



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas will be upon us rather more speedily than anticipated. With this in mind it is worth reminding our parents that the Carol Concert will be taking place in Bath Abbey on Thursday, 15th December. As is our tradition, the Year 7 boys will be expected to attend and participate in what is always a wonderful occasion. We are joined by boys and parents from all years, as well as a large number of former pupils, making it a focus of their return home to Bath. We will provide some more details on the event over the next two weeks.

Tomorrow night the Presentation Evening takes place at the Assembly Rooms. This event provides the opportunity to celebrate the success of many of our pupils and students. This year our guest speaker is Dr Robert A E Fosbury, Emeritus Astronomer. We are privileged to have the chance to hear from a scientist of his standing and I trust he will provide the audience with an inspiring message as they prepare for life at universities or the world of work.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Reminder to Year 11 Parent

Please be reminded that the online appointment booking facility for Year 11 Parents' Evening closes on Wednesday, 30th November at 9.00pm.

If you have any issues booking appointments to see your son's teachers please contact the Pastoral Secretary, Mrs S Evans who will be happy to assist you.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Thursday 24th November

Presentation Evening at The Assembly Rooms 7.30pm

Thursday 24th – Friday 25th November

Year 8 and 9 Amiens Christmas Market Trip

Wednesday 30th November

Super Curricular Lecture - 3.30pm - 4.15pm in Main Hall. - 'Natural Hazards, prediction, mapping and mitigation at global and local scales'

Friday 2nd December

Lower Sixth English Literature Lectures - Exeter

Monday 5th December

Year 8 - House Cross Country 11.15am-12.15pm
Year 11 Parents' Evening - 4.30pm-8.00pm

Tuesday 6th December

Year 11 House Cross Country 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Year 10 History visit to Wells Cathedral

Wednesday 7th December

Year 10 House Cross Country - 10.00pm - 11am

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th December

School Production 'Journey's End' by RC Sheriff

Thursday 8th December

Year 7 House Cross Country 10.00pm-11.00am
Year 9 House Cross Country 12.20pm -1.15pm

Friday 9th December

Beechen Cliff Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Great Western Air Ambulance

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

A Level Certificates Presentation Tea - 6th Form Study Area 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Carol Service in Bath Abbey @ 7.00pm

Friday 16th December

End of Term Assembly in the Sports Hall
End of Christmas Term @ 1.00pm

Stop Norovirus Spreading this Winter

We have been informed by the Public Health Authority that Norovirus is currently circulating in local communities.

Please find attached to this Newsletter, an information sheet to provide guidance and help reduce further spread of the virus.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year's Beechen Cliff wear a Christmas Jumper" day will be on Friday, 9th December.



For pupils and staff who wish to join in and support the Great Western Air Ambulance by wearing their Christmas Jumper, the cost will be £1.

Great Western Air Ambulance will also be in School to deliver assemblies outlining the fantastic work that they do in helping save local lives. They receive no government funding and rely on donations to operate.

For more information about Great Western Air Ambulance Service, you can visit <https://www.greatwesternairambulance.com>



Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Word of the Week: - decision

noun = a conclusion or resolution reached after some consideration

= *to decide* (verb): the act of making your mind up about something

Spell it:

Break it up and remember the sections:

Dec - is - ion

Remember the 'c' that sounds like an 's':

De cision

Now you can also spell:

Decide

Decisive

Indecisive

Indecision

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

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

Charity Leg Waxing Event - Off the Record

On Thursday, 1st December we are holding a charity leg waxing event for the Beechen Cliff male teaching staff and Sixth Form students in aid of 'Off the Record', a mental health charity the School has been using for many years and who celebrate their 10 Year anniversary this year.



off the record

If you want to see your favourite teacher scream in pain then this is something you will not want to miss!

Advance tickets cost £1.50 each and will be available during tutor time, both breaks and lunchtimes. Otherwise entrance on the door will be £2.00. Cash only please.

Lastly, I would like to thank Pure Health and Beauty on Bear Flat, for giving up their time to assist with the waxing!

Kyle Reeves
Lower Sixth

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**.

Sixth Form Reports

Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth Reports are available for parents to view on ePortal

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

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Theme of the Week – Equalities Team

Theme of the week this week is focusing on the Equalities Team (E-Team) that we are in the process of setting up in School.

Attached to this newsletter you will find a copy of the E-Team Presentation shown to pupils last week during assemblies as an introduction to the E-Team.

We would very much like to increase the number of pupils that are involved, so if you feel that your son would be interested in working on equality issues, please encourage them to join up.

Miss A Holloway
PHSE Co-ordinator

Forthcoming Immunisation for Year 9 and Year 11

Debi Chalke, Public Health Nurse for the School Nursing Service at Sirona Care and Health, requires parents of all Year 9 and 11 pupils to complete Immunisation consents which are being sent home with pupils this week

Year 11 pupils are to receive the new Meningitis ACWY immunisation even though they have previously had the Meningitis C in Year 9.

Year 9 pupils are to have the two immunisations which are boosters from their childhood immunisations. One is Diphtheria Tetanus and Polio and one is Meningitis ACWY.

Please read the information which accompanies the consent forms. All forms need to be completed and returned to School, whether you are consenting or not.

If we do not receive a form we will be calling you to establish verbal consent.

The nurses will be attending School on;
Thursday 12th January 2017 for Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 19th January for Year 11 immunisations

All information and contact details accompany the forms.

Mrs D Chalke
School Nursing Service

Beechen Cliff Super Curricular Lecture Series

On Wednesday, 30th November at 3.30pm in the Main Hall Gavin Lewis will present a lecture titled 'Natural Hazards, prediction, mapping and mitigation at global and local scales'



Students and Parents welcome, and refreshments will be provided.

Mrs C Jones
Assistant to Head of Sixth Form

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 24 th Nov	1 st XI/2 nd XI/3 rd XI Football v KES (A)	1.30pm	MB	4.30pm
	U18a Tennis v Monmouth School (A)	12.15pm	MB	6.00pm
Sat 26 th Nov	U15a/U13a/U13b/U12a/U12b Rugby v QEH (A)	8.45am	9.00am	12.30pm
	1 st XV/2 nd XV/U14a Rugby v QEH (H)	9.30pm	n/a	11.45am
Tues 29 th Nov	U14a/U12a Rugby v Wellsway School (H)	1.30pm	n/a	4.00pm
	1 st XI Hockey BANES Tournament (A) @ Chew Valley School	2.30pm	MB	6.30pm
	U16a Basketball v Sidcot School (H)	2.45pm	n/a	4.30pm
Weds 30 th Nov	U14a Football v Wellsway School (A)	1.15pm	MB	4.30pm
	U16 Football v Hounslow School (H) @ Glasshouse	1.30pm	MB	4.00pm
	3 rd XV Rugby v Writhlington School (H)	1.30pm	n/a	4.00pm
	U16a Basketball v Oldfield School (H)	3.00pm	n/a	5.00pm

Sports Results w/c 14th November 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 15 th Nov	U14 Football v Marling	ESFA Round 4	Won	1-1 (4-3 on pens)
	U14b Rugby v Sexeys	Friendly	Lost	5-25
Weds 16 th Nov	AASE v Hartpury	League	Won	34-16
	U13a Rugby v Monkton	Friendly	Won	20-5
	U13b Rugby v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	25-40
	U12a Rugby v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	5-25
Thurs 17 th Nov	2 nd XV Rugby v KES	Friendly	Draw	19-19
	U15 Rugby v Canford	Natwest Plate	Lost	7-17
Sat 19 th Nov	U14a Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	27-5
	U14b Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	45-0
	U13a Rugby v KES	Friendly	Lost	0-45
	U13b Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	35-5
	U12a Rugby v KES	Friendly	Draw	10-10
	U12b Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	45-0
	U12c Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	60-0

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport