



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 24th January 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations must be passed to the players of the U15 Rugby team. On Tuesday afternoon they won their National Vase Quarter Final against Uffculme School and now progress to the Semi Final stage; this game to be played at Allianz Park in London. This is a significant achievement and reward for the efforts they have made, supported by their dedicated coaches.



The same recognition must be given to the young footballers in Year 8. The U13 team won their competition match in Dorset yesterday putting themselves in the Quarter Final which will mark the furthest point in this National competition that this age group has ever achieved at the School. Mr Appleton and his fellow coaches are rightly proud of their achievement and very positive attitude.

The Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place this evening and I very much hope that the boys will take advantage of the guidance given to consider their GCSE studies and will recognise the ways in which they can improve their own academic performance. I look forward to seeing parents and pupils.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Parking in Alexandra Park

With a number of Parents Evenings scheduled over the coming weeks we want to remind parents that the gates to Alexandra Park are locked each evening by the Local Authority and Beechen Cliff School no longer holds a key. Parents may wish to consider parking elsewhere.

We are grateful for the consideration our visitors show to the local residents when parking near the school and thank you for your continued support with this.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parents' Evenings.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Wednesday 24th January **TONIGHT**

Year 9 Parents' Evening - 4.30pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 25th/Friday 26th January

Year 11 Geography Trip to Bristol Harbour

Friday 26th January

PTA - Year 7 Parents Cheese and Wine Event

Wednesday 31st January

Year 11 Exam Assembly

Thursday 1st February

Year 10 and Year 11 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Lower Sixth Parents Evening - 4.30pm - 8.30pm

Friday 2nd February

Beechen Cliff Bands Night 7.15pm - 9.45pm

Saturday 3rd February

Ten Tors training - Black Mountains

Thursday 8th February

Year 11 Art trip to Cardiff

Friday 9th February

INSET DAY 4

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Half Term Holiday

Monday 19th February

Term 4 begins

USA Ski Trip meeting - Main Hall at 5.30pm

Reporting Pupil Absences

IMPORTANT

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

Sixth Form Students

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

If the attendance lines are busy, do please leave a message on the answer machine.

Word of the Week – Dogmatic

Adjective

- = expressing strong beliefs about something without always being able to prove it.
- = the strong expression of opinions as if they were facts.
- = (of a statement, opinion, etc): forcibly asserted as if authoritative and unchallengeable.
- = (of a person): someone prone to making such statements.

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

Use it:

The regime is **dogmatic**, and no one dares to express personal opinions.

“I don’t mean to come across as **dogmatic**, but I am certain I am correct on this issue!”

So **dogmatic** and authoritarian were his ideas that they dominated medical thought for many centuries.

Pronounced ‘dog – mat – ik’

From the Greek noun ‘*dogma*’, meaning ‘a principle laid down by an authority as undeniably true’.



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable Information

Summer draft timetables will be given out to year 11 boys this week for checking purposes. Boys **MUST** check this thoroughly and report back to the Exams Office or by email exams@beechencliff.org.uk if any subjects are no longer being studied or are missing from this timetable.

Students should also check their name and date of birth as this is the last chance to correct these before they appear on certificates. Tiers of entry ie; Foundation and Higher may still change but please discuss with your teacher in the first instance.

Final timetables showing exam rooms will be given out in early March along with information about study leave.

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer

Upper Sixth Mock Exam Results

Upper Sixth Mock Exam results are now available for parents to view on e-Portal.

If you experience any issues viewing these results please contact datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Year 11 Exam GCSE Preparation

I do hope all Year 11 pupils are now taking advantage of the after-school revision and study support sessions as part of their preparation for the GCSE examinations in the summer.

All Year 11 pupils will also be attending an assembly on 31st January about the build-up to GCSE exams and will take part in revision skills workshops on Wednesday 7th February.

We will also be running additional Trial Examinations in English Language and Mathematics shortly after half term. These will take place on Friday 23rd November in formal exam halls with external invigilators. Pupils should attend school at normal times this day.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Theme of the Week – Holocaust Memorial Day

Theme of the week this week is a continuation of last week's theme - Holocaust Memorial Day (which officially takes places on 27th January). Mr Tobin is delivering assemblies this week to commemorate this occasion, which is designed to help us remember and learn more about the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/concentration-camp-survivors-share-their-stories>

There is also a video clip of a Holocaust survivor speaking on Holocaust Memorial Day 2017, explaining what kept him going in the years after he survived the camps and his hopes and fears for the future. Jan Imich was nine years old when the Second World War broke out. As a Jewish Pole, he was arrested and imprisoned in a series of concentration camps. During his time in one camp, he was forced to work at the crematorium, hauling coal to fuel the furnace. After the war he was sent to Britain where his father, a soldier, was based and after struggling to overcome the effects of his experiences began a new life.

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-holocaust/jan-imich-life-goes-on>.

This raises questions such as 'how can life go on after an event such as the Holocaust?' and 'how should we remember the Holocaust and other genocides?'

For more information, browse the Imperial War Museum's website: <http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-holocaust>

Miss Polly Netto
PHSE Co-ordinator

Homestay Places for Chinese Students

Hayesfield
GIRLS' SCHOOL



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'd 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.

Fiona Harrison
Homestay Co-Ordinator
Hayesfield Girls' School
01225 426151 ext. 408

Bands Night 2018 - Friday 2nd February

Tickets for the hottest event on the Beechen Cliff calendar are going fast half the tickets have already been sold. The line-up for Friday's event is close to being finalised - with more bands and solo acts than ever before:

4 Everest	A debut for Findley Burgess and others from Year 8
Distortion	A Year 10 group playing for the first time with Henry Price, Benjy Morriss, Cory McMillan and Peaches Cooper
Ghostlight	Another group playing for the first time, this time from Year 11 with Dom Beale, Arthur Mawer, Robbie Laughlen, Freddie Burden and Roland Alexander
Roland Alexander	A drum soloist - a first for Bands Night
Tom Carpenter	Tom from Year 11 has played in every Bands Night and we are looking forward to hearing his acoustic set again this year - not a dry eye will be left in the house.
BandX	From the Lower Sixth Oscar Lamb, Carmen Williamson, Sam Nunn and Fintan Hardy have formed especially for the event so who knows (we just hope they do!)
Liam Sailes	Back for his second time, Liam from the Lower Sixth is an accomplished and sophisticated Ed Sheeran type of performer
Big Foot	Tidy psychedelic rock outfit from the Upper Sixth with Ben Coleman, Tom Dunnell, Robbie Beale and Joe Bateman
Poets	Lower Sixth students Will Sayers, Declan McDonald, Henry Hegarty and Hugo Flynn play for a first time at this event if their first recording is anything to go by we are in for a treat.
Vrillon	Hold onto your hats this Upper Sixth band just keep getting better and better - their tight raw energy playing alternative rock/spooky punk (whatever that is!) has marked them out as a serious prospect. Featuring Will Hegarty, Henry Goddard, George Armstrong and Charlie Quarren-Evans.

Just a reminder: The event starts at 7:15pm. Tickets (£1 in advance) for this event for pupils, students and parents. Tickets are now available to buy via parent pay, from the Main Office and from the Sixth Form Office. On the door, entrance will be £2. Be warned, in previous years this event has been sold out so get your ticket early. For parents, there will be a bar.

All proceeds from Bands Night go to support the Sixth Form charity project work in Transylvania with People Against Poverty.

Will Hegarty and Tegan Rush

SPORTS

Sporting Fixtures

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

Day	Kick Off/Start time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/Return
Thurs 25 th Jan	14.15	Football 1 st XI, 2 nd XI, U18C v QEH (A)	12.45	Coach 13.00	17.00
	14.30	Cross Country U16A v Kingswood Road Race (A)	13.30	MB	16.00
	14.30	Netball U18A, U18 B v Sexeys School (A)	13.00	MB	17.00
	15.45	Hockey 1 st XI v Warminster School (A)	14.00	MB	17.30
	16.00	Football U14A, U12A v Clifton High School (A)	14.45	Coach 15.00	18.00
Sun 28 th Jan	10.00	Rugby Sevens U18A v Millfield 7s (A)	8.00	MB	16.00
Mon 29 th Jan	15.15	Hockey U15A v Colston's School (A)	14.15	MB	16.45
	16.15	Hockey U15B v Colston's School (A)	15.15	MB	17.45
Tues 30 th Jan	14.30	Football U14A, U14B v Bristol Grammar (A)	13.00	Coach 13.15	16.45
	15.30	Basketball U18A v Bristol Metropolitan Acadmey	13.15	n/a	16.00
Weds 31 th Jan	14.00	Hockey 7's U13A, U13B v All Hallows School (A)	13.15	MB	17.00
	14.45	Hockey 7's U13C, U13D v All Hallows School (A)	13.15	MB	17.30
	15.30	Hockey 7's U13E v All Hallows School (A)	12.30	MB	15.30

Sports Results for Week Commencing 15th January 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 15 th Jan	U15 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	7-1
	U13 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Drew	2-2
	U12 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	2-9
Tues 16 th Jan	U14 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	2-4
	U15 Indoor Hockey tournament	Tournament	Winners	
	U14 Basketball v Writhlington	League	Won	42-3
Wed 17 th Jan	U14a Football v Millfield	Friendly	Lost	1-5
	U14b Football v Millfield	Friendly	Lost	3-4
	U15a Football v Millfield	Friendly	Won	3-1
	U15b Football v Millfield	Friendly	Won	7-0
	U16a Football v Millfield	Friendly	Lost	2-6
	U12b Football v Clifton Prep	Friendly	Lost	2-4
	U12c Football v Clifton Prep	Friendly	Lost	1-4
Thurs 18 th Jan	U13 Football v Bucklers Mead	Somerset Cup	Won	8-0
	1 st XI Football v Dauntseys	Friendly	Won	4-0
	2 nd XI Football v Dauntseys	Friendly	Won	6-1
	U14a Hockey v Clifton	Friendly	Won	6-1

Mr P MacDonald
Director of Sport