



BEECHEN CLIFF

Summer 2017

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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the academic year has arrived, heralding a few weeks of sunshine and the opportunity for parents to think of as many ways as possible of keeping their offspring entertained. I am sure that parents up and down the land are ecstatic at the prospect Beechen Cliff has had a very busy year. Starting with the very positive examination feedback for GCSE and A Level we saw our strongest ever cohort arrive in the Lower Sixth and a Year 7 with an exceptional range of academic talents. It is always a tribute to the older pupils and Sixth Form students that the newcomers are made to feel very much at home quickly. The next cohort appears to be equally strong, boding well for the years ahead.

The opening of the Pavilion building, as the boys and students will have told you, has made a huge difference to the teaching of the Humanities subjects. The teachers and pupils can now enjoy the airy, well lit rooms, making the most of views which take the eye as far afield as Bristol. The contrast with the previous accommodation could not be more marked! This build ends our current phase of development and we now hope that we can use our most recent 'Masterplan' to try and attract the resources which will continue to enhance the environment for our children; not necessarily an easy thing to do in the current financial climate.

The year has, of course, been packed with a huge range of exceptional activities, designed to build confidence in our boys and to give them experiences which will provide memories which they take into adult life. The Ten Tors, Centurion Challenge and Duke of Edinburgh activities have seen around three hundred participants involved, all testing themselves in challenging situations and learning a great deal about teamwork and resilience. They are provided by a dedicated and passionate group of outdoor enthusiasts for whom, it must be said, impending rain and heavy wind, is seen as something of a blessing. My own experience of these activities remains very much 'at the margins' but I can see the care and dedication which goes into providing experiences which I am sure many of your sons will have told you about around the dinner table.

Boys have been involved in a number of activities which would come under the title 'expressive arts' events during the course of the year. The second incarnation of 'Battle of the Bands' was very well received and attended, as was the Spring Concert and play, Journey's End, produced by Mr West. It has been really pleasing to see more 'dramatic' activity entering the curriculum and extra-curricular life, something we very much want to encourage in the years ahead. Probably the highlights for me have been around seeing the faces of successful debaters and public speakers when having returned from competitions against 'established' schools around the country, having recognised that they can more than hold their own in the encounters. Again we owe a great deal to the staff who happily give up evenings and weekends to take their charges away to compete – whether Model United Nation events in Exeter or Warhammer National Finals in Nottingham. Each brings its own reward in the pleasure engendered.

Cricket, the sport of kings (allowing for real tennis), has dominated the Summer Term in terms of occupying green space. As always, the greatest pleasure comes from seeing the large number of boys who want to participate and have a go, regardless of particular aptitudes. Year 7, for example, have seen more than sixty boys represent Beechen Cliff in competitive fixtures against other schools. Following the rules, showing respect for opponents and honouring the traditions on the field are useful elements in creating boys with a real understanding of teamwork and need for dedication. In both these areas I have seen wonderful examples over the term. The reports from the various teams in each year group will follow in this newsletter and I thank the team coaches for putting pen to paper and also for taking the boys for the matches over the course of the summer. Beechen Cliff teams have provided worthy opponents, regardless of the level of competition.

My final area concerns the funding of our school and the work we do. You might remember that the heads of the local schools raised concerns to all parents regarding the funding arrangements for all schools in the area. The reality is that schools such as Beechen Cliff have seen a significant fall in our 'real term' funding and, whilst the governors have worked very hard to maintain 'balanced books', it is clear that the fall puts pressure on resources and the flexibility we have to provide what we would like in order to do the best for our pupils. There are significant differences in funding between different areas of the country and this is fairly well documented. Hopefully this might well be addressed in the near future, although it is possibly interesting to note how a school such as ours relies so much on the extra-curricular commitment of staff to provide what we do. An independent school in Bath is likely to charge parents around £13,000 per year for a child in Years 7 – 11. Beechen Cliff receives £5,246 for each pupil in these years. Obviously, as with all schools, we must work to make the most of what we have and, it is hoped, that we will be able to develop more resources of our own to help support the ambitions you would have for your school and your sons. Let us hope, in the years ahead, we can maintain what we have and continue to provide the range and depth of our provision.

I will take the opportunity to wish you all a very good summer break. Enjoy the weeks ahead with your sons and daughters. The time with them seems to go very quickly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Davies', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Staff Leaving

Teaching

Mr Anthony Curtis (Psychology). Mr Curtis joined us for the year as a part-time member of the Psychology Department. His experience and support have been invaluable and we thank him for his efforts.

Mr Manuel Bonilla-Herrero (Spanish and French). Mr Bonilla leaves us to join an International School in Spain. He has been an enthusiastic and committed member of the Languages Faculty. We wish him every success as he follows his career back home.

Mr Matthew Taylor (Design Technology). Mr Taylor has been with us as a maternity cover, bringing his imaginative ideas to the department and enthusing the boys. We wish him every success.

Mr Tim West (English) Mr West leaves us after five years at Beechen Cliff. Much admired for his intellect and humour, he will be much missed. His leadership of the school productions and expressive arts activities has been much appreciated and I know that everyone in the school will wish him the best as he pursues other interests.

Mr Tom Moat (Geography) Mr Moat has been an inspirational member of the Geography Department since 2012. His ability to motivate and enthuse all his classes is very well known across the school, as is his legendary work in support of outdoor activities. Kingswood School are very fortunate to have such an exceptional new Head of Geography and we wish him every future happiness in the role.

Mr John Young (Outdoor Education Leader). Although John has not taught within the school for three years, he has been leading the Tir-y-Cwm activities and has been a member of the teaching staff since 1976. His work in developing outdoor education has been quite stunning and I know that there will be many parents of boys in Bath who will have been taught by John at some time – either in Technology or possibly being dangled from a bridge in one of his abseiling classes. He has been an exceptional asset to the school and I know that there will be a generation of past pupils who will want to wish him well in what will undoubtedly be an active retirement.

Support Staff

Mrs Donna Miles (Reception). Donna leaves us after eight years of service to the school, dealing with every possible query and handed in kit.

Mrs Brenda Selwyn (Science Technician). Brenda has been a much appreciated Science technician in her time with us.

Miss Zoe Stevens (Science Technician). Zoe leaves us after eight years in the Science Department at the school, to move to Gloucestershire. We wish her every success in her future career.

The boys and students will not realise the level of dedication which is involved in organising and equipping the lessons in Science.

Miss Sam Webb (EAL). Miss Webb leaves us to take up a place on a teacher training course. We wish her every success as she pursues a career which will bring with it the huge reward of seeing the progress of the children under her care.

Miss Cheryl Brown (Teaching Assistant) Cheryl Brown has worked in the SEN Department for just a matter of months, but in a short space of time has made a positive impact in the school. Her passion for English shone through when she was appointed, and she moves on to train as a teacher.

Ms Chloe Doring (Teaching Assistant) Chloe Doring has worked at the school for 11 years, initially in the medical room and then over the last seven years, bringing her skills to the SEN Department. She is now leaving Beechen Cliff due to moving out of the area, and will be fondly remembered by the hundreds of boys she has supported. She has been a great asset to the SEN team, and her caring presence in the classroom will be missed.

Tir-y-Cwm 50th Anniversary

This year reaches the 50th anniversary of the acquisition of Tir-y-Cwm from the Forestry Commission, initially in leasehold and then through outright purchase.

The site has seen generations of Beechen Cliff boys clamber amongst its trees, stumble along on the night navigation exercises and fling themselves into the fabled 'bog'. Although there have been a number of 'upgrades' since the 1960s there is no doubt that any boy from that time would still recognise it – and probably the activities undertaken. It has launched many youngsters into the outdoor activities experience and helped build the confidence and resilience needed for later life. Let us hope that it will continue to provide inspiration for many future generations of Beechen Cliff boys.

Chef Dan Keal and his team

Mr Keal would never 'blow his own trumpet' but I wanted to take the opportunity to thank both him, his Sous Chef, Vincenzo Russo, and the Refectory team for another exceptional year of good food and very hard work. They all work tirelessly to produce food for the school community of more than 1,450 and they never fail to remain cheerful.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Essential Information

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17th July – Wednesday 19th July	Summer School
Friday 21st July	Last day of Term
Thursday 17th August	A2 Results 9.00am in the Main Hall
	AS results 10.30am in the Main Hall
Thursday 24th August	GCSE Results 9.30am in the Main Hall
Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September	INSET 1 and 2
Friday 1st September	Sixth Form Enrolment Day
Sunday 3rd September	Boarding House opens @ 8.00am for New and Returning Boarders
Monday 4th September	Pupils/Students return to School (staggered start)

Sixth Form Exam Results

A Level and AS Level results will be published on **Thursday 17th August 2017**

Upper Sixth – Please collect A Level results at **9.30am** from Main Hall

Lower Sixth – Please collect AS results at the later time of **10.30am** from the Main Hall

Mr James Oldham
Head of Sixth Form

Start of Term – Arrangements for Lower School

The new academic year begins **Monday, 4th September 2017** (Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September 2017 are staff training days).

Monday 4th September

8.25 – 8.45am **Year 7 pupils** report to **Main Hall** for registration and welcome

11.00am **Year 8 – 11** arrive in School and report to tutor rooms

2.15pm Pupils and students report to Tutors – followed by **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY on the 1st XV pitch. School will finish approximately 3.15**

Tuesday 5th September

Normal timetable for Sixth Form students

Years 7 – 11 **The morning will consist of a normal timetable with and individual photographs being taken during the morning**

Mr D Sayers
Assistant Headmaster

Start of Term Arrangements – For Sixth Form Students

Friday September 1st 2017 – Enrolment Day

New Lower Sixth students are expected to enrol in the Sports Hall. Please note the timings according to surname:

- **Surnames: A-J** – Please enrol at **9.00am** in the Sports Hall
- **Surnames: K-Z** – Please enrol at **10.30am** in the Sports Hall

Upper Sixth students are expected to enrol in the Sports Hall. Please arrive at **1.45pm**.

