity to go back and see the coastline from a different angle and more importantly without the wind and rain! After a rest on the beach and completing a tribal initiation in some groups (where one becomes at one with the rocks by creating face point with them) we were alightly sun-dazed and made our way back to the top of Needles where we treated ourselves to an ice cream.

On return to our accommodation we had a short lesson in the sunshine to consolidate our learning and headed for dinner. Relieved to learn that we were not about to have fish and chips for a third day, today's offering included chicken kebabs and pizza. Beths students have wonderful appetites, being the last school group to have food on site, a penny had been dropped. All left overs could be consumed by us! A flurry of students gathered more hot food and took advantage of the self-serve ice cream pots. Some having more than five pots of ice cream.

Amazingly, Beths students are also incredibly resilient - with food in their bellies they were refuelled. Much to our surprise, basketball, football, throwing a whistling dart and breaking Miss Stevens' bat for bat and ball ensued whilst some opted for the relaxed alternative of playing cards in their room.

Lights out! It's another early one tomorrow...



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UNIVERSITY GUIDE FOR YEAR 12 PARENTS

[Parents' Guide to University | Expert advice brochure to support parents and carers | UniTasterDays](#)

The Parents' Guide to University 2026 will help you support the young people in your life to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to guide them in deciding whether university is right for them, what they should study, and where they should study it.

Contributions have been provided by over 80 university representatives from across the UK, along with expert voices from outside the sector, such as educator and TV personality Baasit Siddiqui. The guide is supported by HELOA, a membership group for university advisers.



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CHINESE EXPERIENCE CLUB

On 8th May and 22nd May, we successfully held another two Chinese Club sessions, focusing on “Tai Chi” and “Blue-and-White Porcelain Art”.

Tai Chi is a traditional Chinese martial art and exercise system rooted in the ancient Chinese philosophy of “Yin and Yang”. During the session, students followed the teacher’s guidance and practised Tai Chi on the school playground. Through this unique experience, they learned about a traditional Chinese fitness activity and discovered the beauty and elegance of this important aspect of Chinese culture.

Blue-and-White Porcelain is one of the most iconic forms of Chinese ceramics. Students were provided with a variety of materials to design and create their own blue-and-white porcelain-style plates. Not only did they learn about the distinctive features of this traditional art form, but they also used their creativity and imagination to produce unique and personalised designs.

We warmly welcome all Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 students to join future Chinese Club activities and experience the charm of Chinese culture.



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YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 BAMBOO RESTAURANT TRIP

The Year 7 MEP and Year 8 trip to a local Chinese restaurant, Bamboo Bexley, was a great success.

Students enthusiastically took part in Chinese language games before the visit, learned how to order drinks and talk with restaurant staff, and gained insights into Chinese culinary culture while practicing with chopsticks. As they enjoyed Chinese dishes in the restaurant, they also used simple Chinese to communicate.

The students really liked the food and had a great time experiencing Chinese culture. As their excellent behaviour was praised by the restaurant staff, they did Beths proud!



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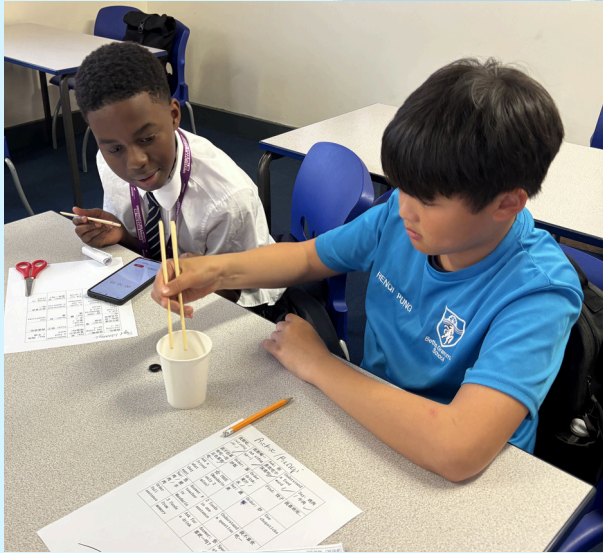


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NEIL GOSTLING



Neil Gostling from the University of Southampton delivered a talk to Biology and Geology Year 10 and 12 students on studying the sciences at University and got all students to start thinking about their future study and careers whether it is 2 or 4 years into their future. Thank you Neil for attending giving two amazing, informative talks to our students.



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YEAR 7 BAKE OFF

Pastry week



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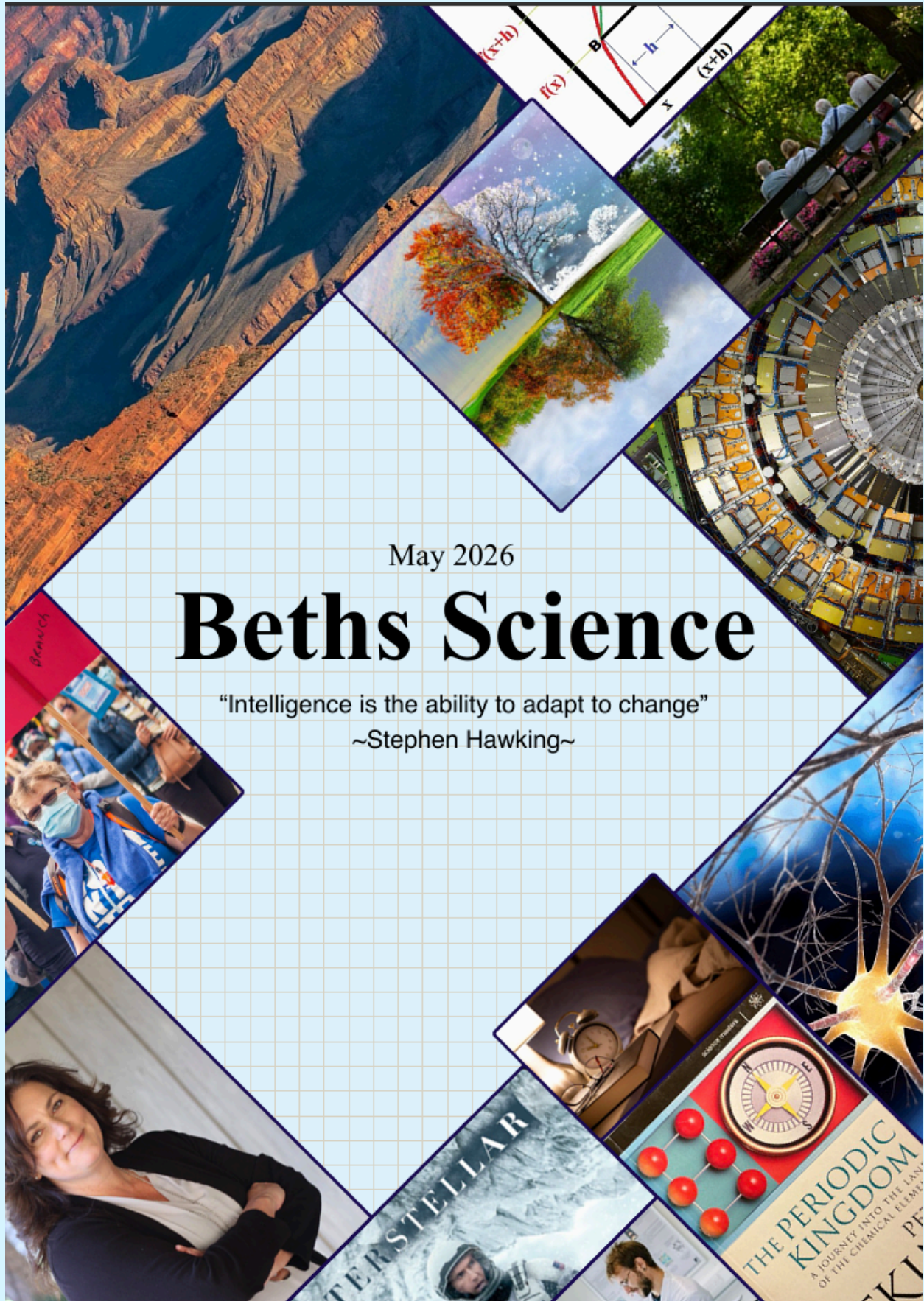


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BETHS SCIENCE NEWSLETTER



May 2026

Beths Science

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change"
~Stephen Hawking~



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OWN CLOTHES DAY



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Start



FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

Suggested Donation of:

£2.00

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





You are warmly invited to...

Beths Grammar School's

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 17th 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
or call 01322 556538 by Wednesday 10th June 2026.





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

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For more information, contact 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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January 2025



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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 10th June @ 7pm

Wednesday 8th July @ 7pm



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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

The logo for Beths Parents Association features the word 'BETHS' in large, white, serif capital letters, each letter contained within a blue shield-like shape. Below this, the words 'PARENTS' and 'ASSOCIATION' are written in smaller, blue, sans-serif capital letters, stacked on two lines.

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