



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 26th April 2017

Message from the Headmaster

Mr David Montano , IT Manager

We were very sorry to learn that David passed away whilst on holiday in Australia. This came as a huge shock to everyone at Beechen Cliff and to all those with whom he worked over the last ten years at Beechen Cliff. Obviously many pupils will have come into contact with him over the years as he led his small team in providing every IT service for the school. His motto was very much 'if it isn't for the boys, it isn't for Beechen Cliff'.

I know that all those who may have had contact with him will join us in passing on our sincere condolences to his family. It is a huge loss.

Reporting Pupil Absences

IMPORTANT

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 27th April

Warhammer World School League Semi Final

Friday 28th April

Year 7 Summer Exam Assembly

Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May

Year 8 Summer Exam Assembly

Wednesday 3rd May

Year 9 Bronze DofE Expedition Meeting in the Main Hall 3.30 -5.00pm

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th May

Year 8 Stem Trip

Thursday 4th May

A-Level Business Revision Carousel

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th May

Ten Tors Event

Monday 8th May

Year 9 Summer Exams Assembly

Tuesday 9th May

Year 7 Hinkley Point Energy visit

Wednesday 10th May

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Year 9 Bronze DoE Planning 3.25pm – 5.00pm

More Please!



Congratulations to Sam Jess in Year 9 who performed in Bath Light Operatic Group and Curtain Up Theatre School's production of 'Oliver!' at the Roper Theatre last weekend.

Sam starred as the Artful Dodger. He was truly amazing in the role and received a standing ovation.

Well done Sam!

Mobile Phones

Please be reminded that the school is now operating 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

Pupils have been fully informed 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

Word of the Week - Accentuate

Verb – to accentuate

- = to give emphasis or prominence to
- = to make more noticeable
- = to highlight

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

Use it:

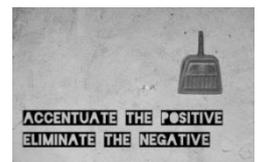
The document **accentuated** the positives of moving into a smaller property.

The restaurant's signature dish was served at a precise temperature in order to **accentuate** certain flavours.

He made sure he **accentuated** his best qualities on the application form.

Spell it:

Accent u ate



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

Summer Ball – Save the Date

Beechen Cliff School presents 'The Summer Ball'

Friday 30th June 2017

Tickets £49.00 to include;

Drinks Reception, Three-Course Meal, Live Music and a Fund Raising Auction



For further information please contact Donna Miles in the School Office on 01225 480466 or alternatively email donna.miles@beechencliff.org.uk

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on MS Awareness Week. This year, 2017 is the 25th anniversary of the beginnings of MS specialist nursing in the UK. In this time we have seen MS nurses change the lives of thousands of people affected by MS.



Multiple sclerosis, often abbreviated to MS, is a neurological condition that affects the nerves in the brain and spinal cord (the central nervous system). 'Sclerosis' means scarring or hardening of tiny patches of tissue. 'Multiple' is added because this happens at more than one place in the brain and/or spinal cord. The damage to nerves seems to be due to the immune system mistakenly attacking the nerve coating which is made of a fatty protein called myelin.

MS is a lifelong condition. It is rarely fatal and most people with MS live about as long as everyone else. It is not infectious or contagious so it can't be passed on to other people.

MS is the most common condition of the central nervous system affecting young adults. Over 100,000 people in the UK have MS which is about one in every 600. It is nearly three times more common in women than in men. Most people are diagnosed in their 20s and 30s but it can be diagnosed in younger and older people.

<https://www.mstrust.org.uk/get-involved/ms-awareness-week>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nB6yF6Rdxvc>

Mrs A Wilmot
PSHE Co-ordinator

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Eric Steady, Brandon Ellam and William Pain who competed in the South-West Regional Final of the Year 7 Foreign Language Spelling Bee at Norton Hill School.

The competition was fierce and the boys were a credit to the school. Well Done!!

Mrs S Westlake.
Languages

PTA Quiz for the Sports Department

Many thanks to all who attended the Beechen Cliff PTA Sports Fundraising quiz on Friday, 31st March.

It was a great evening, helping to raise £2,100.00 for Beechen Cliff's Sports Department.

Mrs C Jones
PTA Chairperson

Exciting Hosting Opportunity

Do you have a spare room?



Due to the success of our Euroclass Programme, we are looking for caring and welcoming Hayesfield families to host our Norwegian Sixth Form students for the duration of the Autumn Term 2017.

The group is a mix of boys and girls* who are looking for accommodation within walking distance of the school whilst they study here to experience British culture and improve their English.

The students would be hosted individually within a home from home environment which provides daily home cooked meals and a bedroom with a study area. Ideally with an en-suite or sharing a bathroom with one other person so they have their own privacy and space.

We provide a generous weekly living expenses allowance.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information then please contact Fiona Harrison via the Sixth Form Office or email international@hayesfield.com

**We are currently only looking for hosts for male students as female homestays have been arranged already.*

Fiona Harrison
Homestay Co-ordinator
Hayesfield Girls' School
01225 426151 ext. 408

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 27th April	U14 Football v Millfield (A) at Bridgwater FC	11.00am	11.15am	1.30pm	4.30pm
	1 st XI Cricket v Dauntsey's School (A)	11.45am	MB	2.00pm	8.30am
	U15a Cricket v Dauntsey's School (A)	12.15pm	MB	2.00pm	6.30pm
	2 nd XI Cricket v Kingswood School (H)	1.15pm	MB	2.15pm	5.15pm
	U15a (Year 9/10)/U13b (Year 7) Tennis v Backwell School	3.15pm	n/a	3.45pm	6.00pm
	U12 Cricket Tournament @ Lansdown Cricket Club	2.30pm	MB	3.00pm	6.00pm
Fri 28th April					
Sat 29th April					
Sun 30th April					
Mon 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY				
Tues 2nd May	1 st XI Cricket v KES (A)	2.30pm	MB	4.00pm	7.30pm
	U13a Cricket v KES (A)	3.15pm	MB	4.15pm	7.00pm
	U15a/U14a Cricket v Prior Park College (A)	3.25pm	MB	4.15pm	7.15pm
	U13a Year 8/U13b Year 7 Tennis v Kingswood School (A)	3.25pm	MB	4.30pm	6.30pm
Weds 3rd May	U14b/U12a/U14b Cricket v Dauntsey's School (A)	12.45pm	1.00pm	2.30pm	6.45pm
	U13a/U13b/U13c/U12c Cricket v Prior Park College (A)	1.30pm	2.00pm	2.30pm	6.00pm
	U13a Year 8/U13b Year 7 Tennis v Colston's School (H)	2.00pm	n/a	2.30pm	4.30pm
	U15a Year 9/10/U15b Year 9/10 Tennis v Kingswood School (H)	3.30pm	n/a	4.30pm	6.30pm

Prayer Meetings

A number of Christian parents from various churches across Bath meet termly to pray for the Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff School communities.

If you would like to join us our next meeting is on Monday, 8th May from 1.30pm to 2.45pm at 8 Bloomfield Grove.

The last meeting for this year will be on Monday, 12th June.

Please contact Jenny Croxford on 01225 338328, email jenny@croxford4.wanadoo.co.uk for further details or just come along!