Monday September 4th 2017 – First day of Term

New Lower Sixth students to arrive at **9.00am** in the **Refectory** to meet Tutors and move to Tutors Group bases.

Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth to report to Sports Hall from **11.15am** in readiness for a whole Sixth Form Welcome Assembly with Mr Oldham at **11.30am** sharp.

Mr James Oldham
Head of Sixth Form

E-Safety

Although social media has greatly facilitated contact between people, it has nevertheless presented new opportunities for online bullying and the propagation of hate speech and undesirable images amongst other things.

Please ensure that your son stays safe online by regularly monitoring their activity on such sites and by having sensible and appropriate settings on phones, computers and tablets on internet access.

The following resources are useful in this respect:

- Vodaphone's Digital Parenting magazine: <http://parentzone.org.uk>
- Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org
- <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT20134>

Mr K Mann
Pastoral Head

Reporting Absences

The School Main Office is continuing to receive a high volume of calls from parents wanting to report an absence. Please can parents take note of the contact details below:

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

For **Sixth Form** students please contact Sixth Form attendance office on **01225 485221**.

When attendance lines are busy, do please leave a message on the answer machines.

China Project

This year we have further developed our relationship with schools in China by hosting 14 boys from Changshu Foreign Language School in Year 7 over the past 10 weeks. Led by their teacher Oscar, and helped by buddies in each of their classes, these boys have developed their language as well as a deeper understanding of life and culture in this country. The highlight was when they put on an assembly for all of Year 7, presenting aspects of Beijing opera.



In addition we welcomed 13 Sixth Form students back in January, Mr Walker and five boys visited China on an amazing trip last October, and staff continue to get career development opportunities to visit schools in China.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all staff, pupils and local hosts who have accommodated our visitors throughout the year. I am really pleased with how our involvement in this project is developing and look forward to what it will bring to the school and our pupils in the future.

Mr E R Gill
School Coordinator/Bath Sino Educational Project

Examination Results – August 2017

Results from public examinations will be available for collection in the Main School Hall at the following times:

A level

Year 13 (A2 results) – Thursday 17th August 2017 from 9:30am in the main school Hall

Year 12 (AS results) – Thursday 17th August 2017 from 10:30am in the main school Hall

Sixth Form team will be on hand to help with queries and advice about next steps until 12noon.

GCSE

GCSE results (Year 11) – Thursday 24th August 2017 from 9:30am in main School Hall

All other results will be available at start of autumn term.

Unable to attend Results Day?

All uncollected results will be handed out in first week of September term unless a **LARGE stamped**, self-addressed envelope has been provided to the Exams Office by end of July. Please mark clearly in top left hand corner with student's name and year group. Thank you.

If a student wishes to receive their results by email this must be pre-arranged with the Exams Office, and can only be sent direct to the student due to Data Protection laws.

Enquiries following Results Day

The Examinations Officer will be available to help with enquiries about results at various times between Wednesday 16th August and Friday 25th August 2017. Please email, in the first instance, to exams@beechencliff.org.uk.

Any further enquiries will be dealt with at start of September term. Please do send enquiries by email to exams@beechencliff.org.uk and we will reply as soon as possible. The deadline for Enquiries about results such as review of marking is **Friday September 15th 2017**.

Mrs K Davison
Examination Officer

School Reports

Summer reports are now available for parents to access on ePortal.

Year 7: Full Report Year 9: Progress Report
Year 8: Full Report Year 10: Full Report

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

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Senior Prefect Team Appointments for 2017/2018

We recently held selection interviews for Head Boy and Head Girl and Senior Prefect teams for Sports, Arts and Music, the following appointments for Academic Year 2017/2018 can be confirmed.

Well done to all who took part in the selection process.

Senior Prefect Team

Head Boy

Mikhail Schneider

Head Girl

Molly Matthews

Deputy Head Boy

Robbie Beale

Deputy Head Girl

Lea Ford

Senior Prefects

Cherry Bruce

Kat Cooper

George Davis

Jack Wood

Sports Captains

Kyle Roberts

Lily Edwards

Rugby Captains

Ollie Cattell

Tom de Glanville

Netball Captains

Sarah Wilkinson

Eden Imrie (Vice)

Lucy Merchant – 2nd team

House Captains

Byron

Chris Moore

Martha Handel

Chaucer

Alex Henderson

Lucy Down

Kipling

Joseph Dunford

Megan Marszal

Milton

Harry O'Hare

Caitlin Wosika

Shakespeare

Jacob Govier

Eden Imrie

Arts Captain/Senior Prefect

Tegan Rush

Senior Musician

Will Hegarty

Alex Morriss (Deputy)

Senior Linguist

Thomas Gill

Louis Mann

Celebration of Achievement Evening 2017

Beechen Cliff's own Oscars night was another resounding success with the nominees and award winners listed below. Pupils chose their own music to step up on to the stage to collect their award with House nominees recording short clips of their contribution to their particular House. The Academic awards were based on the progress that a pupil makes throughout the year as well as their attitude to learning.

The prestigious Senior Management award to a Year 9 pupil was awarded this year to Ben O'Hare of Milton House.

<u>House Awards</u>		<u>Oscars</u>	<u>Commendation</u>
BYRON	Year 7	Wilfred Greenhalgh	Alfie Boulton
	Year 8	Sam Batstone	Bailey Ellam
	Year 9	Jimmy J Jordan	Finlay Blair
CHAUCER	Year 7	Fergal McDonald	William Dudman
	Year 8	Rhys Davies	James Charlwood
	Year 9	Luca Bellotti	Louie Osborne
KIPLING	Year 7	Eric Steady	Charlie Stevens
	Year 8	Dylan Bartlett	Jack Hine
	Year 9	Ethan Silcox	Freddie Lyne
MILTON	Year 7	Benjamin Stoeing	Sam Millward
	Year 8	Ben Powell	Joseph Brazington
	Year 9	Herbie Callow	Henry Price
SHAKESPEARE	Year 7	Oliver Prutton	Harry Rowe
	Year 8	Ben Adams	James Bullock
	Year 9	Jac Therrien	Ben Game

Academic Awards

Year 7

Oscars

Alexander Lee
Jacob Clemmit
Finley Richards
Otto Posth
William Kendall
Zachary Hale
Arthur Leigh-Wood
James Noad
Ieuan Aston –Davies

Commendation

Kane Roberts
Charlie Colbeck
Joshua Henly
Dylan Jackson
William Nickson
Tom Mitchard
Charles Shakespeare
Max Campbell
Xavier Vaudin

SMT Award

Ben O'Hare

Mr K Mann
Pastoral Head

Beechen Cliff Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

50:50 CLUB

Support the school and win a cash prize!

The **50:50 Club** is like a monthly raffle, which raises money for the school whilst giving you the chance to win a cash prize. Better still, you don't have to remember to buy tickets each month - just set up a small monthly standing order and your numbers will be entered automatically.

Each month 50% of money received is paid in prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and 50% goes to the PTA for the boys and students. **Last year, members won over £2000 and raised over £2000 for the school!**

These are the winning numbers for this academic year so far (numbers are drawn at PTA meetings so the winners for April, May and June are yet to be announced!):

SEPTEMBER 2016	£91.75	Eric Lucas	284
	£61.17	Christine Griffiths	38
	£30.58	Roberta Dixon	416
OCTOBER 2016	£93.00	Carolyn Hollingshead	279
	£62.00	Sian Burton	98
	£31.00	Jules Carey-Williams	294
NOVEMBER 2016	£91.00	Charles Draper	399
	£60.67	Mr and Mrs Andrew Davies	142
	£30.33	Jennifer Dennis	316
DECEMBER 2016	£97.75	Roberta Dixon	416
	£65.17	Eric Lucas	287
	£32.58	Celia Raftery	253
JANUARY 2017	£97.50	Mr and Mrs Andrew Davies	148
	£65.00	Roberta Dixon	414
	£32.50	Karen Heath	442
FEBRUARY 2017	£95.75	Judith Boswell	300
	£63.83	Angela Marchant	155
	£31.92	Linda Stephenson	389
MARCH 2017	£95.75	Charles Draper	398
	£63.83	Ron Mould	5
	£31.92	Sally Wylie	258

If you would like more information or you would like to join, please either contact me directly, or complete an application form on the next page and return to the School office.

Sarah Mitchard (50:50 Club co-ordinator and parent)

07909962272 sarah@mitchard.net

PTA 50:50 Club Application Form

BEECHEN CLIFF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

What is the 50:50?

It is a small lottery, like a raffle, run by the PTA each month to raise money for the School. There are three cash prizes every month. First prize is currently about £95 and the chance of winning is about 1 in 400. Why not join? You could be a winner!

The 50:50 raises money by 50% of cash received going to improve the school environment for the boys and students (for example, buying new lighting for the stage and equipment for clubs) and 50% going to participants in prizes.

How do you join?

You set up a regular standing order, so you do not have to keep buying tickets. Every £1 you pay is allocated a number that goes into the draw each month. You can have any amount of numbers; most people have between 1 and 10 (i.e. pay from £1 to £10 a month). Of course, the more numbers you have, the greater your chance of winning! If we had £1 a month for each boy/student the first prize every month would be £300!

You can leave 50:50 Club at any time simply by cancelling your standing order.

Last year, members won over £2000 in prizes and raised over £2000 for the School.

*If you'd like to join, please fill in the form below or email/ring me direct:
Sarah Mitchard (50:50 Co-ordinator and parent): sarah@mitchard.net (07909962272)*

GOOD LUCK!

Please return to: PTA 50:50 Club, c/o School Office, Beechen Cliff School

Name.....

Address.....
.....

Email.....

Phone number.....

Son/Student's Name & Tutor Group.....

Amount you wish to spend each month
(By standing order)

£

Date.....

Leavers Prom 2017

Sixth Form students and staff enjoyed a fun filled night on 30th June at the Leavers Prom at Bailbrook House Hotel. Following a sit down meal the night was rounded off with speeches and dancing.



After asking local businesses for donations, the Prom committee were able to donate £250 to Julian House, their chosen charity.

Mrs C Jones
Sixth Form



Summer Band Night - Friday 7th July



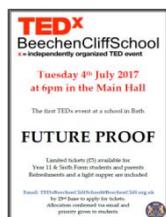
Thanks to all who came to the PTA band night on Friday and also those who helped on the night. It was a great success with parents displaying some impressive dance moves. The night raised £617 which will be used to improve disabled access around the school.

We are still seeking a Chair and Secretary for the new PTA team. Please contact headmaster@beechencliff.org.uk if you are interested.

Mrs C Jones
retiring Chair PTA



TEDx



On Tuesday, 4th July, Beechen Cliff Sixth Form students produced the first ever TEDx event at a school in Bath. TEDxBeechenCliffSchool was an enthralling evening based around the theme 'Future Proof', chosen by the event's curators, Evelyn Heaven and Angus Watts, both Senior Prefects at the school. At the heart of Evelyn and Angus's vision was that all speakers would have an intimate connection to Bath and that it would serve the school community, with the audience mostly made up of fellow Sixth Formers. Speakers included Piers Taylor, RIBA Award winning Architect, who talked about future proofing Bath's architecture, and Cherry Bruce, a Lower Sixth student who spoke passionately about the importance of learning from mistakes.



Evelyn and Angus's inspiration was TEDxYouthBath, which they attended in November 2016 along with Sixth Formers from across schools in Bath. Having enjoyed the talks on its theme "You make a difference" so much, the two ambitious students set about creating their own TEDx event for the school, with a diverse programme of speakers each with an 'idea worth sharing', TED's strapline. The three-hour event also included networking opportunities, TED videos and dinner for the lucky 100 ticket holders. Fifteen Lower Sixth students provided all the support to run the evening, from managing the box office, hosting VIPs and running all the technical lighting and sound for the event. Meanwhile, ex-pupil and professional cinematographer Dominic Döring captured the whole evening on camera so that the talks can be shared on the TEDx YouTube channel.



The first half of the programme, preparing yourself for the future, was addressed by speakers including Bath resident Dom Moorhouse, author of the 5 Year Entrepreneur programme, who offered his insights future-proofing your career, and Hannah Fisher, Head of Psychology at the school, who offered candid and research-based insights into strategies for preparing for change. Future proofing at a global level was tackled by Dr Chris Pudney of University of Bath's Pudney Laboratories, who explained the power of biotechnology in medicine delivery, by Beechen Cliff alumni, Ped Asgarian, Managing Director of Bath Community Farm who spoke passionately about sustainability in his talk, 'Not One Day. Think Day One' and Lorna Montgomery, who runs Bath's Repair Café Initiative, an inspiring and growing global movement.

The audience, which included the Mayor, Councillor Ian Gilchrist, were also treated to exposés on machine learning and securing the global water supply, whilst Head of History at the school, Rupert Tobin, challenged the idea of fixidity through the metaphor and physical building of walls, convincingly arguing for the power of the open mind. New Sixth Formers from this September also attended the event and Evelyn and Angus are looking forward to handing over the baton to their peers for TEDxBeechenCliffSchool 2018. Comments from a speaker included "Great Initiative. Great school" and a parent in the audience saying, "a triumph for the Sixth Formers involved. What an inspiring evening."



Talks from the evening will be available on the TEDx YouTube channel online in the next week.

Mrs C Jones
Sixth Form

Word(s) of the Week

Week Commencing 10th July - Ostensibly

An adverb

= as it appears, or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so

= apparently; seemingly; on the face of

- ✓ Do you **know** it?
- ✓ Can you **spell** it?
- ✓ Can you **use** it correctly in your work this week?

Use it:

The party secretary resigned, **ostensibly** from ill health.

His **ostensible** cheerfulness concealed the fact he had a lot on his mind.

Although Dexter had plans to play on the computer all day, **ostensibly** he looked like he was revising.

Spell it:

ostensibly

Week Commencing 17th July - Juxtaposition

= the fact of two things being placed close together or side by side, especially for comparison or contrast.

- ✓ Do you **know** it?
- ✓ Can you **spell** it?
- ✓ Can you **use** it correctly in your work this week?

Use it:

*While I am not a fan of Matthison's art, I have to admit that the **juxtaposition** of colors he uses is quite captivating.*

A compelling fusion was created when the singer **juxtaposed** sections of contemporary jazz with Western pop music.

The media report sought to manipulate what the politician said by **juxtaposing** his older sound bites with more recent ones.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness."

A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens.

Spell it:

From Latin *juxta* (next') + French *poser* ('to place').

juxta / position

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

House News

Byron

Yet again, I have been seriously impressed by our Byron boys taking up the opportunities that are offered here at Beechen Cliff. My persistent theme in assemblies concerns 'having a go' and putting yourself forward. I am also often heard having a general rant about 'the harder the challenge the sweeter the reward!' Therefore, it is with great admiration that I write of the many achievements this term;

After a rigorous interview process I am delighted to announce that our Sixth Form House Captains will be Martha Handel and Chris Moore. I am looking forward to developing their roles and together making a big difference.

We have appointed our Year 11 prefect team and I have no doubt that they will do a fantastic job. What a well-rounded and interesting group of young people they showed themselves to be during the interviews. These really were a joy to do.

The Celebration of Achievement Evening was also outstanding and I must congratulate all our winners. They were; Wilf Greenhaulgh, Alfie Boulton, Sam Batstone, Bailey Ellam, Finlay Blair and Jimmy J Jordan. We also enjoyed success in the Young Musician competition with Ruben Ridyard the winner in the Year 7/8 category and John Hetherington as the runner up in Year 9. Seventeen Byronites have become Centurions after a gruelling weekend and 100 miles. All I can say is wow and hats off to all of you.

We have welcomed our next cohort of Year 7s and four of the current Year 7s spent the day with them. They were brilliant and could not have personified our Core Values any better. Taha with his clip board will stay in my memory bank for a long time to come! As a result they received the first ever 'House Hero' blazer badges. Congratulations to Kyle Andrews, Harry Evans, Wilf Greenhaulgh and Taha Na Lampang.

Finally, the bad news/good news section. The bad news is that Mr Moat is leaving Beechen Cliff and therefore is leaving BY3 and will no longer be Deputy Head of House. He has done a great job and will be sorely missed. Mr Taylor is also leaving and therefore BY2 will have a new tutor in September but I wish to thank him for a very productive year. The great news is that Miss Netto will become our Deputy Head of House. She will be a brilliant replacement and I am really excited about all she will bring to the House. Roll on September.

Enjoy the break,

Annie Milland
Head of Byron House

Milton

As the academic year draws to a close, it provides a great opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past year and there is much to be proud of. During the year I have witnessed many superb events and challenges that demonstrate the high standards, team ethos and positive attitude that embody what Milton is all about.

A glance at previous newsletters is a further reminder of the range of activities and opportunities that are provided at Beechen Cliff. It is also testament to the enthusiasm and commitment of the students and staff that make Beechen Cliff such a great place to be.

There are many people who deserve to be congratulated and I would like to start by congratulating all the boys who participated in the Centurion Challenge; it is an extremely difficult challenge and one that tests you both mentally and physically. A special mention goes to Arthur Mawer, Lucas Lambourne and Jake Ostry who were the first three Miltonians across the finish line, well done for representing the School and your House so admirably. I would also like to congratulate all those who supported Milton in the Inter-House Tennis and Cricket competition, overall winners of both of these events has ultimately led to us winning Rewards Week. My final congratulatory message goes to the following boys, who have achieved 100% attendance over the year:

Herbie Callow, Cobey Smith, Jack Wosika, Luke Fanning, James Miller, Oli Smith, James Reid, Thomas Henly. The commitment and application they have shown this year has been simply phenomenal a wonderful achievement.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new prefect team led by William Raftery and Thomas Henly, I am sure you will do a fantastic job... The New Zealand All Blacks have long had a saying: 'leave the jersey in a better place'. Their task is to represent all those who have come before them, and all those who follow suit. I am extremely confident that our prefect team will be up to the challenge. I also look forward to welcoming our new cohort of pupils in September from eight primary schools, and I am positive that our New Year 7's will embrace the opportunities that Beechen Cliff has to offer and be a credit to Milton House.

To conclude, I would like to wish all students and parents a relaxing summer break and extend my thanks for your support throughout the year. It has been an outstanding year and our success is due to the hard work of our students and the dedication of the tutor team. I am proud to be part of Milton and look forward to working with you all as Head of House next year.

Mr D Jaggon
Head of Milton House

Shakespeare

As we approach the end of another action packed year at Beechen Cliff I would like to thank all of the boys and tutors involved in their contributions towards the house this year. It is sad to see Mrs Westlake switching houses to join Chaucer as their deputy. She has been an *aspirational* tutor for her tutor group and we wish her all the best. Mr Forrest has worked tirelessly this year in his role as Deputy Head of House and I hope the students in the house appreciate the efforts he puts in behind the scenes to support them.

Highlights of the year have included an entourage of Year 8s flooding my office after they miraculously won an inter house competition. I am aware the house competition brings out the best in all boys from all houses so I am pleased our boys displayed the same *compassion* as others both in victory and the many defeats we endured! We also have Sports Day coming up and we have been second for the past three years so I hope we can push on this year and take Milton's crown who pipped us by a handful of points last year!

The boys in the house have also made a monumental effort to raise over £2,200 for charity and other good causes this year. The photos are from a recent cake sale where Ben Govier promoted the event by dotting posters around school and visited tutor groups. I am really proud of their achievements.

I have also been very proud of my outgoing prefect team this year. I would like to thank those prefects who performed their roles with a maturity and dedication which I hope many of the younger years can aspire to. Of the many duties they perform, I must mention it is not an easy task ushering 300+ hungry pupils into the refectory at break times so their help has been outstanding. It has also been fantastic to see so many Year 10's apply for the prefect roles for next year, and we are confident that our prefect team next year will approach all students with the same courtesy as our outgoing team did this year. Our new prefects are:



Arthur Howard (Lead Prefect)

Isaac de Buriatte

George Duncan

Ashley French

Ben Govier

Isaac Grothier

Callum Heath

Tom Powell

Adam Jolly

George Newman

Hugo McNeil

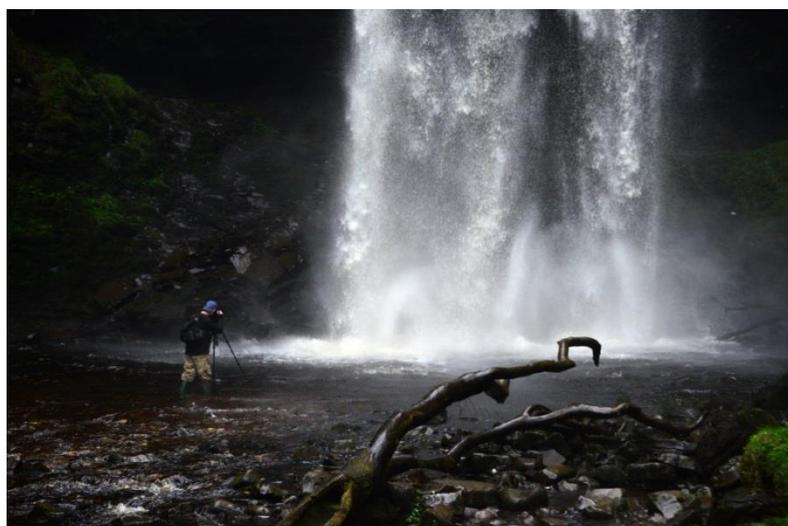
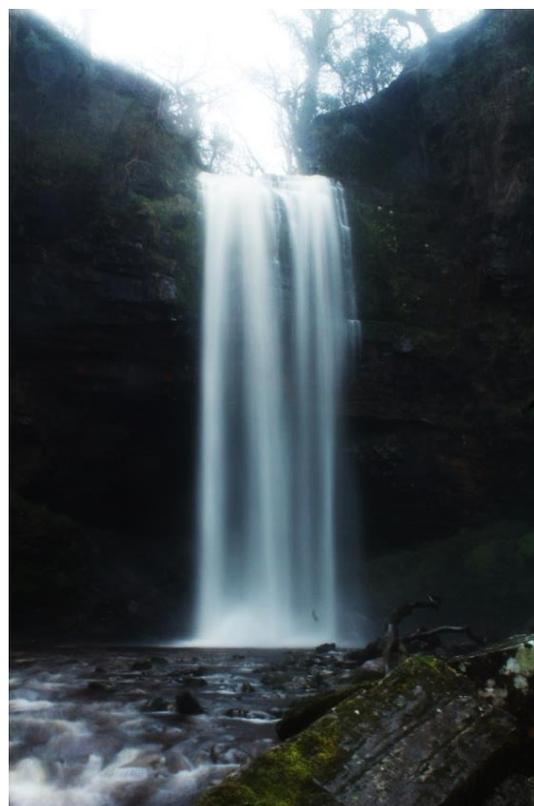
Mr L Sumsion
Head of Shakespeare

Departmental News

Art

Year 10 Photography Trip to Tir Y Cwm

This Year 10 Photography trip actually took place towards the end of the Easter term, but too late for the Newsletter. The Year 10 Photographers endured horrendous weather to spend three days at the School's cottage in South Wales. The trip is used to teach boys advanced skills with their cameras, using infra-red filters, ND filters etc to take long exposure shots of the waterfalls near the cottage. The rain made conditions for shooting really difficult, and I tip my hat to the good natured way that the lads put up with the conditions. Despite everything, we got some great results!



Art Show 2017

The 2017 Art show was titled 'Strong and Stable'; a reflection of the consistent hard efforts and quality of work from this year's Sixth Form. As ever, it was well attended by parents and students alike, and despite the best efforts of the weather to dampen the barbeque, the burgers and sausages all went by the end of the evening! Many thanks to all of the parents and students who came along to support the event.



Year 10 Drawing trip to Bath

On Thursday, 22nd June both Year 10 Art and Design groups walked into Bath to record primary based drawings for their personal 'Who Am I' projects. The hot sun made the afternoon more enjoyable and helped the pupils to create strong contrasts in their images and show the striking shadows that were present. All boys were able to document their trip through photography which will also add to their projects and further development.



Artist of the Term

The Summer Artist of the Term award goes to Nathaniel Lemaire, for the Pop Art piece shown here, and for general excellent progress in Art over the past few months.

Well done Natty, don't forget to collect your prize from the Art Block!



A temporary goodbye and good luck to Mrs Wilmot!

Mrs Wilmot leaves us at the end of this year to take time out to have a baby. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best over the next year and look forward to seeing her again in the Art Department September 2018. Her temporary replacement will be Miss Moorhead, who many of the boys already know as our student teacher during the Christmas term. She is very much looking forward to returning to us as a qualified teacher in September, and I am sure the students will make her feel most welcome.

That just leaves us to say from the Art department, we wish all of the students, pupils and staff a fantastic and restful summer break. We'll see you all again in September.

Beechen Cliff Art Department

Computing and ICT

We have had a busy few months in the Computing and ICT department, with Year 7s learning physical computing using BBC microbits, Year 8s turning their hand to video filming and editing and Year 9s pursuing projects aligned to their chosen options such as Python programming, animations and interactive presentations.

The Year 10 Computer Scientists had a talk from the National Crime Agency Cybersecurity Division to discuss the very real threats of cyber-attacks and ransomware such as the recent Wannacry worm. The aim was to encourage pupils to consider a career as a cybersecurity professional – of which there is a national shortage – rather than being tempted to become hackers themselves.

In the regular Friday Programming Club we have been lucky enough to try our hand at programming robots and flying mini drones around the classroom. Next year we hope to be able to get more of these programmable systems to show students how code that they build can have real effects in the physical world.

The Junior Algorithmics Challenge is a pilot scheme to engage the brightest analytical minds with some rather tricky computational thinking problems. We ran it with two Year 8 classes last month who scored well. However only one boy solved the final problem below – if you can figure out the answer send it to laura.james@beechencliff.org.uk to see if you are correct!

Philippa the pharmacist has been working all weekend preparing 61 identical bottles of blueberry flavoured cough syrup. Unfortunately, one of the bottles has been contaminated with an ingredient which turns the face of the unlucky patient (temporarily) blue the morning after consumption. Having realised her mistake, Philippa recruits some of her friends to help identify the bad bottle. In the evening, she gathers all her friends together and gives each a sip from one or more of the bottles (wisely she does not drink any herself).

What is the minimum number of friends Philippa needs to experiment on so that she can identify the bad bottle when she sees her friends the next morning?

Mrs L James
Head of ICT and Computing

Outdoor Activities

Alps Trip 2017



Dealing with steep broken terrain.



All roped up for glacial travel, albeit over some grassy humps. No crevasses on this occasion!



Practicing movement along a via ferrata.

Mr T Moat
Geography

The Mountaineering trip to the Alps runs again in July this year and as the newsletter is published sixteen Beechen Cliff students will be on a via ferrata, sleeping out on a 3000m peak, climbing or trekking across a glacier. To help prepare the weekend of 1st and 2nd July was spent in the Brecon Beacons to help sharpen these skills and get some height gain in the legs doing the Pen-y-Fan horseshoe.

Look out for a write up in the Autumn newsletter.

Mr T Moat



The peaks of Corn du (left) and Pen-y-fan.

Three Peaks Challenge



BEECHEN CLIFF THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

29TH JUNE TO 2ND JULY



A brief overview

The Beechen Cliff Three Peaks Challenge is one of the many endurance challenges offered to students. It involves the ascent of the three highest mountains in Scotland, Wales and England, without undue stopping for rest or sustenance. It takes place over a three and a half day period that includes: one day travel to the first mountain and half a day from the last mountain to home. In all there are over 1200 miles of driving, over 3000 meters of ascent, and the distance walked will exceed an Olympic marathon.

Whilst it is a challenge that will test the 'metal' of all participants, it is a group activity and team work is vital if the challenge is to be completed in the true spirit of adventure. Beechen Cliff still remains one of the few schools in the United Kingdom to undertake such an arduous challenge. This challenge is as always an awesome and unforgettable adventure.

If you are interested consult the Outward Bound Section of the school's website for further details, complete the Medical Form and pay the deposit of £85.00 (non-returnable unless the place can be filled by an alternative pupil) via ParentPay or directly to the Finance Office. The Balance of £200 must be paid by 20th April 2018. Year 11 and Year 13 challengers will need to check their examination timetables to ascertain any possible clashes of dates as all challengers should do with regard to other personal commitments.

Mr D Brewer and Richard Stewart
Three Peaks Challenge Organisers

Ten Tors

As ever Beechen Cliff sent a strong set of teams to the annual Ten Tors Challenge event on Dartmoor.

This is a demanding and exacting challenging involving self- sufficiency, a high standard of campcraft and navigation skill as well as a large dose of mental fortitude and aspiration.

This outlines why our pupils commit to a training program which starts on the rolling Mendip Hills, takes in the steep climbs of the Black Mountains and three weekends on the plateaus of Dartmoor. All this between January and May.

The first taste of Dartmoor for some of our younger teams was in February into the teeth of an Atlantic gale and on occasion driving hail. However coping with this and camping in it develops very quickly the skill set and attitude needed. Thankfully the other trainings lacked the rain but had cold easterlies.



*Clear and cold on the Black Mountains,
Wales.*

Year 10 provided our 35 mile teams and the Sixth Form our 45 and 55 teams. The challenge is to get around 'Ten Tors' between 7.00am on the Saturday and 5.00pm on the Sunday. Sounds easy until you consider the terrain, weather, hills and rucksack weight!



Queuing for a kit check

The event routes are released on the Friday, 22 hours before the start. Teams also arrive on the Friday for a day of route planning, kit checks and preparation. They arrive to a tent city at Okehampton Camp. As you can imagine the support infrastructure for 2500 participants is considerable. There is also

an incredible atmosphere on the Friday evening as anticipation and excitement builds towards the start of the event and the 5.00am alarm call the following morning to get everyone fed and kitted on to the starting hillside for 7.00am.

Once the big off has happened heralded by field guns and a spectacular helicopter fly over the teams disappear into the moor to pit their wits against the elements. At camp, and for parents at home, a website watch becomes 'de rigour' as the way to pass



Coming through the finish crowds, always an inspiring moment!

time, as the progress of teams can be tracked.



Off and away!!

On Sunday it was great to see so many parents arrive to see the finish of the event. It was a warm and sunny day which made the moor look a benign and calm place instead of the moody and changeable beast we have come to expect! Our teams did not let us down and stormed back between 9.30am and 2.30pm to crowds and applause. Most importantly the teams were intact as the complete six who started out. This is always an accomplishment and Beechen Cliff has an incredible record of having complete teams finish. Teams are presented with bronze, silver or gold medals as denotes their distance. Most coveted

and earned is the gold medal which our 55 team members were given. Three of this team indeed completed their collection of the whole set of medals!

A huge congratulations to all our teams on their achievement. They are a huge credit to the school. Hopefully some may come back again to up the stakes and take on the next distance up.

Behind all this there has of course been a very committed and supportive staff team who have given up weekends. Thank you to those staff as it would not happen without them.

Mr D Brewer
Head of Humanities



The 55 mile team looking incredibly fresh at the finish.

Languages

Normandy Trip 2017

Normandy 2017 began with a six hour ferry journey which we thoroughly enjoyed as it had a cinema, so naturally the films were the highlights of the journey across to France. Once we had arrived we made our way to a German Gun Battery near to Pegasus Bridge. The gun battery was very interesting and we had a good time exploring the insides of the batteries. It was then that we fully began to understand how terrible the war had been. After seeing a display of flashing lights, steam, smoke and the sounds of explosions in the bunker, which gave us all a fright as it demonstrated the horror of living in a battery, we boarded the bus and drove to our hotel. Arriving at the hotel, we discovered our roommates and were sent to check out our rooms.

On the second day we went to many places including the American Cemetery but our favourite exhibit was the museum about D-day and the Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches. This explained how the British needed a harbour to dock supplies and ammunition in the Normandy attack. Unfortunately the Germans knew that too so they had all the harbours defended well and very well protected. Time was running out and the attack was drawing closer without a successful capture of a harbour, so Winston Churchill ordered a floating harbour to be built without the Germans knowing. They named this artificial harbour the Mulberry harbour and it was named when the engineers who were working at Kingswood school in Bath noticed a mulberry bush outside the school and named them after that!

The best activities over the next two days were the biscuit factory and the Bayeux Tapestry. This is only our opinion so people might think differently to us, but we both learnt a good deal about the tapestry and the art of successful biscuit making. Eating snails was a challenge for both of us and at the start we thought of the slimy snails in our minds and them all squirming in our hands as we try to eat them, but in reality the pastry shell and garlic cream made us both take a second in eagerness. The market was a delightful treat as we walked past the stalls and heard the sellers shouting out in French that their produce was the best in the land and telling us to buy them now.

This trip was the best we had gone on and that if we had another chance we would both go on this again. We were even a bit reluctant to come home after all the nice things we have done and experienced in Normandy. Thanks to all the staff for organising it.

Wilfie Smith and Tom Meharg
Year 7



Catalonia Trip June 2017

Every year we run a trip to Catalonia for the boys in Years 8 and 9 studying Spanish. The week is packed with activities and is aimed to give the boys a chance to practice the Spanish they have learnt in the classroom, learn about the culture of the area, and to witness the Spanish way of life. Here is a report from two of the Year 9s who took part this year:

Recently, we went to Catalonia with school for a week. It was an incredible experience and I would recommend it to anybody thinking of doing Spanish. Stepping of the plane, we were hit immediately by the heat of southern Europe. We hardly saw a single cloud during the whole holiday. Once at the hotel, we went to the beach. The sand was so hot from the boiling weather, it was impossible to stand on it for more than a few seconds before having to sit down. We had planned on playing football but it immediately seemed a completely insane idea. Once back



from the beach, we were greeted by a buffet of different Spanish and continental foods. The following day we went to the Olympic stadium, the Sagrada familia and the Nou camp. The Nou camp was massive and it was an incredible experience going there. That evening we played football on the beach again and went shopping. Throughout the rest of the week we saw lots more of Barcelona, went to a Spanish fakes market, relaxed in the bar, played darts and saw some Spanish dancing. On Friday we went to a theme park where there were some insane rides and we did lot of queuing. Altogether, it was an insane experience.

There are still places available for next year's trip, so if you would like your son to take part please sign up on parentpay.

Mrs K Marshall
Head of Spanish

Chess Club

Every Tuesday afternoon/evening this year, a group of boys have been challenging each other in our Chess Club. Aided by their teacher Ferdo Dizdarevic they have enjoyed themselves and seen their skills develop. Due to other commitments Ferdo has only been able to help run this club at 5pm - we all realise that this not the best time so I am delighted to say that next year we will be able to bring the time forward to immediately after school. I look forward to welcoming back all boys who have been involved this year, as well as anyone else keen to come along.



Mr E R Gill
Head of Maths and Chess Enthusiast

Maths Department

As another year comes to an end we have a chance to reflect on the hard work put in by all pupils and students, especially years 11, 12 and 13, and the variety of extra-curricular opportunities that have been on offer. We're in the middle of a period of much change – Year 11 were the first to sit the new “9 to 1” GCSE, and next year will become the first year group to study the new styled A-level. The growing emphasis on mastery and problem solving is proving to be challenging but enjoyable and I really do believe that our pupils are in a very encouraging place, as the items below demonstrate.....

Maths Challenges

Across the three different categories (Junior for Years 7 and 8, Intermediate for Years 10 and 11, Senior for Sixth Formers) 247 individuals took part (up from 200 last year!).

In the Junior event we had 159 entries (significantly more than normal!), of whom 12 achieved Gold certificates, 36 Silver and 49 Bronze. Congratulations in particular to Joseph Morris in Year 8 for finishing best in school and for qualifying for the next round, the “Junior Kangaroo”, along with Theo Delves-Broughton, Kael Honeyman and Oscar Simons in Year 8 and Finn Holt, Zach Burns and Dan Eggleton in Year 7.

Sixty-two boys took part in the Intermediate event – they achieved 16 Gold, 30 Silver and 14 Bronze awards. James Morris (Year 11) and Tom Powell (Year 10) both qualified for the next stage (the Olympiad) where James attained a Distinction and Tom a Merit award (both excellent achievements!). In addition, a further eight qualified for the Intermediate Kangaroo.



James Morris receives his medal. This puts him on the top 100 in the country



Class 11A1 show off their certificates

Twenty-six Sixth Formers took part in the Senior event – they achieved 5 Gold, 10 Silver and 7 Bronze awards, with Wes Downing qualifying for the British Maths Olympiad and Connor Headen, Tom Bobrowski, Patrick Akbar and Jack Wood qualifying for the Senior Kangaroo.

Many congratulations to everyone who took part.

Some sample questions

No calculators allowed !!

(answers at the back of this newsletter)

Junior Olympiad

Roger picks two consecutive integers, one of which ends in a 5. He multiplies his integers together and then squares the result.

What are the last two digits of his answer?

Intermediate Kangaroo

A train has five carriages, each containing at least one passenger. Two passengers are said to be “neighbours” if either they are in the same carriage or in adjacent carriages. Each passenger has exactly five or exactly ten neighbours. How many passengers are there on the train?

A 13 B 15 C 17 D 20 E you cannot tell

Senior Kangaroo

In a pile of 200 coins, 2% are gold and the rest are silver. Simon removes one coin every day until the pile contains 20% gold coins. How many silver coins does he remove?

Team Challenges

We entered teams in all three age categories this year.

Back in September the Sixth Form team took part in the Regional heats of the National Senior Team challenge, in February Year 10 took part in the local Maths Feast, and in April the Junior Team (Years 8 and 9) took part in the Regional Finals. Congratulations to all who took part!

