



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents/Carers,

A busy final week or so of activities with opening the School production of Journey's End presented in the Main Hall from this evening. I would encourage as many parents, pupils and friends of the School to come and watch our production which has significant impact particularly in the context of the World War One Centenary period. I must thank Mr West and all those who have brought the production to the stage. It takes an enormous amount of dedication.

The Carol Concert takes place next Thursday evening in Bath Abbey and, as always, I would encourage all those connected with Beechen Cliff to come and participate in a spectacular event which really 'sets the scene' for Christmas.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

End of Term Arrangements

As we approach the Christmas holidays please note the forthcoming events:

Wednesday 14th December

This is a designated Mufti day where everyone wears a sports top. A donation of £1 will be collected for Charity.

Periods 1-4 will be a normal timetable

Period 5 - Year 7 and the Sixth Form to continue with their lunch break

Christmas Lunch (£2.60) will be served between 12.15 and 2.00pm. Please ensure that there are sufficient funds in ParentPay to cover this.

12.15 - Sixth Form and Year 7 (Year 8 at 12.45)

1.15 - Years 9, 10 and 11

Period 6 - No Lessons. The whole school to watch the Charity rugby match, Lower Sixth v Upper Sixth in memory of Tony Sweet, former teacher at Beechen Cliff. Pupils will be dismissed from 3.15

PLEASE NOTE - The above arrangements are dependent upon good weather and if conditions are poor, normal lessons will take place for period 6.

Friday 16th December

Periods 1 and 2 - normal lessons

Period 3 - End of term assembly. Pupils will be dismissed between 12.30 and 1.00pm

No lunches will be served but food will be available during breaks.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th December

School Production 'Journey's End' by RC Sheriff

Thursday 8th December

Year 7 House Cross Country 10.00 - 11.00pm

Year 9 House Cross Country 12.20 - 1.15pm

Inter House Netball 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Friday 9th December

BCS 'Wear a 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 in the Sixth Form study area 5.00 - 8.00pm

Carol Service in Bath Abbey at 7.00pm

Friday 16th December

End of Term Assembly in the Sports Hall

End of Christmas Term @ 1.00pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Winter Term Starts at 8.25pm

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th January 2017

Sixth Form Mock Exams

Thursday 5th January 2017

Year 9 Options Evening session at 6.30pm (Non-Linguists)

Years 9 Options Evening session at 7.30pm (Linguists)

Thursday 15th December

Carol Service in Bath Abbey 7.00pm. All year 7 pupils are expected to attend in uniform.

Reporting Pupil Absences



Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting an 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

If the attendance lines are busy, do please leave a message on the answer machines.

Wear your Christmas jumper to School - Friday 9th December - Minimum donation £1.00



On Friday, 9th December all pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school in order to raise money for the Great Western Air Ambulance.

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

Please help to maintain this invaluable service by wearing your Christmas jumper on Friday, 9th December, bringing £1 in on the day.

Please note that other than wearing a Christmas jumper, Friday is a normal uniform day. There is a Mufti day next Wednesday (14th December) for the Charity rugby match after Christmas lunch.



Mr C Hall
Head of Kipling

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Christmas Lunch



The School Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday, 14th December, and will cost £2.60. A vegetarian option will be available.

Please can we request that your son's/daughters accounts are topped up so we are able to be as quick as possible on the tills.

Thank you!

Chef Dan Keal

Immunisation Consent Forms for Year 9 and Year 11 Pupils

Can parents of Year 9 and Year 11 pupils who have not already returned the completed consent forms for the January 2017 scheduled immunisation sessions detailed below, please do so as soon as.

- **Year 9 Immunisations on Thursday 12th January 2017** - boosters from their childhood immunisations. Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Polio and Meningitis ACWY)
- **Year 11 Immunisations on Thursday 19th January 2017** for new Meningitis ACWY

Mrs K Lothgren
School Health Co-ordinator

Upper Sixth/Lower Sixth Mock Exams

Sixth Form students will be taking Mock Exams during the first week after the Christmas holidays (Tuesday 3rd Friday 6th January). Timetables for these exams have been emailed to students and exam arrangements have been explained to students in assemblies. The timetable is also available on the School Website.

During this week students will have study leave and will only be expected to attend school for exams.

The one exception to this is Level 3 Sport where lessons will continue as normal during this exam week.

Exams will take place in formal Exam Halls and invigilated by external invigilators. Students will be expected to arrive at the Exam Hall at least 15 minutes before the start of exams and the usual Sixth Form dress code will be strictly enforced.

The results of the Mock Examinations will be given to students in the weeks following the exams and will be published to parents on ePortal on 23rd January 2017.

If students or parents have any queries about the exams they should contact the Exams Officer, Mrs K Davison, on exams@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Lost Property



There is still unnamed Lost Property in the Medical Room.

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

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Human Rights Day. Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10th December. This day is celebrated internationally to honour 10th December 1948, when the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at Palais de Chailoit, Paris after the experience of the Second World War.



This year, Human Rights Day calls on everyone to stand up for someone's rights. Many of us are fearful about the way the world is heading. Disrespect for basic human rights continues to be wide-spread in all parts of the globe. Extremist movements subject people to horrific violence. Messages of intolerance and hatred prey on our fears.

There are links to various videos below that give more information about Human Rights and why they are so important.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDgIVseTkuE>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRGhrYmUjU4>
<http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

Miss A Holloway
PSHE Co-ordinator

Word of the Week - believe

- = to accept that something is true or real
- = to hold something as an opinion
- = to have faith or confidence in something

Use it:

"We believe in putting our customers first"
"I don't believe you!"
"The police have identified the man they believe was involved."

Spell it:

Never believe

a lie

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award

Help and Advice: Drop-In sessions every Monday

Mrs Younger, the DofE administrator for Beechen



Cliff, is available every Monday lunchtime in C2 computer room for help and advice for all DofE participants. She is here to help all students choose suitable activities, make progress in the various sections, log evidence, get assessor's reports written and complete their awards so that the school can issue certificates and badges. Please drop by - all welcome.

Bronze DofE Award Launch for Year 9s - Information Evening Wed 11th January 7pm



If you are in Year 9 and are interested in participating in the Bronze level of the DofE Award Scheme here at Beechen Cliff, please collect a letter from Mr Moat after assembly on Tuesday, 13th December.

There will be a student and parent information evening in the Hall at Beechen Cliff on Wednesday, 11th January at 7pm when you can come and find out more about the commitment and challenges involved in the award before signing up. All Year 9 students and parents/carers very welcome.

Mr T Moat/Mrs C Younger
Duke of Edinburgh Team

Ten Tors

TEN TORS 2017

Dates:
Mendips- Saturday 21st January
Black Mountains- Saturday 4th February
Dartmoor 1- Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February
Dartmoor 2- Saturday 25th and 26th March
Dartmoor 3- Saturday 22 and 24 April
Ten Tors Event- Friday 5th, Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th May
Open to years 10-13
See Mr. Brewer or Mr. Stewart for details

Spanish Exchange: Accommodation needed

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are looking for an extra family to host a 16 year old Spanish boy from 30th March to 6th April 2017.



If you are able to help, please contact karemarshall@beechencliff.org.uk for more details.

Mrs K Marshall
Head of Spanish

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	KO/Start time	Finish/Return time
Thurs 8 th Dec	U16a Rugby v Wellsway School (A)	1.15	1.30	2.30	4.15
	U14a Basketball v Bristol Metropolitan Academy (A)	1.45	MB	3.15	5.00
	U13a Sportshall Athletics (A) @ Wellsway School	3.15	MB	4.00	6.15
Fri 9 th Dec					
Sat 10 th Dec	U16a/U13a/U13b/U12b/U12c Rugby v Sir Thomas Rich's School (A)	8.15am	8.30am	10.30am	1.30am
	U15a/U14a/U14b Rugby v Sir Thomas Rich's School (H)	8.30am	n/a	10.30am	11.45pm
Mon 13 th Dec					
Tues 14 th Dec	U14A Football v Wellsway School (A)	1.15pm	MB	2.30pm	4.15pm
	U16a/U14a Basketball v St Gregs (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.45pm	5.30pm
Weds 15 th Dec	1 st XV Rugby v Cabot Learning Federation (A)	12.45pm	1.00pm	2.45pm	4.15pm
	Lower Sixth v Upper Sixth Charity Rugby Match (H)	1.15pm	n/a	2.15pm	3.30pm

Sports Results w/c 28th November 2016

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 29 th Nov	U12 Rugby v Wellsway	Friendly	Draw	10-10
	U16 Basketball v Sidcot	League	Won	63-54
Weds 30 th Nov	U16 Football v Hounslow	ESFA 5th round	Lost	0-1
	U16 Basketball v Oldfield	League	Won	60-8
Thurs 1 st Dec	AASE Rugby v Worcester	Playoff final	Won	46-10
	KS4 Badminton	Tournament	Runners up	

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport