



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## CALENDAR

## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parent/Carer

May I take the opportunity to thank all those parents who put themselves forward as potential Parent Governors of Beechen Cliff School. We rely hugely on the dedication, commitment and skills of our governors to support the aspirations of the School and to work to *provide* everything we can for our pupils. I wish Helen and Gavin every success in their terms of office.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

## Parent Governor Election Results

The School's Parent Governor Election closed to votes at noon on Friday, 20 October 2017.

The results for the above election are as follows:

Simon Blandford	21
Graham Brant	20
Helen Eastwood	52
Gavin Lewis	45
Shaun Prescott	6
Jason Roofe	19
Patrick Self	20
Richard Walker	12

Helen Eastwood and Gavin Lewis are duly elected Parent Governors and will hold a 4 year term.

Mrs H Bletso  
Acting Clerk to Governors

## Lost Property

We have a large number of **unnamed** coats currently in Lost Property as well as other items of school clothing



If your son has mislaid a coat or other unnamed items, please can you encourage him to visit the lost property office as soon as possible.

Mrs K Lothgren  
School Nurse

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Inspiring Stories - Sixth Form Talk

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Gold D of E weekend (leaving at 12.00 Friday)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 11 Trial Exams Week commences

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 13 Biologists at Bath University from 1pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

AASE Rugby Information Evening - in Main Hall  
7pm - 9pm

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 10 Football Tour to London

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

AASE League match 2.30pm - 4.30pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Presentation Evening 7.30pm - 9.30pm

## Year 11 Progress Reports

Year 11 Progress Reports are now available for parents to view on e-Portal.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email

Mr T D Markall  
Assistant Headmaster

## Contact Information



Please could parents remember to inform us of any changes in contact information, (telephone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, emergency contact details) as soon as possible. We have recently tried to contact several parents via mail and/or email, but these have been returned as the addresses are not recognised.

Please inform the School Office or email [suedavies@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:suedavies@beechencliff.org.uk) with new details.

Mrs S Davies  
Admissions Administrator

## Literacy

### Accelerated Reader House totals so far:

1 <sup>st</sup>	ML	2,176,124 words read across Years 7 and 8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SH	2,103,867
3 <sup>rd</sup>	CH	1,597,886
4 <sup>th</sup>	KP	1,499,656
5 <sup>th</sup>	BY	1,204,806

Parents of Year 7 pupils will receive more information about Accelerated Reader at this week's Supporting your Son event - or access the Parents' Guide and FAQs at <https://doc.relearn.com/KMNet/R003985016GG79F2.pdf>.

### Reader of the Week: Ben Pearcey.



Ben has taken Quizzes on three books so far this year - the whole of Simon Mayo's *Itch* series - averaging a 97% pass rate. Very well done, Ben; now choose your next series...

### Word of the Week: Prerequisite

As a noun - a *prerequisite*:

= something that is required beforehand for something else to happen or exist.

As an adjective to describe:

= required as a prior condition.

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

### Use it:

A visa is still a **prerequisite** for travel in many countries.

The student must have the **prerequisite** skills to apply for the course.

A solid grasp of algebra is typically a **prerequisite** for studying physics at a higher level.

### Spell it:

Prerequisite

Think about this word as  
'pre requires it', i.e. *requires it before*.

Pre / requis / it / e

From Latin *requīsītus*, perfect passive participle of *requirō* ("I require, seek, ask for"), from which we get the English word *require*.

Mrs L Leonardi  
Literacy Coordinator

## Theme of the Week

For theme of the week we are focusing on considering how people live in different ways around the world. What we consider to be a 'normal' way of life for us is completely different to that of communities in different parts of the world. For example, consider the way we collect our food, and the types of food we eat. Compare that to these:

Honey collecting in the rainforest -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DsOjXWF-c0>

Children hunting venomous spiders for dinner -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ra4WmE-joMQ>

Sea bed hunting on one breath -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgRpwESWPLM>

Sperm whale hunting -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqW8YZDE9o>

Underwater reef fishing -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlKHKMytN-8>

Are there any other traditions you have experienced around the world?

Keep an eye on the BBC iplayer for Human Planet documentaries - they give an interesting insight into how people live around the world.



Miss P Netto  
PSHE Co-ordinator

### Invitation - PTA Meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7pm



We would like to extend a warm welcome and invite all existing parents, along with any new Year 7 Parents, to our first PTA Meeting of the year on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.**

We will start the evening with welcome drinks followed by a short meeting discussing school business and any fund raising proposals for the forthcoming year. Within our school community our parents have a wealth of experience, all of which can be put to great use in supporting our thriving PTA. If you could spare a few hours now and again or if you would like to take on running an event then do pop along on 13<sup>th</sup> November. We are also looking to appoint a PTA Chair and would love to hear from anyone who would like to put themselves forward.

If you are unable to come to the meeting but would still like to sign up to our PTA, or for more information, please contact [sarah.evans@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sarah.evans@beechencliff.org.uk), 01225 485203.



**Do you have a spare room?**

We are looking for Homestay places in Bath for Sixth Form Chinese students and teachers (mixed sexes) from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The students will be attending Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield and in Sixth Form 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 and teachers 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 or sharing a bathroom with one other person so they have their own privacy and space but not essential if you can accommodate.

Homes must ideally be within walking distance of both schools or be able to provide daily transport to school, if needed.

The students are accompanied by teachers from their school and they will have approximately four days attending either school and for the rest of their stay, excluding the weekend, they will be on educational day trips.

You do not need to have a son/daughter in the Sixth Form to offer a homestay placement. However, we would particularly welcome interest from families with sons/daughters in those year groups or school.

If you can accommodate, to cover all living expenses including transport, we provide an allowance of £250 per person for the full placement.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information then please contact Fiona Harrison via the Sixth Form Office at Hayesfield Girls' School or email [international@hayesfield.com](mailto:international@hayesfield.com)

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

**Reporting Pupil Absences**

Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting any absences from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments.

**Lower School Pupils**

To report a Lower School absence please call the Attendance Office direct on 01225 485222, or you can email [attendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

**Sixth Form Students**

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on 01225 485221.

If the attendance lines are busy, please leave a message on the answer machines

**Vigil and Sleep-In at Bath Abbey for Julian House**

Julian House would like to invite pupils, staff and parents to a special event celebrating the 30 years that Julian House has been supporting homeless and excluded men and women.

In addition to offering respite from the risk and indignity of living on the streets, a huge amount of work is undertaken to tackle the underlying problems which have forced these people into this desperate lifestyle

The vigil will take place in Bath Abbey on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November with the option of taking part in a sponsored 'sleep in' after the vigil.

**The Vigil starts at 9.30pm and ends at Midnight, when the overnight Sleep-In starts**

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer containing more details of this event and information the work of Julian House



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Community and Events Fundraiser  
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**Beechen Cliff Student Competing for Great Britain**

**BEECHEN CLIFF LOWER 6TH FORM STUDENT  
COREY WALKES  
HAS BEEN SELECTED TO COMPETE FOR  
GREAT BRITAIN**



at the  
**25<sup>th</sup> WORLD AGE GROUP TRAMPOLINE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
IN SOFIA, BULGARIA  
12TH - 20TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Corey is a double World Age silver medallist, twice British Age Group Champion and is on the 2020 British Gymnastics Trampoline Olympic Programme.

**Please help us to raise the £2,000 needed for him to compete which includes his Flights, accommodation, entry fees & GBR kit**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT :-)**

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/corey-walkes>

## Sports

### Year 7 Football Training to start on Friday after School



After Christmas the main school sport switches from Rugby to Football.

In preparation for this the first Year 7 football training session starts on Friday 3:30 – 4:45pm - after the Year 7 assembly.

Football training is open to players of all abilities – we particularly welcome boys who have never played football before. When the season starts properly in January, we will have a number of different teams representing the school catering for the full spectrum of abilities from elite to beginners.

To take part, boys should bring their games kit, training shoes/astros (no boots as we will be training on the Astro) and shin pads.

Mr P Watts  
Deputy Headmaster (and i/c Year7 Football)

## Sports Fixtures

*The details below are correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.*

<u>Day</u>	<u>Kick-off/Start time</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Finish/Return</u>
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	14.30pm	Football 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Writhlington School (A)	1.15pm	MB	4.30pm
	14.30pm	Netball U18 v B&NES tournament @ Wellsway School (A)	1.45pm	MB	6.00pm
	15.45pm	Rugby Union U12B v St Mark's CofE School	3.15pm	n/a	5.00pm
	14.30pm	U14 Football v Priory @ Glasshouse	1.30pm	MB	4.00pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00pm	Netball U18A v Area competition @ Kingswood School (A)	8.00am	MB	1.30pm
	14.45pm	U13A Football v Castle School (A)- playing at Marlwood School	1.00pm	MB 1.15pm	5.30pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	14.30pm	Rugby Union U14A, U13A v Saffron Walden County High School (H)	1.45pm	n/a	4.00pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.00pm	Rugby Union 1 <sup>st</sup> XV, 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV v Bryanston School (A)	9.00am	Coach	2.00pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.45pm	Tennis U18A v Writhlington School (A)	12.15pm	MB	3.30pm
	12.00pm	Year 10s SL's @ Primary School football Tournament @Odddown	11.30pm	MB	4.00pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.30pm	Rugby Union U15A v John Hanson Community School (H)	1.15pm	n/a	4.00pm
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.00pm	Rugby Union U18A AASE XV v Truro and Penwith College (A)	7.15am	Coach 7.30am	8.30pm
	2.30pm	Football 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Marling (H) @ Glasshouse	1.30pm	MB	4.15pm

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport

## Prayer Meeting

A number of Christian parents from various churches across Bath meet termly to pray for the Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff School communities. If you would like to join us we will be meeting on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30pm to 2.45pm at 40 Maple Gardens, Bath, BA2 3AG

The first meeting of the New Year will be on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Please contact Alison Buckeridge email [alisonbuckeridge@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonbuckeridge@hotmail.com) for further details or just come along!