



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 9th November 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 parents will be in receipt of information from the School which relates to the online booking system for the forthcoming Parents' Evening. We very much hope that the process will prove to be very helpful for parents and assist in the organisation of the evening. We obviously hope that parents or carers of all our Year 11 boys will be able to join us on the evening. It is a critical time for the boys in the year.

As the day become colder and darker I would ask parents to persuade their offspring that coats really do serve a useful purpose and will protect against wind and rain!

Year 7 Cricket

I understand that it is not really the time when most people think of cricket - however, training will begin with some assessment sessions in January and then onto training sessions from February. An exclusive kit offer will be published for Friday

Year 7 Football

Training begins this Thursday for all Year 7 boys interested in playing football for the School. We will run a number of teams and the boys will very much enjoy the input from our coaching team.

Venue: Astroturf

Kit: Games kit and trainers

Time: 3.40pm

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Davies
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

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

City of Bath College - Open Evening

City Centre Campus.

Thursday, 10th November 2016, 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

Mr J Forrest
Careers and Work Related Manager

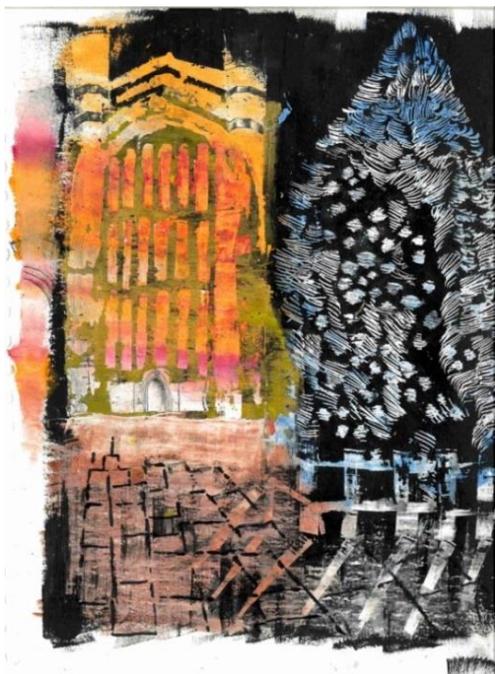
Lower Sixth Reports

Lower Sixth Reports will be available for parents to view on ePortal from 3.30pm on Friday, 11th November.

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

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

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

Year 7 Parent Information Evening Presentation

Slides from presentation evening are now available to view on the parents evening section on the website <http://www.beechencliff.org.uk/school-life/parent-evenings-reporting/>

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week looks at Remembrance Day which is on the 11th November.



Each year in November, the United Kingdom remembers the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. The 11th November is known as **Armistice Day**, **Remembrance Day** or **Poppy Day**.

During the First World War, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. In many parts of the world, people observe a two-minute of silence at 11am on 11th November.

Remembrance Sunday is the second Sunday in November, the Sunday nearest to 11th November. Remembrance Sunday sees special events and services relating to remembrance. **Remembrance Sunday is on the 13th November in 2016.** Remembrance Sunday is held "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts".

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/international/fifa-poppy-ban-england-scotland-fa-players-will-wear-remembrance-day-a7393591.html>

<http://www.theweek.co.uk/61167/remembrance-day-how-and-why-the-poppy-came-to-symbolise-wwi>

Miss A Holloway
PHSE Co-ordinator

Parents of Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 pupils.

Your son will have been given a Data Collection Sheet with an addressed envelope for return as soon as possible.

Please make any amendments necessary, regardless of changes, sign and date. It is imperative for us to have up-to-date details.

Mrs S Davies
Admissions Administrator

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**.

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

Word of the Week - a lot

= As a noun, a *lot* means *a large extent, a large amount, or a large number*.

= As an adverb, *lot* means *to a great extent or to a great degree*.

We also have the verb **to allot**
= to give out, to apportion, to divide, or to distribute

BUT
alot is not a word!

Use it:

Josh has **a lot** of games.

(*Lot* is a noun in this example)

He cycles to school **a lot**.

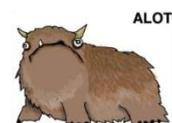
(*Lot* is an adverb in this example)

"I will **alot** a tent and a camping stove to each group."

I completed the test in the **allotted** time.

Spell it:

Remember: the alot is a friendly creature*, not an English word



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Beechen Cliff's Super Curricular Lecture Series

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

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

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 14th November 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!

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/MB time | Return/Finish time |
|----------------------------|--|-----------|---------------|--------------------|
| Thurs 10 th Nov | U15 Clay Pigeon Shooting v Millfield (A) | 12.15pm | MB | 5.30pm |
| | U18a Tennis v Clifton College (A) | 12.15pm | MB | 5.00pm |
| | U14a Football v Wellsway (A) | 1.15pm | MB | 4.30pm |
| Mon 14 th Nov | Primary School Football Festival (Year 10 Sports Leaders) (A) @ Odd Down Sports Ground | 11.45am | MB | 4.30pm |
| Tues 15 th Nov | U14a Football v Marling School, Stroud (A) | 1.00pm | MB | 5.00pm |
| | U14a Rugby v Sexey's School (H) | 2.00pm | n/a | 4.00pm |
| Weds 16 th Nov | U18 AASE XV Rugby v Hartpury (A) | 10.30am | 10.45am | 6.00pm |
| | U12a/U12c Rugby v Monkton Prep (A) | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| | U13a/U13b Rugby v Monkton Prep (H) | TBC | TBC | TBC |

Sports Results

| Date | Fixture | Type | Result | Score |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Weds 2 nd Nov | AASE v Exeter | AASE League | Lost | 10-31 |
| | 1st XI Football v Millfield | ESFA | Lost | 0-7 |
| Thurs 3 rd Nov | 1st Netball v Ralph Allen | Friendly | Lost | 17-23 |
| | U16 Football v Worle | ESFA | Won | 5-0 |
| Tues 8 th Nov | Shooting v Dauntsey's School - A Team | .22 Rifle | Won | 470 - 467 |
| | Shooting v Dauntsey's School - B Team | .22 Rifle | Lost | 420 - 430 |

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport