



Beths Grammar School

Welcome to Beths Grammar School

Set in acres of pleasant grounds, Beths Grammar School is located within easy commuting distance of both central London and Kent, offering the advantages of a diverse and forward-thinking community within a haven of green space. The mainline railway station is less than ten minutes' walk away; while for road users, there is a junction on the A2 close by (two of the three school fields run alongside the A2). Many staff choose to live close to the school, or in neighbouring boroughs, and the borough of Bexley has a wealth of high performing schools and good quality housing stock at competitive prices.

Beths is an *academic* institution that fosters an ethos in which working hard and wanting to achieve are the norm: where it's cool to be clever and successful. This is as true for the staff as for the students. We are ambitious for the young people in our care and seek to help them secure the very best outcomes of which they are capable. As a selective school, the staff have the privilege of educating intellectually able young people; and the students have the privilege of being in classes in which progress in learning can be rapid, and subjects explored in real depth.

While Beths is a traditional grammar school, it is geared for the twenty-first century. ICT is widely used and both students and staff are encouraged to bring their own electronic devices. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that not only enables all boys to take the EBacc, but also encourages them to study subjects such as music, drama and art. All students take GCSE RS plus another subject (usually a technology, Computer Science or Economics) in Year 10. A wide range of A Levels is offered in our large Sixth Form.

As well as being a beacon of academic pursuit and excellence, Beths Grammar School is renowned for its enviable co-curricular enrichment programme that, through sport, the arts, clubs and societies, nurtures the whole child. This is why many boys – and girls in the Sixth Form – want to come here; and it is also why so many parents are pleased to send their children to Beths. Emphasis is placed on developing leadership skills, best exemplified by the work of the prefect teams, but also through opportunities lower down the school such as our thriving School Council. We believe our students are our best ambassadors. We value our students collectively and individually, and acknowledge – and celebrate the fact – that they are all different.

Beths is committed to staff development. We have a strong CPD programme based on the principle of 'expertise from within'. Staff at all career stages have opportunities to lead training and we are as keen to develop the leadership skills of our members of staff as we are those of our students.

In September 2012 the school was judged to be Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted. This judgement came five years after the previous Outstanding grading. Our students achieve highly in Year 11 and the Sixth Form; but we are not complacent. At Beths we are determined to deliver the very best to our students – and we seek to recruit like-minded, outstanding practitioners who also want to give the wonderful young people who study here the world-class education they deserve.

If that sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you.

With all good wishes,

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