



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 19th October 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

May I wish all our pupils a very restful break at Half Term. I know that for our Year 11 boys this will be an opportunity to prepare for the following Trial examinations and I obviously wish them the very best.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Great Walk and its aspirations to provide the resources needed for all the bids which will follow. Let us hope for good weather!

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Reporting Absences

The main School office continues to receive a high volume of calls regarding pupil and student absences, Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting their child's absence from School:

Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the Attendance Office direct on **01225 485222**, or you can email attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on 01225 485221, or you can email allisonjones@beechencliff.org.uk

"Show My Homework"

Your son should be using SMHW on a daily basis to plan and prioritise his homework. Please try to monitor his activity with your own login.

If you have any issues with login details please email me on kant.mann@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Wednesday 19th October – Friday 21st October
Geneva Physics Trip

Wednesday 19th October – Sunday 23rd October
A Level Iceland Field Trip

Wednesday 19th October – Saturday 28th October
Lower Sixth Romania Challenge Project

Thursday 20th October
Year 10 Oxford Art Trip

Thursday 20th October – Tuesday 31st October
China Trip

Friday 21st October
The Great Walk
Autumn Term Ends

Monday 24th October – Tuesday 1st November
Autumn Holiday

Wednesday 2nd November
Christmas Term Starts

Thursday 3rd November
Year 7 Parents Information Evening 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday 4th November
PTA Quiz Night – 7.30pm in the Refectory

Monday 14th November – Friday 18th November
Year 11 Trial Exams week

Year 11 Reports

Year 11 'snapshot' Progress Reports are now available for parents to view on ePortal. These will give information on your son's application in lessons so far this year and highlight any homework concerns.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Prep Term 2 – available for all pupils every day!

As well as compulsory Prep on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for those pupils who have missed several homeworks in Term 1, Prep sessions are also available every day for all pupils from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on a voluntary basis. Please encourage your son to attend on a voluntary basis where he can complete his homework in a quiet, relaxed and supervised environment with resources on hand. All Prep rooms have a member of staff available to help pupils with their homework.

Last year many pupils used voluntary Prep sessions in the lead up to internal tests, controlled assessments and exams and also to complete a particular homework where they perhaps needed some guidance and support. With voluntary Prep pupils do not necessarily need to stay for the full hour – once they have completed what they set out to do they can leave the session. This year to help your son further with his studies, there will be a subject specialist supervising on each session as below:

Monday – Maths
Tuesday – English
Wednesday – Humanities
Thursday – Languages
Friday – Science

Prep is intended to be a supportive activity that will not only help your son to complete homework, with supervision and on time, but it also helps to eliminate the “have you done your homework?” scenario at home which can at times create stress for both parent and child. Completing homework at school also frees up some time in the evening for your son to pursue his extra-curricular activities.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Year 7 Information Evening - Succeeding at Beechen Cliff -Thursday, 3rd November 2016

This evening is an opportunity for you to gain a better understanding of how you can help support your son at Beechen Cliff. Letters about this evening have been sent home with the boys and emailed direct to Year 7 parents.

I would be most grateful if reply slips could be returned to Mr Markall, Assistant Headmaster, via the Main Office by **Wednesday 2nd November** at the latest (not Tuesday 1st November, as detailed in the letter referred above).

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Black History Month.

For this year’s Black History Month the theme is about tackling conscious and unconscious bias, with messages from the Equality and Inclusion Champion; Lord Herman Ouseley and the creator of the 100 Great Black Britons list; Patrick Vernon going some way to show the effects of just how damaging bias against BAME communities truly is.

Time has also been taken to recognise sporting greats from within the black community who represented Great Britain at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio. Older sporting heroes of old are remembered too and the iconic moments that surround them, such as the iconic image we were presented with on the podium at the 1969 Mexico games.

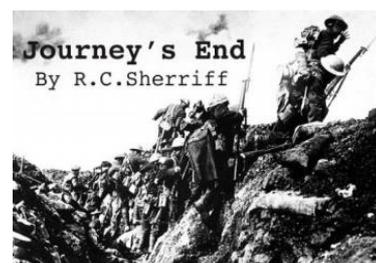
More information can be found at the link below, there are also two links to videos on YouTube that explain more about Black History Month.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4YbpxW2F8Y>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3h8Z4SrdarQ>
<http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

Miss A Holloway
PSHE Co-ordinator

Autumn Production: Journey's End by R C Sherriff

This poignant play, written in 1927 and based on Sherriff’s real-life experiences of waiting for an attack in the trenches in 1918 will be a tour de force for Beechen Cliff’s Upper School actors.



Hopefully as many parents and students as possible will be able to attend. However, owing to conflicting commitments the dates for this production have now been changed to 7th, 8th and 9th December 2016. Make sure you update your diaries!

Mr T West
English Teacher and Arts Coordinator

British Shooting Southern Schools Air Pistol Championships.

On Wednesday, 12th October, eleven Year 7 and Year 8 boys went along to Lewiston School in Dorset to compete in the British Shooting Air Pistol Championships. Some of the boys have only just starting shooting pistol but after a week of practising they were able to take part and stand alongside some of the best Junior pistol shooters in Great Britain.



A few of the boys compete in Biathlon so were more experienced and they did well. I am proud of them for their efforts in shooting but also for their impeccable behaviour and attitude.

I shall look forward to taking them again next year. Well done boys!

Mrs B Yeshim

Word of the Week – successfully

= with success

= having a favourable outcome

= having obtained something desired or intended

Use it:

The taxi driver *successfully* navigated the town centre traffic.

The quiz team *successfully* answered the tie break question and won the prize money.

Spell it:

Break the word up and sound it out:

Suc - cess - fully

Think about success usually being the best and most of something

→ three doubles:
successfully

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator



Bangers & Books
Beechen Cliff PTA Quiz Night
Raising Money to Refurbish the Library

Friday 4th November 2016 7:30pm
In the Refectory

Cash Bar and Raffle, £10 per head, Tables of 6-8
To Reserve Tickets email PTA@BeechenCliff.org.uk

The Great Walk – Friday 21st October 2016



Runners – You will start just **before the main start**. You must register first in the Main Hall and then meet with Mr Knight by the steps leading down to the playing field (by the bike storage shelter / tennis courts). You will start at approximately 8:20am. There will water on the course but do take some to start with together with your energy foods in your back pack. Staff will be in position in Bradford on Avon by the Tithe Barn to meet you.

Year 7 walkers you will start walking at about 8.35am, directly after Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. Remember, if you wish to walk further than Dundas you should have collected a Special Walking Pass from the Headmaster. This must be signed by your parents and you need to carry it with you on the day.

All those participating **must** carry their sponsorship forms with you as it contains important medical information and the School Emergency Number.

For those unable to take part in the walking there will be a Sponsored Silence from 9.00am to 3.00pm in the Library so all boys can help raise sponsorship for the School.

Chef and his team will also be providing a normal **BREAKFAST** service in School on Friday. Anyone entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect a packet lunch from 8.00am onwards. There will no break time or lunchtime service in school on the day so you too will need a packed lunch.

At the Dundas check point, Chef will be serving pasties and other snack goodies, drinks and crisps. You can pay by using ParentPay or cash, but of course you need to make it to Dundas first.

There will be rubbish monitors on the route with plastic bags to collect any empty containers or wrappers but you can just take them back home if you do not see them.

McColls and Morrisons in Widcombe as well Tesco Express on Bathwick Hill are out of bounds for all boys during the Great Walk. If you need anything, please buy it before Friday and carry it with you.

Mr R Stewart
Great Walk 2016 Organiser

Spotters October Hockey Camp

Spotters October Hockey Camp is being held on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October 2016 on the Beechen Cliff Astro pitch. Please see Mr Norton or Mr Brooking at school for more information, or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

Sports

Sports Fixtures

The details below are correct at the time of publication. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.

Day	Fixture	Meet time	Coach/MB time	Return/Finish time
Thurs 20 th Oct	U18 Tennis v Writhlington (A)	11.00am	MB	4.30pm
	2 nd XV Rugby v Sexey's School (A)	12.45pm	1.00pm	5.00pm
	U16a/U15a Rugby v Sheldon (A)	2.30pm	2.45pm	5.45pm
	U13b Rugby BANES Tournament (A) @ Walcot RFC	3.15pm	MB	6.15pm
Fri 21 st Oct	1 st XV Rugby v Kingswood School (H)	5.00pm	MB	9.00pm
HALF TERM HOLIDAY				
Weds 2 nd Nov	U18 AASE Rugby v Exeter College (A)	8.45am	9.00am	8.00pm
	1 st XI Football v Millfield School (A)	12.15pm	MB	5.30pm
Thurs 3 rd Nov	1 st VII Netball V RAS (A)	TBC	MB	TBC
	U12a Rugby V Cabot Learning Federation (A)	TBC	n/a	TBC
	U14a/U13a Rugby v Cabot Learning Federation (H)	TBC	MB	TBC
Fri 4 th Nov	1 st XV Rugby v St Brendan's Sixth Form College (H)	5.00pm	MB	9.30pm

Sports Results for w/c 10th October 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 10 th Oct	U13 Football v Westfield	Somerset Cup	Won	5-2
Tues 11 th Oct	U14 Tennis v Bishopston	Regional quarter final	Won	7-6
	U15 Football v Backwell	ESFA round 2	Lost	2-3
	U14 Rugby v Writhlington	Banes Cup	Won	41-5
	U16 Rugby v Ralph Allen	Banes Cup	Won	50-10
Weds 12 th Oct	School Pistol Champs	Regional competition	Awaiting results	
	AASE XV v St Pauls	League	Won	39-7
	U13a Rugby v Colstons	Friendly	Lost	5-55
	U13b Rugby v Colstons	Friendly	Drew	5-5
	U12a Rugby v Colstons	Friendly	Drew	10-10
Thurs 13 th Oct	U12b Rugby v Colstons	Friendly	Won	25-10
	U14a Rugby v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	46-0
	U14b Rugby v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	52-5
	3rd XV Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	21-0
	U16 Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	64-0
	U12 Banes Football tournament	Friendly tournament	Runners up	
Sat 15 th Oct	1st XI Football v Sexeys	Somerset Cup	Won	5-0
	U14a Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	10-0
	U14b Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	35-10
	U13a Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	15-20
	U13b Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	40-15
	U12a Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	10-25
U12b Rugby v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	40-15	

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport