



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 29th March 2017

End of Term Arrangements

School will finish on Friday, 7th April 2017 at approximately 1.00pm following the End of Term Assembly.

No food will be provided at lunchtime, but food will be available during both morning breaks.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

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

Reporting Pupil Absences



Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting any absences from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments:

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 30th March

Inter-House Football Year7-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

Saturday 1st April – Friday 7th April

Lake Garda Language/Sport Tour

Saturday 1st April – Saturday 8th April

Sixth Form Montpellier Study Trip

Monday 3rd April

Avon Schools Golf Association Championships at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th April

Year 10 Work Experience (40 pupils)

Friday 7th April

Easter Term Ends at approx. 1.00pm

Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April

Easter Holidays

Friday 21st April – Sunday 23rd April

Ten Tors – Dartmoor 3

Monday 24th April

Spring Term Starts
Sixth Form Revision Support Programme Starts
D of E Silver Training Session 2.15-3.15pm
Stage 2 Spelling Bee at Norton Hill School 4.00pm

Wednesday 26th April

Year 11 GCSE Assembly

Thursday 27th April

Warhammer World School League Semi final

Friday 28th April

Year 7 Summer Exam Assembly

Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday

Mobile Phones

Following the Easter holidays there will be a blanket ban on the use of mobile phones between the hours of 8.25am and 3.25pm for pupils in Years 7-11.

Why?

- Increased number of pupils calling parents during the school day and parents turning up unannounced.
- Increased number of videos recorded, photos taken on school grounds and posted on social media; the time taken to resolve these issues in school.
- The need to encourage more communication amongst peers.
- The growing concerns of the use of mobile phones and current research highlighting the negative effects on the mental health, memory, attention span, creativity and emotional intelligence of young people.

Exceptions

- Wet lunches – use of mobile phone **in Hall only**
- Permission from a member of staff **in exceptional circumstances**

Sanctions

- If a mobile phone is seen out during these times or if it goes off in a lesson, the phone will be confiscated for two working days e.g. a phone confiscated on Monday will be returned Wednesday 3.25pm.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated twice in a term, parents to attend school for meeting and phone collection
- Refusal to hand phone over – pupil will be sent home for gross defiance and a Saturday detention will be issued

We are informing pupils of this measure via Headmaster assemblies, tutor time and Head of House assemblies. If your son uses his phone to access his bus pass, please ensure that you have made contingency arrangements in case his phone is confiscated. Equally, if your son uses his phone to check the time, please provide him with a watch.

Please support us in our efforts with this initiative by talking to your son at home about our mobile phone concerns and the need for him to switch his phone off during the school day.

Thank you.

Mr K Mann
Assistant 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

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

Calling All Year 9 Rugby Players

Avonvale Rugby Club is looking for new players to join their team.



If you are enthusiastic, and enjoy playing rugby then we would love you to join our team.

We train and play at Bathampton and have players from schools across the area. If you are interested please email reynolds.nicholas@sky.com.

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on the effect that mobile phones and constantly being connected to the internet has on our health and well-being.




Smartphones have begun to make people lose touch with their social lives. These phones and social media are no longer connecting us. They are secluding us from our friends and family.

People would rather text or Skype than to meet with another person and have a meaningful conversation. Even when people do meet with one another, they are constantly distracted from the conversation because they are checking their phones. The best thing that people can do for themselves and the people around them is to put their phones down.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKaWJ72x1rI>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-33047927>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z28x6fr>
<https://www.theguardian.com/media-network/media-network-blog/2013/jun/13/smartphone-making-you-stupid>

Mrs A Wilmot
PSHE Co-ordinator


Future Horizons




BEECHEN CLIFF

FUTURE HORIZONS

Thursday 30th March
3:30 pm in Y1



NORLAND



Careers in Childcare

Their BA (Hons) Early Years Development and Learning degree is unique to Norland; it is validated by the University of Gloucestershire and delivered at Norland College in Bath.

It's a 3 year full time course that combines degree level study with practical sessions and experience with children. Running alongside the degree, and for one year after you have left the college, you will work towards achieving the prestigious Norland Diploma. It is this qualification that sets you apart from other early years professionals and adds an even greater array of practical skills and experience to your early years toolkit.

Open to all Sixth Form Students

Word of the Week: correlation

(noun) = a mutual relationship or connection between two or more things

To correlate (verb)

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

Use it:

There was a direct **correlation** between the amount of revision undertaken and the pupils' exam results.

The results from the patient sample showed a **correlation** between smoking and lung disease

Spell it:

Separate off the prefix 'cor' (meaning together /with):

cor + relation

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

PTA NEWS

New PTA Chair and Secretary needed at the end of the Summer Term.

We will be holding a SUMMER TERM parent and staff event this year and are looking for willing volunteers to join a NEW team with NEW ideas fully guided by the existing Chair and Secretary. Date of this event is to be confirmed.



PS you do not have to volunteer to be the Chair or Secretary to be on this team!

Please email PTA@Beechencliff.org.uk if you are interested in either.

Many thanks

Mrs C Jones
Chair

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/M	KO/Start time	Finish/Return
Thurs 30 th Mar	1 st VII/U18 Netball v Sexey's School (A)	12.15p	MB	2.00pm	5.00pm
	U16a Basketball v Norton Hill School and MSN 6 th	3.00pm	3.15pm	4.00pm	5.00pm
Mon 3 rd April	U12a BCS Football v U12 BCS Atletico (A) @ The Glass House or Odd Down Sports ground	3.20pm	MB	3.45pm	5.30pm
Thurs 6 th April	U16a Football v Norton Hill School & MSN 6 th Form	1.45pm	MB	3.00pm	4.45pm

Sports Results week commencing 20th March 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 20 th Mar	U12c Hockey v KES	Friendly	Won	3-0
	U12d Hockey v KES	Friendly	Drawn	1-1
Weds 22 nd Mar	U12b Football v Norton Hill	League	Won	1-0
	U13b Football v Norton Hill	League	Lost	0-4
	U14b Football v Norton Hill	League	Drawn	1-1
Thurs 23 rd Mar	U18 Rosslyn Park 7's	Tournament	See website for results	
	1 st VII Netball v KES	Friendly	Lost	12-20
	2 nd VII Netball v KES	Friendly	Lost	11-18
	3 rd VII Netball v KES	Friendly	Lost	8-15
	1 st XI Hockey v BGS	League	Lost	2-5
	1 st XI Football v Norton Hill	League	Won	2-0
	U13a Football v St Marks	League	Won	19-5

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

Spotters Easter Hockey Camp

Spotters Easter Camp will be running on 20th April at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players ages between the ages of 7 and 15 years old. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions designed to improve your child's hockey skills whatever their ability. The camp utilises proven, research based techniques and treats your child as an individual, increasing their knowledge of hockey and boosting game awareness.

These camps are normally very popular and there are limited spaces on this occasion, so please book early to secure a place for your child. For more details or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk or see Mr Harry Brooking for further information.

Spotters
EASTER HOCKEY
CAMP

Thursday 20th April 2017
9am - 12pm

BEECHEN CLIFF ASTRO

Includes Kookaburra Hockey prizes!

COACHES
Sally Potter - England Hockey Level 3 Coach, BCU(Hon) Sports Performance
Harry Brooking - England Hockey Level 2, Leeds Coach - University of Bath, 17'81

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- ✓ Goal Scoring
- ✓ Passing
- ✓ Mini Games
- ✓ Competitions and prizes both days

GIRLS & BOYS
7 to 15 yrs *

*see website, please ask.
Performance with enjoyment and fun built in!
Guaranteed to provide an increase in skill level!

Qualified and DBS cleared coaches