



BEECHEN CLIFF

Summer 2016

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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

A huge amount of activity is packed into this last part of the academic year. In the first weekend in July many of us witnessed the Centurion boys and girls set out to try and conquer one of the hardest challenges set by the school. Watching them hobble back, pained but determined, we were all reminded of the teamwork which has been required to help get them to the end of their quest. For those involved in that particular weekend it was, of course, the acquisition of a tie. For everyone in the school there has been a clear purpose to the year, of course. The achievement of positive academic outcomes, underpinned by strong and positive attitudes to their work helps to define the Beechen Cliff pupil. This year has seen some significant developments in helping our pupils progress and take more responsibility for themselves and their achievements. The Sixth Form has been introduced to a range of experiences, ranging from invitations to 'super-curricular' events and opportunities to hearing from a number of speakers from a range of professions and academic backgrounds. This set of opportunities available at this level is seeing a rise in the aspirations of the boys in Lower School. The development of the careers service in school, supported by our expert support from Bath College, has helped in shaping future pathways. It is as boys reach this point that they recognise the reason we have made so clear to them the need to take up the offers being made by the school to promote their development. Hopefully they can say that from the moment they first went to Tir-y-Cwm and took prospective parents around the school to the time they took up leadership positions or found themselves navigating dark moors in the pouring rain; Beechen Cliff helped prepare them for what was to come.

This newsletter will give a taste of some of the experiences of the last few months; it says a huge amount for the participation level of our pupils of course, as well as that of the staff who provide them.

May I wish all those involved with the school a good break.

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

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 13 th July	Kipling and Milton – Thorpe Park visit
Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th July	Summer School for catch-up pupils
Monday 18 th July	INSET DAY 5
	Bovington Tank Museum visit
Tuesday 19 th July	Gun Handling & Safe Shooting course for pupils @ Mendip Shooting Ground
Tuesday 19 th July – Wednesday 31 st August	Summer Holidays
Thursday 18 th August	A2 Results 9.00am in the Main Hall
	AS results 11.00am in the Main Hall
Thursday 25 th August	GCSE Results 9.30am in the Main Hall
Wednesday 31 st August and Thursday 1 st September	Boarding House opens @ 8.00am for AASE Rugby Players
Thursday 1 st September	Autumn Term starts
Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September	INSET 1 and 2
Friday 2 nd September	Boarding House opens @ 10.00am for New & Returning Boarders
Monday 5 th September	Pupils/Students return to School

Essential Information

New Term - Arrangements

The new academic year begins **Monday, 5th September 2016** (Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September 2016 are staff training days). Arrival times are:

Lower School

8.25am – 8.45am - Year 7 pupils report to the Main Hall for registration and Welcome.
11.00am - Years 8–11 arrive in School and report to tutor groups

Sixth Form

Lower Sixth Form Students to arrive for a 9.00am Assembly in Sports Hall

Upper Sixth Form Students to arrive for a 10.30am assembly in the Sports Hall

School will finish at approximately 3.15pm, following a Whole School Assembly

Mr K Mann

Assistant Headmaster

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:

Lower School Pupils

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

Sixth Form Students

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

Extra Curricular Activities

We have a variety of after school clubs for pupils to attend. Details of these are displayed around the School and on the website. <http://www.beechencliff.org.uk/clubs.html>

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

School Meals

The cost of our lunch meal deal has not changed for many years although other costs have increased. From September the meal deal will increase from £2.35 to £2.45 per day still providing excellent value for money.

A reminder that the meal deal consists of a main and two sides and a pudding.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Staff Leavers

We say goodbye to a small number of our colleagues at the end of the academic year. Obviously we wish them every success.

Lewis Matheson

Mr Matheson leaves his position as Head of Physics to take up a promotion to the role of Head of Science at Kingswood School. He will be very much missed, a stalwart leader of his area in Science and also of our CCF contingent. He will be much missed in both areas.

Rebecca Cole

Miss Cole returns to Bristol, after a temporary stay with us. I know that she has enjoyed working with us and we wish her every success in her new school.

Hazel Hughes

Miss Hughes is leaving to take up a part-time role at Kingswood School. She has been a dynamic member of the Languages team and will be missed by staff and boys.

Sue Millen

Mrs Millen has given twenty-six years service to the School, taking on the role of Pastoral Secretary. Many parents will have had contact with Mrs Millen over the years, with issues as wide-ranging as lost coats to locker key allocations. Patient, professional and utterly loyal to Beechen Cliff, Mrs Millen has been an exceptional asset to us. She has spent the last few months passing over her wisdom to Mrs Evans, our new Pastoral Secretary. Everyone at Beechen Cliff wishes Sue a long and happy retirement.

Mark Clarke

Mr Clarke leaves us after 11 years of service to the School, in particular to those studying Psychology in the Sixth Form. He was always a positive addition to the staffroom.

Nicola Stevenson

Mrs Stevenson leaves us after a year as Deputy Head at Beechen Cliff. We wish her every happiness in her future roles.

Hugo Corripio-Dieppe

Mr Corripio-Dieppe takes up a Deputy Head post at an international school in Spain. He has made a very impressive impact on the school and the area of ICT/Computing has thrived under his dynamic leadership. He takes with him his two boys and we wish the whole family every happiness.

Important Dates for Year 11 Pupils

Thursday, 25th August 2016

Provisional GCSE Examination Results can be collected from the Main Hall at school at 9.30am. Help and advice will be on offer until 1pm that day for those who need guidance with regard to their next steps.

The School will supply envelopes of a suitable size to take the pupil's results and other relevant information. However, candidates who wish to receive their results by post must provide an A4 self-addressed envelope, stamped with a 'Large Stamp'. The examination results will be ratified before the final certificates are delivered in late October.

Thursday, 24th November 2016

A Presentation Evening in the Assembly Rooms when GCSE Certificates will be presented. Further details of the evening will be sent to you when they are finalised.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Examination Results – August 2016

A level

Year 13 (A2 results) – Thursday 18th August 2016 from 9:00am in the Main School Hall.

Year 12 (AS results) – Thursday 18th August 2016 from 11:00am in the Main School Hall.

GCSE

GCSE results (Year 11) Thursday 25th August 2016 from 9:30am in the Main School Hall.

GCSE results (Year 10) will be handed out in Science teachers during the first week of term in September.

Unable to attend Results Day?

All uncollected results will be handed out in first week of September term unless a **stamped**, self-addressed envelope has been provided to the Examination Office by 12th July 2016. Please mark clearly in top left hand corner with student's name and year group.

Thank you.

Enquiries following Results Day

The Examinations Officer will be available to help with enquiries about results at various times between Wednesday 17th August and Friday 26th August 2016. The Sixth Form team will also be available to provide guidance for those who need it with regard to their next steps. In the first instance please email exams@beechencliff.org.uk.

Advice, guidance, forms and deadlines can be found at
http://www.beechencliff.org.uk/external_exams.html

Any further enquiries will be dealt with at the start of new term in September. 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 16th September 2016**.

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer

Beechen Cliff Sixth Form - Enrolment, Exam Results and Start of Term Arrangements

Next Steps for Lower Sixth Form

	Existing Beechen Cliff Students	New Students to Beechen Cliff
Thursday 25 th August GCSE Results Day	<p>You will receive a letter confirming your place in the Sixth Form along with your results.</p> <p>If you are unsuccessful, there will be support available for alternative Post 16 options.</p>	<p>Collect your results from your current school.</p>
Friday 26 th August		<p>Bring your original results statement and a copy to Beechen Cliff's Main Hall between 9.00am to 11.30 am surname A-J and 12.00pm to 2.30 pm surname K-Z to confirm your place in the Sixth Form.</p> <p>If you cannot attend, please contact us instead by email on that day with an electronic copy of your original results statement. (Susie.Ingram@beechencliff.org.uk)</p>
Friday 2 nd September Sixth Form Enrolment Day (INSET Day)	<p>Lower Sixth students go to the Sports Hall at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with surname beginning A-J arrive at 9:00am • Students with surname beginning K-Z arrive at 10:30am <p>Attendance is compulsory. Subject changes and timetable adjustments will be made at this time.</p> <p>Lower Sixth students, you can expect to be in school for no longer that 1 hour. Dress code: Casual.</p>	
Monday 5 th September First Day of Term	<p>Lower Sixth students should arrive at 9.00am in Sports Hall for a welcome assembly with the Head of Sixth Form. You will then meet your tutor and start your welcome programme.</p> <p>Dress code: Suits</p>	

Next Steps for Upper Sixth Form

Thursday 18 th August	AS Results	Collect results from school from 11.00 am
Friday 19 th August	Post AS result support	By appointment (details of how to book in results envelope)
Tuesday 23 rd August	Post AS result support	By appointment (details of how to book in results envelope)
Friday 2 nd September Sixth Form Enrolment (INSET day)	Upper Sixth students go to the Sports Hall at the following times: Students with surname beginning A-J arrive at 2.00 pm Students with surname beginning K-Z arrive at 3.30 pm Attendance is compulsory. This will be your opportunity to let us know what subjects you are dropping in consultation with staff and to collect your timetable Upper Sixth students, you can expect to be in school for no longer than 1 hour. Dress code: Casual	
Monday 5 th September First day of Term	Upper Sixth students should arrive at 10.30 am in the Sports Hall for a welcome assembly with Mr Oldham. Break 11.00 to 11.30 Assembly for the whole of Sixth form 11.30 Dress code: Suits Lessons start at 1.15 pm	

Senior Prefect Team Appointments for 2016/2017

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 2016/2017 can be confirmed.

Well done to all who took part in the selection process

Senior Prefect Team

Head Boy

Alexander Brake

Head Girl

Eirian Williams

Deputy Head Boy

Luke MacDonald

Deputy Head Girl

Emily Howley-Wells

Senior Prefects

Evelyn Heavens

Timothy Otto

Angus Watts

Joe Wood

Sports Captains

Thomas Holman

Poppy Rogers

Rugby Captains

Miles Reid

Ned Newman

Netball Captains

Chloe Townsend-Williams

Carla Thompson (Vice)

Elizabeth Norman

House Captains

Byron

Alexandra Gilbert

Louis Howell

Chaucer

Jemma Guest

Thomas Dudman

Kipling

Harriet Prosser

Jack McKay

Milton

Millie Philips

Anthony Harwood

Shakespeare

Alice Pugsley

Oliver Knight

Arts Captain

Bonye Dawson-Kropf

Senior Musician

Wesley Downing

Corben Lamb (Deputy)

House News

Byron

As the end of another year fast approaches, we have an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months; the successes, the moments to be proud of, and those to be learned from.

Firstly, it has been fantastic to see our Year 11s work so hard in preparation for their summer exams, and 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. It has also been fantastic to see so many Year 10s apply for the prefect roles for next year, and we are confident that our prefect team next year will serve the house in an exemplary manner. Also to the Year 7s who have settled in quickly; no doubt the Tir-y-Cwm trip feels like a lifetime ago to many of you, and I have been impressed at how you have all thrown yourselves into the school community with such passion.

The house competition has been hotly contested, and whilst we have demonstrated great humility and compassion in finishing mid table overall, there have been some great successes, notably in the rugby, the cross country and the football. Not content with sporting success, Byron have many representatives in the Young Musician competition, including Ewan Meadows, Hardie Cheshire, John Hetherington, Marcus Yan, James Oliver, Joel Rogers and James Robson. To every student who has participated in a house competition over the year, regardless of the team or level, thank you for representing your house with maturity, passion and determination, and I hope you can continue to do so next year.

It has also been brilliant to see so many students getting involved in so many challenges or events; be it Ruben Corripio-Dieppe winning the Byron Accelerated Reader competition to the students who have completed the Centurion, Three Peaks or Ten Tors challenges during the year, you have demonstrated resilience and aspiration, values which will stand you in good stead in the future.

I would like to thank our Byron Sixth Form students and their tutors; the Sixth Form have made a valued contribution to the house, as exemplified in the tug of war event at sports day where the Sixth Form team, complete with Ms Milland, helped challenge the staff's finest!

Finally, I would like to thank the tutors for the tireless work they do. Have a great summer, you have earned it!

Mr Moat
Deputy Head of Byron

Chaucer

It is now time to say farewell to those in Year 11 who will leave school and move onto college. We hope to see you again on results day and Presentation Evening. For those staying onto Sixth Form, we hope that you do not forget us and keep in touch with tutors and tutor groups.

Moving forward we have just completed the interviews for prefects next year. Eighteen in the Year applied, and all acquitted themselves well. It will be a very difficult job to narrow the group to twelve and Miss Holloway and myself hope those who are unsuccessful will still continue to fully involve themselves in all aspect of house life.

Elsewhere many of the boys have had a busy summer term with numerous trips, visits and tours, it has been a little disappointing to relinquish our rewards week crown to Milton but the spirit shown in all house competitions had been most encouraging.

Finally we wait to welcome the new Year 7 boys from Primary School who will join us in September. I am sure they will quickly settle and be happy to be members of our house family.

Mr S J Shaw
Head of Chaucer

Kipling

This term we waved our Year 11s on their way with the now-customary Kipling cake leavers' assembly! We wish them all the best for Results' Day and look forward to welcoming many back into the Sixth Form to continue their studies.



This term has also seen many of our Year 7s organise and complete their own sponsored event in order to raise money for the Kipling charities, the RNLI and the RUH. At time of going to press, the following boys had completed their events:

Toby Pearce	100 miles cycle ride coast to coast from Ilfracombe to Plymouth
Jack Griffiths	sponsored silence
Louis Bain	2.5km swim, completed in 55 minutes
Nima Golshahi	sponsored swim
Charlie Dunn	5km walk
Jago Thompson-Roberts	10m walk
Jack Hine	1km swim
Sam Coyle	Sponsored cycle
Ollie Cox and Caleb Carey	ice bath challenge – managing 5 minutes each!
Charlie Healy	learning Dutch

A huge 'well done' to all for these considerable efforts. We look forward to taking these boys to visit our nearest lifeboat station, at Weymouth, in September – more details to follow.

Kipling House was very well represented at this year's school sports day, both in terms of participation and spectators. A special mention must go to **Sonny Burbidge**, or KP3, who broke the school record, held since 1990, in the javelin!

Tutor groups continue to help serve the local community by regular litter-picking sessions, and by running errands for residents of the Avenues.



Photos here show members of KP7 doing their stint in May this year

Thank you to all Kiplingites and their families for the many efforts and 'behind the scene' support which has been given this year. A final thank you goes to Mr Quintin, who is stepping down from his KP5 tutor role after seven years in order to focus on supporting school sports fixtures. Thank you to him for his superb support of the boys in his care over the years.

We wish you a restful summer break.

Mr Hall and Mrs Leonardi
Kipling House

Milton

Whoosh! If I had to describe the year with a sound this would definitely rank high on my list. For me and on behalf of all the year groups in Milton, I hope you will agree that this year has gone by at such a pace for a variety of different reasons. It only feels like a few months back when we were welcoming the Year 7's to our school, and now we have a fresh group of young men about to embark on that same journey.

Firstly, my Deputy, Mr Glanville, and I would like to start by thanking you all for your help and support this year. We have had a very busy and successful year in school and you as partners in the education of your son deserve much of the credit for that.

As sure as night follows day, we would like to say farewell to our Year 11 cohort who deserve a relaxed and enjoyable summer break and we would like to wish them luck in their future endeavours. As always, we had lots of interest in the prefect role and I would like to thank all the boys who submitted an application and congratulate them for performing so admirably throughout the process. I would like to give a special mention to Gabriel Winbolt, William Brant and Daniel Lansdown who will lead our House over the coming year. I'm sure they will do a fantastic job and make us very proud!

One of my final acts of the year was to pick up the title as 'Sports Day Champions 2015/16'. It was an amazing day, and as a Head of House I was extremely proud to see our boys giving their all when representing Milton. We earned our bragging rights, so in the words of Muhammad Ali: 'It's hard to be humble when you are as good as we are'.

I have almost completed my first full year as Head of Milton House and I honestly can say that it is an honour to lead a fine and outstanding group of young men through such an important time in their lives. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my excellent team of tutors who not only work extremely

hard to give our boys a positive and purposeful start to the day, but are also there to give support and advice when needed.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Glanville for all his help and support over the years as Deputy Head of House. Mr Glanville did a sterling job and I wish him every success in his new role at Beechen Cliff. Consequently, Mr Newell will now take on the responsibility as our new 'Deputy Head of House' and as such, I welcome him to the Milton family. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hawkins who will be leaving us. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to Milton and I wish you every success in the future.

I extend my grateful thanks to everyone associated to Milton House for the way you continue to support us and our boys. I also wish you all an excellent summer, wherever you may be, and I look forward to many more years ahead.

With very best wishes

Mr D Jaggon
Head of Milton House

Shakespeare

It has been another exciting and engaging year for Shakespeare students with many of our pupils throwing themselves into the many opportunities on offer at school. What impressed me the most this year was the fact every Shakespeare pupil represented the house in a House competition. We took a record of all the boys in the house and some boys managed to get involved in over 10 House competitions which is a truly *aspirational* target for any boy in the house.

New Prefect Team

I recently interviewed the Year 10 students who applied to be a prefect for next year. The outstanding aspect of the process was the high calibre of the application letters which I received. I am proud to announce Shakespeare will have a *balanced* team of prefects next year with some exceptional students who are willing to help the running of the school and be there to support other students in younger years. Our new prefects are:

Nicholas Kinson	Jeremy Becker	
Oscar Lamb	Gabriel Barnes	Alexander Pakeman
Jack Golding	Ioan Baxter	
Miles Roberts	Harrison Millar	James Morris

The Oscars



On Tuesday, 5th July we celebrated the third Annual Celebration of Achievement Awards, aka the 'Oscars', for Years 7 to 9. Each House nominates two boys from each year group who they believe deserves an award for their services to their House. Shakespeare nominees included boys who have shown progression over the years with us and also boys who have shown examples of the core values of the School.

On the evening of the awards Shakespeare boys decided to use the Oscars theme and choose classic movie soundtracks for their walk on music. Isaac 'Eye of the Tiger' De Buriatte and George 'Jaws' Russell were well accepted, Vivek's entrance to the theme of the Pink Panther was particularly amusing. Matthew Phillips acceptance speech stole the show! The winners this year are:

Year 7	Vivek Prasad	George Russell
Year 8	Matthew Phillips	Max Konig
Year 9	Isaac De Buriatte	Morgan Dearden

Mr L Sumsion
Head of Shakespeare

Word of the Week - Impromptu

Spell it?

Impromptu comes from the Latin phrase
'*in promptu*' meaning, rather confusingly,
'ready to go; prepared'.