Extra-Curricular Enrichment

Pupils and students across the entire age range have been involved in extra-curricular Mathematical activities this year...

National Cipher Challenge and evening at NetCraft

Once again we enjoyed great success with this year’s Cipher Challenge.

Patrick Akbar and Seth Hayward were awarded Bronze certificates and enjoyed a day at Bletchley Park exploring the dark web and the

NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE 2016

FIGHTING GRAVITY

methods that websites can use to protect themselves. This event was for the

top twenty teams in the country and represented a fantastic achievement by the two of them. Once again local sponsors NetCraft put on a fascinating evening in January about Phishing for about a dozen pupils.

We look forward to the 2017 challenge and to welcoming teams of new Codebreakers!

Maths Inspiration

Maths “Inspiration” for Lower Sixth students

Once again the Forum in Bath hosted this year’s Maths Inspiration lectures which aim to offer insight into the weird and wonderful ways that Mathematics shapes our lives. This year the talks were entitled “Yeah, but is it significant?”, “Simply the best” and “Patterns, Predictions and Juggling” and the Lower Sixth students who attended had a great time.

Bath University visits for Year 10 – “Maths is for Everyone”

Boys in Year 10 visited Bath University in late January to explore different areas of Maths and have a mini tour of the campus. The day consisted of a series of lectures and activities designed to give an insight into the Mathematical world and to give opportunities to find out more about Maths A-Level and careers involving Maths

The key with all these activities is to try to open pupils’ eyes to the vast number of potential careers that involve an element of Mathematics, and to give them a feel for the choices that they could have in the coming years. While we appreciate as teachers that Maths isn’t everyone’s favourite subject (wouldn’t it be boring if we all liked the same thing!) I really hope that as boys progress through Beechen Cliff School they feel that the support is in place to help them achieve the best they can, and that if they want to follow some sort of path for which Maths is an integral ingredient the support is here is school to help them.

Scientific Calculators?

Finally – a plea! If any of you have any scientific calculators for which you feel you have no further use we would love to take them off your hands. It would really help us to resource our classes. Please feel free to drop them off in school or to contact me in the Maths office.



Overall it has been an incredibly busy year (again!). We are all looking forward to a refreshing break. On behalf of the whole department I would like to wish all of you a relaxing summer.

Mr E R Gill

Head of Maths

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Music Department

The summer term began with the usual frenzied practice routine as the GCSE and A-Level musicians set about doing their final recordings for their performing coursework. We are particularly grateful to St Luke’s Church for allowing us to use their fine acoustics and grand piano to record Max Mitchells’s A-level recital. Max has secured an unconditional place at The Royal College of Music and we wish him well for the future.

Several pupils have also been practising hard for practical examinations on their instruments. At the time of print, the results are not yet published. We wish all students taking exams every success and we will publish the results next term.



Throughout June, Mrs Nourse and I had the hard task of auditioning all pupils who



had entered the annual Young Musician House Competition. Over 50 pupils from Year 7-10 auditioned for a place in the final which was held on Tuesday 4th July. The 21 pupils who made it through are listed over the page .

Corey McMillan (electric guitar), Benji Morriss (drums) and Henry Price (vocals) also performed during the afternoon whilst the final adjudication was taking place.

At the end of the afternoon the following presentations were made:

Winner: Ruben Ridyard BY 7
Runner up: Louis Moore CH 8

Middle school (Year 9)

Winner: Rufus Colman-Deveney KP 4
Runner up: John Hetherington BY 6

Upper School (Year 10)

Winner: William Reed KP 6
Runner up: Roland Alexander KP 6



Congratulations to all performers who gave the audience a superb afternoon of music making.

Special thanks must go to Mr George Bevan, Director of Music, Monkton Combe School for his informative adjudication. The standard was extremely high with all performers playing competently and musically, presenting a difficult challenge for the adjudicator!

On Friday, 7th July, 14 pupils accompanied by Mrs Nourse and myself set off on a joint music tour with Hayesfield to Salzburg. The tour involved performing four open air concerts in and around Salzburg with repertoire ranging from 'The Sound of Music' through to 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and 'Wipe Out' featuring an extended percussion section! There was also the opportunity to visit Mozart birthplace and famous sites associated with the Sound of Music including the Mirabell Gardens (where we performed one of our concerts). This is the first time a joint tour has been organised and we look forward to more in the future.

Young Musician House Competition 2017 - Finalists

Year 7	Ruben Ridyard – BY7 - Piano George Walker – MIL1 Trumpet Xavi Serran – SH5 - Clarinet Fergal McDonald – CH3 - Piano
Year 8	Louis Moore – CH 8 – Piano/V Sam Batstone – BY2 - Saxophone Finlay Ballamy – KP4 - Piano
Year 9	John Hetherington – BY6 - Piano Tom Blethyn – ML7 – Tenor Horn Rory Akbar – ML5 - Cello Ben Kirby Woollett- CH3 - Trombone David Jolley – KP6 - Guitar Finlay Blair – BY8 - Piano Rufus Colman-Deveney – KP4 - Voice Josh Dong – SH4 - Violin Tom Clark – ML1 - Piano
Year 10	Callum Mander – ML6 - Clarinet George Downing – CH1 - Trombone Rory Self – ML7 - Violin William Reed- KP6 - Piano Roland Alexander- KP6 - Drums

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the music staff for their hard work throughout the year. Special mention must go to Mrs Nourse for her tireless efforts and dedication to the department. I would also like to thank Wesley Downing and Corben Lamb (outgoing Senior and Deputy Senior musician respectively) for their help and support with the Extra Curricular groups. We look forward to a productive and successful year both in and out of the classroom next year.

Mr P Calvert
Head of Music

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Potterne Shooting

The last of our Potterne shooting sessions does not take place until the end of July, although we have now taken eighty boys to the Devizes range for the traditional Summer Term programme. All experienced shooters know that the challenge on offer; shooting through the wooden stales to release the suspended weight, shooting eight bean tins from a suspended trestle, laying out the twenty metal plates and eating your own body weight tiger loaf and cheese, aim to test even the most experienced.

This year the competition has been particularly impressive and the scores achieved have beaten some long-held records. There are still places on the 26th July shoot and I hope to arrange a 'parent shoot' for the next academic year. Please do not misconstrue the meaning.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Positions		Points
1	Zeb Goldsmith (Year 9) Josh Cottle (Year 10)	724
2	Leo Ashworth (Year 7) William McKim (Year 7)	646
3	Daniel Abbey (Year 7) Ned Burn (Year 7)	604
4	Harry Hewitt-Smith (Year 8) Max McMullen (Year 8)	553
5	Will Paynes (Year 7) Edward Martin –Palmer (Year 7)	536
6	Louis Fenton (Year 7) Gregory Elmes (Year 7)	520

Spotters Summer Hockey Camp

Spotters Hockey August 2017 Camp will be running on 22nd and 23rd August 2017 (9am – 2pm) at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players ages between the ages of 7 and 15 years old. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions designed to improve your child's hockey skills whatever their ability. The camp utilises proven, research based techniques and treats your child as an individual, increasing their knowledge of hockey and boosting game awareness. Also running is the Spotters High Performance camp, attendance at which is free when booking on the main camp.

For more information and bookings email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk.

Sally Potter
Spotters Hockey Academy Director

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Professional Rugby Contracts

We are delighted to confirm that Year 13 students Wil Partington, Miles Reid, and Kieran Verden have all signed long-term Academy contracts with Bath Rugby.

Beechen Cliff School and Bath Rugby work in partnership to develop promising young rugby players in the Bath Rugby catchment area. The Academic and Sporting Excellence (AASE) programme, which they deliver together, aims to provide an outstanding rugby and academic development program for talented young players to achieve their potential both on and off the pitch. The partnership provides a much-needed state school pathway to high level rugby, to mirror the well-established and successful existing partnerships that Bath Rugby has with a number of independent schools. The three new signings are the first graduates from the programme's initial cohort of players who started in 2015 and is the reward for two years of total dedication and commitment.

As part of the programme, Beechen Cliff enters a Sixth Form team into the RFU's National AASE League, playing fixtures against the AASE School/Colleges of the other 11 Aviva Premiership Clubs. Sean Turner, Beechen Cliff's Director of Rugby says: "The AASE League is a very high standard of rugby, but with Bath Rugby's support in areas such as strength and conditioning, match analysis, positional coaching and physiotherapy, the players have the best opportunity to achieve their full potential. Apart from these three lads many others are moving on to a very high level of rugby at their chosen university, playing in the BUCs Super League."

Wil Partington has enjoyed a really successful season, becoming the top try-scorer and kicker in the AASE League. He has also featured for Bath United in the A League during the 2016/17 campaign. The quick-footed Partington, who is comfortable across all back three positions, is widely recognised for his devastating counter-attacking qualities.

Miles Reid meanwhile has spent a large part of the season rehabilitating from a serious knee injury, but had already established himself as a key figure in the Bath Academy programme. A strong ball carrier and physical presence, the future looks bright for the back row forward. Despite being injured, our AASE Captain has continued to lead from the front with his tremendous attitude and dedication.

Kieran Verden is an imposing prop with a strong set piece, Verden was a dominant force in the 2016/17 season. His performances saw him rewarded with England U18 selection this Easter against Wales and a place in the England U18 squad for their summer tour of South Africa.

Bath Rugby's Academy Manager, Andy Rock, said: "The fantastic thing for us is that these players are all progressing within our system from the strong environment at Beechen Cliff. The strength of partnerships and relationships for us as a Club is incredibly important. There have been some great examples recently of players stepping up from the Academy and being given their chances here at Bath, and we've no doubt that these players have the potential to do the same"

Mr Sean Turner
AASE Rugby

Summer Tennis Report 2017

It has once been a very enjoyable summer of tennis with many boys involved with practices, coaching, teams and internal competitions. Despite some rain the vast majority of school fixtures have taken place and many boys have braved the rain to take part in practices too.

U13A (Year 8) Team

The U13A team have had an excellent season finishing the season unbeaten.

The team of James Reid, Joe Milton, Rex Wills, Louis Moore and Jack Dunn defeated Wellsway, Colstons, Prior Park, Bristol Grammar School and KES to win the Aegon League 1st Division Group A. They also recorded a friendly victory over Prior Park and a draw with Kingswood

In the play-off match against Ralph Allen (1st Division Group B winners) the team eventually won by 6 matches to 0 but every individual match was close including both doubles which were won 7-6, one taking 1 hour 40 minutes to complete. Joe Milton did particularly well in managing a back injury and still managing to win his singles, playing a tactically very astute match.

The team will now compete in the Regional Play-offs in September.

U13B (Year 7) Team

The Year 7 team have had a positive season playing both friendly fixtures and in the U13 Aegon League 1st Division. The team finished with wins over KES, Prior Park, Kingswood, Chew Valley and Clifton College Prep School. Defeats came against Backwell, Colstons and Ralph Allen. With all the boys playing up a year in the Aegon League the experiences gained this year should be really beneficial for next year.

U13C (Year 7/8) Team

The U13C team has given lots of other Year 7 and 8 pupils the chance to represent their school and has competed in the U13 Aegon League 2nd Division. The team has recorded victories over Writhlington, Ralph Allen and St Bedes and lost to QEH. The fixture against Downside succumbed to rain. The highlight has been several pupils playing their first competitive tennis matches and they represented the school with gusto.

U15A (Year 9/10) Team

The U15 A team have had a mixed season. There were wins against Backwell and Writhlington and defeats against Kingswood, Prior Park and KES. Ben Jones has been an excellent captain both in terms of organisation and enthusiasm and staff and pupils have appreciated his efforts this year.

U15B (Year 9/10) Team

The U15B team have enjoyed a good season with victories against Wellsway, Ralph Allen, Prior Park and KES plus a draw against Kingswood. In the final match of the season John Hetherington, Jac Therrien, Nirmal Falzoni and Arthur Mawer lost a heartbreaking championship tie break decider to lose 7-6 to QEH in the Division 2 Play-off and miss out on the regional rounds in September. John Hetherington (captain) has done an excellent job organising this team and encouraging other Year 9 pupils to take part in school tennis.

U15C and U15D Teams vs KES

For the first time this year we were able to organise a few extra fixtures against KES. This gave some of the Year 9s and 10s who regularly attend after school practices, but who don't feature in the A and B teams. We won one and lost one of these fixtures, the boys enjoyed their matches and we hope to repeat this next year.

First/Second Team

In the summer competition the first team this season reached the last 32 of the Aegon National Cup with a bye in the first round and then victories over St Peters B, Colstons and Dean Close. They were then defeated by St Peters A.

The team consisted of Henry Chater, Callum Mock, Jake Young, Oscar Vellacott, Ben Jones and Will Tucker.



The first and second team also played friendlies against Prior Park this where the rain intervened part way through with the second team drawing at 2 matches all and the first team losing by 4 matches to 2.

For Stefan Rees and Oscar Vellacott this was their last opportunity to represent their school and we appreciate their efforts over many years.



Avon Schools Competitions

James Reid and Joe Milton represented the school in the U13 Avon Schools Singles and Doubles Competitions. In the singles both boys reached the final with James Reid victorious. In the doubles they emerged the winners as a pair.

William Tucker and Ben Jones represented the school in the U15 Avon Schools Singles and Doubles Competitions. In the singles Ben Jones reached the final narrowly losing to a pupil from KES. In the doubles the boys won the competition defeating KES in the final.



House Tennis

The House tennis competitions have recently taken place with the results below:

Year 10: Winners – Milton

Year 8 – Milton

Year 9: Winners - Byron

Year 7 – Milton

The Year 7 competition was particularly entertaining with lots of enthusiasm shown by all.

Well Done to all who took part



Road to Wimbledon

In our annual Road to Wimbledon competition 18 boys in Years 8 and 9 took part. The main event took place on a warm afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In the semi-final a few days later James Reid defeated John Hetherington and Will Tucker defeated Jac Therrien. James Reid then was victorious in the final with a 7-5 5-7 (10-4) victory. Will Tucker is now due to represent the school in the County Finals in July.



Year 7 Tournament

At the end of May we ran a Year 7 internal singles tournament during our Monday after-school practice. Seventeen boys took part ranging from regular team players to those who had never played a tennis match before. It was a great event and the enthusiasm of the boys was brilliant, particularly as it was on an incredibly hot afternoon. Well done to all who took part.



BANES U13 Tournament

At the BANES U13 tournament held at Oldfield School the team of Louis Moore, Rex Wills, Jack Dunn and Zach Hale defeated Oldfield School, Chew Valley and Ralph Allen to win the event. It was an enjoyable end to the season.

I hope all pupils and students who have been involved with school tennis have enjoyed themselves this summer and on their behalf I would also like to thank all staff who have supported school tennis year, and in particular Mr Shaw, for all their hard work. It has been a really positive summer season and I am really proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by so many of our pupils.



We look forward to lots more tennis in 2017-18!

Mr T D Markall
i/c tennis

tt-tennis coaching at Beechen Cliff School

Many boys have taken part in tennis coaching at school this this year through our connection with tt-tennis. This has been through after school coaching, holiday camps and even early bird sessions before school. If pupils are looking for summer holiday tennis camp then perhaps the tt-tennis camps at Bloomfield Tennis Club or Lansdown Tennis Club may be of interest.



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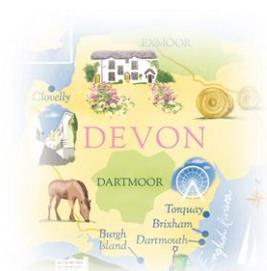
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Cricket

South Devon Cricket Tour



Our first match, against Exeter School, followed the usual form. Exeter scored 154 runs with the loss of only three wickets. Their two opening batsmen were terrific stroke players and were incredibly strong opponents for our “coach weary” squad. In response, Beechen Cliff made it to 106 runs for the loss of only three wickets – a superb 50 not out by Fin Richards being the highlight of the match. The lunch and welcome we received probably made up for the disappointment of the defeat.

Moving on to the Torquay Boys’ Grammar School, we played in a series of fast-paced astro surfaced cricket matches. This gave the boys a chance to bat and bowl, as well as move quickly around the pitch. The four matches played ended in Beechen Cliff “Squad One” winning two, their colleagues in “Squad Two” losing both. Honours even, then and a good work out for the fish and chips which followed on Babbacombe Down.



The squad then made its way back to Exeter University and the chance to relax in to the rather nice accommodation provided. Once again, I was provided with the room which had a view of a steep bank, whilst the boys seemed to have large rooms with spectacular views....so ended day one.

The second day allowed the boys to experience the exceptional breakfast on offer at Holland Hall, something which each one took up with gusto. Fuelled and ready, we prepared for the marathon of three twenty over matches in a row.

Arriving at the beautiful Sandford Cricket Club Ground, we almost immediately began a match against Queen Elizabeth School. We opened the batting and managed a very impressive 140-4 from twenty overs. Any fears that we might not have enough runs on the board were soon dispelled, however. The exceptional all round bowling and fielding performances saw the host side skittled out for only forty runs. This match really did show for the first time the exceptional depth and talent in our squad this year. Buoyed by this success, we moved onto a rather greater challenge.

The Churston team took to the field and did a very good job of squeezing our total to 97-5 from the sixteen overs allowed (due to time constraints) and it looked like it might be hard to clutch a comfortable win. The two opening batsmen for Churston were probably the best we had encountered thus far. Within six overs there were 62 runs on the board and it looked like Beechen Cliff would be defeated in rather humiliating fashion. The team never gave up, however, and a very special catch took out the Devon opening batsman and gave us a glimmer of hope. This hope was enhanced when the second batsman was bowled out, those who followed were not able to strike the ball away from the square with any great conviction. Scenting blood, the bowlers and fielders chased out the victory with seven runs still required by Churston. This was something of a “miracle” victory and one I will always remember.

Two out of three would not have been at all bad for a day of cricket, but it was clear that the umpire/coach Mr Walker was not prepared to accept anything less than a push to the line and the boys arrived at Shaldon C.C. to take in a great setting and worthy set of opponents. Shaldon opened the batting and moved to a very strong 127-6 on a fast wicket and impressive outfield. In response, our boys struck out with confidence and managed to achieve the target with two overs remaining. A half century from Oliver Smith was the highlight of our batting performance here. This completed an exceptional day of cricket and was more than we could have hoped for. The boys remained focused and committed throughout, despite the obvious tiredness now developing.

It was a very tired looking crew which descended for breakfast the next morning. Even Mr Walker was unnaturally quiet, the toils of the previous day having taken it out of him. One final push was now required, however, and the boys had to have a final room inspection and hand in keys before bidding farewell to the University and heading for Marldon's lovely cricket ground. Upon arrival it was clear that, whilst small, the ground had a fairly well developed grass outfield and we did have concerns around placing our shorter boys on the boundary for fear of never seeing them again. The mixed Ipplepen and Paignton C.C. team had some strong players and it was clear that they could achieve a good score, despite the heavy outfield. However, just as the two strongest batsmen became established, our bowlers did their work to remove them, one through a quite exceptional catch from the skipper, McDonald. The total of 76 for 8 never looked too much of an issue and our boys delivered the goods with three overs remaining. A total of four wins from five was clearly impressive and I was very pleased with the way they kept together and achieved so much.



Wherever we went on the tour we were showered with compliments by members of the public. The boys' approach is always positive and polite, reflecting the expectations of both parents and their school. We felt very proud to be with them and it is obvious that they got a great deal from the visit; dealing with loss of their wickets, a difficult over or just the sheer tiredness which creeps up after three intensive days of sport.

Hopefully, the time in Brixham and at the beach will have given them the time to just have fun and enjoy each other's company. It certainly seemed to us that they did this!

For these boys, I suspect that the future will include the Worcester Cricket tour (Year 9) and the Barbados tour (Year 11/First XI teams) as highlights. I would be amazed if they did not go on to be county champions in at least one of the years ahead, having shown their potential.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Under 12 Cricket A, B and C Team

This has been a very good season for our junior teams. The A team has had a number of encounters and emerged victorious from each one. The defeat to Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in the cup competition was a bitter blow, although it was avenged with a good victory over the Bristol boys in June, prior to the South Devon Tour.



Wins against Dauntseys, King Edward's, Kingswood, Monkton have cemented the teams reputation as the strongest in the area and I have little doubt that Fergal McDonald will be leading his squad to many successes in the years ahead. Such an exceptional team obviously includes some 'stand out' players and it would not be right to move to the next team report before mentioning the batting qualities of Ollie Smith and Finlay Roberts. These two have both won coveted '50 ties' during the season, achieved by applying themselves to the task in

hand and dealing positively with any loose deliveries. They have given Beechen Cliff the platform of a defensible total or chased down the opposition in a number of matches. However, the team has such strength and obvious cohesion that every member of the squad has played his part.

The B team remains unbeaten as we come to the end of the season. All nine matches have ended with very good wins, achieved through effective batting and bowling performances. A number of boys have tried captaincy and this has proved useful in terms of seeing how they marshall the fielders and advise the bowler on the target for deliveries. The wins against Dauntseys, King Edward's and Kingswood were matches which I was fortunate enough to preside over as umpire and it was wonderful to see the positive, sportsmanlike approach taken by all boys on the field. There are some 'rising stars' in the B squad and it is obvious that batsmen such as Cameron Hampton and George Walker will be making themselves known in the senior first teams in future years.

Our C team has only had three matches during the season, three others being cancelled as other schools were unable to field teams. This was a little disappointing, although it was, as always, wonderful to see the enthusiasm and determination of our less experienced cricketing boys as they took to the field. The highlight for me was a one run win against Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in mid-June. The excitement in the final over was quite palpable and the team effort deserving of the narrowest of victories!

A really superb group of boys has gathered to participate in our weekly training sessions and to put themselves forward for the matches on offer. I have been very proud of their efforts and pleased that cricket again has been shown to have such a positive effect on the boys. At the risk of stealing the words of a well-known Southern African leader, cricket really does "civilise and create good gentlemen"

It would be easy to sign off the report without thanking the local cricket clubs. I know that many of our boys have been inspired by their experiences and that a large number of parents are directly involved in coaching and supporting clubs. We would not have the success and participation we have without this support.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

U13 Cricket

After a gruelling season packed with multiple fixtures, the U13 team's deserve a well-earned rest!

The Season has been a particularly successful one for the U13 cricket team. Winning the Twenty/20 competition at Millfield, Runners- up in the Somerset indoor 8's County finals and in a very narrow defeat runners up in the Avon and Gloucestershire county final v Bristol Grammar school.

This success has not only been limited to the 'A' side, the 'B' side have enjoyed many victories, revealing a fantastic strength in the squad. The Squad's has not been overly reliant on one or two individuals as over the course of the season everyone has performed brilliantly and been a key factor in winning games.

The highest batting scores of the season were made by **Harvey Matthews 50***v Downend, **Archie Gooding 61***v QEH, but a special mention must go to **Ben Adams** who hit his first **100***v Kingswood and **60*** v QEH.

It has been a pleasure to be involved with this group of young men as they have not only impressed on the field but also off the field with their acute sense of decorum and maturity. I wish you all the best for the rest of the season, and look forward to coaching you all again next year. Well done lads!!

Mr N Quintin



U-14 Cricket Summary

Well done to the Year 9 cricket team who have had a decent season. The early games were ruined by rain which seemed to follow us everywhere! The biggest frustration during this period was losing a tight game against BGS in the County Cup.

Highlight of the season was definitely beating KES – a great all-round team performance. Captain Dan Boyle has led the team with great credit. He is a thinking captain who has made mistakes but always learned from them. He has always been ably supported by his trusty lieutenants, Josh Smith and Ethan Silcox. The strength of the team is its depth of bowling, so that once the batsmen have seen off the sheer pace of left-armer Max Kerr and nagging accuracy of Luca Press, there are further challenges from the medium pace of O'Hare, Boyle, Morris and Kirby-Woollett – all hard to score against. Then comes the devilish spin of Silcox and Riccio. The fielding is normally dependable and Josh Smith is very tidy behind the stumps. In the batting department, the team relies heavily on top-scorer Boyle. Others need to adopt his positive play combined with clever shot selection.

It has been a good season with a committed core of players supported by a strong B team squad, always keen to step up into the A team when needed. Many of the leading players in Year 9 have already experienced 1st XI cricket this season, playing alongside the Sixth formers and performing with great credit – so the future is bright!

Mr S Turner
Rugby Master

Cricket U15

Both U15 cricket sides have had a tough season with several games coming close but being frustrated by the end result. The U15A's had a large fixture list against several very strong opposition schools which has tested a lot of the boys at times.

Out of the nine fixtures there have been two cancelled due to poor weather but we have managed to play six. There were two very well fought wins against Monkton Combe and Millfield which showed the boys that when they play well they are a very strong side.

Against Monkton, Beechen Cliff won by 4 wickets with some excellent bowling from Tom Henley (4-2-5-1) and Fred Veal (3-1-8-2) restricted Monkton to a very achievable 80. Some good batting and big hitting from Tom Henley (20) and Kieran Bye (15) saw us home with 5 overs to spare.

The victory against Millfield really rallied the boys during the midpoint of the season, with Millfield put into bat setting a respectable 102-9 off their 20 overs. Beechen put in the early hard work whilst batting and were rewarded with the biggest win of the season beating Millfield by 4 wickets leaving the boys understandably very very happy.

Throughout the season there have been several tough lessons that the boys will need to learn from going forward into next season. Playing against Wellsway in the area cup having put in a good batting performance with Tristan Holborn-Brown scoring 25 and Angus Walsby scoring a quick fire 10 at the end of the innings.

Throughout the season there have been some good batting performances, Tom Henley in the first game against Dauntsey's scoring 29 and Kieran Bye scoring a very well played 37*.

The U15b team have had a tough season as well, but with only three games to be played it was always going to be hard to find a rhythm to play in. A close loss to Millfield, losing by 18 runs showed some potential of a good B team side. This was followed recently by an incredibly close finish against QEH losing by 1 run in the end.

The team were rewarded though for their hard work against Colston's. Beechen Cliff were put into bat and scored a very good 137-6 off their 20 overs, some great batting from Ollie Benson 38 off 29 balls, Angus Walsby 31 off 22 and Kieron Ascott 20* off 15.

The batting performance was backed up very well off the first over with Colstons ending up 0-2 with George Duncan ending with a double Wicket Maiden and finishing with figures of 3-0-12-2, Angus Walsby added to his impact with the bat with a very good spell of bowling, ending up with 4-2-7-3 and Kieran Ascott ending with 3-1-6-2 leaving Colston's all out for 80.

Mr T. Davies
Mr M. Walker

1st XI Cricket

The 1st XI cricket team can be compared to Leicester City Football Club; after winning the Monkhouse league last year, the team have found themselves near the bottom this year. The board kept their faith with the manager unlike Leicester but last season's form could not be recreated.

Every year the school loses a few key players from Upper Sixth and this year was no different and with a good team on paper it is hard to find the reasons why we didn't see the performances we are capable of. Batting seemed to be the major stumbling block this season with the team failing to complete 40 overs with the bat in all league games and only four 50+ individual scores.

Even though results were disappointing it was another enjoyable season seeing 20+ players representing the 1st XI across the 11 games. A special mention to Harry Hankins, Arthur Hays and Luke McDonald who leave us this year, all three have played a big part over the last four years. I wish them all the best and hope they continue to play senior cricket in the years to come.

Mr Macdonald
Director of Sport

Solutions to Maths Puzzles on page 31

Junior Olympiad: 00

Since the integers are consecutive and one ends in a 5, the other ends in a 4 or 6 and must be even. Hence the product of the two numbers is a multiple of 10. When this is squared we obtain a multiple of 100 so the final two digits are 00.

Intermediate Kangaroo: C

Let the number of passengers in carriages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 be p , q , r , s and t , all at least 1.

Consider the passengers in the first two carriages – since every passenger has 5 or 10 neighbours we must have $p + q - 1 = 5$ or $p + q - 1 = 10$ ie $p + q = 6$ or $p + q = 11$, and $p + q + r - 1 = 5$ or 10 so $p + q + r = 6$ or 11 . But $r \geq 1$ so $p + q = 6$ and $r = 5$. This applies similarly to the final two carriages, so we have 6 passengers in the first two carriages, 5 in the middle one, 6 in the final two, giving a total of 17.

Senior: 180

The number of gold coins in the starting pile is 4. These form 20% of the final pile, so there are 20 coins in that final pile (4 gold, 16 silver). Since we started with 196 silver he has removed 180.