



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

CALENDAR

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

The wind and rain of last weekend did not deter the intrepid members of the Combined Cadet Force and the Ten Tors teams gathering on exercise to pass on the skills of the older cadets to younger members. The staff who lead and help motivate the boys as they build resilience in the face of many challenges are to be thanked - the Ten Tors pupils and Cadet Force members only being able to undertake what they do with such willing support. Let us hope that the weather is a little kinder to them in the weeks ahead.

I would like to take the opportunity to promote the PTA Quiz to you taking place on Friday, 31st March and aiming to raise funds for the Sports Department. The quiz evenings are always very well attended and very enjoyable.

Potterne Shooting

The fun shoots at Potterne are again available for Lower School boys. A number of dates have been released and are available on ParentPay.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Road Safety and Good Etiquette in the Community

Following recent incidents involving pupils from Lower School not crossing the Wellsway at the designated traffic lights, please remind your son of the importance of road safety on such a busy road.

On the same note, please support us in re-iterating the expected conduct on Public Transport and in the Community

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Friday 24th March

Inter House Football Year 8 P1/Year 11 P6
Sixth Form Art Gallery and Museum visit in Bath

Friday 24th – Friday 31st March

French Exchange return visit to Bath

Sunday 26th March – Monday 3rd April

Year 10 and Lower Sixth German Exchange to Berlin

Monday 27th – Thursday 30th March

Golf Tour to Devon

Tuesday 28th March

RC Club National Finals at Silverstone Race Circuit

Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th March

Year 10 Photography Trip at TyC

Wednesday 29th March

Inter-House Hockey and Football Year 10-P2

Thursday 30th March

Inter-House Football Year 7-P2/Year 9-P4
A-Level (Year 1) 'A Flying Start' Business Revision Workshop
A-Level Economics Grade Booster Workshop

Thursday 30th March – Thursday 6th April

Year 11 Cordoba Exchange return visit

Friday 31st March

PTA Quiz fundraising for Sports Department

Year 11 Full Reports

Year 11 Full Reports are now available for parents to view on ePortal.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

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 Year7)	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@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr P Watts
Deputy Headmaster

Theme of the Week - Poetry

Theme of the week this week is focusing on the importance of Poetry. World Poetry Day is on 21st March, and was declared by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1999.



The purpose of the day is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world and, as the UNESCO session declaring the day says, to "give fresh recognition and impetus to national, regional and international poetry movements".

Poetry is a really important part of childhood, but nowadays we lead such busy lives we sometimes are not aware of the benefits. Poetry can be magical and help with reading and developing a child's imagination. In fact, poetry and literature fuel the imagination no matter what age.

Poetry introduces young children to different themes and feelings. What is also wonderful about poetry for children is that there is this great expectancy of rhythm and rhyme, they enjoy that and it is a good learning tool. It is also a good way of encouraging children to read.

"By paying tribute to the men and women whose only instrument is free speech, who imagine and act, UNESCO recognizes in poetry its value as a symbol of the human spirit's creativity. By giving form and words to that which has none – such as the unfathomable beauty that surrounds us, the immense suffering and misery of the world – poetry contributes to the expansion of our common humanity, helping to increase its strength, solidarity and self-awareness

Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7OQ13qbcEs>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEbODm4cMDI>

Mrs A Wilmot
PSHE Co-ordinator

Milton House Comic Relief Cake Sale

Milton House Cake Sale in aid of Comic Relief is on Friday, 24th March in the Refectory during break times.



Remember to bring along £1 to sample the delicious offerings. Any left overs (if there are any) will be sold off in the Staff Room!

Adjustment to School Uniform list for current Years 7-9

In previous years we have given parents the option to purchase school trousers from either Scholars or Marks and Spencers. However, the specific Marks and Spencers' trousers that best match the mid-grey Scholars trousers has been discontinued and consequently we are finding pupils wearing a range of trousers from black to light grey and some of the trousers are of a design that are inappropriate for a school uniform.

Therefore from September 2017 only the Scholars mid-grey trousers will be permitted. Whilst these trousers maybe a little more expensive than those from other suppliers, the feedback from parents has been that they are considerably more durable.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Mr P Watts
Deputy Headmaster

Word of the Week: chronological

= events following on in the order in which they occurred
= in time order

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

Use it:

I copied down the events in *chronological* order.

Drawing up a *chronological* timeline will help you remember the important dates.

The film was shot in *chronological* order, which is an unusual method for a director.

Spell it:

Don't make the common mistake of spelling it 'chronollogical' (with two 'l's) x

Splitting it into two sections will make sure you don't fall into that trap:

chrono + **logical**
chrono indicates time
logical in a clear and consistent order

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - News

Important change of Monday drop-in sessions -

Mrs Younger will not be at school on Monday, 27th March but will be in the C2 computer room on Thursday, 30th March instead. She will be back on Mondays after that!

Silver participants in Year 10: Thank you for attending our first orienteering training session last week. Mrs Younger is busy enrolling all new participants online at the moment. Ensure that you have made a payment via cheque and handed to Ms Isaac. Please note that Mrs Younger is unable to enrol you as a Silver participant unless at least one section of your Bronze has been completed online and this should include your Bronze expedition section now that Silver level training has started (not applicable if you are a direct entry student). Once enrolled as a Silver participant online, please enter details of your proposed activities for all section apart from the expedition section. These details should be submitted for approval before the Easter holidays.

Bronze participants in Year 9: All details of your proposed activities for the Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections should now be entered online for the DofE leaders to see and check if they are suitable.

Please put these important Bronze DofE dates in your diary:

Wednesday, 3rd May (training after school)

Wednesday, 10th May (training after school)

Wednesday, 17th May (expedition preparation meeting after school)

Thursday, 25th Friday 26th May (pre-assessment expedition)

Wednesday, 7th June (expedition preparation meeting after school)

Thursday, 15th - Friday 16th June (qualifying expedition)

Clare Younger

 FUTURE HORIZONS	 FUTURE HORIZONS
Thursday 23 rd March 12:30pm in Y1	Friday 24 th March 12:30pm in Y1
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Careers in Geology & Ground Engineering	Careers in Engineering – Apprenticeships and Graduates
Greenfield are a specialist geological and ground engineering consultancy providing services to the minerals, waste and construction industries. Our aim is to provide practical and cost-effective advice to enable operators and developers to maximise their economic, environmental and strategic performance. Our work ranges from initial geological investigations through to site development and full compliance with environmental and Health and Safety legislation.	Sol Butler and Anna Parkinson Technical engineering apprentices. Rotork is the market leading actuator manufacturer and flow control company that operates in any market where the flow of gases or liquids needs to be controlled. It has established manufacturing facilities, a global network of local offices and agents who can truly provide a worldwide service. You will be able to locally source Rotork's products, supported by life-of-plant maintenance, repair and upgrade services.
Open to Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form Students	Open to Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form Students

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 23 rd Mar	1 st VII Rugby Sevens Rosslyn Park National Tournament	11.00am	n/a	11.20am	6.00pm
	1 st XI Football v Norton Hill School and MSN 6 th Form (H)	1.30pm	n/a	2.30pm	3.45pm
	1 st VII/U18b/U18c Netball v KES (A)	2.00pm	MB	2.30pm	3.45pm
	1 st XI Hockey v BGS (A)	1.45pm	MB	3.00pm	5.00pm
	U13a Football v St Mark's CofE School (A)	3.00pm	MB	3.45pm	5.00pm
Fri 24 th Mar	1 st VII Rugby Sevens Rosslyn Park National Tournament A)	9.30am	n/a	10.00am	6.00- 8.00pm
Mon 27 th Mar	U16b Football v Bath Studio School (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.45pm	4.45pm
Tues 28 th Mar	U14a Football v RAS (A)	3.15pm	MB	3.45pm	5.00pm
	U15a Football v RAS (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.45pm	5.00pm
Weds 29 th Mar	U12a Cross Country Relay v Millfield (A)	12.15pm	MB	2.00pm	5.30pm
	U18b Netball v City Academy Tournament (A)	11.45am	MB	1.00pm	5.00pm

Sports Results week commencing 13th March 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score	
Mon 13 th Mar	1 st XI Hockey v Wells	League	Won	6-2	
Tues 14 th Mar	U15 Hockey v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	2-3	
	U14a Football v Chew Valley	League	Won	4-1	
	U16a Football v Chew Valley	League	Won	2-0	
	U12b Football v Writhlington	League	Won	2-0	
	U12c Football v Writhlington	Friendly	Lost	0-6	
	U13b Football v Writhlington	League	Drew	1-1	
	U14b Football v Writhlington	League	Won	4-2	
Weds 15 th Mar	U18 Surrey 7's	Tournament	Runners Up		
	U18 AASE 7's	Tournament	Bowl finalists		
	U18 Tennis V St Peter's	National Cup	Won	12-0	
	1 st VII Netball v Royal High	Friendly	Won	19-13	
	1 st XI Football v Chew Valley	League	Won	3-0	
Thurs 16 th Mar	U12a Football v Chew Valley	League	Won	11-0	
	U13a Football v Chew Valley	League	Won	2-0	
	U15a Football v Chew Valley	League	Won	4-0	
	1 st XI Hockey v Monkton	League	Won	2-1	
	2 nd XI Hockey v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	3-9	
	1 st XI Football v Writhlington	League	Lost	2-3	
Thurs 16 th and Friday 17 th Mar	Year 7 Football Tour to Paignton Under 12 C, D and E v	St Peter's A B and C	Lost 2	Won 4	Drew 3
		Churston Grammar A and B	Lost 3	Won 2	Drew 1
		Torquay Boys' Grammar A,B and C	Won 2	Lost 1	
Sat 18 th Mar	Rendcomb College Clay Pigeon Competition	Schools Competition	12 th /20	68/120	

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport