



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 5th October 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Welcome Service on Friday 7th October at St Luke's Church

Your son has recently started his academic life at Beechen Cliff School, launching himself into a world which will hopefully furnish him with opportunities to become a successful and happy member of the school.

At the beginning of the academic year we take all of our Year 7 boys to St Luke's Church to participate in a Welcome Service. This will formally introduce them into the School community, where they will receive a scroll, on which is a promise that they will make to uphold our core values and give of their best at all times.

The service will be attended by the Mayor and a number of other dignitaries. As this will be a time for the new boys to share in the collective pride of being part of the school we would like parents and family members/friends to share the occasion. We are therefore extending an invitation for you to attend the service and see your son being inducted into the school.

The service will begin at 2.40 pm and will conclude at approximately 3.10 pm. The boys will then be free to go home.

We hope to see you on the 7th October.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

PTA AGM

The Beechen Cliff PTA AGM is being held on Wednesday, 12th October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. The meeting will be followed by welcome drinks for new parents and the evening should be ended by 9:30pm.

All Welcome.

Mrs C Jones
PTA Chair

CALENDAR

Thursday 6th October

Cordoba Information Evening – 5.30pm at Hayesfield Upper School Hall

Friday 7th October

Year 7 Welcome Service – 2.30pm–3.30pm
Upper Sixth Romania Quiz Night in Refectory 7.30pm – 10.00pm –SOLD OUT

Tuesday 11th October

Year 11 GCSE Revision and Information Evening in Main Hall 7.00pm

Wednesday 12th October

Super Curricular Talk – “To Infinity and Beyond” in the Main Hall at 3.25pm
PTA AGM in Main Hall at 7.30pm

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

Year 11 Parents' Evening

The Year 11 Parents' evening is being held on Tuesday, 11th October 2016. Letters about this evening have been sent home with the boys and emailed to Year 11 parents.

Please note reply slips need to be completed and returned to Mr Markall, Assistant Headmaster, via the Main Office by Friday, 7th October at the latest.

Mr T Markall
Assistant Headmaster

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

Super Curricular Talk - "To Infinity and Beyond"

On Wednesday, 12th October at 3.25pm in the Main Hall, Mr Gill will be delivering a Super Curricular Talk - "To Infinity and Beyond".

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

School Photographs

Your son/ daughter will have brought home a proof copy of their School photograph.

Please can we remind parents and carers that all orders for photographs should be made online with NextGen Photography (details are listed on the proof card by Sunday, 9th October 2016).

Please note, any order made after that date will incur a £3.50 additional cost.

Once ordered, the photographs will be sent back to the School and distributed to pupils to take home.

Mrs S Evans
Pastoral Secretary

Annual Piano Concert

The School's Annual Piano Concert is on Wednesday, 19th October 2016, 7.00pm at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, Bath (opposite the Devonshire Arms).

Tickets are available via ParentPay; £5.00 adults/ £3.00 concessions

We hope you can join us for what promises to be an enjoyable event.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music



Word of the Week - argument

= an exchange of opposite views, usually heated or angry

= a reason or set of reasons given in support of a theory

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

Use it:

*"You have a logical **argument** but I'm afraid I still disagree with your main point."*

Ensure your main **argument** is clear in each paragraph.

*"Let's not have an **argument** over the remote!"*

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Dyslexia Awareness week.

**Dyslexia
Awareness
Week**

Dyslexia affects approximately one in ten people in the UK, that's over Six million people. It is the most common and best understood hidden disability, despite this, there is still much to be done to help people understand and raise awareness of dyslexia.

That is why the UK is hosting two Dyslexia Awareness Weeks this year, to shed further light on what dyslexia is and how people affected by dyslexia can be supported at school, at work and in their day-to-day lives.

The theme of the week will be 'Identifying Dyslexia'.

The links provided will give you further information.

<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/page/dyslexia-awareness-week-1>

http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/common/ckeditor/filemanager/userfiles/BDA_DAW_Pack_2016_v4.pdf

Miss A Holloway
PSHE Co-ordinator

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award - Assessment Weekend 2016

Congratulations to all students who successfully completed the expedition aspect of their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, spending a weekend on Dartmoor in September.



Year 11 students from Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff faced many challenges over a gruelling training weekend three weeks ago in the Breacon Beacons, prior to the weekend assessment on Dartmoor.

The mixed groups walked over three days, testing their navigation and pacing skills to ensure they managed the task successfully. The group were fortunate to walk in fair weather on Friday and Saturday however experienced a challenging overnight camp on the Saturday evening following heavy rain and some flooding, which the students worked really hard to overcome together sharing resources along the way.

Successfully completing this expedition really was a great achievement and will provide these Year 11 pupils with a positive outlook and 'can do' attitude to their GCSE exams.

The optimistic attitude and high spirits of those taking part made the expedition a really enjoyable experience for staff and students alike. Thank you Mrs Younger for all of her hard work in organising the expedition and to all of the staff who gave up their weekend to support the students, without whom these weekends could not take place; Mr Isaac, Mrs Isaac, Ms Cordero, Miss Tillson, Mr Young, Mrs Young, Miss Isaac and Mr Brewer.

Students are now busy working on completing their physical, volunteering and skill areas of their award and putting together a presentation about this expedition.

Duke of Edinburgh Team

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

Spotters OCTOBER HOCKEY CAMP

Mon 24th - Tue 25th October 2016

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

Includes Koolhaara Hockey prizes!

SPECIALISED EFFECTIVE COACHING

COACHES: Steve Hoggins (Head Coach), Steve Hoggins (Assistant Coach), Steve Hoggins (Assistant Coach), Steve Hoggins (Assistant Coach)

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

1 x 1 Skills, Goal Scoring, Passing, Mini Games, Competitions and prizes both days

7 to 16 yrs * GIRLS & BOYS

£25 per day, £45 both days

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

The Great Walk - Friday 21st October 2016

The Great Walk is Beechen Cliff's Whole School Fundraising Event. This year The Great Walk will take place on Friday 21st October 2016.



The Walk provides a fantastic opportunity for all boys in Years 7 to 11 to participate in raising money for their School, and then be actively involved in bidding for available funds to support School Projects of interest to them.

Past years' successful bids have included the purchase of footballs, basketballs and cricket sets. Supported the purchase of lighting systems, photographic equipment, video cameras, and games for the board game club. Monies raised have also helped part-fund much larger items such as the bike trailer used for the Coast to Coast Challenge, the marque used for the Centurion Challenge, tents used in Duke of Edinburgh training, Ten Tors and other adventurous activities.

All boys will be fully briefed during School Assemblies, and House specific booklets will be issued to pupils via Tutors. Older boys of course will have taken part before and will walk with the younger ones encouraging them and showing the route.

Year 7 boys are usually stopped from progressing passed the Dundas Check point. Should you wish your son to continue passed this point before returning to school, then there is a Walking Pass to be completed that will allow this. They are available only from the Headmaster and must be signed by a parent/guardian.

Any boys unable to take part in the walk, can participate in a Sponsored Silence from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Library enabling all boys to raise sponsorship for the School.

All documentation issued will be made available on the main school web site for parents and guardians to see.

Mr R Stewart
Great Walk 2016 Organiser

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

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 6 th Oct	U16a Rugby v KES (A)	1.30pm	MB x 2	4.30pm
	U16b Rugby v KES (H)	2.00pm	n/a	4.15pm
	U14b/U12b Rugby v Somervale School (H)	3.15pm	n/a	5.30pm
Fri 7 th Oct	Bath Biathlon @ Bath University (A)	8.45am	MB	3.00pm
	1 st XV Rugby v Sheldon (H)	5.00pm	MB	9.00pm
Mon 10 th Oct	U13a Football v Westfield Academy (H)	2.00pm	MB	4.15pm
Tues 11 th Oct	U13a Tennis v Bishopston School (A)	12.45p m	MB	4.30pm
	U15a Football v Backwell School (H)	1.30pm	MB	4.30pm
	U16a Rugby v RAS (H)	3.15pm	n/a	5.00pm
	U14a Rugby v Writhlington (H)	3.15pm	n/a	5.00pm
Weds 12 th Oct	U12 and U13 Schools Pistol Championships (A) @ Lewsiton School	TBC	MB	4.00pm
	U18 AASE XV Rugby v St Paul's College, Sunbury (A)	9.45am	10.00am	7.00pm
	U13a/U13b Rugby v Colston's School (A)	2.45pm	n/a	5.45pm
	U12a/U12b Rugby v Colston's School (H)	3.25pm	n/a	5.00pm

Sports Results for w/c 26th September 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 27 th Sept	U16 Football v Chew Valley	ESFA round 2	Won	3-2 (aet)
	U13b Rugby v Chew Valley	Friendly	Lost	15-20
Weds 28 th Sept	Swimming Championships @ Millfield	Regionals	Awaiting results	
	AASE v Exeter	League	Won	28-19
	1st XV v Exeter	Friendly	Won	40-5
	U13b Rugby v Prior Park A	Friendly	Won	45-5
	U12b Rugby v Prior Park A	Friendly	Lost	0-40
Thurs 29 th Sept	U14 Tennis v Cleeve	Regionals	Won	12-0
	U13 Football v Cleeve	ESFA round 2	Won	3-2 (aet)
	U15 Rugby v Downside	Natwest round 1	Lost	22-27
Sat 1 st Sept	U16a Rugby v Bishop Wordsworth	Friendly	Lost	7-12
	U16b Rugby v Bishop Wordsworth	Friendly	Lost	5-35
	U15a Rugby v Bishop Wordsworth	Friendly	Lost	7-22
	U14a Rugby v Bishop Wordsworth	Friendly	Lost	7-12
	U13a Rugby v Bishop Wordsworth	Friendly	Won	40-0
	U12a Rugby v Bishop Wordsworth	Friendly	Lost	5-10
	U12b Rugby v Bishops Wordsworth	Friendly	Won	15-10

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Part-Time Vacancies – Academy Minibus Drivers Required

Southampton Football Club continues to look for qualified Minibus Drivers based at our Bath Academy to work on a casual basis. For a job description including required competences please see supplementary information which has been published alongside previous weeks' newsletters.



Alexia Jones
Bath Academy Education and Welfare Officer/Southampton FC