



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

### Parking for Parents' Evenings

Year 8 Parents' Evening takes place on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. We hope this will be a good opportunity for parents to discuss their son's progress with his teachers.

Following recent further discussions with the Parks Department parents are welcome to park in Alexandra Park during the evening.

Please note we will be locking the park at 8.45pm so please ensure that all cars have left the park by this time.

Mr T D Markall  
Assistant Headmaster

### Finance Governor required

We are looking to recruit a Finance Governor with accounting experience to join the Governing Body. Finance Governors meet six times a year and there are also six Full Governing Body meetings.

If you are interested in joining the Governors, please send your details and CV to [governors@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:governors@beechencliff.org.uk)

Charles Oldham  
Chair of Governors

### 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](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, do please leave a message on the answer machines.

### CALENDAR

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

World Book Day  
Twilight INSET at 3.30pm

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

GCSE Science Live Bristol

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Bath MUN Conference – Sixth Form students at Kingswood School

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

Inter-house Hockey

Year 7 – p2

Year 8 – p3

Year 9 – p6

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 8.00pm

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

Super Curricular Lecture Series – Insights into Modern Large Veterinary Science in Sixth Form at 3.30pm

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 Marshfield Geography Visit  
School Concert at St Luke's Church 7.00pm

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

Maths Inspiration Lectures at Bath Forum

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Annual House Air Rifle Shooting Competition – Gymnasium 9.00-11.00am

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Bath Taps into Science – Crypto Challenge at Bath University

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 South Devon Football Tour

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Sixth Form Malaga Trip

### PTA Meeting - Tonight

Please be advised that there will be a PTA meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March (this evening) at 8pm in the staff room. All Parents are invited.

Mrs C Jones  
PTA Chair

## Beechen Cliff Annual Music Concert 2017



The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert next week on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at St Luke's Church. 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. Refreshments will be available during a 20 minute interval.

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

## Proposed Winter-Adjusted School Day

As you know Beechen Cliff has one of the most glorious aspects in Bath and during the warmer and drier months most of the boys enjoy make use of the upper and lower fields during breaks and lunchtimes. However in the wetter and colder months the boys are limited to small hard standing play areas and restricted inside spaces – both becoming crowded during lunchtimes. As a consequence many of the boys and staff feel that during the winter our lunchtime is too long.

We are therefore proposing to adjust the school day during the winter to reduce the length of lunchtime. Period 4 will become an hour and a half long to include a half hour lunch break. Different year groups will take the half hour lunch break at different times. The table below shows how this would work. This is a fairly common arrangement in other schools.

The end of the school day would therefore be brought forward by 20 minutes and finish at 3:05pm. The additional benefit of the earlier finish would allow for increased opportunity for after school sports training using natural light.

Our intention is to keep the existing school day but adjust to the winter school day between the October half term and the February half term. We will initially trial the arrangement during the Christmas Term in 2017.

Existing/Proposed Summer School Day Terms 1, 4, 5 and 6		Proposed Adjusted Winter School Day Terms 2 and 3	
08:25	AM Registration	08:25	AM Registration
08:45	Period 1	08:45	Period 1
09:45	Break 1	09:45	Break 1
10:00	Period 2	10:00	Period 2
11:00	Break 2	11:00	Break 2
11:15	Period 3	11:15	Period 3
12:15	Transition	12:15	Transition
		12:20	Period 4a (Lunch for Sixth Form and another year group)
12:20	Period 4a (Lunch for Sixth Form and Year 7)	12:50	Period 4b (Lunch for two year groups)
13:15	Period 4b (Lunch for Year 8-11)	13:20	Period 4c (Lunch for another two year groups)
14:15	Period 5	13:50	Transition
15:15	PM Registration	13:55	Period 5
		14:55	PM Registration
15:25	Finish School Day	15:05	Finish School Day

If you have any particular views on the proposal please email them to us at [headmaster@beecliff.org.uk](mailto:headmaster@beecliff.org.uk).

Mr P Watts  
Deputy Headmaster

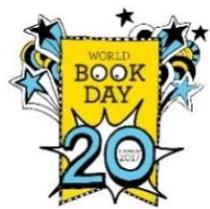
## Beechen Cliff Quiz Night

**BEECHEN CLIFF QUIZ NIGHT**  
ALL PROFITS GO TOWARDS BEECHEN CLIFF SPORT  
**FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 7:30 PM**  
**IN THE REFECTORY**  
RESERVE TICKETS BY EMAILING:  
[PTA@BEECHENCLIFF.ORG.UK](mailto:PTA@BEECHENCLIFF.ORG.UK)  
PAY ON THE NIGHT  
£10 PER HEAD – TO INCLUDE A DELICIOUS CURRY  
VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE AND PAID BAR  
ORGANISE A TEAM OF 6-8  
OR BE ASSIGNED A TEAM ON THE NIGHT

## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on World Book Day.

World Book Day is a celebration! It is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it is a celebration of reading. In fact, it is the biggest celebration of its kind, designed by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the World.



This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year there has been a World Book Day. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading, very loudly and very happily.

The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. <http://www.worldbookday.com/resources/secondary/>

Mrs A Wilmot  
PSHE Co-ordinator

## Word of the Week: rhythm

= a strong, regular repeated pattern of movement or sound.

### Use it:

The audience swayed along to the rhythm of the music.

The baby's rhythmic breathing indicated he was finally off to sleep.

Chopping the wood, she settled into a pleasing rhythm.

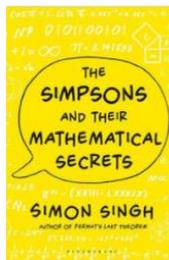
### Spell it:

r	rhythm
h	helps
y	your
t	two
h	hips
m	move



Mrs L Leonardi  
Literacy Co-ordinator

## The Maths of the Simpsons” - Talk at Bath University – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March



Simon Singh delves amongst the drawings for the mathematical secrets hidden in the series, as well as exploring the themes of some of his other books, from Fermat’s Last Theorem to The Code Book for an entertaining evening of exploration and discussion.”

Tickets are priced £10 for adults, £6 for Under 18s

Click here for more info and to book: <https://www.edgearts.org/whats-on/pop-science/simon-singh-simpsons-mathematical-secrets/>

Mr E Gill  
Head of Maths and Computing

## Beechen Cliff - Super Curricular Lecture Series presents...



### Super Curricular Lecture Series

#### ‘Insights into Modern Large Animal Veterinary Science’



Beechen Cliff’s Super Curricular Lecture series presents

A Talk by  
Anna and James Breen  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
3.30 – 4.15 p.m.  
in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Silent Study Area

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
Sixth Form, Years 10 & 11 and Staff welcome

Mrs C Jones  
Sixth Form

## 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	U14a Hockey v Dean Close School (A)	12.15pm	12.30pm	2.30pm	6.00pm
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey v KES (A)	1.45pm	MB	2.30pm	4.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> VII/U18b Netball v Kingswood School (A)	1.45pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	4.15pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football v Wellsway School (A)	2.45pm	MB	3.45pm	5.30pm
	U16a Basketball v Prior Park (A)	3.25pm	MB	4.15pm	5.30pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	U18 Rugby 7's Tournament (A)	8.00am	MB	10.00am	5.00pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	U15a Hockey v Prior Park College (A)	3.30pm	MB	3.45pm	6.00pm
	U14a Football v Churchill (A)	12.15pm	MB	2.00pm	5.15pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	U14a Rugby v Somervale School (H)	3.15pm	MB	3.45pm	5.15pm
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> VII Rugby Sevens v AASE Sevens (A) @ Filton	8.00am	MB	10.00am	5.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football v RAS (H)	1.45pm	MB	2.00pm	4.30pm
	U12a Football v RAS (A)	3.15pm	MB	3.45pm	5.00pm
	U14b/U13b/U12b Football v Oldfield School (H)	3.25pm	MB	3.45pm	5.00pm

### Sports Results week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U14 Prior Park 7s	Tournament	5th place	
	U14 Hockey Regional Tournament	Tournament	Runners up	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	U15 Football v Crispin	Somerset Cup	Lost	2-5
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Hockey v Colstons	League	Won	2-1
	U16a Football v Broadlands	League	Won	8-0
	U13a Football v Broadlands	League	Won	11-0
	U12a Football v Broadlands	League	Won	10-0
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football v Millfield	Somerset Cup	Won	3-1
	U12 Matravers Tournament (C, D and E teams)	Tournament	See Report	
	U12a Football v QEH	Friendly	Lost	2-3
	U12b Football v QEH	Friendly	Won	5-1
	U13a Football v QEH	Friendly	Lost	0-3
	U13b Football v QEH	Friendly	Won	7-4
	U14a Football v Broadlands	League	Won	10-0
	U14b Football v Somervale	League	Won	6-0
	U12a Hockey v Warminster	Friendly	Won	3-1
	U12b Hockey v Warminster	Friendly	Won	6-0
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Netball v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	7-23
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Netball v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	3-34
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Football v QEH	Friendly	Lost	2-5
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Football v QEH	Friendly	Won	4-2
	4 <sup>th</sup> XI Football v QEH	Friendly	Lost	2-4
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Hockey v Clifton	League	Drew	2-2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey v Clifton	Friendly	Lost	1-5
	U12b Football v Somervale	Friendly	Won	8-0
	U13b Football v Somervale	Friendly	Won	6-0
	U13 North Somerset Indoor Cricket Tournament	Tournament	Winners	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U18 Canford 7's	Tournament	Semi-finalists	
	U16 Canford 7's	Tournament	Winners	

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport