



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 27th September 2017

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parent/Carer

May I draw your attention to the letter attached to this newsletter regarding governance roles within Beechen Cliff. We are very fortunate to have an actively supportive parent body and an exceptional Governing Body. We would be very grateful to hear from any individuals who feel they can bring their expertise into the group and to help us develop the School for the benefit of our pupils in the future. If you feel you could commit to the roles outlined in the Chair's letter we would very much like to hear from you.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Winter Adjusted School Day

During the warmer and drier months most of the boys enjoy make use of the upper and lower fields during breaks and lunchtimes. However in the wetter and colder months the boys are limited to small hard standing play areas and restricted inside spaces - both becoming crowded during lunchtimes. As a consequence many of the boys and staff feel that during the winter our lunchtime is too long.

We are therefore adjusting the school day during the winter term to reduce the length of lunchtime. Period 4 will become an hour and a half long to include a half hour lunch break. Different year groups will take the half hour lunch break at different times

The end of the school day would therefore be brought forward by 20 minutes and finish at 3:05pm. The additional benefit of the earlier finish would allow for increased opportunity for after school sports training using natural light.

Our intention is to keep the existing school day but adjust to the winter school day between the October half term and the February half term. We are going to trial these arrangements during the Christmas Term in 2017.

Mr P Watts
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Wednesday 27th - 29th September
7E to Tir-y-Cwn

Friday 29th September
Upper Sixth Art Trip to Bristol

Saturday 30th - Sunday 1 October
DofE Gold

Monday 2nd October
7S to Tir-y-Cwn

Tuesday 3rd October
Year 10 GCSE Parents Information

Wednesday 4th - Thursday 5th October
Upper Sixth Biology field Trip

Friday 6th - Saturday 7th October
Coast to Coast ride (leaving School at 3.35pm on Friday)

Saturday 7th - Saturday 14th October
San Remo Italian Exchange

Tuesday 10th October
Upper Sixth Geography Trip to Three Cliffs Bay
Year 11 GCSE Revision and Information Meeting - 7pm
Main Hall

Wednesday 11th - Wednesday 18th October
Year 11 Spanish Exchange

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th October
Year 9 Surf Trip

Planned Footpath Closure Magdalen Gardens

We have been notified by BaNES Parks Team that they will shortly be carrying out urgent repairs to the footpath path running through Magdalen Gardens. The footpath will remain closed for approximately six weeks (9th October - 27th November).



Please see the map detailing the closure and highlighting an alternative route attached to this week's newsletter.

Parent Governor Elections

Please find attached a letter from the Chair of Governors regarding the election of two parent governors. The letter will be sent out to all parents by the end of this week via your son/daughter.

Clerk to Governors

Year 7 Assembly – Every Friday

Please can we remind parents of Year 7 pupils that each Friday after afternoon registration all Year 7 pupils are required to attend a Headmaster's Assembly and pupils will be dismissed afterwards.

These assemblies will usually last about 20 minutes.

School Office

Year 11 Mathematics GCSE Revision Guides

The Maths department are selling maths GCSE revision guides at a reduced price. We can provide a Revision guide, with GCSE exam questions and answers for £6.00 (retail price £10.99). They cover all material needed by the boys for their GCSE and are ideal for their mock revision too.

The packs are suitable for our Higher and Foundation GCSE course.

We thoroughly recommend the packs to supplement the course they are doing and the exams they will be taking at the end of Year 11.

If you would like a revision guide for your child, please complete the details on parent pay with the level they are taking (Higher or Foundation). If unsure, please ask your son to speak to the class teacher.

The deadline for orders is **Friday 6th October**

Mr E Gill
Head of Maths

Theme of the Week – European Day of Languages

Since 2001, the Council of Europe have declared a European Day of Languages to be celebrated on 26th September each year. Throughout Europe, 800 million Europeans represented in the Council of Europe's 47 member states are encouraged to learn more languages, at any age, in and out of school.

The general objectives of the European Day of Languages are:

1. Alerting the public to the importance of language learning and diversifying the range of languages learnt in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding;
2. Promoting the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe, which must be preserved and fostered;
3. Encouraging lifelong language learning in and out of school, whether for study purposes, for professional needs, for purposes of mobility or for pleasure and exchanges.



There are lots of quizzes and trivia to go through if you follow this link:

<http://edl.ecml.at/LanguageFun/LanguageQuiz/tabid/1873/language/en-FR/Default.aspx>

You could learn about language idioms around the world, learn some new and unique words in different languages, challenge yourself with tongue twisters and try to remember some new facts about a variety of languages.

The menu in the Refectory will be in a different European Language every day this week so you will have to work this out if you want to know what you are having for lunch!

Miss P Netto
PSHE Co-ordinator

Word of the Week: Anecdote

Noun – an anecdote

= a short account of a particular incident or event, especially of an interesting or amusing nature

= a short, obscure historical or biographical account

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

Use it:

We enjoyed hearing her **anecdote** about what had happened on the way to work that day.

His **anecdote** about the crowded train journey made us all laugh.

The lecturer's **anecdote** about his own first day at university helped the students to relax.

Spell it:

anec dote

Note: we also use the adjective *anecdotal*.

This can mean:

to be fond of telling anecdotes ("The novel had a chatty, anecdotal style which made it pleasing to read")

OR that something is **not necessarily true or reliable**, because it is based on personal accounts rather than facts or research ("While there was much anecdotal evidence there was little hard fact to support the theory.")

This helps to explain the word origin:

From the Greek word *anekdota*, meaning 'unpublished'.

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy co-ordinator

Support the School and win a cash prize!

The **50:50 Club** is a monthly raffle club which raises money for the school whilst giving participants the chance to win a cash prize. You do not have to remember to buy tickets each month - just set up a small monthly standing order and your numbers will be entered automatically. You decide how many tickets/numbers you buy, from just one (£1) to up to ten (£10).

50:50 CLUB

Each month 50% of the money received is paid out in prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and the remaining 50% goes to the PTA to contribute towards projects, equipment and extra-curricular activities that will benefit the students. For illustration, we currently have approximately £360 worth of tickets entered each month, with £180 distributed back to the lucky winners, and £180 donated to the School. The more people who join 50:50, the bigger the prizes and the more money we raise!

Last year, members won over £2000 and raised over £2000 for the school!

If you would like to set up a small standing order for the 50:50 club, please do get in touch with me and let me know how much you would like to spend, and I will give you the bank details. You can do it online or via a paper form that you drop in to your bank. It really is very simple and once you have set it up, you will not need to think about it again - just wait for a cheque to arrive if you win!

Mrs Sarah Mitchard (parent and 50:50 co-ordinator)
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Vacancy Morning Caretaker/Grounds Person

Morning Caretaker/Grounds Person
NJC points 15-16 (16,781 - 17,419)

Full-time to include some weekend working on a rota basis.

Required as soon as possible, a hardworking, practical person who takes pride in their work and is able to work as part of a team. General Caretaking duties and the ability to undertake some minor maintenance/gardening work. Some weekend working will be required.

Further details and application form are available on www.beechencliff.org.uk

Homestay Places for Chinese Students



Do you have a spare room?

We are looking for Homestay places in Bath for 30 Year 7 Chinese students (mixed sexes) for 8 weeks (away over Half term) during the Summer term 2018, from 28th April to 30th June. Dates may change depending on flight availability.

The students will be attending Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield in Year 7 and 8 lessons. They are here to improve their English and learn about our culture. As part of that we would like them to also be part of a family life.



The students would be hosted individually or in pairs of the same sex within a home from home environment which provides daily home cooked meals, packed lunches and a bedroom with a study area. Ideally with an en-suite so they have their own privacy and space but sharing a bathroom is fine, if you can accommodate. Homes must ideally be within walking distance of both schools or be able to provide daily transport, if needed.

You do not need to have a son or daughter in Year 7 or 8 to offer a homestay placement, however, we would particularly welcome interest from families in those year groups and these will be given priority.

If you can accommodate, to cover all living expenses including transport, we provide an allowance of £150 per person per week.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information then please contact Fiona Harrison or email international@hayesfield.com

All placements are subject to a home visit and DBS check.

Hayesfield
GIRLS SCHOOL



Beechen Cliff Tennis Programme

'TENNIS 'SQUAD'

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 7-10
27th September - 15th November £30 (6 sessions)



The Squad is split into a beginner class and intermediate class. Groups are sorted by ability and age. The course covers:

- Basic technique - correct grips and swings, footwork patterns and ball characteristics
- Basic singles and doubles tactics
- Rules and matchplay

To register please visit www.tt-tennis.co.uk/beechencliff and for more information please email info@tt-tennis.co.uk

Sports

Sports Fixtures

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

Days	Fixture	Meeting time	Kick off/Start time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Thurs 28 th Sept	Football 1 st XI (H) v Churchill Academy and Sixth Form	13.30	14.30		16.30
	Tennis U14A (H) v Millfield Preparatory School	13.45	14.30	n/a	16.30
Sat 30 th Sept	Rugby Union U15A, U12A, U12B (A) v Bishop Wodsworth's School	8.15	9.45	MB	12.15
	Rugby Union U14A, U13A (H) v Bishop Wordsworth's School	9.15	9.45	n/a	11.30
Tues 3 rd Oct	Shooting U15A v Dauntsey's School (A)	12.30	14.00	MB	18.00
	Rugby Union U15B v Sexey's School (H)	13.45	14.30	n/a	16.00
Weds 4 th Oct	Rugby Union U18 AASE XV v The Henley College (A)	9.45	14.00	Coach 10.00	19.00
	Rugby Union U13A, U13B v Colston's School (A)	15.00	16.00	MB	18.00
	Rugby Union U12A, U12B v Colston's School (H)	15.25	16.00	n/a	17.15

Sports Results for Week Commencing 18th September 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 18 th Sept	U16 Football v Oldfield	ESFA 1st round	Won	2-0
Weds 20 th Sept	AASE v St Pauls	League	Lost	22-32
Thurs 21 st Sept	1 st XV Rugby v Prior Park	Friendly	Lost	0-22
	2 nd XV Rugby v Prior Park	Friendly	Won	19-0
	U16 Rugby v Prior Park	Friendly	Won	21-0
	U13b Rugby v Oldfield	Friendly	Won	40-5

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Spotters Hockey October 2017 Camp

Spotters Hockey October 2017 Camp will be running on 23rd and 24th October 2017 between 9am and 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.



These camps are normally very popular, there is a discount if you book **before 30th September 2017**, with the discounted cost just £24.75 for the day, £45 for two days; there are limited spaces and the last camp was fully booked, so please book early to secure a place for your child. For more details or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

Sally Pottter
Spotters Hockey Academy Director