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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

Another busy Beths week!

This week, we were delighted to welcome representatives from the **Royal Navy** to school to deliver a leadership training session for our Year 13 Prefects. A sincere thank you to Karen and Charlie for leading an engaging and challenging programme of activities. Students took part in a range of leadership and team-building exercises, including memory challenges, where the losing teams faced the prospect of push-ups, and a survival scenario in which groups had to work together after being stranded on a deserted island. It was fantastic to see our prefects demonstrating teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skills throughout the session.

Congratulations also go to our **1st XI Football Team**, who secured their first victory of the season with an excellent 3-2 win over Bexley Grammar School. It was a closely contested match and a great way to begin the campaign. Well done to all involved.

Our three A Level German Scholars also took part in their first **National German A Level Class (NGAC)** session with the Goethe-Institut UK this week. This enriching programme provides students with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of German language and culture alongside fellow linguists from across the country.

I was delighted to join Mr McBeth & the Heads of Year at the Year 10 information evening and the Year 11 evening, but the highlight was our Presentation Evening



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where we celebrated the achievements of students from Years 7-13, including the inaugural presentation of the Richard Blyghton Award for Mathematics.

This weekend, students and staff are embarking on their **Duke of Edinburgh Award** expedition. We wish everyone the very best as they set out on their hike and hope that the British weather is kind to them over the coming days.

Looking ahead, next week is our **Modern Foreign Languages International Week**, with a particular focus on **Sweden and Swedish culture**. Students will have the opportunity to learn some Swedish during language lessons, sample traditional foods, and take part in a range of cultural activities. The week will culminate in an **International Dress Day** on Friday. We encourage students to bring a £1 donation, with funds raised being shared between **UNICEF** and the **Beths Multicultural Committee (MCC)**, whose work helps to promote and celebrate the rich diversity of our school community.

Best wishes,

Alex O'Donnell



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 21st September - MFL International Week

Tuesday 22nd September - Welcome to Beths for parents of Year 7 students – (Meet the tutor) – Hall/in person

Wednesday 23rd September - Years 7 – 11 Flu vaccination

Thursday 24th September - Comedy About Spies show

Thursday 24th September - Welcome to Sixth Form for parents of Year 12 students – (Meet the tutor) – Hall/in person

Thursday 24th September - Trip: Year 12 Parliament

Friday 25th September - MCC and MFL International Dress Day

For more dates: visit the Events Calendar on our website

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



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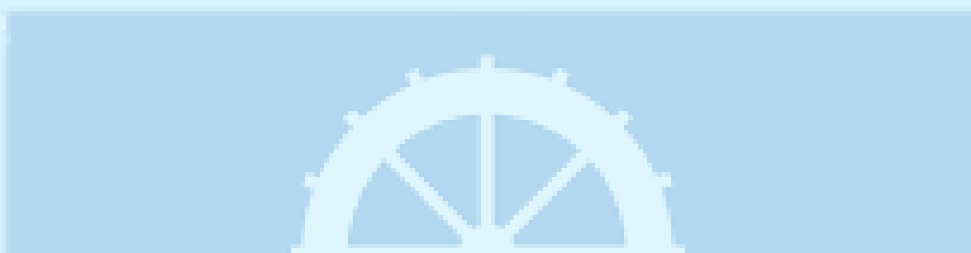


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ROYAL NAVY

Karen and Charlie from the Royal Navy joined Year 13 prefects on Thursday for a Leadership Training Workshop.

Scholars completed a range of team activities, involving memory exercises and team problem solving.



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FOOTBALL TEAM 1ST XI



Congratulations to the 1st XI for winning their opening game of the season 3-2 against Bexley grammar.



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GOETHE-INSTITUT TRIP



This week, our three Year 12 German students took part in their first National German A-Level Class (NGAC) session with the Goethe-Institut UK.

Beths is delighted to be one of only a small number of schools nationally selected to participate in this innovative pilot programme, which is helping to secure and strengthen the future of A-Level German through collaboration between schools and the Goethe-Institut.

The programme gives students the opportunity to learn alongside peers from across the country, benefit from specialist teaching, and access a range of exciting cultural and academic enrichment opportunities.

Viel Erfolg to our pioneering first NGAC cohort!



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PRESENTATION EVENING



Congratulations to Daksh S for receiving the Richard Blyghton Award for Mathematics.



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MFL INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Plan for the week as organised by the MFL department:

- **26th September – European Day of Languages: Swedish**

This year, we have decided to focus on the Swedish language, so scholars in Years 7-9 will receive a Swedish taster lesson during their weekly MFL lesson for the language they started in Year 7. Additionally, other departments will be including aspects of Swedish in their lessons with a cross-curricular emphasis. At lunchtime on Friday 25th September, scholars will have the opportunity to order traditional Swedish meatballs in the canteen.

- **Cultural awareness focus**

Scholars in Years 8 and 9 will receive a lesson focused on the culture of the countries where their chosen second language is spoken. In addition, scholars in all year groups will have an assembly on European day of Languages and the importance of learning languages in our globalised world, even in the age of AI. In form time, students will enjoy a languages quiz.

- **Food tasting events**

The MFL department will run food tasting events in French, Italian, Spanish, German and Mandarin during international week for scholars in Year 8. This will take place during lesson time in their chosen second language class. Scholars must inform staff if they have any food allergies.

- **Friday 25th September - International Dress Day**

In conjunction with the school's Multicultural Committee, the MFL department is organising an International Dress Day. Scholars from all years and all staff are encouraged to come to school wearing international clothing, whether it be from their own culture, a culture they love or a key international figure.

For participating in International Dress Day, we ask that a small donation is made in cash on the gate (£1 is suggested). The money raised will be split between our two chosen causes: UNICEF and the Beths Multicultural Committee (MCC), who fund events in school which promote and celebrate multiculturalism.



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INTERNATIONAL DRESS DAY

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER



STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR
TRADITIONAL CULTURAL CLOTHING FROM THEIR
OWN CULTURE OR A CULTURE THEY ADMIRE
OR DRESS AS AN INSPIRATIONAL INTERNATIONAL FIGURE.



THERE WILL BE A

PHOTOSHOOT

IN THE HALL AT LUNCH!



£1

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1 IN CASH AT THE GATE
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO UNICEF AND THE MCC



FOOTBALL KITS AND
REVEALING CLOTHING
ARE NOT ALLOWED.



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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENTS

Beths Grammar School, is a selective academy for boys aged 11-16 with a mixed Sixth form.



Each session will run from 9:30am - 11am on the following dates:

Monday 5th October
Tuesday 6th October
Wednesday 7th October
Thursday 8th October
Friday 9th October

Monday 12th October
Tuesday 13th October
Wednesday 14th October
Thursday 15th October
Friday 16th October



Please note: there is no parking onsite.

To book a ticket or for more information, please follow this link
www.ticketsource.com/beths-grammar-school or scan the QR code:



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JUNK JOURNALING & CRAFT CLUB

First Tuesday of Every Month

4:30pm – 6pm

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Bexleyheath DA7 4JB

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cafdonate.cafonline.org/30206

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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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.



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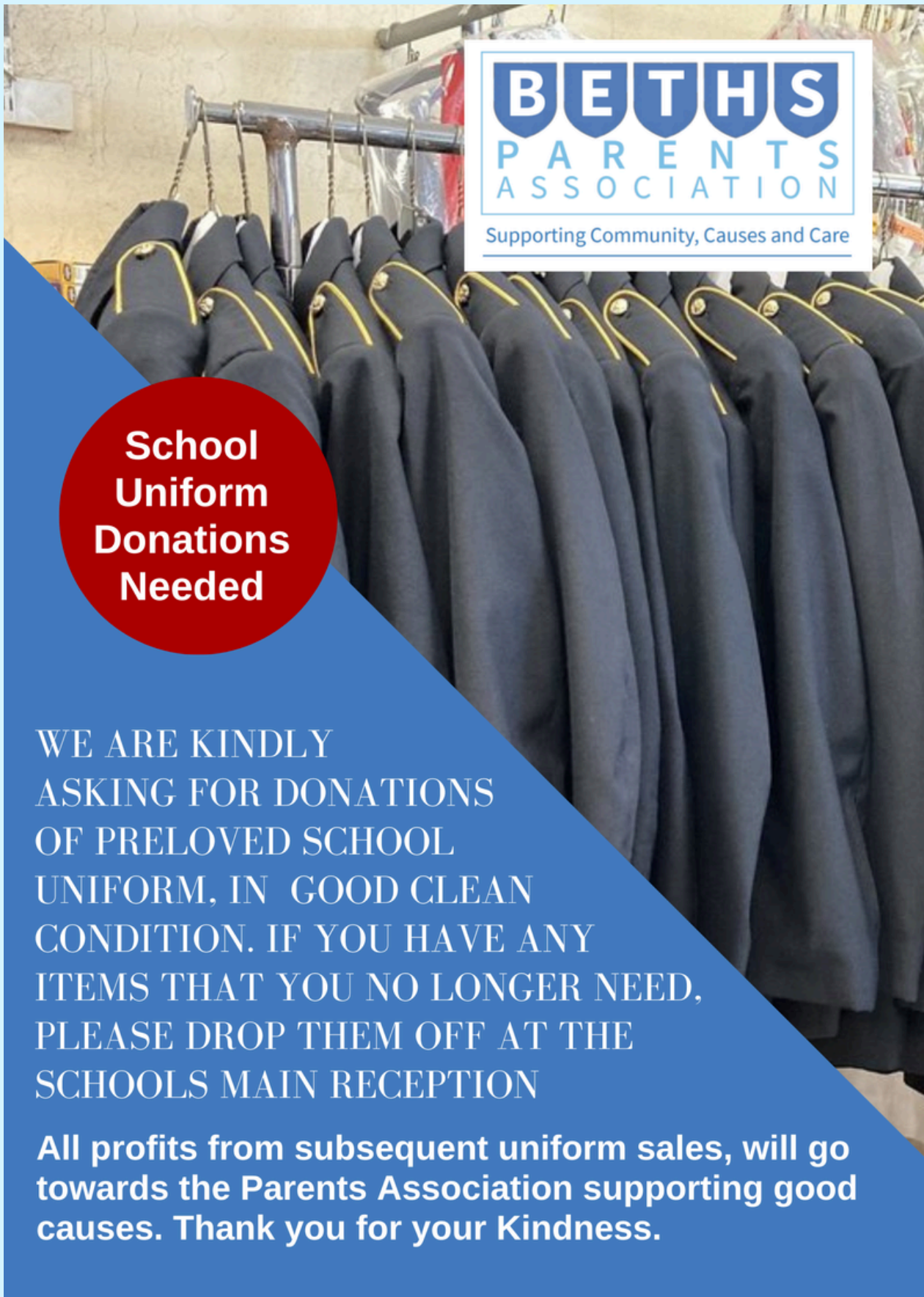


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UNIFORM, IN GOOD CLEAN
CONDITION. IF YOU HAVE ANY
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SCHOOLS MAIN RECEPTION

**All profits from subsequent uniform sales, will go
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causes. Thank you for your Kindness.**



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