



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 25th January 2017

## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the introduction of an online booking system for Parents' Evening appointments I want to thank parents for the feedback given to us. It appears that the system has been received very favourably and it is good to see that the already very high attendance rate has improved further.

Tonight is Year 9 Parents' Evening and we very much look forward to receiving pupils and parents. I do hope it is a positive evening for all parents.

### Year 7 Rifle Shooting Competition

This year the competition takes place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Letters are available from the Duty Boy desk in reception.

Mr A Davies  
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](mailto: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](mailto:allisonjones@beechencliff.org.uk)

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

## CALENDAR

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Year 8 PHSE - Period 1 and 2

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Lower Sixth Future Horizons Graduate Careers Showcase

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Year 10 Maths Event at Bath University  
RPE Lower Sixth Vardy Conference at The Colston Hall, Bristol.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Year 11 Exam Preparation Assembly

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Young Parliament Day at Norton Hill School  
Upper Sixth Parents' Evening - 4.30pm - 8.00pm

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Bands' Night at 7.00pm in Main Hall

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Ten Tors Training in the Black Mountains

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

DoE Silver Level Launch Meeting (open to Year 10s) at Hayesfield Upper School - 6pm

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Year 11 Revision Skills - 11.15am

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Year 8 Enterprise Day at The Royal High School

### WINTER TERM Ends

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Mountaineering Club - Winter Trip to the Lakes

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET 4**

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Lesotho Trip

## Upper Sixth/Lower Sixth Mock Reports

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

If you have problems accessing these reports please email [datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk).

Mr T D Markall  
Assistant Headmaster

## 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

## 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](mailto:katemarshall@beechencliff.org.uk).

Mrs K Marshall  
Head of Spanish

## Bands' Night Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

After the sell-out event last year, Bands' Night is back again on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Tickets (only £1 when bought in advance) are now available in school from the Sixth Form organisers who will be visiting tutor groups in the coming week. Tickets are also available from Parent Pay.



There are seven different bands playing - with a wide range of styles and experience. Amongst the acts there is an accomplished gigging Sixth Form band which has performed at Glastonbury (view the full sized flyer attached to this newsletter for line up). For parents, there will be a bar. All profits from the night will be going to the October 2017 Sixth Form Trip to Romania which will support People Against Poverty's farm project and orphanage.

With only 200 tickets available, we are expecting this event to sell out again - so book your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Angus Watts and Corben Lamb  
(Upper Sixth Form students)

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Silver Level Launch Meeting.

Any interested **Year 10 pupils** are invited to an information meeting at Hayesfield School Upper Oldfield Park Campus in the hall on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February (entry via West Wing) at 6pm.



Any Year 10 pupils who has completed or who is well underway with their Bronze DofE award **online** is welcome to attend with their parent or carer. There may be some spaces for those who have not done Bronze DofE but these students must be able to give details of relevant experience.

Please come along to hear more about the challenges and commitments involved with undertaking the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award with Hayesfield School or please email Mrs Younger at [c.younger@hayesfield.com](mailto:c.younger@hayesfield.com) for more information.

Clare Younger  
DofE Administrator

## English

All pupils in Year 11 are sitting a trial Cambridge IGCSE® (9-1) First Language English **0627** Reading Passages examination, on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## Sixth Form Interviews

Interviews for Year 11 pupils who have applied for the Sixth Form will take place during Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Time to Change, a growing movement of people changing how we all think and act about mental health.

**time to change**

let's end mental health discrimination

One in four of us will experience a mental health problem every year - that means that, right now, one of your friends, colleagues or loved ones is going through it.

But too many people with mental health problems are made to feel worthless or isolated. The way you act towards someone with a mental illness can change their life: by opening up to mental health you can make a real difference.

### The Aims of Time to Change:

- Improve public attitudes and behaviour towards people with mental health problems.
- Reduce the amount of discrimination that people with mental health problems report in their personal relationships, their social lives and at work.
- Make sure even more people with mental health problems can take action to challenge stigma and discrimination in their communities, in workplaces, in schools and on-line.
- Create a sustainable campaign that will continue in communities and workplaces long into the future.

Time to Talk Day takes place on the first Thursday in February. It is a day that brings the nation together to get talking and break the silence around mental health problems. There will be posters and information around school to encourage students to get involved.

### Why talk?

Mental health problems affect one in four of us yet people are still afraid to talk about it. For people with mental health problems not being able to talk about it can be one of the worst parts of the illness. So by getting people talking about mental health we can break down stereotypes, improve relationships, aid recovery and take the stigma out of something that affects us all.

### About Time to Talk Day

Since Time to Talk Day first launched in 2014, it has sparked millions of conversations in schools, homes, workplaces, in the media and online.

As a result of the day, people have felt able to share their experiences without shame for the first time, and have started supporting those around them. After that first conversation, people feel more comfortable talking about mental health and more likely to talk about it again - that one chat can have a huge impact.

<http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/talk-about-mental-health/telling-someone-about-your-mental-health-problem>

<http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/mental-health-quiz>

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/about-us>

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/resources-youth-professionals>

Mrs A Wilmot  
PSHE Co-ordinator

### Music Concert – Change of date.

Please note that the Annual School Concert will now take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> **March** and not 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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

### How can Walking and Cycling be improved in the Bear Flat Area?



Sustrans would love to hear your point of view regarding how walking and cycling can be improved in the Bear Flat area.

They are holding a Consultation Event outside The Bear Pub tomorrow, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, between 3pm and 6pm, see Sustrans flyer attached to this weeks newsletter.

Please visit the event or for more information or to take in a short questionnaire please visit <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/bearflat>

## 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 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U16a Cross Country Kingswood Road race (A)	1.30pm	MB	2.30pm	4.15pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> VII/U18b Netball v Sexey's School (H)	1.45pm	n/a	2.30pm	4.00pm
	U15a Cricket Sixes Tournament (A) at Oldfield School	2.45pm	MB	3.30pm	5.30pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Hockey v Warminster School (A)	2.45pm	MB	4.15pm	6.00pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> VII Rugby Sevens Tournament (A)	7.30am	MB	10.00am	4.00pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U15a Hockey v Colston's School (A)	2.00pm	MB	3.15pm	5.00pm
	U15b Hockey v Colston's School (A)	2.45pm	MB	4.15pm	6.00pm
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	U17 Rugby v Melksham Oak School	12.30pm	12.45pm	2.30pm	5.00pm
	U15a Shooting v Dauntsey's School (A)	12.00pm	MB	2.00pm	5.00pm
	U13a Hockey v Colston's School (A)	2.00pm	MB	3.15pm	5.00pm
	U12a Hockey v Colston's School (H)	3.00pm	n/a	3.15pm	4.30pm
	U13b Hockey v Colston's School (A)	3.00pm	MB	4.15pm	6.00pm
	U12b Hockey v Colston's School (H)	3.30pm	MB	4.15pm	5.15pm
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	U14a Hockey County Tournament (A) at Clifton College	8.00am	12.30pm	10.00am	4.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI/U16a/U16b/U15a Football v Marlborough College (A)	12.15pm	n/a	2.30pm	6.00pm
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Football v Kingswood School (H)	1.45pm	MB	2.30pm	4.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> VII Netball v Kingswood School (A)	1.25pm	MB	2.45pm	5.00pm
	U15a Hockey v Warminster School (A)	3.25pm	MB	5.00pm	6.30pm

### Sports Results w/c 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U15 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	0-10
	U12 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	0-8
	U13 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	0-1
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U18 Tennis v Taunton	National knockout	Lost	0-6
	U14 Hockey v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	4-1
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U12a Football v Clifton College	Friendly	Won	5-1
	U12b Football v Clifton College	Friendly	Won	7-0
	U16a Football v Millfield	Friendly	Won	3-1
	U16b Football v Millfield	Friendly	Won	4-2
	U15a Football v Millfield	Friendly	Lost	1-5
	U15b Football v Millfield	Friendly	Lost	2-9
	U14a Football v Millfield	Friendly	Won	2-0
	U14b Football v Millfield	Friendly	Won	5-0
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football v Dauntsey's	Friendly	Won	7-2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Football v Dauntsey's	Friendly	Drew	3-3
	U15 Hockey v Clifton	Friendly	Lost	1-3
	U14 Hockey v Clifton	Friendly	Won	5-1

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport