



Wednesday 10th May 2017

Summer Examinations

Year 7	15 th - 19 th May
Year 8	19 th - 24 th May *
Year 9	5 th - 9 th June
Year 10	12 th - 16 th June
GCSE	Examinations have begun. Final Examination 26 th June
AS Examinations	commence 15 th May
A2 Examinations	commence 5 th June

* Please note the amended dates here for the Year 8 Exams.

Examination timetables and revision guidance are available on the School website and these have been updated

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Free School Meals and 16-19 Bursary

We are aware that in these difficult economic times a family's financial circumstances can change suddenly. You can apply for free school meals at any time, if you meet the eligibility criteria as set out by the Government.

For further details about free school meals, including how to apply, please contact Mrs S Davies, in the Main School Office.

If you are eligible, we urge you to apply. Not only will your child benefit from a healthy and nutritious meal every school day, but also eligibility may open up other areas of financial support for your child at school.

Also available to Sixth Form students is the 16-19 Bursary. This fund is available for payments to help with educational equipment, subject required trips, uniform and travel, where there is evidence of financial need. For further information, including how to apply, please contact Mrs C Jones, Assistant to the Head of Sixth Form.

All information for free school meals and the Bursary Fund are kept in confidential files.

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Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

- Thursday 11th May**
Year 11 Sixth Form Assembly
- Friday 12th May**
Barbados Cricket Tour Quiz Evening - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
- Monday 15th May**
Lower Sixth Study Leave Starts
- Monday 15th - Friday 19th May**
Year 7 Exams week
- Wednesday 17th May**
Year 9 and Year 10 - 'Your Green Future' Event @ UWE
Bronze Year 9 DoE planning 3.30pm - 5.00pm
- Thurs 18th May**
Year 8 Coasts trip to Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door
- Friday 19th May - Wednesday 24th May**
Year 8 Exams week

Word of the Week - Precedent/President

Precedent:
= an earlier action or event that is regarded as an example
= convention or custom arising from long practice

President:
= the elected head of a republican state
= a person who presides over a meeting

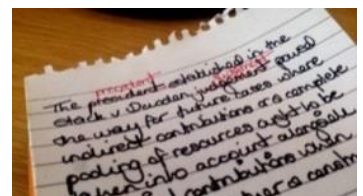
Do you **know** the difference?
Can you **spell** them?
Can you **use** them correctly in your work this week?

Use it:
The **precedent** of the incoming **President** hosting a ball for the outgoing **President** is due to be changed.

Know the difference:
The **President** **presides** (has authority over)

A **precedent** **precedes** (goes before)

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy



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.

If the attendance lines are busy, do please leave a message on the answer machines.

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on **Mental Health Awareness Week**. To mark the event the following three items may be of interest:-

Advice for parents and carers supporting young people through exams You will find attached to this week's newsletter information put together by the Public Health Team. The list of website and apps at the end are also useful for young people and include revision planning tips, relaxation exercises and advice when really stressed.

Time to Change. Many of you will be aware of this social movement which aims to tackle the stigma associated with mental health problems. The Time to Change website www.time-to-change.org.uk provides a wealth of resources for schools and young people's settings as well as advice for employers. This year the 'Be in Your Mates Corner' campaign is aimed at young people, encouraging them to think about how their friends are feeling and how they can support them with simple acts of friendship. The free resources use images of boys and young men with the intention of tackling the stigma around mental health problems males can particularly feel.

E-TEAM Our Equalities Team have set up two regular weekly 'drop in' sessions for anyone that would like to either get involved in the E-Team, or wants an opportunity to meet new friends and talk about any issues they may have - Thursdays straight after school and Wednesday lunch time in Miss Netto's classroom in the Pavilion. There will also be a worry box by the tutor pigeon holes. The idea is to give the students the opportunity to voice any concerns that they have and these will get picked up by our school Nurse.

Mrs A Wilmot
PSHE Co-ordinator

Year 8 STEM visit to Tir y Cwm

Last week, 12 Year 8 pupils made their return to the School's cottage in Wales to practice skills associated with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects. Almost all of the activities took place outside, which is fortunate as we were blessed with fantastic weather. Unlike the Year 7 induction trips, pupils were able to apply subject knowledge to problems that the teaching staff had planned.

