



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 18th January 2017

Year 11 Immunisation Session

Can we remind parents and carers of Year 11 pupils that the **Year 11 scheduled Immunisation session** for *new Meningitis ACWY* is tomorrow, Thursday 19th January 2017.

Mrs K Lothgren
School Health Co-ordinator

GCSE Exam Revision Sessions 2017

Over the next few months many subjects are running revision sessions to support Year 11 pupils in the build up to their GCSE exams.

We really encourage pupils to use the support on offer.

The schedule is available on the School Website and can also be accessed from the link below:

<http://cdn.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Year-11-GCSE-Revision-Session-Dates-January-to-May-2017.pdf>

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Reporting Pupil Absences

IMPORTANT

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.

CALENDAR

Saturday 14th – Friday 20th January
Austria Ski Trip

Thursday 19th January
Year 11 Immunisations
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 20th January
Students and Teachers from China visiting BCS all day

Saturday 21st January
Ten Tors Training in the Mendips

Monday 23rd January
Students and Teachers from China visiting BCS all day

Tuesday 24th January
Year 9 Imperial War Museum Visit

Wednesday 25th January
Super Curricular Lecture - 3.30pm Sixth Form Study Area
Year 9 Parents' Evening

Saturday 28th January
Lower Sixth future Horizons Graduate Careers Showcase

Tuesday 31st January
RPE Lower Sixth Vardy Conference @ The Colston Hall, Bristol.

Thursday 2nd February
Upper Sixth Parents' Evening

Sixth Form Interviews

Interviews for Year 11 pupils who have applied for the Sixth Form will take place during Monday, 20th March and Tuesday, 21st March with a member of the Sixth Form Team.

Students will receive letters with a date and time in late February.

Mr J Oldham
Head of Sixth Form

Spanish Trips

Two places have become available for the KS3 Spanish trip to Barcelona in June. This is available to any pupil who studies Spanish in Year 8 and 9. If you are interested please contact me directly at katemarshall@beechencliff.org.uk.



We have also just launched the Spanish Exchange to Cordoba for next October. This is open to all Year 10 pupils studying Spanish at GCSE. Your son will have brought home a letter with more information. Please sign up on ParentPay if you would like your son to take part.

Meanwhile, 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. Please contact me at the School for more information.

Mrs K Marshall
Head of Spanish

Music Concert – Change of date.

Please note that the Annual School Concert will now take place on Wednesday, 8th and Thursday, 9th **March** and not 8th and 9th February as stated in the School calendar.

The concerts will still be at St Luke's church and further details will be given in future Wednesday letters.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

English

All pupils in Year 11 are sitting a trial Cambridge IGCSE® (9-1) First Language English 0627 Reading Passages examination, on Monday, 6th February. Information is available on the CIE website:

<http://www.cie.org.uk/images/203894-2017-2019-syllabus.pdf>

Pages 7 – 8 offer a clear explanation of the format of the Reading Passages examination; the boys need to pay extra attention to the new style of Question 3, which requires candidates to compare texts and synthesise material.

Mrs A Baker
Head of English

Data Collection Sheets

Return of Data Collection Sheets

All pupils and students have been issued with a Data Collection Sheet (October 2016). Thank you for those returned but a significant number are still outstanding.

It is imperative we have up to date contact details.

May I ask your son/daughter to check their bags.

Please contact me for a duplicate sheet if necessary.

Mrs S Davies
Admissions Administrator
Sue.Davies@beechencliff.org.uk

Word of the Week - favourite

= preferred to all others of the same kind

= (*in sport*) a competitor thought likely to win

= an Internet browser feature that allows users to save websites so they can be easily revisited

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

Use it:

My **favourite** biscuits are Custard Creams.

I added the website to my **Favourites** to make it easier to find later.

The first Grand National horse race was held in 1839, when the aptly named, and 5-1 **favourite**, *Lottery* came home first.

Spell it:

Favourite

Now you can also spell:

(to) favour

favoured

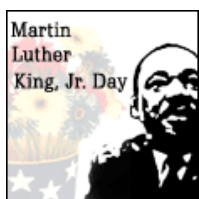
favouritism

favourable

unfavourable

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

Theme of the Week



This week's theme of the week is focusing on Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King was an important civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. He directed the peaceful march on Washington D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure. At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement. On the evening of 4th April 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him. After the first bill was introduced, trade unions lead the campaign for the federal holiday. It was endorsed in 1976.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/timelines/z86tn39>

Simon Armitage analyses Martin Luther King's I Have A Dream speech, Speeches that Shook the World (BBC Four, 2013). - Worth watching.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vDWWy4CMhE>

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr/videos/history-of-the-holidays-martin-luther-king-jr-day>

http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html

Miss A Holloway
PSHE Co-ordinator

Super Curricular Lecture Series

On Wednesday, 25th January - Dr Ceri M Brenner, MA (Oxon), MInstP will speak on High powered Lasers and careers in Physics - Ogden Trust event

Students and Parents welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Mrs Clare Jones
Assistant to Head of Sixth Form

Beechen Cliff Tennis Programme - January - March 2017



JUNIOR 'SQUAD'
Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 7-9
11th January - 22nd March 2017
£50 (10 sessions)

The Squad programme caters for Junior beginners to intermediate levels and groups are sorted by ability and age. The course covers:

- Basic technique - correct grips and swings, footwork patterns and Ball controls
- Basic singles and doubles tactics
- Rules and match experience.

For more information or to book the course please email info@tt-tennis.co.uk

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Kip McGrath EDUCATION CENTRES
Where students really improve

Concerned about Exams?

We already support students from
Beechen Cliff.

If you are looking for help in the run up to
GCSEs, call us:
01225 335510
or email: bathnorth@kip-mcgrath.com

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 19 th Jan	1 st XI/2 nd XI Football v Dauntsey's School (A)	12.15pm	MB	2.30pm	5.15pm
	U15a Hockey v Clifton College (A)	1.15pm	MB	2.30pm	4.45pm
	U14a Hockey v Clifton College (A)	2.45pm	MB	4.00pm	5.45pm
Mon 23 rd Jan	U16 Hockey Tournament (A) @ Clifton College	8.00am	MB	9.00am	3.00pm
	U14a Football v Gordano School (H) @ The Glass House	1.30pm	MB	2.30pm	4.00pm
	U16a Basketball v Bristol Met. Academy (A)	1.45pm	2.00pm	3.15pm	5.00pm
	U13a Hockey v KES (A)	3.25pm	MB	4.30pm	5.45pm
	U13b Hockey v KES (H)	3.25pm	n/a	4.30pm	5.45pm
Tues 24 th Jan	U14b/U13b/U12b Football v Churchill Academy & Sixth Form (A)	12.45pm	1.00pm	2.45pm	5.00pm
	U16a Basketball v Sidcot School (H)	3.00pm	n/a	3.15pm	4.15pm
Weds 25 th Jan	U12a Hockey v Wells Cathedral (A)	12.30pm	MB	1.30pm	3.30pm
	1 st XI Football v King's College, Taunton (A)	1.30pm	MB	2.30pm	4.15pm
	U13a Hockey v Wells Cathedral School (A)	1.00pm	MB	2.30pm	4.30pm
	U17a Rugby v Worcester Sixth Form College (H) @ Oldfield RFC	1.00pm	MB	2.30pm	4.30pm
	U16a BANES Hockey Tournament (A) @ Chew Valley	2.30pm	tbc	3.45pm	6.15pm

Sports Results w/c 9th January 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 10 th Jan	U13 Football v Writhlington	Somerset Cup	Lost	1-2
Weds 11 th Jan	U17 Rugby v Exeter	Friendly	Lost	0-32
Thurs 12 th Jan	U18 Tennis v Stanwell	National knockout	Lost	1-5
	U15 Football v Heathfield	Somerset Cup	Won	4-2
	U14 Basketball v Abbeywood	League	Lost	11-42
	U13 Indoor Cricket tournament	Tournament	Winners	

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

We have been asked to advertise the following notices. Whilst we are happy to advertise these, Beechen Cliff School does not take responsibility for any aspect of the services and / or actions.

Need some extra help to prepare for Science exams?

I offer private tuition in GCSE Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and AS/A2 Biology. I am a fully qualified teacher and an examiner for Edexcel GCSE Biology.

Please contact me on 07891 734 664 to discuss how I can best help you improve your confidence and grades in Science.

Further details are available on my website:
www.emmahainestutoring.co.uk

BACK TO WORK... AFTER TIME OUT?

Eduserv, a not for profit IT services provider based in Bath, are hosting a FREE event in collaboration with Women In Technology to support women back to work following maternity leave or a period of time out of the workplace.

This event, including a free lunch, will take place on:
Monday 6th February 2017 at The Makery in Bath from 10am – 2pm

The event is free but limited to 20 spaces