



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 8th February 2017

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a real pleasure to welcome a large number of Year 11 pupils from many local schools into Beechen Cliff to be interviewed for places in the Sixth Form. We have been delighted with the fact that, along with obvious talent, the boys and girls have all given their key reason as the positive and welcoming atmosphere within the school. We are looking forward to welcoming an exceptional new Sixth Form cohort in September.

Cricket Year 7

The Spring training sessions for Year 7 will start after Half Term, the evening to be confirmed soon by the master in charge of cricket, Mr Macdonald. Matches begin in April and, remembering the blue skies and chilled look of boys last season, I have sourced some rather nice embroidered cricket sweaters which can be purchased by our team cricketers. They are available for the bargain price of £10 (rrp £25.00 + embroidery!) but are in fairly limited numbers. If your son can withstand the near arctic temperature of Kingswood's playing fields in April and May do not worry too much about such a purchase.

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

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

Thursday 9th February

Year 8 Enterprise Day at The Royal High School
WINTER TERM Ends

Friday 10th February

INSET 4

Friday 10th – Sunday 26th February

Lesotho Trip

Sunday 12th – Wednesday 15th February

Alkmaar Sports Exchange to Holland

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Winter Holiday

Monday 20th February

EASTER TERM Starts

Immunisation 'catch up' session – Year 9 and Year 11 (am only)

Wednesday 22nd February

Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 8.00pm

Thursday 23rd February

Year 10 Art visit to the National Museum, Cardiff

Monday 27th – Thurs 2nd March

A Level English Paris Trip

Word of the Week:- preferred

= to have liked one thing better than another

= to have chosen one thing over another

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

Use it:

He **preferred** his tea with at least two sugars.

I **prefer** watching comedies to horror films.

Spell it:

Remember the **double r**

Think:

"I do like my new car but I would have **preferred** a **R**olls **R**oyce!"

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Immunisation for Year 9 and Year 11 Pupils

IMPORTANT

Immunisations for pupils in Year 9 and Year 11 who missed the Scheduled Immunisation Sessions in January will be given their vaccinations on Monday, 20th February 2017 (first day of new Term)

Mrs K Lothgren
School Health Co-ordinator

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Safer Internet Day.

Safer Internet Day 2017 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday, 7th February with the slogan 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'. In the UK, the Safer Internet Centre is focusing on the power of image in digital youth culture.



Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Globally, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

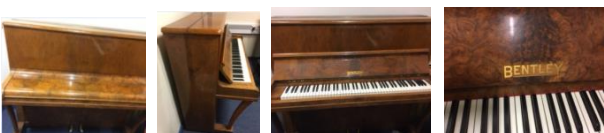
As a result of our collective action Safer Internet Day 2016 reached 2.8 million children and 2.5 million parents.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/education-packs/education-pack-11-14-year-olds>

Mrs A Wilmot
PHSE Co-ordinator

Piano for Sale

Attractive family piano. Burr walnut case.
Asking price £295 Sold as seen. Buyer collects.
Please contact Jeannette via email:
jstennett@hotmail.com



Parking for Parents' Evenings

Please note the upcoming Parents' Evenings:

Year 7: Wednesday 22nd February

Year 8: Tuesday 7th March

Letters about Year 7 Parents' Evenings have already been issued to parents. Letters about the Year 8 Parents' Evening will be issued shortly.

During the Parents' Evenings parents are welcome to park in Alexandra Park. However, due to a change in the arrangements we have with the Parks Department the park will only be accessible for parts of the evening.

The park will be open and the entrance supervised by a member of staff from the School at the following times:

4.00–5.00pm, 6.00–6.30pm and 8.15–8.45pm

Cars will only be able to enter/exit the park at these times. At all other times throughout the evening the park will be locked.

If these timings are unsuitable please can I ask that parents make alternative arrangements for parking.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Beechen Cliff Annual Music Concert 2017

The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March 2017 at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, (BA2 2BD). Several Ensembles will be involved, including Concert Band, Swing Band, Folk Group, String Group, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Year 7 Orchestra, presenting a wide range of repertoire from Handel through to Coldplay!

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 9.30pm including a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

Tickets are priced at just £1 and can be acquired via ParentPay. Please Note: this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

PTA Meeting

Important PTA Meeting is being held on Wednesday, 1st March in the School staff room at 7.30pm. Come along for some exciting news!

Mrs C Jones
PTA Chair

RC Club Competition

On Tuesday, 31st January we took six students to the Radio Controlled Land Rover Jaguar 4x4 in School Regional Final.



This year's team consisted of four Year 11 boys, Henry Webb, Nicholas Joinson, Jude Andon and Zakariah Mecheri, with Charlie Case (Year 8) and Asa Priest (Year 7).

The team have spent the past year engineering a small radio controlled off road vehicle that was put to the test on a gruelling and technical track run and scrutinised by judges. They were awarded a trophy for best track performance of the day, showing all of our team to be competent drivers! The success did not end there as the team shone in their verbal presentation and pit display, resulting in a second award for Best Engineered Car and Winners of Beginner Class South West Regional Finals. Our team will be moving on to compete in the National Finals at Silverstone Race Circuit on the 28th March, where they have been moved up to Professional Class. As they are now entered as Professional they will be competing for a place in the World Final.

Miss T Isaac
Design and Technology

Robotics

In a hard fought competition held at the Fleet Air Arm Museum Yeovilton, the Beechen Cliff Robotics Team won the Elite Engineering Programme prize for research presentation.



The competition has four main areas; Robot Challenge, Robot Design, Research Project and Team work activity.



Although they missed out on reaching the National Finals, they performed strongly in all categories, and scooped the prize for their research and design concept for solar powered drones, which could be used on other planets to aid scientific discoveries.

Mr E Bakker
Design and Technology

Future Horizons



FUTURE HORIZONS

Careers Talks February 2017

Monday 20th February 12:30pm
Mrs Helen Shellard, Optometry and Nursing

Wednesday 22nd February 3:30pm
Mr Dai Dalglish, Breast Cancer Specialist
Mr Chris John, Surgeon

Tuesday 27th February 3:30pm
TeachFirst

Tuesday 28th February 12:30pm
UCFB, Football Business, Sport and Events Industry

Open to all Sixth Form students,
Year 10, Year 11 and Parents
Please arrive promptly for the start of talks
All talks will be in the Sixth Form Building

BWB Football Camp



Join us!

BWB Football Camp with Curo

Supported by Curo 

Join us at the BWB Football Camp, supported by Curo

When & where:

Monday 13th February: 9.30 - 3.30
Roseworn Close Playing Field, Whiteway, Bath BA2 1PB

Wednesday 15th February: 9.30 - 3.30
Odd Down Sports Hub; Chelwood Drive, Bath BA2 2PR

Thursday 16th February: 9.30 - 3.30
Odd Down Sports Hub; Chelwood Drive, Bath BA2 2PR

Girls and boys ages 8-12
£10 per child* or £5 per child* for Curo residents *Includes lunch

Spaces are limited

email projects@bwb03.com to register



A consent form for BWB Football Camp is attached to this newsletter.

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 9 th Feb	1 st VII/2 nd VII Netball v Colston's School (A)	1.15pm	MB	2.15pm	4.30pm
	1 st XI/2 nd XI Football v King Edward's School (A)	1.30pm	MB	2.30pm	4.30pm
	U16a/u15a/U14a Football v Backwell School (A)	2.00pm	2.15pm	3.30pm	5.45pm
	U12a/U12b Football v Millfield Preparatory School (A)	2.00pm	2.15pm	3.45pm	5.45pm
	2 nd XI Hockey v Warminster School (A)	3.15pm	MB	4.15pm	6.00pm
Fri 10 th Feb	U12a/U12b Hockey v Bristol Grammar School (A)	1.45pm	MB	3.00pm	5.00pm
Mon 20 th Feb	U14a Rugby 7's Tournament (A) @ Prior Park College	8.00am	MB	10.00am	4.00pm
Tues 21 st Feb	U15a Football v Crispin School (A)	12.45pm	MB	2.30pm	5.00pm
	1 st XI/2 nd XI Hockey v Colston's School (A)	1.15pm	MB	2.30pm	4.30pm
	U16a/U13a/U12a Football v Broadlands Academy (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.45pm	5.00pm
Weds 22 nd Feb	1 st XI Football v Millfield School (A)	12.15pm	MB	2.30pm	5.00pm
	U13a/U13b/U12a/U12b Football v QEH (A)	1.00pm	1.15pm	2.30pm	5.00pm
	U12c/U12d Football v Matravers School (A)	2.00pm	2.15pm	3.00pm	5.00pm
	U14a Football v Broadlands Academy (A)	3.15pm	MB	3.45pm	5.15pm
	U14b Football v Somervale School (A)	2.45pm	3.00pm	3.45pm	5.15pm
	U12a/U12b Hockey 7's v Warminster School (A)	3.15pm	MB	4.15pm	6.00pm

Sports Results w/c 30th January 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 30 th Jan	U15a Hockey v Colstons	Friendly	Lost	1-4
	U15b Hockey v Colstons	Friendly	Won	4-1
Weds 1 st Feb	U13a Hockey v Colstons	Friendly	Lost	0-3
	U13b Hockey v Colstons	Friendly	Lost	0-2
	Shooting v Dauntseys	Friendly	See report	
Thurs 2 nd Feb	1 st XI Football v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	13-0
	U16a Football v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	10-2
	U16b Football v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	3-2
	U15a Hockey v Warminster	Friendly	Lost	0-1
	U14 County Hockey Tournament	Tournament	Runners up	
Fri 3 rd Feb	U13a Hockey v Millfield Prep	Friendly	Lost	0-1
	U12a Hockey v Millfield Prep	Friendly	Lost	2-4
Sun 5 th Feb	U14 Merchant Taylor's 7's	Tournament	Quarter Finalists	

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Tennis Holiday Camp



Play Tennis
February Camp 2017

Monday 13 and Tuesday 14th February

Junior Tennis Camp (9-14years) 12.30pm to 2.30pm
cost £10 per day

Orange, Green and Yellow Ball (9-14years)
Technical and tactical coaching and match play

For bookings and enquiries please email
info@tt-tennis.co.uk