



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 16th November 2016

Reporting Absences

The main School office continues to receive a high volume of calls regarding pupil and student 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

Lost Property



There is a stock of unnamed Lost Property in the Medical Room.

We have a collection of coats and jackets, some trainers.

Please can pupils who have lost items be encouraged to come along and check before the end of term.

Mrs K Lothgren
School Health Co-ordinator

Sixth Form Reports

Lower Sixth Reports are available for parents to view on ePortal and Upper Sixth Reports will be available to view on ePortal from 3.30pm on Friday, 18th November.

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

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Monday 14th November – Friday 18th November
Year 11 Trial Exams week

Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th November
Lower Sixth Residential Trip – South Devon

Friday 18th November
UCAS Application Deadline

Wednesday 23rd November
Super Curricular Lecture - Black Holes by Dr Caroline Vilforth University of Bath – 3.30pm - 4.15pm in Main Hall.

Thursday 24th November
Presentation Evening at The Assembly Rooms 7.30pm

Thursday 24th – Friday 25th November
Year 8 and 9 Amiens Christmas Market Trip

Monday 5th December
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 6th December
Year 10 History visit to Wells Cathedral

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th December
School Production 'Journey's End' by RC Sheriff

Tuesday 13th December
Lower Sixth Parents' Evening

Wednesday 14th December
Mufti 'Wear a Sports Top' Day
School Christmas Lunch
Charity Rugby Match

Thursday 15th December
Carol Service in Bath Abbey @ 7.00pm

Friday 16th December
End of Term Assembly in the Sports Hall
End of Christmas Term @ 1.00pm

Pick up / drop off issues outside the main entrance.

Please remember that if you are dropping your son off at school or picking him up at the end of the day you should try to do this on Chaucer Avenue or the Bear Flat to avoid congestion at the top of the Avenues and outside the main entrance to the School. There have been several incidents lately of parents dropping their son off right outside the School entrance and mounting kerbs in the process. This has put the safety of pupils at risk as well as causing frustration and anger for other drivers caught in the jam.

We have informed Avon and Somerset Police who will from time to time provide presence outside the school gates. Please be aware that they may issue sanctions against those who park illegally outside school or indeed cause an obstruction that endangers pupil safety.

Please work with us to ensure that all pupils can arrive and leave school in the safest possible manner.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Mountaineering Club - Summer Alps Expedition 13th - 23rd July 2017



An Invitation for Sixth Formers

Worked hard for your exams? Deserve a break? Want to do something that will challenge you physically, broaden your horizons, teach you new skills and make friends in the Southern Alps sunshine?

If this appeals to you then take a letter from either Mr Moat in the Geography Office or Mr Murphy in the Art Office and return the permission slip by **Friday, 9th December** at the very latest.

Check the Beechen Cliff Outdoor Activities webpages for more information.

Mr T Moat
Geography



Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Anti-Bullying week.

COOL TO BE KIND
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
14-18 NOVEMBER 2016

Assemblies are taking place this week to introduce the new Equalities Team we are setting up in school; the Equalities Team will help raise awareness of issues within the school such as Bullying and try to tackle improving them.

A survey of over 11,000 secondary pupils in England and Wales reported that **11%** said they had been bullied a lot and **33%** sometimes.

Of those bullied, **88%** reported it happening in school, also **31%** out of school, **15%** in cyberspace, **13%** on a mobile phone, and **15%** on the journey to/from school.

Prejudice-based bullying can come in many forms:

Sexist: Sexist and sexually aggressive behaviour is a major form of bullying. This often includes unwanted physical touch, name calling and spreading rumours.

Homophobic, biphobic and transphobic: An intolerance of a person's sexuality or perceived sexuality can lead to bullying. People are also bullied because they are not seen to conform to 'gender norms' (i.e. how society says a boy or girl should behave).

Race and faith targeted bullying: Bullying targeted at someone's actual or perceived race, or their faith as in Islamophobia, is common.

Disability: A recent study has shown that at 7 and at 15 years, disabled children and those with special educational needs (SEN) are around twice as likely to be bullied than their non-disabled peers.

A significant amount of bullying behaviour is targeted at real or perceived difference. These differences are what make us unique as individuals. They should be respected and celebrated.

Miss A Holloway
PHSE Co-ordinator

PTA Quiz night

The PTA Quiz Night held on Friday, 4th November raised a fantastic £1,200 towards refurbishment of the School Library. A big thank you to all who came.

Mr James Oldham
Head of Sixth Form

Vacancies

Kitchen Assistant x 2

23 hours 45 minutes per week
(10.00 am to 2.45 pm) / 44.6 weeks per year

£7.49 per hour rising to £7.66 in April 2017

Required from 3rd January 2017, a kitchen assistant to join our busy and hardworking catering department. The catering team provide food for over 1,400 pupils, students and staff each day. This is a physically demanding position and involves working in many areas of the department from washing up to assisting in the preparation of food.