Remember it is **im**promptu (and not *inpromptu*) by thinking:

impromptu
acting on **im**pulse

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

Departmental News

Art and Photography

Annual Art Exhibition



The Annual Art show was held in the block on Thursday, 16th June. It was a crazy week with the moderation taking place on the four days from Monday to Thursday, so the teachers all had to work very hard to get the GCSE and A level ready for the exam board to look at, only to then take it all down to put up the show on Thursday. Apologies for those who attended the show if we were still putting up work around you!

On top of this, we also prepared a bar and barbeque ready for the evening, which turned out to be more successful than we anticipated. Again, many thanks for the contributions which went some way to us recouping our costs for the food. The evening was a great success and was very well attended. Many thanks to Miss Holloway, Mrs Judd and Mrs Jones for all of their hard work on that week.



Year 10 Art Trip into Bath

As part of their GCSE course our Year 10 students have taken part in a number of trips outside of the classroom this year. The most recent one being on Thursday, 23rd June for a trip into the city centre to explore the large amount of art galleries Bath has to offer. This was specifically designed to allow the boys to see different types of art locally to them, plus the opportunity to speak to galleries to find out more about specific pieces of work and to learn from this. All boys conducted themselves really well and showed great interest in the art Bath has to offer. Now their target....to continue to explore and discover more dynamic and inspirational work for their final year of their course!

RUH Exhibition

As part of the department's ambition to promote the work the students do to a wider audience, Mr Murphy has spent the last few weeks framing and preparing work in preparation for a show of work that is now on display in the Royal United Hospital in Bath. If you visit the hospital, take a look at the work, which is being displayed in the corridor on the right as you go through the main entrance. This show has been organised in collaboration with Ralph Allen School who are displaying their work in an adjacent corridor. The work is a showcase of some of the best pieces by the Upper and Lower Sixth Form students in Art and Photography



Artist of the Term

Congratulations to George Barnett in Year 8 for winning the Artist of the Term prize for the summer. His colourful piece is from the project based on the Día de Muertos festival.

Have a great summer, from everyone in the Art Department!

Mr D Murphy
Head of Art and Photography



English Department

Reporting on a Reporter

BBN EXCLUSIVE: DAN RIVERS EXCELS IN YEAR 10 FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

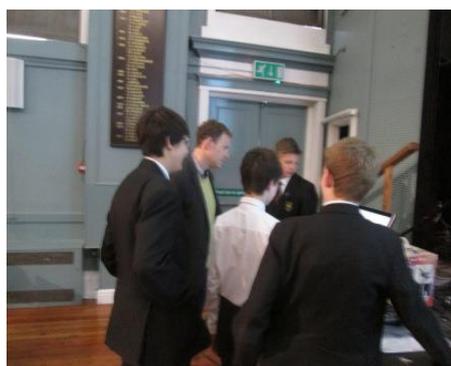
On Friday, 20th May ITN NEWS Correspondent Dan Rivers returned to his old school to share aspects of his work with Year 10.

Dan Rivers has worked for several different forms of media in his life, beginning his journey into Journalism by working on *The Gryphon* (the first Beechen Cliff school newspaper) in the late 80s. He described some of his memories of Beechen Cliff, 26 years ago.

Dan started with a couple of videos of reports he has made for ITV News. He then went on to share some past stories and factors that have shaped his career. These included: tough physical reports, such as Pakistan – meeting children suffering from loss of family members and lack of warmth, the 2004 Indonesian tsunami and mentally powerful stories, such as the war in Gaza.



Dan returns to his former school, Beechen Cliff, to give a presentation to Year 10



The current BBN Journalists showing Dan their website

The International Affairs correspondent said: 'It's more like a lifestyle than a job – we're constantly on and off planes with cameras, going to different countries and making reports.'

Dan answered questions from our Journalists. When asked: 'What is the most interesting story you've covered?', he said: 'I had to travel to Kazakhstan to cover Tim Peake's launch and I was really excited. However, my cameraman's paperwork did not allow him to travel because it was invalid, and I ended up filming it all on my iPhone!' This gave us a form of inspiration, as he said that any of us could go out with our phones and make reports, sharing information with our friends, and potentially the world.

On his return to the school, Dan told Year 10 how he had finally been given his Centurion Challenge tie, which he 'may wear on air one day', receiving it 26 years after completing the trek – a task he surprisingly called the 'toughest physical challenge' he has done to this day.

In a post-assembly chat with BBN, he talked about editing, reporting, deadlines, e-sports, how he's developed as a reporter through working for ITN and what he normally reports on. He discussed his time in Pakistan, reporting on the 2005 earthquake there, his reports from war-torn Syria and its political state, and then talked to us about getting into professional journalism/camera operations/other aspects of journalism.

BBN Journalist Kai Fortune.

If you are interested in joining Journalism Club, please see Mrs James in the English Office



BBN and Year 10 offer our thanks to Dan Rivers, after a truly excellent presentation

Geography

Be Tick aware

At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. Due to the mild winter these minute spider like insects are in great abundance this year. They are parasitic and take blood from their host. They are normally easy to remove with tweezers and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely debilitating. The incidence of this disease is on the rise so here is some advice on what to look out for. Further details are available by following the links from the Outdoor Education section of the school website or directly from <http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/>



The rash is very distinctive and looks like a target or dart board. Please consult your doctor if you see this.

Ten Tors 2016

On the first weekend of May this year Beechen Cliff were again well represented at the annual Ten Tors challenge event over Dartmoor. This tests the ability and resolve of teams of six to navigate, camp, cook and be self-sustained over the largest expanses of wilderness in England. Teams from all over attempt the challenge at 35, 45 or 55 miles. Beechen Cliff successfully entered teams for all distances.

Training started with day walks in January on the Mendip and Quantock hills before more arduous weekends on Dartmoor. Below are some photos and pupil perspectives of their experiences.

Jeremy Becker Year 10 Ten Tors has been one of the highlights of the academic year. What started as a daunting and almost seemingly impossible achievement gruellingly described to us in the Bolton suite on a rainy Wednesday lunchtime by Mr Brewer, was completed by every challenger, serenely on a baking weekend in May on the endless bogs and bleak granite slopes of Devon. So began four months of training preparation and kit buying, starting on icy weekends in the Mendips or the Quantocks, where basic navigation skills and walking endurance were mastered. Then come February, Friday nights were spent on minibuses driving into the night towards Dartmoor, dinner at the ever famous Exeter services Burger King, before an evening in the rustic Devonshire village hall of South Zeal. Here we did route planning whilst being supplied with biscuits. Then came the dreaded Mr Stewart kit check. Come the morning, packing and dexterous organising would begin at 6:00am, walking commencing at 7:00am, the first weekend beginning with us ascending the misty summit of Cosdon Hill from the doors of the village hall and onto the bleak moorland.



Training weekends comprised of 12 or so hours of pacey walking fuelled by oat bars and ration packs, leaping over water logged moss beds, mounting vertical hills, crossing rivers where water could be refilled with use of chlorine tablets, hopscotching through devilish elephant grass and navigating against the biting cold and deceptive mist that stalked the moor. These weekends would be further enhanced by the thrill of competition between the teams to reach the campsite first and snap up the best pitches. Campcraft and mountain craft were steadily learnt and map-reading tips obtained as we familiarised ourselves with the Dartmoor wilderness, from the gates of Oakhampton camp to Princetown.

When May arrived, the Beechen Cliff challengers gathered at the Bear Flat coach stop on a Friday morning and boarded the coach to Oakhampton, ready for the challenge. Arriving at the military camp in Okehampton, our eyes were met by a gargantuan canvas bearing a large blue Beechen Cliff flag, encircled by smaller tents aligned by union jacks and flags of the houses of Beechen Cliff. The vast campsite resembled a Glastonbury festival for hiking fanatics. The Friday was spent in preparation, including scrutineering (kit check) by the Dartmoor rescue group.

The event commenced at 7.00am at the gates of the camp on Saturday morning by the sounding of the canons and the Ten Tors prayer, the teams took off into the moor in what was a meteorological phenomenon in the form of sunny weather on Dartmoor. Our team marched forward for 13 hours of



Sophie Taylor receives a silver medal (45 miles) from Lieutenant Colonel Bates.

almost non-stop walking passing seven checkpoints (Tors) and arriving just before 8 at the midpoint between the 7th and 8th tor. At the break of dawn, walking recommenced. Slowly but surely the elusive inflatable green arch that marked the finished line became less of a distant fantasy and as Oakhampton loomed, as we descended the final hill, Mr Stewart and Mr Sayers awaited us handing us the flags as we bounded to the finish where hundreds of people lined the finishing metres clapping and cheering us in!

We received our bronze medals for completing 35 miles and waited for the 45 and 55 teams to collect silver and gold medals respectively.

Jake Elton Year 10 The Ten Tors challenge is a great event which really helps develop confidence and teamwork skills. I found the event itself tested my navigational ability as I had a more active role in this than I had done in training. On the Sunday morning we experienced dense fog which tested the faith we had in the compass and our own ability. The fact that this was the real event added pressure to our decisions. The actual distance itself I did not find too demanding as our training sessions had gradually built up in distance and difficulty in different areas and landscapes. The weather during training was predominately cold and windy with freezing overnight temperatures. The event was warm and sunny which brought about different issues such as staying hydrated and regularly applying sun cream.



A Beechen Cliff Team approaching the finish.

Centurion Challenge 2016

The Beechen Cliff School Centurion Challenge 2016 took place over the first weekend in July with 103 brave souls from Years 7 to Year 12, taking up the Challenge. Joining the Challenge this year and making Centurion Challenge history, two young women, Jessica Tucker and Sophie Taylor from Beechen Cliff Lower Sixth.



100 miles in 48 hours
Friday 1st July to
Sunday 3rd July 2016

The Challenge commenced at 4:00pm on Friday, 1st July under greying skies. Fortunately the forecasted rain held off until much later that evening when our challengers were deep in sleep. However within three hours of the start, on the way to the Devizes Camp Site, our numbers had reduced by one. Most challengers arrived at the campsite by 8:30pm, to feast on the on the awaiting BBQ, before retiring for the night, only to be woken at 4:30am on Saturday morning for the start at 6:00am.

The magnificent 102 now became 98, quickly falling to 94 as the challengers now made their way to St Lawrence Church, Hungerford and the 50 miles half way point, encouraged and refuelled on the way by our dedicated marshalling group. Resting only for only a few minutes in the coolness of the church yard, and after touching the sacred doors of the church, the challengers feasted on a buffet of rolls, cake, fruit and energy bars before returning along the same canal tow path. Another 11 were to fall at the church and we lost many more challengers on the route on the long 29 miles walk back to the Devizes encampment.

The final morning dawned, and 60 challengers set off on the final leg, to return to Beechen Cliff School by 4.00pm to qualify as Centurions. The first three to arrive; Jayakrishna Jagadees and Flynn Jones, arrived back before 10:00am, in one of the fastest times, closely followed by Oliver Minkley, covering the final 21 miles in just four hours. They will have their names engraved into the Centurion Challenge Hall of Fame. Over the following hours and under a hot sun, the remaining challengers arrived home, to be greeted by friends and family and hailed as Centurions. The last Centurion made it back to Beechen Cliff by 3.15pm, bringing to a close another very successful challenge. 2016 gave us two young women Centurions and another Year 7 Centurion, Charlie McKim finished just after 2.00pm.

The 2016 Challengers this year were : Samuel Ames, Karl Baddeley, Ioan Baxter, Maxwell, Beament, Jeremy Becker, Stuart Blair, Louis Bosnell, John-Joseph Brady, Luke Bundy, John Burton, Joseph Button, James Catt, George Cheshire, Luke Coles, Sebastian Corripio-Dieppe, Arun Couchman, Jacob Cunnington, Joseph Danns, Alexis Delaroff, Patrick Dixon, Jake Elton, Marcus Feather, Rhys Fielding, Ashley French, William Goddard, Henry Goddard, Jack Golding, Zeb Goldsmith, David Goodhart, Joseph Green, Harvey Green, Henry Grendon, Tom Grendon, Joseph Grosvenor, Joseph Hayward, Samuel Head, James Head, Callum Heath, Henry Hegarty, Daniel Henly, Thomas Henly, George Hodges, Thomas Horobin, Jack Howman, Jayakrishna Jagadees, Benjamin John, Flynn Jones, Elliott Jones, Alfred Kale, William Kearney-Mitchell, George Kohn, Lucas Lambourne,, James Langley, Benjamin Laughton, Corentin Legault, Ralph Leming, William Ludvigsen, Jamie Lyle, Tommy Machin, Callum Mander, Thomas O.Matthews, Charlie McKim, James, McLoughlin, Jaime Melendi, Oliver Minkley, Dino Misina, Rafa Montejo, Isaac Morris, Oscar Moxon, Gabriel Newman, Samuel Nunn, James Oliver, Patrick O'Regan, Jake Ostry, Thomas Pearce, Thomas Powell, Joseph Proudman, Gilbert Prynne, William Raftery, Frederick Reid, Ayooluwa Roberts, Lochlan Robertson, Joel Rogers, Samuel Ruddy, Callum Ryan, Olivier Sharples, Ollie Sheppard, Joseph Spiller, Harrison Stagg, Sophie Taylor, Joseph Tobin, Xavier Tobin, William Tucker, Jessica, Tucker, Cameron Ward, Adam Whiteley, Louis B Willis, Jack Wosikas

Centurions and Challengers we salute you all!



The charity we adopted for this year's Centurion Challenge and Three Peaks Challenge is the Positron Scanner Appeal for Bath's Royal United Hospital. The 2016 Centurions all agree that this is a noble cause and worth the pain to raise the final sponsorship required to enable support to continue after its recent commissioning.

All certificates will be issued in the coming days and we are at presently working on a photo-book of this year's challenge, which will be available to purchase directly from Photobox sometime over the summer. We will send you the link shortly. When you do receive the link, I would urge you to register with  Photobox as they frequently have discount offers that can substantially reduce the cost of the book.

The 2017 Centurion Challenge is only 353 days away. Do you have what it takes to be a Centurion in 2017? Are you prepared to take the challenge?

Mr R Stewart

On behalf of the Centurion Challenge 2016 Organising Team

Three Peaks Challenge 2016

The journey to Scotland was epic in so much as it took almost 15 hours to reach our hostel in Fort William, due to traffic congestion on the M5 and M6. However, well rested overnight our challengers were in high spirits to start the ascent of the first mountain, Ben Nevis, on the Saturday afternoon. At just after 14:00 hours the challenge commenced in warm sunshine. We moved effortlessly up the lower slopes, stopping occasionally, but the pace was exceptionally quick and we were more than three quarters of the way up when we were smothered by low level cloud and the fine rain that came with it. Our ascent continued, crossing the snow field that gave us to the cool breezy summit



which was covered in thin white cloud. But in a matter of seconds the cloud passed over and for 20 minutes our mountaineers could see the magnificent views from the summit, which most who climb this the tallest mountain in the United Kingdom fail to see. The danger of the gully and the snow cornices also became apparent. We flew our flag and departed playing in the snow filed as we descended.

Upon our return to our base camp we dined on a hot pasta meal and hydrated well before setting off in the slowly failing light to Scarfell Pike, our next climb. Leaving Scotland behind us, we drove through the dark night. Fatigue had started to set in and some of our challengers attempted to sleep on a minibus journey punctuated by comfort stops. We arrived at the base of our next challenge at about 4:00am, where Beechen Cliff challengers awoke from their slumbers to see a procession of lights ascending the slopes of Scarfell, disappearing from view as they approached the summit. We too were quick to act. The sun had not yet risen, but darkness was fading quickly and our head torches were soon redundant as the morning sun started to break through the hazy cloud. We were again blessed as our ascent was to be in good day light as we navigated via the more challenging but quicker route to the summit, neatly side-stepping other teams on the mountain. The steeper scramble was a little more challenging but our boys were well up for it and the advantage we gained. Summiting in great time, we flew our flags before descended by the easier route to our base camp. Our catering teams were waiting for us with a breakfast of bacon rolls, fruit juice, cereals, lashings of hot drinks, not forgetting words of comfort and support to sooth our aches, pains and spirits



It was not long before we were back on the road again and the gentle rocking of the minibus meant that many boys soon succumbed to the effects of sleep deprivation, drifting into deep sleep as we continued to travel south crossing the border into Wales.



At the base of Snowden we caught up with the many teams embarking on the same challenge as us. Regrouping for the last ascent of the challenge, we slowly made our way. The weather now was less kind. Fine drizzle persisted and the summit was shrouded in cloud. We climbed the Pyg Track, good under foot in places, steeper in others, but well worn. We reached the bottom of the 'wall of death', the zig zag climb that ascends to Bwlch Glas and finally the summit. From the summit on a clear day you can see England, Scotland and Ireland, but today was not a clear day. The fine drizzle persisted and the temperature fell. With exposed flesh cooling rapidly, the boys started to move with less speed. Finally we flew our flags triumphantly for the last time and it was time to descend with some haste! Within moments the summit was no longer visible as we lost altitude on our rapid descent to warmer climes and the awaiting minibuses at the base and , finally on to the hostel for the last night of our adventure where warm rooms and comfortable beds waiting us. Wet clothes were placed in the drying room and welcoming hot showers reinvigorated us all. We could now relax and feast on curry, rice, naan bread, mango chutney, cake and custard pudding and a final champagne toast to our adventure. The 2016 Challenge was over. All 26 had fulfilled the challenge. No man was left behind.



The 2016 Challengers were : Ioan Baxter, Jeremy Becker, Thomas Calvert, Zach Chalkley, George Cheshire ,Luke Coles, Louis Cottle, Ryan Cottle, Arun Couchman, James Cullingford, Michael Dance, Jake Elton, Rhys Fielding, Benjamin Gilbert, Jack Golding, Thomas Horobin, Nicholas Joinson, Flynn Jones, Nicholas Kinson, Oliver Lewis, George Matthews, Oliver Minkley, Alexander Pearson, Daiyaan Rasul, Jordan Ricketts, Johan Spruit

And the Staff : Andy Mason, Becky Baxter, Bill Wilkinson, Giles Denning, Glen Maxwell, Lindsay Weare, Mike Glanville, Rob Sayers, Tom Moat, Amanda Denning.

The Three Peaks Challenge this year, as in previous years, was to raise money for The Bath Cancer Support Group, to assist with the final monies required to complete the post installation stage of the PET scanner.



The next Three Peaks Challenge is in 2018 so if you interest make sure you are free the weekend after the longest day.

