



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 14th September 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

In order that the School can prepare for the Prospective Parents' Evening next Tuesday, all lessons will end at 12.15pm. As always, we will expect our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to assist us by taking prospective parents and boys around the site. They always do a wonderful job and I am sure this year will be no exception. Thank you to parents, in advance, for their support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE – Tuesday 20th September 2016

In order to allow us to prepare for the Prospective Parents' Evening, lessons will finish at 12.15pm and pupils will be dismissed at approximately 12.30pm after registration. There will be no hot lunches on that day but alternative food will be available for pupils during the morning breaks.

All Year 7 and 8 pupils will be required to act as guides on the evening. They are required at the school at 5.30pm and should be able to leave at 8.00pm. Please return the consent form on the letter that your son has been given by his tutor.

Please also note that **Wednesday 21st September** is a staff training day so pupils and students are not required to attend school that day.

School will re-open at 8.25am on Thursday 22nd September 2016.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Thursday 15th September

Lower Sixth Southstoke Art visit
Year 10 Careers Day-Royal Engineers

Friday 16th September

Berlin Exchange pupils arrive in Bath

Saturday 17th September

Rugby v Pates

Monday 19th September

Mountaineering Club Parents' Evening – 7pm

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th September

Lower Sixth Visit to Cambridge

Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st September

7N to TyC

Tuesday 20th September

Prospective Parents' Open Evening –6.00pm-8.30pm

Wednesday 21st September

INSET DAY 3

Parents of Year 7 Pupils

If your son requires a locker, please ensure you have paid the hire fee and key deposit via ParentPay as lockers will be issued shortly.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Year 7 Assembly – Every Friday

Can we remind parents of Year 7 pupils that each Friday at 3.25pm (after afternoon registration) all Year 7 pupils are required to attend a Headmaster's Assembly in the Main School Hall. The assembly will last approximately 20 minutes.

Year 7 pupils will be dismissed afterwards.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Reporting Absences



Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting their child's absence from School:

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

Road Safety Arrangements

Many parents will be aware that the road outside the School can become very congested at certain times of the day. We advise all parents who drive their sons to school to consider alternative "drop-off" points such as Bear Flat, Chaucer Road or Greenway Lane.

If you do have to drop your son off at the front of the School please do not obstruct the gates, park on the pavements or stop on the zig-zag lines.

We also recommend that you follow the unofficial one-way system – up Shakespeare Avenue and down Kipling Avenue.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Music News

Music Lessons

All instrumental lessons are now up and running and I would ask parents to ensure pupils check the timetables displayed in the Music Centre foyer.

A copy of the timetables can also be found online in the music pages
<http://musicbcs.weebly.com/music-timetables.html>

Extra-curricular music activities.

The main ensembles are after school and include Choir on Monday, Concert band on Tuesday, Swing Band and String ensemble on Wednesday and Folk Group on Thursday. All rehearsals take place in the

music centre between 3.25pm and 4.15pm. There is also a Year 7 ensemble which rehearses on Monday lunchtime: 12.15-12.40pm. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved in one of these ensembles.

Annual Piano Concert

We will be holding our annual piano concert during the last week of the Autumn term, on **Wednesday 19th October, 7.00pm at St Luke's Church, Bath BA2 2BD**. More details will follow in due course. If you wish your son/daughter to be involved, please ask them to come and see one of the music staff or alternatively e-mail music@beechencliff.org.uk.



Mr P Calvert
Head of Music

Word of the Week - beginning

- = the first part of something
- = the origin or source
- = a rudimentary stage or period (usually 'beginnings')

Use it:

Try something new at the **beginning** of a new school year.

"I missed the **beginning** of the film – what happened?"

He rose from humble **beginnings** to great wealth.

Spell it:

Remember both 'n's -

begin ➔ begin**ning**

beg **inn** ing ➔ beg at the **inn**

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator



Theme of the Week – International Democracy Day



Theme of the week this week is focusing on International Democracy Day.

International Day of Democracy is celebrated on 15th September 2016. In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly resolved to observe 15th September as the International Day of Democracy - with the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy - and invited all member states and organizations to commemorate the day in an appropriate manner that contributes to raising public awareness.

The theme of this year is 'Democracy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'

In September 2015, all 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - a plan for achieving a better future for all, laying out a path over 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet. At the heart of the agenda are the Sustainable Development Goals, which call for mobilizing efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

The following website has lots more information, videos and resources.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/democracyday/multi-media.shtml>

Miss A Holloway
PHSE Co-ordinator

Sports

Beechen Cliff AASE Rugby

Beechen Cliff's U18 XV have got off to a flying start in this season's RFU National AASE League. The league, which comprises schools from all over the country who are affiliated to an Aviva Premiership club, is arguably the highest standard of schoolboy rugby available. In their first game they beat Ivybridge College (Exeter Chiefs AASE) convincingly 38-6. Joseph Spiller opened the scoring from a powerful driving line-out, followed soon after by a great try by electric winger Finlay

Dewar. He was later involved in setting up a try for full back William Partington by chasing a high kick from Arthur Hays, before offloading to his team mate to race under the posts. In the second half Partington scored again with an audacious interception from his own line to secure the bonus point. Young centre Miles Gilbert completed the scoring with some nifty footwork to slip through the defence late in the game. Partington added 13 extra points with his accurate place kicking. The game was watched by new Bath Rugby coaching team Todd Blackadder, Tabai Matson and Stuart Hooper who were suitably impressed by the quality of attacking rugby on show. Last season Beechen Cliff were beaten twice by Ivybridge and the turnaround is due to the commitment and hard work the players have shown through the off-season to become stronger, faster and more skilful.

Beechen Cliff backed up their great start to the season by getting a hard earned away win at Filton College last week.



Historically, Filton are amongst the strongest teams in the league and wins at their ground are notoriously hard to come by. Filton started the game in typically combative style and Beechen Cliff struggled to stay in the game as the home team racked up two good tries in the first half. Only Partington's faultless place-kicking kept Beechen Cliff within reach. In the second half the momentum turned, with Beechen Cliff eventually clinging on for a very tight 19-18 victory. William Partington scored all nineteen points but would be the first to state that it was a fantastic team effort - particularly in defence.

With nine more league games to go, it is too soon for predictions, but Beechen Cliff will certainly be looking to take a few more well-known scalps before the season is out, starting with Cornish powerhouse Truro and Penrith College at home this week.

Mr S Turner
AASE Rugby

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Sports Fixtures

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

Day	Fixture	Meet time	Coach time/MB	Return/ Finish time
Sat 19 th Sept	U15a/U14a/U14b Rugby v Pate's Grammar School (A)	8.15am	8.30am	1.30pm
	1 st XV/U16a Rugby v Pate's Grammar School (H) @ BCS	9.30am	n/a	12.00pm
	U13a/U13b Rugby v Pate's Grammar School (H) @ The Glass House	9.30am	n/a	12.00pm
Mon 19 th Sept	U14a Football v Chew Valley School (A)	2.45pm	MB	5.30pm
Weds 21 st Sept	U18 AASE XV Rugby v The Henley College (A)	10.45am	11.00am	7.30pm

Sports Results for w/c 5th September 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Weds 7 th Sept	AASE XV v Filton	League game	Won	21- 19

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Part-Time Vacancies – Academy Minibus Drivers Required

Southampton Football Club are looking to recruit qualified Minibus Drivers based at our Bath Academy to work on a casual basis.

The Minibus Drivers will be tasked with transporting Academy players to and from training, host families, Bath University and match venues in a safe and lawful manner, with full compliance of the Highway Code and other regulations applying to both passenger and minibus transport.



What are we looking for?

The successful candidates must have the D1 and PSV (Public Service Vehicle) entitlements on their driving licence. You must also have availability to transport as and when needed with a maximum of 30 hours per week available on a casual basis.

For a job description including required competences please see supplementary information published alongside this newsletter

Alexia Jones
Bath Academy Education and Welfare Officer
Southampton FC