



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 12th October 2016

Message from the Headmaster

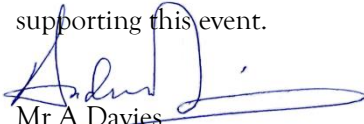
Dear Parents and Carers

Half Term will soon be upon us and this inevitably means I will be asking for your support of the Great Walk.

Pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 will be walking this year, supported by our Sixth Form students.

Together they hope to realise a total for developing school activities which will be at least equal to last year's impressive £13,000. The pupils themselves make the bids for funding and it will be good to see as many bids as possible achieving success in the allocations which take place in November.

Thank you to all parents and friends of the School for supporting this event.


Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Year 7 Information Evening - Succeeding at Beechen Cliff - Thursday, 3rd November 2016

This evening is an opportunity for you to gain a better understanding of how you can help support your son at Beechen Cliff. Letters about this evening have been sent home with the boys and emailed direct to Year 7 parents.

To assist us with organisation I would be most grateful if you could complete reply slips and return them to Mr Markall, Assistant Headmaster, via the Main Office by Wednesday 2nd November at the latest (not Tuesday 1st November, as detailed in the letter referred above).

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Beechen Cliff Reception – Early Close on Friday, 14th October 2016

Please be advised that on Friday, 14th October the School Main Office and Reception will close at 4.00pm.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 12th – Wednesday 19th October
Montpellier Exchange

Thursday 13th October – Friday 20th October
Cordoba Exchange

Saturday 15th October
Sixth Form Prospective Parents' Morning 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tuesday 18th October
Year 11 Trial Examination Assembly 8.25am

Wednesday 19th October – Friday 21st October
Geneva Physics Trip

Wednesday 19th October – Sunday 23rd October
A Level Iceland Field Trip

Wednesday 19th October – Saturday 28th October
Lower Sixth Romania Challenge Project


Wednesday 19th October
Annual Piano Concert at St Luke's Church @7.00pm

Thursday 20th October
Year 10 Oxford Art Trip

Thursday 20th October – Tuesday 31st October
China Trip

Friday 21st October
The Great Walk
Autumn Term Ends

Wednesday 2nd November
Christmas Term Starts



Bangers & Books
Beechen Cliff PTA Quiz Night
Raising Money to Refurbish the Library
Friday 4th November 2016 7:30pm
In the Refectory
Cash Bar and Raffle, £10 per head, Tables of 6-8
To Reserve Tickets email PTA@BeechenCliff.org.uk

Year 11 Reports

Year 11 'snapshot' Progress Reports are now available for parents to view on ePortal. These will give information on your son's application in lessons so far this year and highlight any homework concerns.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

GCSE Revision Study Skills Guide and Revision Planner

As discussed at the Year 11 Parent Information Evening yesterday these are available to purchase on ParentPay (cost £9.00 - usually £14.98)

Deadline - 3pm Friday 14th October with the aim that an order can be placed and guides received prior to half term.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Mental Health

- 20% of adolescents may experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- 50% of mental health problems are established by age 14 and 75% by age 24.
- 10% of children and young people (aged 5-16 years) have a clinically diagnosable mental problem, yet 70% of children and adolescents who experience mental health problems have not had appropriate interventions at a sufficiently early age.

Please follow the links below for more information regarding Mental Health. The students will have a Mental Health based assembly this week so hopefully will be able to join in discussions as a tutor group.

<http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/your-stories/the-physical-effects-of-anxiety/>

<http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/statistics/mental-health-statistics-children-and-young-people>

Miss A Holloway
PSHE Co-ordinator

Free School Meals

Pupils and Students who are eligible for a free school meal can only spend their entitlement at lunch time (12.15 pm - 2.15 pm).



This consists of a main meal and two vegetable portions (or a jacket potato with one or two fillings) and a pudding. Water is provided on the tables.



This does not include drinks or a Panini.



Other food and drinks are available throughout the school day but you must have money on your lunch account to purchase these items.

Thank You

Chef Keal

Word of the Week - recommend

= to praise or endorse something

= to give advice or counsel

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

Use it:

"Thank you for **recommending** that restaurant – the food was delicious!"

"Ask your doctor or pharmacist to **recommend** a suitable treatment."

"I wouldn't **recommend** using that company after our dreadful experience."

Spell it:

Remember:

1c and 2ms

Connor recommends M&Ms



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Sixth Form Open Morning

The prospective Sixth Form Open morning is taking place on Saturday 15th October 2016.

There is no need to book in advance to attend the Open Morning. Additional information about this event can be found on the Beechen Cliff website.

Sixth Form Office

Library News

Reader of the Week: Oliver Hayter

It has been great to see so many Year 7 students reading their books and taking their AR quizzes, with a number of students already on their fifth or sixth book. Remember that your challenge is to read thirty books this academic year. That includes you Year 8!



We will be receiving a delivery of new books this week for you to try. Included in this new batch is our Book of the Month, *Gifts* by Ursula Le Guin. Our Second Lunch Book Group will be reading it over half-term and hopefully this taster will tempt you to get a copy and join us:

Scattered among poor, desolate farms, the clans of the Uplands possess gifts. Wondrous gifts: the ability-with a glance, a gesture, a word-to summon animals, bring forth fire, move the land. Fearsome gifts: they can twist a limb, chain a mind, inflict a wasting illness. The Uplanders live in constant fear that one family might unleash its gift against another. Two young people, friends since childhood, decide not to use their gifts. One, a girl, refuses to bring animals to their death in the hunt. The other, a boy, wears a blindfold lest his eyes and his anger kill. In this beautifully crafted story, Ursula K. Le Guin writes of the proud cruelty of power, of how hard it is to grow up, and of how much harder still it is to find, in the world's darkness, gifts of light.

Please return any overdue books to library before half-term.

The Library Team

English A Level

All Year 12 and 13 English A Level students are invited to attend the Master Classes run by the English Faculty that commence this week. The first session will focus on *Revenge Tragedy* and a further class, on Tuesday 18th October, will explore W B Yeats' poetry.

All welcome. Sessions will take place in Ridley (English Block). Bring your lunch.

Mrs Davis
A Level Co-ordinator

Spotters October Hockey Camp



Spotters October Hockey Camp is being held on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October 2016 on the Beechen Cliff Astro pitch. Please see Mr Norton or Mr Brooking at school for more information, or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

The Great Walk – Friday 21st October 2016

All pupils and students will receive a briefing on The Great Walk during their House assemblies this week (w/c 10th – 14th October) and Great Walk 2016 booklets will be issued to each boy.



On receipt of their booklet, boys will be able to go and find sponsorship from friends and relations. The amount each person pledges does not need to be a substantial amount but every bit helps. A little amount from lots soon mounts up.

If boys do run out of space on their sponsorship form, additional forms are available from Mrs Evans in the Pastoral Office. Where sponsors pay tax, please remember to complete the Gift Aid declaration form as this is worth additional funds from Her Majesties collectors of Taxes

Boys participating in The Great Walk must remember to carry their sponsorship form with them. It contains important medical information on it and the School Emergency Number.

All walkers need to remember to bring your packed lunch and a drink with you as boys will have no access to shops on the route. We have water stops en route and the water is free !

On the day, Dan the Chef and his Team will provide a BREAKFAST service as normal and any one entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect a packet lunch from 8:00 am onwards. Please note that there will be no break time or lunchtime service in school on the day so boys will require a packed lunch.

If you are unable to take part in the walking there will be a Sponsored Silence from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Library so all boys can help raise sponsorship for the school.

Mr R Stewart
Great Walk 2016 Organiser

Tutor Challenge

KP9 and KP10 enjoyed their first Tutor challenge last Thursday, competing to create the tallest tower...from newspaper and sellotape. The girls were victorious! Congratulations to Isobel McCarthy, Sarah Wilkinson, Vanessa Curtin, Alice Brindley and Megan Marszal from KP10.

Ms A Baker
Head of English and KP9 Tutor

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 13 th Oct	U16a/2 nd XV/3 rd XV Rugby v Kingswood School (A)	1.15pm	1.30pm	4.30pm
	1 st XI Football v Sexey's School (H)	1.30pm	MB	4.00pm
	U12a/U12b Football BANES Tournament (A) @	3.00pm	MB	6.00pm
	U14a Rugby v Marlborough College (A)	11.45am	12.00	5.00pm
	U14b Rugby v Marlborough College (H)	11.45am	12.00	5.00pm
Sat 15 th Oct	U13a/U13b/U12a/U12b Rugby v Kingswood School (A)	9.15am		11.15am
	U14a/U14b Rugby v Kingswood School (H)	9.15am	n/a	11.15am
Mon 17 th Oct	U16a Football v Churchill Academy and Sixth Form (H) @ The Glass House	1.30pm	MB	4.30pm
	U13A Football v Castle School (H) @ Odd Down Sports Ground	1.30pm	MB	4.15pm
Tues 18 th Oct	U18 AASE XV Rugby v Canford School (H)	1.15pm	n/a	4.30pm
	U15a Rugby v Churchill Academy and Sixth Form (H)	1.45pm	n/a	4.30pm
Weds 19 th Oct	U13a Rugby v St Peter's RC High School, Glos. (H)	1.30pm	n/a	4.15pm
	U12b Rugby v Oldfield School (H)	3.15pm	n/a	4.45pm

Sports Results for w/c 3rd October 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 4 th Oct	U15B Rugby v Oldfield A	Friendly	Won	42-10
	U14B Rugby v Oldfield A	Friendly	Lost	0-38
Weds 5 th Oct	1st XI Football v Bishop Wordsworth	ESFA round 2	Won	4-2
	AASE Rugby v Hartpury	League	Lost	26-46
	U13B Rugby v Oldfield	Friendly	Won	50-0
Thurs 6 th Oct	U16A Rugby v KES	Friendly	Lost	22-27
	U16B Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	19-12
	U14B Rugby v Somervale A	Friendly	Lost	12-19
	U12B Rugby v Somervale A	Friendly	Won	25-10
	U18 Tennis v Colstons	League	Won	7-6
Fri 7 th Oct	1st XV Rugby v Sheldon	Friendly	Won	42-5

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Giant Steps for Beechen Cliff AASE Rugby Support

Please see flyer published alongside this week's Newsletter detailing local sponsorships for the AASE programme.

Mr S Turner

