



Beths Grammar School

Prospectus

Excellence, Community, Respect





WELCOME

Here at Beths Grammar School, we don't just teach – we inspire. We have built an exciting, purposeful and vibrant community where boys are both challenged to reach for the stars and deeply supported every step of the way.

We believe in nurturing the whole child. Beths boys dive into a rigorous, engaging and diverse curriculum that delivers nothing less than the platinum standard of education. But the learning does not stop at the classroom door. From the sports fields to the creative arts, our rich extracurricular and enrichment programmes give every boy the platform to discover, develop and celebrate their unique talents. Because every journey has its ups and downs, our exceptional pastoral care team is always there, offering a steady hand and a warm heart whenever it is needed most.

Our core values are Excellence, Community and Respect. These are not just words on a wall; they are the heartbeat of everything we do. They shape the high standards we keep and fuel the outstanding triumphs our scholars celebrate every day.

Choosing Beths means embarking on an unforgettable educational experience as a family. We provide the spark, the experiences and the opportunities that will shape the rest of your child's life. Our scholars step out into the world as confident, resilient and well-rounded leaders. They are forward-thinking, highly motivated and ready to build bright futures and make a real difference in society.



With a world of opportunity at their fingertips and a powerful support system cheering them on, there is truly a place for everyone to shine at Beths.

Headteacher, Alex O'Donnell

ABOUT BETHS

Our Story

We are a selective school for boys aged 11-16 with a popular co-educational sixth form. We have ambitious plans to constantly grow and evolve our offering as a school, including through the first-class facilities we can provide, and the educational provision we deliver.

We create bespoke learning and development environments that are specially designed to support students throughout each stage of their educational journey. From walking through our school gates in Year 7, and widening their horizons in Year 12, to completing their sixth form studies, our students are well-equipped to take their ambitious next steps.

We are proud of our heritage as a school which was first founded in the 1950s. Our rich history has embedded a deep sense of expertise, knowledge, and purpose that enriches the learning of today's students. It is what helps us foster a compassionate, close-knit school community where we all share the same high expectations, standards, and care for our students.

Alongside being a school with a long-standing commitment to high academic achievement, we have always been a school with specialisms. We have a rich history of excellence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); Performing Arts; Modern Foreign Languages where our Mandarin Excellence Programme is rated as number one in the country; and Physical Education, where our students compete at the highest level and support other schools with our Beths Sports Leaders initiative.



EXCELLENCE





COMMUNITY

RESPECT

BE A BETHS SCHOLAR



Our vision

We strive to develop confident and resilient scholars who have a life-long love of learning and make positive contributions to society.

All our staff are committed to nurturing and developing Beths Scholars who uphold our school values. These are:

EXCELLENCE THROUGH...



... a thirst for knowledge and intellectual curiosity

... ambition and high expectations for themselves in everything they do

... resilience and the ability to overcome challenges

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

COMMUNITY THROUGH...



... developing confident leaders

... contributing to the school and wider community

... caring for all of those around us, and our environment

RESPECT THROUGH...



... ensuring inclusivity

... listening to others and considering their views

... demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitudes



BE AMBITIOUS

Our Curriculum

At Beths, we develop confident, resilient, and well-rounded scholars and foster an ethos of working hard. Our students are ambitious and have a thirst for knowledge so wanting to achieve highly is the norm. We seek to help them secure the very best outcomes, with academic achievement being our primary focus.

Our key value of Excellence is evident in our curriculum. It is purposely aspirational and helps to develop our students' intellectual curiosity. We set high standards for our students who respond in kind with a genuine passion for learning, the ability to overcome challenges and a strong work ethic that leads to achievements they can be proud of.

Our impressive academic records are reflected in our alumni who go on to attend some of the best universities in the UK, and indeed across the world, as well as securing degree-level apprenticeships with some of the UK's top employers.

Explore our curriculum offer

beths.bexley.sch.uk/overview-of-our-curriculum

EXCELLENCE

KS3

Our broad and balanced curriculum at KS3 comprises subjects including English, Mathematics, Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), Physical Education, Geography, History, Music, Drama, Religious Studies, Design Technology, Art and Computing, as well as Modern Foreign Languages of French, Spanish and Mandarin.

KS4

At KS4, all scholars study a core curriculum of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and separate Sciences of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Additionally, all scholars have Physical Education. A key part of our KS4 curriculum is the choice of option subjects, where our scholars are given the autonomy to select additional subjects based on their strengths, interests and preferences. Students choose four options from a choice of over 20 subjects.

KS5

When students enter our Sixth Form, they take a minimum of three A-Levels and follow our Elective Enrichment Programme, which includes the Extended Project Qualification, Physical Education, Mentoring or Life Skills to name but a few. This is part of our mission to develop well-rounded individuals.

