



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 21st September 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

The Year 7 and 8 boys did an exceptional job in showing prospective parents around Beechen Cliff on Tuesday night. Despite the fact that they had to help more than one thousand visitors to the site they remained very cheerful and demonstrated their loyalty and enthusiasm in the key features of our community.

I am sure they will be using the inset to catch up on homework and be reading ahead for the next elements of their courses.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Year 10 GCSE Course Information Evening Tuesday, 4th October 2016

A Year 10 GCSE Course Information evening is on Tuesday, 4th October 2016. Letters about this evening have been sent home with the boys and letters to Year 10 parents have been emailed.

To assist us with our organisation I would be most grateful if you could complete your reply slips and return them to Mr Markall, Assistant Headmaster, via the Main Office by Friday 30th September at the latest.

Mr T Markall
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd September
7O to TyC

Thurs 22nd September
Lower Sixth Parents' Evening

Thursday 22nd and Saturday 25th September
Upper Sixth Literature Trip to Dublin

Friday 23rd September
Sixth Form visit to European Games Exchange convention @ the NEC

Friday 23rd – Tuesday 26th September
Silver DoE Assessment @ Dartmoor

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th September
7D @ TyC

Wednesday 28th September
Prospective Parents' Open Morning 9.00am – 12.00pm

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th September
7E @ TYC

Avenue Speed limit

I have been asked to remind all drivers using the avenues to observe the speed limits and be extra vigilant for children who might step out between parked cars.

We would obviously all want our children to feel safe when walking to and from school.

Thank you.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Library

Reader of the Week: Gabriel Khyne-Sam.

Book of the Month: The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge



The Lie Tree tells the story of Faith, a bright 14-year-old girl who wants to follow in her father's footsteps and study natural science. It was nominated for the Carnegie medal this year and comes highly recommended from our Carnegie Reading Group in Years 8 and 9.

Year Seven Book Group starts on 30th September in the library at 12.40pm

Year Eight-Ten Book Group starts 26th September in the library at 13.40pm

Accelerated Reader quizzes are up and running. Remember to take a quiz within 48 hours of finishing your book. You can pop by to do this any break or lunch. See you then!

Mr Crow and his Colourful Band of Merry Librarians

Word of the Week - Necessary

= absolutely essential

= must be done or acquired

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

Use it:

"Do you have the **necessary** skills to apply for the job?"

"Is that really **necessary**?"

That's not **necessarily** true...

Spell it:

Use the mnemonic

Never **E**at **C**risps **E**at **S**alad **S**andwiches **A**nd **R**emain **Y**oung

Think of **necessary** as

A shirt with 1 **c**ollar and 2 **s**leeves



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Music News

Timetables for Instrumental lessons can now be found on the School website. There is now a link from the 'Parents page' so hopefully this will make it easier to access.

Piano Concert –Wednesday 19th October 7.00pm.
St Lukes Church, Bath, BA2 2BD

We will be holding our annual piano concert in the last week of this term, on Wednesday 19th October at 7.00pm in 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

Joint Music Tour with Hayesfield School: Salzburg.
7th – 14th July 2017

Several of our pupils have signed up for this trip, but I would like to re-advertise it again, particularly for new pupils to the school. More information can be found on the music page of the website. <http://musicbcs.weebly.com/>

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

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

Beechen Cliff Tennis Programme September - November 2016



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JUNIOR 'SQUAD'

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 7 - 9

21st Sept - 16th Nov £40 (8 sessions)

The Squad programme caters for Junior beginners to intermediate levels and groups are sorted by ability and age. The course covers:

- Basic technique - correct grips and swings, footwork patterns and Ball controls
- Basic singles and doubles tactics
- Rules and matchplay

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT

www.tt-tennis.co.uk/beechencliff

Theme of the Week - British Food Fortnight

Theme of the week this week is focusing on British Food Fortnight



Held in the autumn at the same time as harvest festival, British Food Fortnight is the biggest annual, national celebration of British food and drink. It was established in the wake of the Foot and Mouth crisis, in response to the fact that, though there are numerous food initiatives, projects and

events taking place across Britain, there was no overall flagship event to bring them to the public's attention.

Since its beginnings in 2002, British Food Fortnight has become THE opportunity for those who work in any aspect of food and drink, to come together and promote the benefits of buying and eating from our home produced British larder. In setting a particular date range, it concentrates efforts across sectors.

Every year businesses and organisations across the UK take part, all enjoying the commercial benefits that participation brings. The public sector supports the event en masse with major hospitals and school catering services being involved. Wembley Stadium, Harrods, St Pancreas train station, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, the Cabinet Office, the BBC, Buckingham Palace, National Trust and even Grey Gables Hotel in Radio 4's The Archers are just a few of the famous establishments that have added their support.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LoveBritishFood>
<http://www.lovebritishfood.co.uk/>

Miss A Holloway
PHSE Co-ordinator

Spotters October Hockey Camp

Spotters October Hockey Camp will be running on 24th and 25th October 2016 at Beechen Cliff School. For hockey players between the ages of 7 and 15 years old. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions

**Spotters
OCTOBER HOCKEY
CAMP**

Mon 24th Tues 25th
October 2016
9am-5pm

Includes
Koolhaums
Hockey prizes

COACHES
Andy Baker (Oxfordshire Ladies)
David Bunting (Spire Hockey)
Mark Walker (Wales & West of England)
Peter Quinn (England)

10%
Early Booking
DISCOUNT
Book & pay by
30 Sept 2016

SPECIALISED
EFFECTIVE
COACHING

£25 per day
£45 both days

HIGH QUALITY,
FUN AND ENJOYABLE!
COACHING TO IMPROVE
PERFORMANCE FOR ALL ABILITIES

1+1 Skills
Goal Scoring
Mini Games
7 to 15 yrs *

Competitions and prizes both days

FOR MORE
INFORMATION &
BOOKING email:
spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

Qualified and DBS checked coaches

David Director, Andy Foster, Nigel Mackay, and J. Hutchinson

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, booking early by 30th September 2016, provides a 10% discount bringing the price for 2 days to just over £40! Also running are **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 24th and 25th October, and attendance is free when attending the main camp.

For more details please see Mr Josh Norton or Mr Harry Brooking at school, or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk.

Sports

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
Thurs 22 nd Sept	1 st XV/3 rd Rugby v Prior Park College (A)	1.00pm	1.15pm	4.00pm
	2 nd XV Rugby v Monkton (A)	1.15pm	MB x 2	5.30pm
	U14b Rugby v Prior Park College (A)	3.15pm	MB x 2	5.30pm
	U16a/U15a Rugby v Prior Park College (H)	3.25pm	n/a	5.30pm
Fri 23 rd Sept	U15b/U13b Tennis Regional Final (A)	7.15am	MB	5.30pm
Tues 27 th Sept	U16a Football v Chew Valley School (H)	3.15pm	MB	5.45pm
Weds 28 th Sept	U15a/U13a Swimming v Regional Swimming Championships (A)	10.30am	MB	6.00pm
	U18 AASE XV Rugby v Exeter College (H)	12.20pm	n/a	4.30pm
	U13b/U12b Rugby v Prior Park College (H)	3.30pm	n/a	5.00pm

Sports Results for w/c 19th September 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 13 th Sept	1st XI Football v Downend	ESFA round 1	Won	4-3
Weds 14 th Sept	AASE v Truro	League	Won	27-22
Sat 17 th Sept	1st XV Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Lost	19-36
	U16 Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	45-12
	U15 Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Lost	30-31
	U14a Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	37-22
	U14b Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	41-12
	U13a Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	40-0
	U13b Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Lost	0-50

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