Mr R Stewart
Three Peaks Challenge Organiser

Literacy - Accelerated Reader and Library

Congratulations and thank you to all Year 7s and 8s, their teachers and tutors, who have embraced the Accelerated Reader reading scheme this year.

Some noteworthy results include:

House totals, based on Accelerated Reader points gained since September, and going towards the Summer Rewards Week:

5th ML	4,206.7 AR Points
4th SH	4,910.2 AR Points
3rd BY	4,957 AR Points
2nd CH	6,099.4 AR Points
1st KP	7,302.4 AR Points

The pupils making the greatest contribution to their House's totals:

Byron:	Ruben Corripio-Dieppe
Chaucer:	Caleb Devine-King
Kipling:	Toby Hawkins
Milton:	Ben Powell
Shakespeare	Joseph Morris

We also have **68 Millionaires** - boys who have read 1,000,000 words or more this year. Many congratulations if you are one of the ones to have reached this significant landmark.

What have we enjoyed reading this year?

Beechen Cliff's top 10 books this year, based on the number of boys taking Accelerated Reader quizzes having finished them, is:

1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
2. *Billionaire Boy*
3. *The Maze Runner*
4. *The Recruit*
5. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*
6. *Class A*
7. *Gangsta Granny*
8. *The Hunger Games*
9. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
10. *Grandpa's Great Escape*



We may be a predictable bunch but we know what we like!!

Readers of the Week

Readers of the Week over Terms 5 and 6, chosen for a range of different criteria, and whom were able to choose a free book for their efforts, were:

Kael Honeyman	James Reid	Hamish Phillips	Frederick Veal
Max Grimes	Oscar Simons	Charles Taylor	Archie Robertson
David Jolley	Jack Pawlyn		

Well done to these boys for their superb effort, commitment or progress over this period.

Carnegie Shadowing Group

This year Mr Crow lead our Carnegie group in reading through the shortlisted books. Interestingly, the eventual winner, Sarah Crossan's *One*, was not their favourite – we all preferred Patrick Ness' *The Rest of us Just Live Here!* Nevertheless, the group enjoyed meeting up and sharing their views on the eight shortlisted books, and, for once, on many occasions did not agree at all!



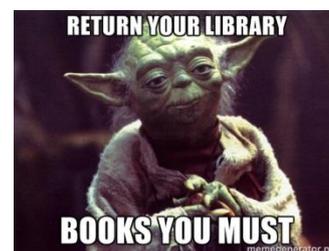
Sixth Form Reading Buddies

Thank you to our strong band of Sixth form reading buddies, who have been very reliable this year in supporting selected pupils with their reading as part of library lessons. We enjoyed recruiting a new cohort at the Sixth Form Freshers' Fair, and will be training them up and matching them with lower school boys in September.



Returns, please!

Finally, we kindly ask boys (and parents) to look at home for any overdue school library books – please return these before the end of term to aid summer stock control and ensure a full quota come September. Many thanks.



Wishing you a relaxing summer of reading on sunny beaches...

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Board Game Club



Board Game Club – or should that be 'Year 10 Board Game Club', as it seems to have evolved into this year! – meets every Tuesday lunchtime and has gone from strength-to-strength this year. More recently we have expanded to cater for Euro 2016 sticker swaps, too!



Boys are welcome to bring their own games to play, or to choose from our growing selection of donations. I have also heard that the Sixth Form have embraced a chess set of their own and that many Sixth Formers can be found locked in hour-long grudge matches during free periods in the study area...

Board Game Club meets every Tuesday in Ridley from 1:15 – 1:55. All welcome.

Mrs L Leonardi
Board Game Club Co-ordinator



Food Technology.

It has been a busy term in Food Technology. We do hope you have continued to enjoy a range of interesting dishes made by the pupils and students.

Some Year 8 classes have looked at Food in Space and the importance of food and nutrition for astronaut Tim Peake.

Year 9 have focussed on developing dishes inspired by Foods from Around the World, making a selection of predominantly savoury main meals.

Next academic year sees the introduction of a new G.C.S.E. in Food.

Food Preparation and Nutrition has proved to be a popular option for next academic year. This course will equip students with the knowledge, understanding, skills and encouragement they need to cook. It will give them the ability to apply the principles of food science, nutrition and healthy eating. The students are really excited about the food science element of the course.

This year we have had the pleasure of working with two excellent student Food teachers Miss Sarah Carroll and Mr Joshua Advani one of our former students. Both teachers have now secured their first teaching post. I know the boys thoroughly enjoyed working with them, and will join us in wishing them well in their future careers.



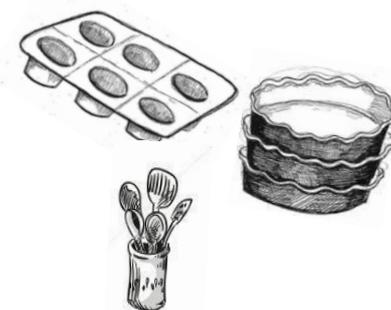
This term Mr Forrest organised for Gareth Brown to come in to give a demonstration and a talk on careers in the Navy to our Year 10 Food students. This was a really informative talk and many of the boys placed an active role in this session.

And finally this week, the Year 12 Food Technology students attended the Food and Nutrition awareness day at Bath Spa University. They found out about current issues associated with food production.

Donations

Can we ask you yet again for donations of biscuit, ice-cream containers or sweet tins for us to use in the Department. Any baking, cookery utensils, gadgets or tea towels that you no longer use are always welcome

Lisa Roberts, Sara Hayes and Lesley Jones.
The Food Technology Team.



Languages

Year 7 Normandy Trip

I awoke at 03:45 to get to school for 04.30! When I got to the coach most people were there already. Eventually we set off for Portsmouth, which took about 2 and a half hours.

The journey was a very long six hours but luckily we had 'Fast and Furious 7' to help us through it!!! Once we got to France we had a short drive to Merville Gun Battery where we saw a re-enactment of the British attacking a bunker. The site was amazingly intact and even had an American Paratrooper plane.

We then drove to the centre where we would be staying. The next day Will and I woke to find we had only five minutes to get to breakfast, as it was an hour later due to the change in time zones.

After breakfast we went to the town of Arromanches where we visited a museum about the D Day landings with models of the Mulberry harbours followed by the 360-degree cinema, which was amazing because it showed how the Allies drove the Nazi's back to Paris. After that we went to another Gun Battery with massive guns that were still standing!! This is where we had our lunch that we had made that morning at the centre. We then went to the American Cemetery at Omaha beach which was really moving as there are over 10,000 graves. That evening after dinner we played for ages on the beach, which was great! Then we hastily made our way to bed.

On the third day we did some language activities including a visit to a biscuit shop, which included learning how to make traditional French biscuits. Then we did a history quiz and my team came joint first! Next we headed off to the snail farm where we learnt where they kept the snails and how they were cooked which was very interesting especially as we all got to taste them. We then went to Bayeux where we saw the Bayeux tapestry which was amazing. This was followed by a task where we were given a list of things we had to find or answer using our French.



The next morning we packed our bags and drove to Caen where we had to work out the meanings of English words in French by means of going around the market. It was an amazing town and we had a great time, which was followed by a trip to an amazing restaurant. The food there was excellent and we had to order our food in French.

Our journey was coming to an end so we drove to the ferry where security was tight and we were held up for ages! Eventually we got on the ferry and bought some last minute souvenirs. When we landed in England and most of us had a long sleep on the way home to Bear Flat.

I would like to say thank you to all the teachers and our driver for giving us a fantastic trip to Normandy that we will never forget.

Tom Rorison
Year 7

Maths Department

Maths is for Everyone

On 20th June, fifteen pupils in Year 10 made their way to Bristol University for a series of lectures on why “Maths is for Everyone”. The day was run by the Further Maths Support Programme and served to reach those students who may or may not have thought about studying maths at a higher level. The day consisted of three fun-activity based lectures, a group problem solving activity and a Q and A session with current students. A lecture on the 2.7th dimension was a particular favourite. Pupils were also given a tour of the university; Bristol’s magnificent Great Hall will stand out to many as the highlight.



Pupils stand in the Great Hall



Pupils take in the architecture and grandeur of the building.

Although the Year 10 pupils are a few years from making their university choices, it certainly gave them all an opportunity to think about what they would want in a university and what subjects they would want to study.



An interesting feature on the campus tour

Mr M Glanville
Maths

The Bath China Project

For several years now Beechen Cliff School has been involved (along with several other secondary and primary schools in and around Bath) in a project linking us with a variety of schools in China.

This year this has involved....

China trip in October 2015

This was the fifth successive year that we have run a joint trip to China and it was (again) a resounding success. The trip itself combines sight-seeing (Beijing, The Great Wall, Xian, Shanghai) with the extra experience of visiting schools in Suzhou and enjoying one night of homestay.

Six Year 9 boys and one Year 10 boy are looking forward to this year’s visit in October .



Sixth Form visitors in February

In February we, along with Hayesfield, welcomed 20 Sixth Form students from Suzhou. They spent ten days in Bath, visiting lessons in both schools and enjoying visits round the country.

China Day at St Gregory's

In June, 17 Year 9 boys experienced a selection of workshops, giving some insight into Chinese life and customs. The day made links with the legendary "Monkey King", and pupils learned about trade along the Silk Road, how to barter in Mandarin and even a bit of Shaolin Kung-Fu!



The partnership with Chinese schools is constantly expanding and I hope that we will be offer more of these events in future.

Mr E R Gill

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Maths 2015-2016

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 – the current year 10s will be the first year to sit the new "1 to 9" GCSE, and when they enter the Sixth Form they will be the first year group to sit the new A Levels in Maths and Further Maths. 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) 200 individuals took part.

In the Junior event we had 119 entries, of whom 21 achieved Gold certificates, 35 Silver and 33 Bronze. Congratulations in particular to Fynn Honeyman in Year 8 for finishing best in school and to Jack Foster, David Jolley, Tom Clark and Ben Riccio in Year 8 and Kael Honeyman, Joseph Morris and Harry Frith in Year 7 for qualifying for the Junior Kangaroo.

Sixth One boys took part in the Intermediate event – they achieved 22 Gold, 19 Silver and 14 Bronze awards. One boy in Year 10 (James Morris) and four boys in Year 11 (Patrick Akbar, Connor Headen, Tom Bobrowski and Joe Grosvenor) qualified for the next stage (the Olympiad) and all five attained Merit awards. In addition, a further 13 qualified for the Intermediate Kangaroo.

Twenty Sixth Formers took part in the Senior event – they achieved 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 9 Bronze awards, with Wes Downing qualifying for the British Maths Olympiad and Sarah Buddle qualifying for the Senior Kangaroo.

Many congratulations to everyone who took part.

Some sample questions...NO CALCULATORS ALLOWED!!!

(answers below!)



Junior Maths Challenge

In a group of 48 children, the ratio of boys to girls is 3 : 5.

How many boys must join the group to make the ratio of boys to girls 5 : 3?

- A 48 B 40 C 32 D 24 E 8

Intermediate Maths Challenge

How many of the following positive integers are divisible by 24?

$$2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7^2$$

$$2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5^3 \times 7^2$$

$$2^2 \times 3^3 \times 5^2 \times 7^2$$

$$2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7^2$$

- A 0 B 1 C 2 D 3 E 4

Senior Maths Challenge

Rahid has a large number of cubic building blocks. Each block has sides of length 4cm, 6cm or 10cm. Rahid makes little towers built from three blocks stacked on top of each other. How many different heights of tower can he make?

- A 6 B 8 C 9 D 12 E 27

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

As ever we had a strong turnout in this year's event, with several boys invited to attend a local talk by NetCraft (sponsors of the Cipher Challenge) about current aspects of web security. Particular congratulations to Jonathan Coates who finished a fantastic 65th on the National Leaderboard. I would like to thank all boys who got involved this year – let us see if we can win it out right next year!



Maths "Inspiration" for Lower Sixth students

Back in March some 30 sixth formers and Year 11 pupils made the annual trip to the "Maths Inspiration" lectures (this year held in Bath). The topics this year were "A Bit Random", "Pi, Pizza and the Electric Guitar" and "Codes, Chords and Combinations".



Bath University visits for Year 9 and Bristol University Visit for Year 10

Boys in Year 9 visited Bath University in February to explore different areas of Maths and have a mini tour of the campus. In June boys from Year 10 attended the “Maths is for Everyone” event at Bristol University, gaining some insight into what it’s like to read Maths at University.

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 is not 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.

Solutions to Puzzles

Junior: C

Initially there are 48 children of whom $\frac{3}{8}$ are boys and $\frac{5}{8}$ are girls, so there are 18 boys and 30 girls. When more boys join there will still be 30 girls but now they form $\frac{3}{8}$ of the total. So the total number of pupils is $\frac{8}{3} \times 30 = 80$, of whom $80 - 30 = 50$ are boys. Hence the number of boys joining is $50 - 18 = 32$.

Intermediate: B

The prime factorisation of 24 is $2^3 \times 3$. Therefore all multiples of 24 must include both 2^3 and 3 in their prime factorisation. Of the options given, only the last includes 2^3 . As it also includes a 3, it is a multiple of 24.

Senior: C

There are several different ways to count systematically the number of towers that Rahid can build. Here is one way:

All blocks the same size: $10 + 10 + 10 = \underline{30}$, $6 + 6 + 6 = \underline{18}$, $4 + 4 + 4 = \underline{12}$

Exactly two blocks the same size: $10 + 10 + 6 = \underline{26}$, $10 + 10 + 4 = \underline{24}$, $6 + 6 + 10 = \underline{22}$, $6 + 6 + 4 = \underline{16}$, $4 + 4 + 10 = \underline{18}$, $4 + 4 + 6 = \underline{14}$

All blocks different sizes: $4 + 6 + 10 = \underline{20}$

So there are 9 different heights (since 18cm is counted twice as $6 + 6 + 6$ AND $4 + 4 + 10$)

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’d like to wish all of you a relaxing summer.

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PSHE

This year in PSHE we have covered a huge range of topics that have been insightful and rewarding for the students.

Year 7 have covered healthy relationships, bullying, healthy eating and lifestyles, revision techniques, smoking and money management this year. Year 8 completed the ASSIST anti-smoking course which really challenged them and we are still seeing the high benefit it has on student's opinions now. Also the boys completed workshops on mental health which the teachers were again very impressed with how mature the students were in group discussions. Year 9 covered contraception and drugs and alcohol in their PSHE sessions this year and they had the benefit of having two guest speakers who are experts in their fields. The Year 10 students cover Homophobic Bullying and Drugs and Alcohol awareness morning, Year 11 benefited from a session relating to healthy relationships.

All boys have fully embraced the group discussions that take place around these topics and should feel very proud of how well they work with their peers. It is fantastic to see the students always wanting to engage and be so willing to participate in PSHE topics, including Theme of The Week and various workshops, drama courses and other one off events that are put on throughout the year.

This year we have been very fortunate in having a **Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (SCPHN)** Debbie Chalke. Debbie has been offering a **confidential** health service to all students at Beechen Cliff School since the beginning of the year. Debbie works with other professionals to help young people stay healthy and safe and is able to provide support around- Keeping Healthy, Immunisations, Emotional Health, Weight Management, Sexual Health, Drugs and Alcohol, Smoking, and much more, ensuring more support for those who need it most.

Next year we are going to be offering the students more PSHE that we hope will keep them open minded, challenge the students and give them key life skills information. We are also going to be starting a PSHE programme for the Sixth Form for the first time. In this we will be covering topics such as finance, ESafety, Nutrition, Stress and Anxiety amongst many more we feel will be inspiration and educational to our new lower sixth students. Thank you again to everyone involved that has made this subject such a pleasure to be leading.

Miss A Holloway
PSHE Co-ordinator

Music Department

The summer term began with the usual frenzied practice routine as the A-level Musicians set about doing their final recordings for their performing coursework. We are grateful to St Luke's Church for allowing us to use their fine acoustics and grand piano to produce high quality recordings which should stand the students in good stead in their public examinations.



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.

On Sunday 5th June one of our Sixth Form bands 'Pilot' performed for a community fete at Bloomfield Green. The band comprised Corben Lamb ((drums), Ed Kamal (guitar and vocals) and Jack Coles (bass guitar). They were very well received and one of the organisers described them as being "Excellent", playing "a well chosen set which was a hit with some of the older as well as the younger people on the green". Congratulations to three Sixth Formers who are keen to play more in the community if any further opportunities should arise...



During the final full week of term, Hayesfield invited us to join them over two days as part of their 'Arts Week'. Monday, 4th July involved pupils singing different styles of music as part of a 'vocal day' and the following day was designated an 'Instrumental day'. Over 40 Beechen Cliff pupils took part in what was two fantastic days of music making which resulted in a short informal concert on both days. Thanks must go to Hayesfield for inviting us and we hope to be able to do more joint ventures in the future including a joint tour to Salzburg next July.

During the first two weeks of Term 6 Mrs Nourse and I had the hard task of auditioning all pupils who had entered the annual Young Musician House Competition. Over 60 pupils from Year 7-10 auditioned for a place in the final which was held on Thursday 7th July. The 20 pupils who made it through are listed below:

Year 7	Louis Pain (KP4) - Piano
	Caleb Devine King (CH6) - Piano
	Ewan Meadow (BY4) – Drum Kit
	Hardy Cheshire (BY6) - Piano
Year 8	John Hetherington (BY6) - Piano
	Tom Clark (ML1) - Piano
	Rory Akbar (ML5) - Cello
	Toby Temple-Smith (BY8) - Piano
	Ben Kirby Woollett (CH3) - Trombone
	Marcus Yan (BY3) - Piano
Year 9	Dom Beale (ML5) - Piano
	William Reed (KP6) - Flute
	Roland Alexander (KP6) - Drums
	Tom Powell (SH4) - Piano
	Rory Self (ML7) - Violin
Year 10	James Oliver (BY5) - Piano
	James Tobson (BY4) Clarinet
	Jude Andon (ML8) - Piano
	Joel Rogers (BY1) - Saxophone
	Sam Hendra (KP2) – Drum Kit

Declan Mcdonald, Henry Hegarty and Patrick Hastie also performed during the afternoon whilst the final adjudication was taking place.

At the end of the afternoon the following presentations were made

Lower School

1st Place-John Hetherington

2nd Place-Tom Clarke

3rd Place- Toby Temple-Smith

Upper School

1st Place- Sam Hendra

2nd Place- Jude Andon

Joint 3rd- Will Reed and Roland Alexander

Congratulations to all performers who gave the audience a superb afternoon of music making. Special thanks must go to Mr Mike Mower, professional musician and old boy for his excellent adjudication, positive feedback and inspiring flute demonstration.

The standard was extremely high with all performers playing competently and musically, presenting a difficult challenge for the adjudicator.

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 Hugh Hegarty and Sophie Bartlett (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 in music both in and out of the classroom next year.

Mr P Calvert
Head of Music

Science

Science Club and Programming Club trip to Bloodhound SSC HQ

As a joint venture between the Science Club and the Programming Club, on 21st June we took a group of 15 Year 7 boys to visit the Bloodhound SSC headquarters in Avonmouth. There the boys had the opportunity to take a tour around the Bloodhound Rocket Car that will be attempting to break the land speed record in October 2017 at a whopping 1000mph. We also caught a glimpse of Andy Green, the current land speed record holder.

But best of all the boys got to race their carefully crafted foam cars with real rockets with the timing and acceleration data recorded by BBC micro:bits. Unfortunately the boys narrowly missed out on reaching the top 30 teams in the UK who have their names added to the Bloodhound's tailfin, although special commendations go to Charlie Healy and Oscar Pyatt whose car "Kuài sù" came in at 44th position on the national leaderboard.

The boys had a fun and informative afternoon and we hope to be able to run this again next year.

The video of the Beechen Cliff rocket cars racing can be seen on the Beechen Cliff Computing website (accessed from the main BCS website under Academic Life)

Mrs L James /Mr Wilkinson
Computing and ICT/Science



SPORT

Week of Sport and Culture

Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield welcome Students from Alkmaar for a week of Sport and Culture

GCSE Physical Education students from Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield Girls School welcomed students from Bath's twin city of Alkmaar, Holland, for the first time to experience how Physical Education and Sport is delivered here in the UK.



**BATH - ALKMAAR
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



After an insightful and enjoyable four days at the Petrus Canisius College, where the students stayed with host families and enjoyed a variety of different sports and educational experiences, the Year 10 students from the two Bath schools were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their Dutch counterparts

Whilst in Bath, the Dutch students were introduced to some traditional British sports such as Rugby, Netball and Cricket that were enjoyed by all. The students participated in Physical Education lessons to experience how PE is taught here in the UK, plus experiencing the delights of the City, including the Roman Baths.

A highlight of the week was the coaching sessions run by the exchange students. As Sports Leaders, we wanted to test the student's ability to plan, lead and organise their own sessions to Year 8 students at Beechen Cliff. This was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyable for all.

The exchange programme follows a visit to Alkmaar in 2015 by youth teams from both Bath schools. The student teams participated in the IOC's (International Olympic Committee's) International Children's Games, held in Alkmaar last year.

Thanks to our Schools' partnership with the twinning association, we have been able to combine some friendly sporting competition with new educational and cultural experiences, which will greatly enhance our students' learning.

There have been opportunities for both sets of students to spend some time in a foreign school, experiencing how P.E. and Sport is taught in a different country. When the Dutch pupils were in Bath, we introduce them to some traditional UK sports which were certainly new to them!



Overall, the programme has been hugely beneficial to both sets of students. It has given them a real insight into a different culture and different sporting traditions. It has also enabled students to foster relationships with students on the continent that will hopefully remain strong for many years to come!

Sports and PE Department

1st XI Cricket

The 1st XI cricket team won the Monkhouse league for the first time since 2006 after going undefeated in the league. The season included impressive wins over Kingswood, King Edward's School, Prior Park and Wycliffe and a draw against the dominant team in recent years, Dauntseys. The pick of the games was against Kingswood where we made 182 (Harry Hankins 72 and Conor McDonald 52) off 40 overs. Kingswood were always on top of the run rate but regular wickets throughout the innings led to a very impressive 11 run win.



The School also entered the National T20 for the first time where they faced King Edward's, Bristol Grammar and Clifton in the group stages. Wins over King Edward's and Bristol Grammar led to the final game against Clifton knowing the winner would progress to the semi-finals. Clifton batted first and scored 116 on a very big pitch, in response Beechen Cliff were 11-5 after 3 overs and staring at an embarrassing defeat before Louis Mann and Tom Holman put on 83 for the 6th wickets. Unfortunately, Beechen Cliff School came up 3 runs short but it showed depth in our batting and willingness to fight.



There were many contributions throughout the season. Harry Hankins and Conor McDonald performed with both bat and ball and it was great to see Will Sayers take his opportunity to score his first senior 50. As always the clashes with exams led to a number of players not being able to play, this gave the opportunity to the younger boys to step up. A total of 22 players represented the 1st XI this year which shows the depth of the squad, the future looks bright.

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Cricket Under 12 Report

This has been a truly excellent season for our new cricketers. The A, B and C squads have achieved great success on the field and really shown themselves to be a very positive and good natured group of young men. The A's have secured good wins against King Edward's, Queen's College, Taunton, Kingswood, Dauntseys and Downend. Very narrow defeat in the Semi Final of the Bristol and Somerset Cup (to Colstons, by three wickets) and against some strong opponents in Devon helped balance the season and help give pointers for improvement next season. The emerging strengths of so many players means it is difficult to single out particular boys, although the cricket of the season for 2016 has been chosen. Joe Milton has shown that he embodies many of the facets we want to see in our boys. Aspiration and resilience has been in significant quantities – his compassion, demonstrated when his peers fall out the wicket or lack confidence in themselves, has manifested itself on many occasions. He, together with the rest of the A squad, will be a formidable force in years to come.

The B team has secured wins in every game this season. Victories against King Edward's, Queen's, Kingswood, QEH, Dauntseys, Chew Valley, Monkton and Colstons saw the team emerge as a very strong outfit. The C team had matches against King Edward's and Monkton, both of which ended in defeat on the field but a victory for participation! Add in the Poplars Cricket Festival, South Devon Cricket Tour and School Festival of Cricket in July and it is clear that the boys have had many chances to thrive. More than fifty boys have represented their school in competitive matches this season, a number which makes me very proud. May the next crop have the same enthusiasm!



Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Cricket U14a – 2016 Season

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Runs Scored	Runs Conceded	Wickets Taken	Win Percentage
10	3	0	7	824	1041	56	30%

The Year 9 Cricket team has worked hard this season, showing consistent improvement throughout albeit against some very stiff opposition. Captained by Sonny Burbidge and his right-hand-man, Kieran Bye, the team started the season with a tough test away to King Edward's. A difficult start, which saw the boys narrowly lose by 3 wickets, however the signs were there that the team had the potential to do well.

The next game was in the first round of the Cup. Away at Kingswood, who are always a strong team; the boys knew they would have to step up their game here. Opting to bat first, Burbidge made his decision count with a wonderful 51*. Helped along the way with a strong batting performance from Kieran Bye (24), Beechen Cliff scored 115, which on a big ground was a competitive score. The bowlers back up the batsmen, particularly Jack Woskia (4-0-11-2) and Tim Cronin (4-1-6-0). At the half way stage Kingswood were on track to chase down the score, but wickets from Samuel Frith (3), Kit Banbury (2) and Kieran Bye (2) saw Kingswood just fall short. Beechen advanced to the next round!

A disappointing performance at Prior Park School followed, losing by 45 runs before an exhilarating game at Dauntseys School, which saw Beechen lose the game with 1 ball to spare. Freddie Veal stepped up to bowl the final over in which Dauntseys needed 4 to win. Freddie bowled 4 superb dot balls, but unfortunately the 5th ball disappeared to the boundary; despair for Beechen, jubilation for Dauntseys. A fantastic game of cricket that was enjoyed by many. A special mention to Freddie Veal, he stepped up to bowl the final over when others might shy away.

The next Cup game loomed and out of the hat came King Edward's. After the earlier loss at the beginning of the season, Beechen had a little more motivation to win this one. Batting first, Burbidge was bowled early, and other than Kieran Bye (16), the top 6 batsmen struggled to trouble the scorers. With Beechen staring down the barrel of defeat, in came Timothy Cronin and Thomas Henly. With two athletes at the crease, the pair put on 45 runs from 30 balls. Big hitting and superb running, the pair ensured Beechen Cliff had something to defend. Henly (24*) and Cronin (12*). The bowlers stuck to their task although King Edwards were always ahead of the run rate. A middle order pair put on 65 runs and Beechen once again looked to be struggling. However, Kit Banbury stepped up and took to the crease, with what can only be described as a game-changing spell of bowling. The batsmen couldn't cope with the spin and change of pace and wickets began to tumble! Kit finished with figures of 3.3-0-13-4 backed up by Frederick Veal who took 2 wickets for a mere 5 runs. Beechen had won and progressed to the Semi Final!

In the weeks that followed, Beechen Cliff struggled against some quality opponents. A defeat to Kingswood, who took revenge for their earlier defeat in the cup, another defeat to a strong Colstons side and QEH School, which saw Beechen Cliff compete well but just come up short. Beechen Cliff did manage a comfortable win against local school Monkton Combe, with Burbidge scoring a magnificent 78.

The Semi Final of the cup was the last fixture on the calendar, and unfortunately it was to be the final game of the season. Arriving at Bristol Grammar with an under strength side, Beechen Cliff knew they had their work cut out to win. Bristol Grammar batted first and posted an unbelievable 203-2 from 20 overs. The boys never gave in but the opposition had some outstanding batsmen. It was a tough lesson but one the boys will learn from. Beechen Cliff were bowled out for 78 with Oliver Hendy the only man to resist the imperious bowling attack.

An up and down season but the boys have represented the school very well and worked hard to improve their game. The player of the season has to go to our captain, Sonny Burbidge. Outstanding with both bat and ball, he has galvanized the team and set a wonderful example. Sonny clearly has a very big future ahead of him in cricket. Other players of note are Kieran Bye, Kit Banbury, Jack Woskia, Isaac De Buriatte and Samuel Frith who have all had superb seasons. A big thank you to all who have represented the team this season, we must look ahead and build for next season. Well done!

Mr M Walker
Cricket

Cricket U15

I would like to start by saying a very well done to the U15 cricket team by being crowned county and regional champions in the Indoor Cricket 8's Tournament with the starting rounds taking place just before Christmas.

The season started off as most seasons do, with the British weather playing a major factor in proceedings; however we soon turned things around and were back into our winning ways in quite convincing style.

Unfortunately one game that did not go our way was a loss to QEH in the quarter final of the cup.

On a whole the squad has not been too overly reliant on one or two individuals, but with all of the team joining in and making a mark, over the course of the season much of the squad have performed brilliantly and been a key factor in our winning games. I would however like to put forward a few names that

should be recognised for their outstanding contributions this season. Will Sayers and Louis Bradley has performed consistently well with both bat and ball. Owen Dudman is a player who has also had a great

season batting, often sticking around and carving out impressive scores to pitch our win in matches. Thomas Van Gelderen has captained the well team for the last three years and the boys have benefited from his calm head and definitive leadership style.

Six of the squad have also represented the Beechen Cliff School 1st team this season, with William Sayers getting his first senior 50 with the bat and Thomas Van Gelderen producing very good figures with the ball.

Thanks to all the boys for making the team what it is, I am sure they will continue this success in the future.

Mr N Quintin
Cricket

Summer Tennis Report 2016

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 Team

The U13A team (Year 8) have had a fantastic season winning all six matches they played and with it the U13 Avon League Division 1 Group A. This included victories over Bristol Grammar School, KES, Prior Park, Ralph Allen, Colstons and Kingswood. Team players included Will Tucker, Yuji Westmacott, John Hetherington, Jac Therrien, Dylan Morgan and Will Morris.

U13B Team

The U13B Team (Year 7) have had a brilliant season. Beginning with a 12-0 demolition of Chew Valley, and finishing the season undefeated with victories over Prior Park, QEH, Backwell and Clifton College and with this winning the U13 Avon League Division 1 Group B. Further there were wins in friendly fixtures against King Edward's School and Kingswood.

Team players included James Reid, Joseph Milton, Jack Dunn, Rex Wills, Louis Morre and Zachary Hale.

U13A (Year 8) v U13B Show Down

Having won their respective Division 1 Leagues the U13A and U13B teams had to play off to decide the Avon County Champions.

Six players from each of Year 7 and Year 8 took part in this final. In an incredibly close competition, that finished at 4 matches all, the U13B (Year 7) team finally were victorious in a championship tie break. There were many close games within this including a really high standard and incredibly close contest between Joe Milton and Yuji Westmacott where both players had match points before a winner was established.



We will now send a combined U13 team through to the regional rounds of this competition in September.

U13C Team

We have run an U13C team this year for the first time with several boys in Year 7 and 8 playing – some experienced players and some who have never played a tennis match before. The team did brilliantly winning all three matches they played in the Avon League Division 2 and a friendly fixture against KES. Team members included Thomas Rorison, Gabriel Ward, Sam Meharg, Bilal Aldawi, Ed Ball, Xavier Vaudin, Max Campbell, Charlie Dunn, Joe Morris, Patrick Lodge, Louis Dyer and Dan Squires.

U15A Team

The U15A team have had a very good season. They began with wins over Colstons, Backwell and QEH in the league and followed this up with friendly victories over Kingswood and KES. Unfortunately they lost the final league game of the season to KES and finished second to them in the league. Never-the-less Henry Chater, Ben Jones, Cameron Ward, and Tom van Gelderen should be pleased with their efforts this summer.

U15B Team

The U15B team has had a really good season completing in the Avon League Division 2. The team has defeated Chew Valley, Ralph Allen, Writhlington and Wellsway to win the league. Friendly fixtures were also played against KES, Prior Park and Kingswood with two victories and one defeat. The team now has a Division 2 Regional Playoff in September.

Team players included Johan Spruit, Stuart Blair, Joseph Blethyn, Arthur Mawer, Jacob McNaught, Benedict Harris, Kai Fortune, Kai White, Joseph Tobin and Samuel White.

First/Second Team

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 Backwell and Llandaff Cathedral School. They were then defeated by title favourites Monkton Combe.

The second team lost in the first round of this competition in tough match away at Marlborough.

The first and second team also played friendlies against Prior Park and Kingswood where some good competitive matches were played.

The first team players were Ross Gilbert, Jacob Young, Henry Chater, Oscar Vellacott and Ben Jones.



The second team players were Miles Lloyd, Rufus Jones, Stefan Rees, Tom van Gelderen, Anthony Harwood, Oliver Morris and Cameron Ward.



This summer also sees us say goodbye to Miles Lloyd and Ben Jones after seven years of service to school tennis. This has not only been in terms of representing the School but also captaining teams over the years, completing their tennis leaders course, running Year 7/8 tennis practices and coaching younger players. They have been a real credit to themselves and the School during their time at Beechen Cliff. Hopefully they will continue their tennis in the future

Avon Schools Competitions

In the Avon Schools Doubles Yuji Westmacott and Will Tucker represented Beechen Cliff in the U13 Competition where they made the final. In the Avon Schools singles competition seven Beechen Cliff Players took part. Highlights included Ben Jones winning the U14 Competition and an all Beechen Cliff final in the U12 Competition where James Reid defeated Joseph Milton.

tt-tennis coaching at Beechen Cliff School

We have continued our link with tt-tennis this year and it has been great to see many boys taking advantage of the opportunity for tennis coaching in the after-school coaching programme. During the first part of this term some of these pupils also competed in some internal box leagues. It has been great to then see some of these players, who were new to the game, joining in with school tennis competitions and representing the school teams this year. tt-tennis are also running summer tennis camps during the summer holidays with discounts for Beechen Cliff pupils should they wish to take part.

House Tennis

In the inter House competitions this year Milton House dominated winning the Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 Competitions. The Senior House Competition was won by Shakespeare. Overall around 100 boys took part and I hope they enjoyed the event.

Road to Wimbledon

In our annual Road to Wimbledon competition 16 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 final, held a few days later, Ben Jones defeated Yuji Westmacott in two close sets 7-6 7-6. Both Ben and Yuji are 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. Twenty-eight boys took part ranging from county players to those who had never played a tennis match before. It was a great event



and the enthusiasm of the boys was brilliant. After a round robin event eight boys went through to quarter finals, semi-finals and a final (which were held later in the term). In the final James Reid beat Joseph Milton in a very close game. Well done to all who took part.

BANES U13 Tournament



Beechen Cliff entered two teams into this tournament this year which took place at Writhlington School. Eight teams took part and in the end the U13A team of William Tucker, Yuji Westmacott , John Hetherington and Dylan Morgan defeated the U13B team of Louis Moore, Rex Wills, Jack Dunn and James Strangways in the final. At the time of writing the U13A team are looking forward to representing BANES in the Sainsbury's School Games at Bath University in a few weeks' time.

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 this year, and in particular Mr Shaw, for all their hard work. It has undoubtedly been one of the best summer seasons we have had at Beechen Cliff both in terms of participation and success and I am really proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by so many of our pupils.

We look forward to lots of success in 2016-17!

Mr T D Markall
i/c tennis



Bloomfield Tennis Club Summer Camps 2016

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Potterne Shooting

The '22 Potterne season saw some really exceptional shooting and some new friendships forged. Boys from across the year groups have participated in this challenge at the Wiltshire range for some years now and it is now recognised as a 'tradition' that you try it out at least once in your Lower School career.

Shooting in pairs the boys have to negotiate the following:-

- 1) Red spot challenge – attempting to obliterate four small red dots on a card with twenty rounds. (The dots are less than 2mm in diameter)
- 2) Knock down twenty small metal plates between the pair. Only five rounds can 'miss' and the plates have a habit of popping back up if not shot in the correct spot.
- 3) Stake shot. As quickly as possible shoot through a wooden stake, from which is suspended a weight.
- 4) Night shoot. Dealing with an enemy in the dark, waiting for short illuminated moments to pick your targets.
- 5) The tin can challenge. I will not insult your intelligence by describing this.....

After intense competition, including the 'can you identify this cheese?' challenge, the standings are as follows:

Future Shooting

In September we will start the new season with air rifle and pistol shooting for boys in Year 7, together with Clay pigeon shooting at Ladywood and gun safety/shooting courses at Mendip Shooting Ground. In the Autumn we will have competitive clay pigeon shoots against Millfield and Canford schools, together with open sight '22 rifle competitions against Dauntseys. The Spring Term will see the Potterne shooting season begin. My aim for next year is to see more than two hundred and fifty boys involved in at least one shooting activity during the year. It is a very good way of meeting new friends and also understanding the need for discipline in a sporting environment.



Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Spotters Summer Hockey Camp

Spotters Summer Hockey Camp will be running on 16th and 17th August 2016 at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players aged 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. These camps are normally very popular so please book early to secure a place for your child. Also running are the **Spotters High Performance Camps** for hockey players with county level and higher playing experience; the Spotters High Performance Camps run concurrently with the Spotters Camp on 16th and 17th August, and attendance is free when attending the main camp.

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