Our Sixth Form benefits from an array of some 30 subjects to choose from, which is the broadest A-Level programme available locally. These are detailed in our Sixth Form Prospectus which is available on our website.



BE

ADVENTUROUS



Our Extra-curricular offer

We believe in enrichment for all and we provide a comprehensive range of whole-school extracurricular activities to encourage our students to develop an adventurous spirit and enjoy their passions and talents. By providing them with opportunities to step out of their comfort zone, they discover hidden skills, forge new friendships and enjoy new experiences. They also build key life skills as they learn to be excited about the unknown, experience leadership challenges and develop the confidence and resilience to be true leaders.

Our extra-curricular offer includes sports clubs such as basketball, rugby, football, cricket, and athletics, with team training for each year group and recreational games for those who enjoy socialising with their peers. We compete at every level from inter-house games to regional and national competitions. Sports have always been an important part of life at Beths.

We also run popular arts clubs such as big band, drama, music tech, film club and a whole host of other activities from gardening and chess to creative writing and robotics. Our students similarly embrace the opportunity to take part in the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Super Curriculum

We have our own bespoke Super Curriculum, created especially to stretch and challenge. We know how important it is for our scholars to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge to help them be successful both within the school and beyond. Therefore, our Super Curriculum is designed to help students follow their interests and delve deeper into subjects they enjoy.

The Super Curriculum encourages students to take on activities that will enhance and support their regular curriculum studies. It provides a variety of innovative reading, research, watching, listening, creative and writing student-led tasks to promote their independent and group learning.



BE INVOLVED

Our Community

We know success is not achieved in isolation but by the collective efforts of our strong school community. There is a reason Community and Respect are two of our key values and we pride ourselves on instilling inclusivity, tolerance, acceptance and confidence in our students.

We make it our mission to create opportunities for students to contribute to the school and our wider community, developing essential skills in teamwork and communication. This is vital to prepare them for the world after education.

The Beths community extends well beyond the school gates and our students and staff care deeply about our local area and the environment. We strive to provide exciting and engaging experiences for our community, ensuring we are caring for those around us and our planet, always giving back and making positive contributions to society. This includes running initiatives with local primary schools, helping local charities close to our hearts, and supporting those in need.





Our Pastoral Care

What sets Beths apart is the caring, inclusive and supportive environment we create for our students. This includes our award-winning wellbeing and outstanding pastoral care system and dedicated Inclusion Team. This comprises schemes such as Peer Mentors, Form Tutors, Mental Health First Aiders, a School Counsellor and regular wellbeing check-ins for both students and staff.

We work hard to ensure Beths is a safe and respectful community where students listen carefully to each other and consider their views. We support students to embody inclusivity and build positive relations with everyone around them. By demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitudes, our students genuinely enjoy their studies knowing expert care is on hand as they face the challenges of young adult life in the modern world.

BE

SUPPORTED

BE A TEAM

Our House system

Our House system is a key part of our community spirit at BETHS. Our students thrive as they develop the skills to be ambitious and resilient, work as a team and participate in a range of activities which promote leadership and personal development.

Each BETHS student is assigned to one of our six houses, named after places in Bexley and the surrounding area. Every student proudly represents their house with correlating ties, and each form belongs to the same house, fostering a sense of togetherness and belonging.

We hold a series of popular inter-house competitions every year, which cover languages, performing arts and sports, and students earn points for their House by participating in these activities. Academic excellence is also recognised through commendations given to individual students, which also feed into the annual House Cup and is awarded to the highest performing House each year.





Preparing for your future and life after Beths

During their seven year journey with us, we encourage our students to immerse themselves in school life, whilst instilling in them the importance of preparing for their bright futures. Our curriculum, enrichment and pastoral provisions are designed to guide students through their time in school and give them the skills and character to be ready for their next steps.

We know that making decisions about the future can feel daunting, especially when holding such high aspirations. However, with our extensive programme of careers education and guidance as well as our personal, social, health, citizenship and economics education, we show our students the range of career opportunities open to them.

Students benefit from our in-house Careers Department and Prospects services, and we develop an appreciation of where different qualifications and training pathways can take them. Through our holistic approach to education, we also teach students important life skills such as money management.

Our young adults leave Beths as confident, resilient, capable, and motivated people who are ready for their future. Many go on to secure places at top universities, on highly competitive apprenticeships and training schemes, and in high-calibre roles at leading organisations. Wherever they go, our scholars retain a strong sense of identity, forever a part of the Beths community.

**BE
READY**

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE AT BETHS

We would love to share more with you about life at Beths and to welcome students and families into our vibrant, proud school community.

To speak with us or organise a visit to the school, please get in touch via the following methods:

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