Activities included calculating whether a tree will destroy the cottage, energy calculations at Henryd Falls, river flow calculations along the Nant Llech, building structures, gears



Measuring the flow from our dams, and understanding pulleys (they built the structure too!)

and pulley systems and the main activity building a dam to create hydroelectric power. Despite the low water levels one group managed to power a light bulb for over four minutes, and were confident with the right system in place they could power it indefinitely. Throughout the three days, pupils were constantly fed information that we defined as either "nice to know" or "need to know". This often led to discussions where the content was beyond the scope of even A-level maths.

As always this was a hugely successful trip and demand is always high for places on this trip. Any pupils in Year 7 should keep a keen eye out next year to secure a place on this fantastic educational visit.



Trying to measure the height of the falls and Creating Hydro-electric power

Thanks to Mrs Crumb for supporting and to Mr and Mrs Young for keeping the crew going throughout the three days.

Mr Glanville
Maths /Head of Numeracy

Diary of a Chinese Student



Rain (HGS student); 'Today is Wednesday. It's our visiting day. We went to Bristol Science Centre. It is really an interesting place. There are many models and machines in it. Firstly, we listened to a speech about science. The teacher showed us that why the power is different between the Earth and the space.

And he told us about gravity and friction. I played many games and learnt many things that we can't learn at school. I enjoyed it very much.'

Joey (BHC student); 'Today, we went to a site that is extremely vibrant and diverse, it's called Bristol. During the day, we went to a Science Centre which has many cool and interesting things inside. When we got into the museum, everyone was very curious and excited. My buddies couldn't wait to explore it and perceive the charming of science and technology. What impressed me most was the experiment in the planetarium. In the afternoon,

we visited the Bristol Harbour and we took a number of beautiful pictures. Finally, we went back after that. Everyone felt tired but delighted at that time. What a lovely day!'



Fiona Harrison, Homestay Co-ordinator, Hayesfield
Mr E Gill, Beechen Cliff School

Tennis Programme - MAY 2017



BEECHEN CLIFF

tt tennis Training Workshops

Tuesday 9th, 16th and 23rd May
7.30am - 8.15am for Years 7-10
Cost-FREE

16 spaces available for each workshop

tt tennis are offering 3 Free tennis workshops throughout May

1. 'How to start the point' looking at serve and return strategy and technique
2. 'Building a weapon' Using the forehand to hurt opponents
3. 'Play the odds' Setting up consistent tactics to force opponents into making mistakes

If you would like to come to any of the courses please register online at www.tt-tennis.co.uk/beechencliff

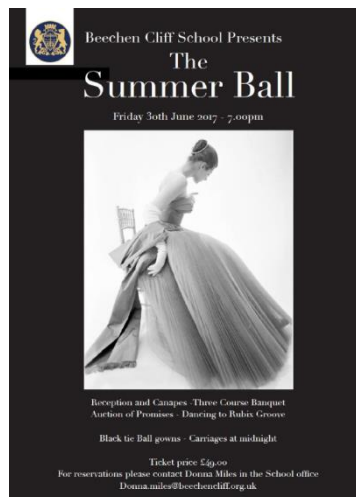
For more information please email info@tt-tennis.co.uk

web www.tt-tennis.co.uk email info@tt-tennis.co.uk
Tel: 07973 672693

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Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster/Tennis

Summer Ball



Beechen Cliff are thrilled to announce "THE SUMMER BALL" This promises to be a truly memorable occasion and tickets are selling fast.

So, dust off your tiaras and practice tying your bow ties... and join us for an enchanted evening.

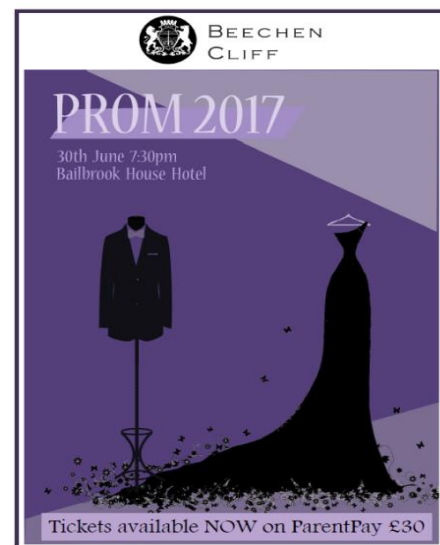
Tickets are available for a table of 10, or individually at £49.00.

For tickets please contact: Donna Miles on 01225 480466.

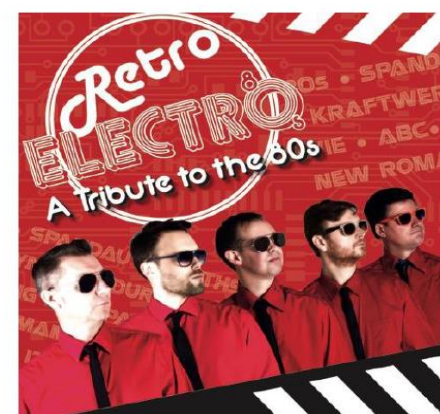
Next week... The Menu.

If you have a wonderful auction to offer please contact: Jaq on 07595 486155.

Prom 2017



PTA Summer Band Night



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
Thurs 11 th May	1 st XI Cricket v Monkton Combe (A)	12.30pm	MB	2.00pm	8.00pm
	2 nd XI Cricket v KES (A)	1.45pm	MB	2.30pm	5.45pm
	U13a-Year 8 Tennis v Bristol Grammar School (A)	3.15pm	MB	4.30pm	7.00pm
	U12-U18 BANES Athletics (A) @ Bath Uni.	11.30pm	11.45pm	12.30pm	4.30pm
Sat 13 th May	1 st XI/U14a/U13a Cricket v KES (A)	8.30am	n/a	9.30am	12.00pm
	U15a/U12a Cricket v KES (H)	9.00am	n/a	9.30am	12.00pm
Mon 15 th May	U15a Cricket v Kingswood School (A)	1.45pm	MB	2.30pm	6.00pm
	U13b Cricket v Writhlington School (A)	3.00pm	MB	3.30pm	6.00pm
	U13a Year 8 Tennis v KES (H)	3.25pm	n/a	4.15pm	6.00pm
Tues 16 th May	U14a/U14b Cricket v Kingswood School (A)	1.45pm	MB	2.30pm	6.00pm
	U15a-Year 9/10/U13c Year 7/8 Tennis v Downside School (H)	3.25pm	n/a	3.45pm	5.45pm
	U12b Cricket v Writhlington School (H)	3.25pm	n/a	4.00pm	6.15pm
Weds 17 th May	U13b-Year 7 Tennis v Clifton College Prep (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.30pm	5.30pm

Sports Results - week commencing Tues 2nd May 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 2 nd May	1 st XI Cricket v KES	T20 league	Lost	By 19 runs
	U14a Cricket v Prior	Friendly	Won	By 6 wickets
	U15 Cricket v Prior	Friendly	Lost	By 43 runs
	U12 Tennis v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	4-8
	U13 Tennis v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	7-6
	U13 Cricket v KES	County Cup	Won	By 5 wickets
Weds 3 rd May	U13a Tennis v Colstons	League	Won	12-0
	U13b Tennis v Colstons	League	Lost	12-0
	U14b Cricket v Dauntseys	Friendly	Lost	By 3 wickets
	U12a Cricket v Dauntseys	Friendly	Won	By 5 wickets
	U12b Cricket v Dauntseys	Friendly	Won	By 23 runs
	U13a Cricket v Prior	Friendly	Won	By 2 wickets
	U13b Cricket v Prior	Friendly	Lost	By 12 runs
	U13c Cricket v Prior	Friendly	Won	By 8 runs
	U12c Cricket v Prior	Friendly	Lost	By 1 wicket
	U14 Tennis v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	10-2
U15 Tennis v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	6-4	
Thurs 4 th May	1 st XI Cricket v Prior	League	Tied	
	U12a Cricket v QEH	County Cup	Lost	By 13 runs
	U14a Cricket v QEH	County Cup	Won	By 5 wickets
	U13b Tennis v QEH	League	Lost	0-12
	U15 Cricket v Wellsway	County Cup	Lost	By 48 runs
	U12a Tennis v Wellsway	League	Won	12-0
Fri 5 th May	U15b Tennis v Wellsway	League	Won	10-2
	U14a Football v U14b Football	Banes Final	A's won	3-0