



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mrs A O'Donnell

Friday 4th September 2026

RE: Return to school arrangements for Year 13 Students

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Year 13,

I hope that you all had a great summer break and that your child is looking forward to returning to Beths for Year 13, the final year of A' Level study.

This letter is intended to bring to your attention a number of key reminders as well as information on new matters. I have kept this as succinct as possible, however please do take the time to read this carefully with your child as it is intended to provide absolute clarity and transparency on our expectations and standards as a school.

First day arrangements

All students are expected to be on school site for a **prompt 8.45am start** on **Monday 7th September** in full school uniform. Students are permitted to enter the site from 8.00am onwards. Form rooms will open from 8.30am every morning. On Wednesday, students should go straight to their allocated form room for an 8.45am start. No student should be late. Form rooms and form tutors are as follows:

Form group	Room	Form Tutor
13A1	B2	Mrs Moffatt
13A2	A2	Mrs Van Rietschoten/Mrs James
13A3	A10	Mr Knott
13B1	S15	Mrs Leggett/Mrs Cato-Sargeant
13B2	B15	Ms Smart
13B3	M4	Mr Chamberlain
13C1	S1	Mr Atwam
13C2	S5	Ms Adriaans/Mr Slinn
13C3	IT2	Ms Aziz
13E1	B6	Ms Irving-Gale
13E2	S7	Mr Pavar
13H1	S14	Ms Zhai
13H2	B14	Mr Osisanwo
13W1	M3	Ms Chan
13W2	B13	Mr Nagra
Head of Year		Mr Parkes
Head of Key Stage		Ms Adeoye

School lanyard, pass and signing in/out

As part of our health and safety rules, all students must bring their school lanyard and pass to school **every day**. The pass is used to gain access through the turnstile gates at the West Entrance.

Spot checks will take place to make sure students are following this important rule. Sanctions will be imposed for non-compliance with health and safety policy.

Dress Code and appearance

It is the expectation that all students arrive to school every day wearing the correct uniform. Details outlining the Sixth form dress code are attached.

We ask that every student takes pride in their appearance. **Hooded tops, earrings or non-religious headwear are not permitted to be worn anywhere on school site.** These will be confiscated, and parents will be asked to collect them from reception.

Please do not contact the school to challenge a confiscated item as this letter gives warning in advance of our expectations regarding the dress code.

Assessments and Trial Exams

All students in year 13 will sit formal assessments and trial exams on the following weeks:

- Formal Assessments – Starting week beginning **Monday 5th October 2026**
- Trial exams– Starting week beginning **Tuesday 5th January 2027**

Students should be seeking to complete a minimum of 5 hours independent study per week for each of their A' Level options.

Parents Evening

This will take place on **Thursday 26th November 2026**. Parents evening bookings will be sent to you nearer the time.

Mobile Phone Policy

There is now a **complete ban of phones used on school site** for all year groups (including both break and lunch). The exception to this is for Year 12 and 13 students in the Sixth Form Centre. If a phone is seen by a member of staff in the corridors or anywhere on school site it will be confiscated with no warning. These rules have been explained to students and they are fully aware of this policy.

Punctuality and Attendance

Students should be on school site and present in morning registration for 8.45am every morning (we advise that they should be on site by 8.30am to prepare for an 8.45am start). Late detentions will be held every Thursday before school. We will continue to monitor closely punctuality and attendance of all students. We will be in contact with parents should punctuality and attendance begin to raise concerns. Should the outcome of this fail to improve the situation I reserve the right to refer individual cases to the Local Authority Attendance Advisory Service.

Thank you in advance for your support in what I am sure is going to be a very busy but exciting nine months. We look forward to helping your son/daughter be the very best they can be over this period. If you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me (MrParkes@beths.bexley.sch.uk).

Yours Sincerely,



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