



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 7th September 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our pupils and students; new and established. I hope the summer break has been a positive one and that every member of the school has come back with the expectations that the year ahead will be successful and productive.

The summer saw Beechen Cliff pupils and students achieve great success in A Level and GCSE examinations. 30% of A level grades were A*/A and we saw 140 youngsters win their places at university. An exceptional 25% of students achieved AAB or better in at least two facilitating subjects (national average 13%) and the 'added value' achieved was very positive.

At GCSE 82% of boys achieved A*-C including English and Maths with more than 35% of grades being A*/A. The 'value added' achievement of the school put it in the top 20% nationally and, more importantly, meant that boys at the end of Year 11 were able to make positive choices about their next steps.

The Sixth Form, numbering over four hundred students, has been a very popular destination for boys and girls from Beechen Cliff and beyond. We wish them every happiness and success as they begin their 'A' Level studies.

The Bath Academy Beechen Cliff rugby squad has been training hard over the summer and this dedication saw its reward when Beechen Cliff played Ivybridge (Exeter Chiefs) and won 36-8 last week in the first competitive game of the season.

As always at the start of the year I would ask that every new boy or student in the school considers how they can contribute to our success as a school community and how they will challenge themselves to be the best they can be over the year. The staff at Beechen Cliff will aim to make it possible to achieve these aspirations.

Let us hope for another good year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

CALENDAR

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th September
7A @ TyC

Monday 12th - Friday 16th September
Year 7 and 8 AR Star Tests 1

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

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

Art Packs

Pupil Art packs for Year 7, containing art equipment to help pupils throughout the year are now available for purchase, priced at £10.00. Please can parents of Year 7 pupils purchase these packs via ParentPay



There is also have an Art pack for those Year 10 pupils who have just started their Art GCSE. This pack is £30.00 and included a large variety of high quality materials to help them succeed in their GCSE. Available to purchase via ParentPay.

Miss A Holloway
Art

Show My Homework

We have an online system for all pupils and students to see the homework they have been set that is called "Show My Homework". It is a simple homework calendar that will enable pupils and parents to manage homework and teachers to create, mark and track homework.

SMHW has the following benefits:

- Eliminates homework excuses and reduces homework stress
- Helps pupils to stay organised and meet deadlines
- Enables parents to take a more proactive role in driving homework prioritisation and keeping tabs on homework without being intrusive
- Pupils will be able to pick up homework / lesson details if they have been absent or missed a part of the lesson due to sport or music commitments
- Available as an app!

All new pupils have been given a letter with unique log in details for you and themselves that will give you both access to the site to see the homework that has been set. (See details below).

Students in the Sixth form also have access to the site and all new Lower Sixth Students will be given login details this week.

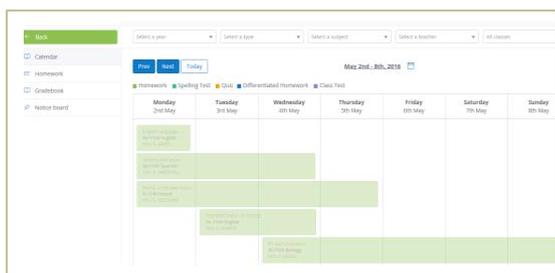
Show My Homework – for pupils.....

1. Go to https://beechencliff.showmyhomework.co.uk/sign_in

You will see the page below. Enter your unique PIN code from the letter you received at school

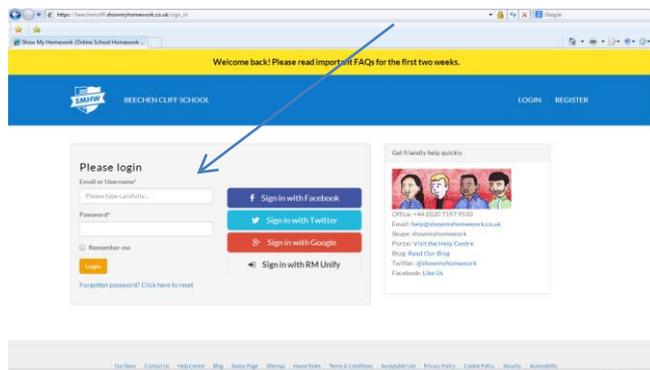


2. If you click on the calendar icon in the welcome bar you can see your set homeworks and due dates in calendar form as below.

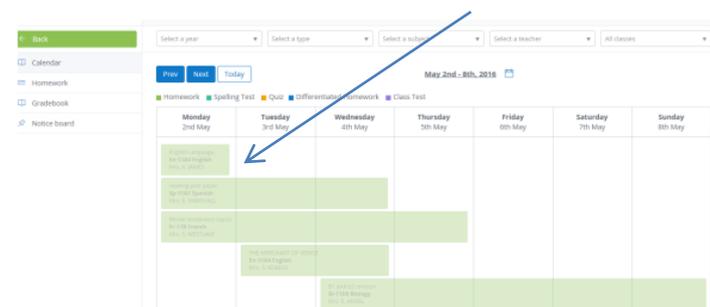


Show My Homework – For Parents and Carers.....

1. Once you enter https://beechencliff.showmyhomework.co.uk/sign_in you will see the page below. Enter your unique PIN code from the letter your son / daughter received at school.



2. You will then see your home page below. Click on "view calendar" and you will see the homework your son / daughter has been set for the current week



Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Watch Found on School Premises

Have you lost a wrist watch?



A traditional wrist watch was found on the School tennis courts during August.

If think that it may belong to you, please contact Mrs Sue Davies in the School Main Office on 01225 480466.

SUMMER TERM 2016 – AWARD WINNERS

Byron House

Achievement Awards

Year 7	Luke Meadows
Year 8	Alexander Parsons
Year 9	Louis Bosnell
Year 10	Jake Elton

100 % Attendance

Year 7	Bailey Ellam	Finn Elton
	Leo Samwell	Finlay Johnson
Year 8	Finlay Blair	Joseph Swatridge
Year 9	Louis Bosnell	Sebastian Corripio-Dieppe
Year 10	Benjamin Fanthorpe	

Chaucer House

Achievement Awards

Year 7	George Nunn
Year 8	James Noad
Year 9	Arthur Faraway
Year 10	Jonah Nurse

100 % Attendance

Year 7	Joseph Abreu	Christopher Chandler
Year 8	William Morris	Charles Shakespeare
Year 10	Flynn Jones	

Kipling House

Achievement Awards

Year 7	Louis Bain
Year 8	Cameron Salmon
Year 9	Adam Lace
Year 10	Benjamin Harrison

100 % Attendance

Year 8	Finlay Wade	William Davies
Year 10	Isaac Vowles	Hugo Davies
	Tobias Healy	Daniel Zhang

Milton House

Achievement Awards

Year 7	Ben Powell
Year 8	Nathaniel Lemaire
Year 9	Sam Taylor
Year 10	Oliver Sheppard

100 % Attendance

Year 7	Elliot McLeod	Herbie Callow
Year 8	Thomas Blethyn	
	Thomas Clark	
Year 9	Dominic Beale	
Year 10	Louis Bradley	

Shakespeare House

Achievement Awards

Year 7	Gabriel Ward
Year 8	Gadiraju Shebin
Year 9	Benedict Harris
Year 10	Marcus Berryman

100 % Attendance

Year 8	Marley Hazael
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Pastoral Care 2016-17

As we begin the new Academic Year it is a useful time to remind you of the roles and responsibilities within our House system:

BYRON

Head of House – Ms Milland
Deputy Head of House – Mr Moat

CHAUCER

Head of House – Mr Shaw
Deputy Head of House – Miss Holloway

KIPLING

Head of House – Mr Hall
Deputy Head of House – Mr Walker

MILTON

Head of House – Mr Jaggon
Deputy Head of House – Mr Newell

SHAKESPEARE

Head of House – Mr Sumsion
Deputy Head of House – Mr Forrest

As your son will see his tutor every morning, all none urgent matters should be referred to the tutor. I will oversee the work of the Pastoral team.

Mr K. Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Word of the Week Possibilities

Possibility – a noun:

- = a thing that may happen or be the case.
- = the state or fact of being possible; likelihood.
- = a thing that may be chosen or done out of several possible alternatives.

Use it:

“The *possibilities* are endless!”

We discussed all of the *possibilities* before coming to a final decision.

Spell it:

Possibilities

Remember all of the ‘i’s (and that possibility → possibilities),
plus the double ‘s’:
i start something...



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Prayer Meeting

A number of Christian parents from various churches across Bath meet each term to pray for the Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff School communities. If you would like to join us our next meeting is on Monday 12th September from 1.30pm to 2.45pm at 8 Bloomfield Grove.

Please contact Jenny Croxford on 01225 338328, email jenny@croxford4.wanadoo.co.uk for further details or just come along!

Theme of the Week – Starting a New School Year

Welcome back! This week's Theme of the Week looks at tips and advice on starting a new school year.

If you could get your tutor group to think of tips and advice to share with each other this would be a good way to help the group work together and to include the new Year 7s.

A few ideas to get started:

Organisation – The first few weeks of school are the hardest, set an alarm for the morning, pack your bag the night before and keep track of your homework.

Talk to people - If you feel anxious of the new school year, it is very important to talk to your parents, tutor or class mates about your concerns. Others will feel the same!

Set goals - Enjoy setting goals for yourself, so you can transcend your weaknesses and reach your full potential. You never know what you may find a hidden talent in.

Motivation - Achieving some goals will certainly motivate you to reach more challenging targets, and enjoy yourself more too.

Positivity – Although some lessons can be difficult and new targets you set seem hard to achieve, keep being positive, enjoy yourself and remember you only have to go through school once!

Miss A Holloway
PHSE Co-ordinator

Information about Year 7 Lunchtime

The Refectory is very popular and in the early days of the new term the queues for food can seem to move rather slowly. This is due to the unfamiliarity of it all for the younger boys. It may be a good idea to remind your son that he does not need to rush to the dining to the Refectory immediately after morning lessons end. Indeed arriving part way through lunchtime, at around 12.40pm can sometimes mean no queue at all!

We have picnic areas with benches so sandwich eaters can stay outside of the Refectory should they prefer. Please consider re-usable container for pack lunches and drinks, Lunchtime Supervisors will be supervising the Year 7 lunchtime and are pleased to help if a boy needs some support.

Football are available for hire for a returnable deposit of £2.00. Boys may bring a ball from home if they wish.

With the onset of Autumn and moving toward Winter, outdoor play becomes less attractive so a magazine or set of Top Trumps is a handy addition to the school bag. We provide a room for the boys

Lunchtime Supervisors

Mountaineering Club – Snowdonia 29th September to 2nd October 2016

Open to all Sixth Form students The cost for the trip is £140, payable via ParentPay.



If you would like to join us for an adventurous weekend, please obtain a letter from Mr Moat in the Geography office or Mr Murphy in the Art office. Additional information can be found on the Beechen Cliff Outdoor Activities website.



Return permission slips and pay on ParentPay by 16th September 2016 at the very latest

<http://beechncliff-outdoor-activities.weebly.com/beechn-mountaineering-club.html>

Mr T Moat
Geography

Sports

News

The summer break was a busy time for some of our pupils and students:

- Harry Hankins has been selected to play for the MCC schools at Lords after his performances against the MCC in the last two seasons.
- Will Tizzard trained with England football U15's at St. Georges Park
- Ben Jones won the Avon County Tennis finals. As a result he got the chance to train with Tim Henman at Wimbledon.
- Ethan McNeil won the 50m and 100m breaststroke and the 400m individual medley, as well as 200m IM bronze. Hugo McNeil, won bronze in the 200m butterfly at the Scottish Summer National Swimming Championships in Aberdeen.

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Sports Fixtures

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

Date	Fixture	Meet	Coach	Return
Sat 10 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

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