For further information and an application form please visit the School website, www.beechencliff.org.uk.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Bletso at the school address or via the email address, headmaster@beechencliff.org.uk

Applications should arrive by noon on **Friday, 25th November 2016**.

Word of the Week - exaggerate

= to represent something as being larger, better or worse than it really is.

Use it:

“Don’t **exaggerate!** It can’t have been *that* bad!”

Spell it:

Don’t forget the two **ggs** in exaggerate

Remember:

great **g**randmas always **g**exaggerate

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Beechen Cliff Super Curricular Lecture Series



On Wednesday, 23rd November between 3.30pm and 4.15pm in the Main Hall, the Super Curricular Lecture series presents a Science Talk by Dr Caroline Vilforth from Bath University on Black Holes.

Sixth Form, Years 10 and 11, Staff and Parents are all welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Mrs C Jones
Assistant to Head of Sixth Form

Exciting Hosting Opportunity



Do you have a spare room?

We are looking for Homestay places in Bath for Sixth Form Chinese students (mixed sexes) from Thursday 12th January to Wednesday 25th January 2017.

The students will be attending Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield and in Sixth Form lessons. They are here to improve their English and learn about our culture. As part of that we'd like them to also be part of a family life.

The students would be hosted individually or in pairs of the same sex within a home from home environment which provides daily home cooked meals, packed lunches and a bedroom with a study area. Ideally with an en-suite or sharing a bathroom with one other person so they have their own privacy and space. Homes must ideally be within walking distance of both schools.

You do not need to have a son or daughter in the Sixth Form to offer a homestay placement. However, we would particularly welcome interest from families with sons/daughters in those year groups or school.

If you can accommodate, living expenses are £20 per person per night. So, for the full placement that would be £260 per person.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information then please contact Fiona Harrison via the Hayesfield Sixth Form Office on 01225 426151 ext 408 or email international@hayesfield.com

All placements are subject to a home visit and DBS check.

Fiona Harrison
Homestay Co-ordinator

School Christmas Card

This Years School Christmas Card designed by Jake Elton Year 11, is now available to order via ParentPay, priced at £3.70 for ten cards.



Mrs H Bletso
Headmaster's Secretary

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	Finish/Return time
Thurs 17 th Nov	U15a Rugby v Canford School (H)	1.30pm	n/a	4.00pm
	2 nd XV Rugby v KES (H)	1.45pm	n/a	4.15pm
Fri 18 th Nov	U14a Tennis v Team Tennis Regional Finals (A)	7.30am	MB	5.00pm
	1 st XV Rugby v KES (A)	5.30pm	n/a	9.00pm
Sat 19 th Nov	U14a/U14b/U12a/U12b/U12c Rugby v KES (A)	9.15am	n/a	11.15am
	U13a/U13b Rugby v KES (H)	9.15am	n/a	11.15am
	U15a Rugby v KES (H)	10.30am	n/a	12.45pm
	ESFA Secondary Schools Swimming Championships (A) @ London Aquatics Centre (pupils making their own way	n/a	n/a	5.00pm
Sun 20 th Nov	School Kayak Championships @ Reading (parents to transport)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mon 21 st Nov	U16a Football v Millfield School (A)	12.00pm	MB	4.30pm
Tues 22 nd Nov	U13a Football v Cheltenham Bournside School and Sixth	1.00pm	MB	5.00pm
	U14a Badminton BANES Championships (A)	2.45pm	MB	6.15pm
	U16a/U14a Basketball v St Mark's C of E School (H)	3.15pm	n/a	5.30pm
	U16a Indoor Hockey Tournament (A) @ KES	3.15pm	MB	6.15pm
Weds 23 rd Nov	1 st XI Hockey BANES Tournament (A) @ Chew Valley	2.30pm	MB	5.45pm

Sports Results w/c 7th November 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 8 th Nov	3rd XV Rugby v Clifton	Friendly	Won	21-0
	Shooting v Dauntseys	Friendly	Draw	1-1
	U16b Rugby v Sexeys	Friendly	Won	48-0
	U13b Rugby v Sexeys	Friendly	Won	60-0
	U12a Rugby v Sexeys	Friendly	Won	40-0
	Banes X-Country Championships	Country Championships	Awaiting results	
Weds 9 th Nov	U15 Football v Kings Taunton	Somerset Cup	Won	6-1
	AASE v Henley	AASE league	Won	22-17
Thurs 10 th Nov	Millfield Clay Pigeon Shooting	Friendly	5 th place	
	U18 Tennis v Clifton	League	Won	7-6
Sat 12 th Nov	U14b Rugby v Sheldon A	Friendly	Lost	5-35
	U13a Rugby v Sheldon	Friendly	Won	20-15
	U12a Rugby v Sheldon	Friendly	Draw	5-5
	U12b Rugby v Sheldon	Friendly	Draw	10-10

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport