



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will soon be saying farewell to our Upper Sixth and preparing the way for the next cohort of Sixth Form Students. The two years will have gone incredibly quickly for them all and I know that we wish them every success their bid to win places at University or as they prepare for working life.

This will mean that there will be a new round of responsibility roles to be taken up and these will be publicised to the Lower Sixth and Year 10 in the weeks ahead. I do hope you will encourage your son or daughter to consider applying for a role which will help develop them and contribute to School life.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Summer School 2017

Following the success of last year's programme, Summer School will take place from **Monday, 17th July to Wednesday, 19th July 2017**. There will be a structured programme with particular emphasis on developing skills and knowledge in Literacy, Numeracy and Grammar. Whilst some pupils will be asked to attend Summer School on a compulsory basis, it is open to all of our pupils. This should prove to be a fruitful time to "top up" curriculum knowledge gained throughout the academic year and address areas that were perhaps more challenging.

If you would like your son to attend Summer School on a voluntary basis, please email me on timothy.markall@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Thursday 18th May

Year 8 Coasts trip to Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door

Friday 19th May – Wednesday 24th May

Year 8 Exams week

Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th May

Year 10 Creative Craft Cookery Trip @ TyC

Thursday 25th – Friday 26th May

Bronze DoE Pre Assessment Expedition @ Chelwood Scout Camp

Friday 26th May

Upper Sixth Leaving Day

Year 7 @Science visit

Year 8 Coast trip to Lulworth Cove

Spring Term Finishes

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Spring Holiday

Monday 5th June

Term 6 –Summer Term commences

A2 Exams start

Monday 5th June – Friday 9th June

Year 9 Exams week

Advice for parents of students with GCSE or A level exams

If your child experiences diarrhoea or vomiting 48 hours before an exam please do NOT send them into school. First contact Mrs Davison who will make arrangements with you for their isolation. Please bring them to school 10 minutes before the exam and hand them directly into her care so that they do not socialise with others and potentially spread the infection. If you can also obtain medical evidence from your GP we may be able to apply for Special Consideration which, if accepted, may elevate their marks to allow for any disadvantage suffered during their period of ill health.

Please either call 01225 485235 and leave a message with child's name, condition and a contact number or email exams@beechencliff.org.uk

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer

Theme of the Week



Theme of the week this week is focusing on The International Day of Families.

The Day highlights the importance of all caregivers in families, be it parents, grandparents or siblings and the importance of parental education for the welfare of children. It focuses on good practices for work-family balance to assist parents in their educational and caregiving roles.

The Day also aims to discuss the importance of 'knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity.

Families are as rich and varied as the people that make them up. They are a kaleidoscope of the diversity that encompasses human beings and can be valued for their uniqueness and special qualities.

Inclusiveness and understanding needs to be applied to the idea of the 'normal' family. Race, culture, sexual orientation, adoption, divorce, single parents etc. are all part of families.

"In 2016, married or civil partner couple families remained the most common type of family in the UK although cohabiting couple families were the fastest growing family type over the last 20 years. The growth in cohabiting couple families may be due to couples choosing cohabitation as an alternative or precursor to marriage".

There were 12.7 million married or civil partner couple families in the UK in 2016. This was the most common type of family.

Married or civil partner couple families without dependent children were more common than married or civil partner couple families with dependent children at 7.9 million and 4.8 million families respectively.

The second largest family type was the cohabiting couple family at 3.3 million families followed by 2.9 million lone parent families.

*Married couple families include both opposite sex and same sex married couples. Cohabiting couple families include both opposite sex and same sex cohabiting couples. We must not take the simple view that a mother and father constitute parents or a family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGIhHs>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvVfaB2nlao>

Mrs A Wilmot
PHSE Co-ordinator

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

Word of the Week - Maelstrom

Noun - a maelstrom

= a powerful whirlwind in the sea or a river
= a situation or state of confused movement or turmoil

Origin: from the Dutch words *malen* (to whirl; grind) and *stroom* (stream)
Pronounced: *mail-strum*

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

Use it:

They became caught up in the **maelstrom** of war.

What one historian has called a **maelstrom** of retaliation and counter-retaliation built to a terrifying crescendo.

Caught in a **maelstrom** of rapid industrialization and urbanization, their previous way of life was almost just a memory.

Spell it:

Maelstrom

Remember the unusual opening: the vowels come in alphabetical order

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Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Co-ordinator

IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, a Film and Theatre Crowd funding Project

Ex Beechen Cliff pupil and Bear Flat resident, Jesse Lawrence, is making a short film with funding from the British Film Institute and an endorsement from Ken Loach.

The film has a strong Mental Health message which Jesse hopes will stimulate debate around the silence of suicide. Mental health is also of course a subject very much in the news recently thanks to Prince Harry and recent pledges by the Government.

Jesse has raised additional funds of his own but still needs to raise a further £5,000 **before 19 May 2017!**

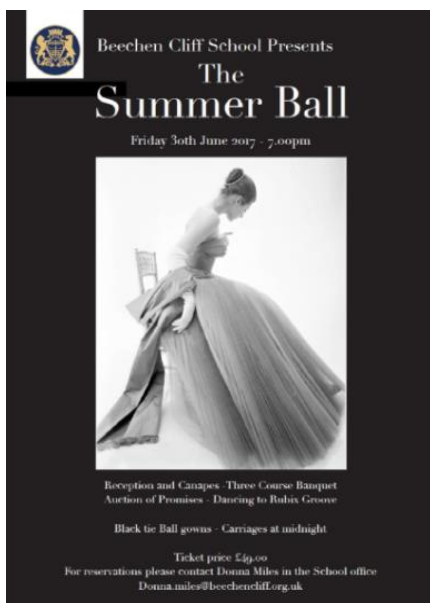
The link will take to a page where you can see Jesse talking about his ideas in the pitch film and where you can make a donation (as little as £10 because small donations add up) if you wish to, towards this very promising venture.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/if-you-can-hear-me

Beechen Cliff Summer Ball

Tickets are selling fast for the Beechen Cliff Summer Ball on Friday, June 30th 2017.

Here is a glance at the menu for the evening:-



Organic vine tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella and prosciutto salad with aged balsamic vinegar

West Country Loin of Lamb with roasted garlic, creamed potatoes, summer greens and a rosemary scented jus.

Lemon Posset with Raspberries and lemon shortbread.

Vegetarian/other dietary requirements are available

If you have any fabulous auction offers please call Jaq on 07595 486155

Tickets £49. Reserve a table of 10 by speaking or contacting Donna Miles in the School office.

Next week:- The wine list and the band

Diary of a Chinese Student continues

Last week's trip to Longleat

Iris: Today we went on the second school trip. We went to the Longleat Park. The sky was blue. Many seagulls flapped their white wings in the sky. There were many insect statues in the park. Animals live in the hills. They enjoyed the sunlight and the fresh air. Zebras were running on the vast lawn. The sheep were eating green grass. We went to the beast area too. Beasts were hiding in the jungle and eating meat. Later, we went boating. The sea lions swam around us. They asked us for food. What an exciting day!

Zack: Yesterday morning, we went to the Longleat Safari Park and we had a great time there. We saw many kinds of animals in the park and enjoyed the fantastic scenery there. The most exciting moment was that we saw a lot of large animals when we were sitting in the coach. We could observe the expressions of wild animals clearly through the windows.



In the afternoon, we took a delicate train for sightseeing. We enjoyed the maze, bat cave, amazing house and adventure playground. The gardens and boat trip were both great. When we were on the boat, many sea lions

leaped out of the water as if they were saying hello to us. It was quite fascinating. What a nice day!

Fiona Harrison

Homestay Co-ordinator, Hayesfield Girls' School
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Girls Rugby - The Fastest Growing Sport in the Country

Please see attached to this weeks newsletter a poster from the Bradford on Avon Bobcats Rugby club containing information about Girls Rugby.



Raffle to win a 2lb Lindt Bunny in Aid of Dementia Friends

Raffle tickets are still on sale at School in the Refectory, on Monday and Friday mornings, during first and second breaks. Tickets are also available to purchase via Parent Pay (until 26th May), priced at £1.00 for a strip of five tickets. The draw will be made at the end of May. Good luck!



Mrs A Stapleford
Teaching Assistant

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 18 th May	Road to Wimbledon (H) on the Astro	12.45pm	n/a	1.00pm	4.00pm
	U13b Cricket v Norton Hill School and MSN 6 th Form	2.45pm	MB	3.30pm	6.30pm
	1 st XI Cricket v Monkton Combe School (A)	2.45pm	MB	4.00pm	7.30pm
	Hockey Sports Leaders Event (A) @ RHS	3.15pm	MB	4.00pm	6.15pm
Mon 22 nd May	U15a-Year 9/10 Tennis v KES (A)	1.30pm	MB	2.00pm	5.00pm
Tues 23 rd May	U14a/U14b Cricket v Kingswood (A)	1.45pm	MB	2.30pm	6.00pm
	U15b-Year 9/10 Tennis v KES (A)	1.30pm	MB	2.00pm	5.00pm
Weds 24 th May	U15a/U15b/u14a/U14b Cricket v Millfield School (A)	12.00pm	12.15pm	2.00pm	6.00pm
	U12b Cricket v RAS (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.30pm	5.30pm
	U13c-Year 7/8 Tennis v RAS (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.30pm	5.30pm

Sports Results – week commencing 8th May 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 8 th May	U12b Cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 23 runs
	U12c Cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 3 wickets
	U13b Cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 6 wickets
	U13c Cricket v KES	Friendly	Lost	By 12 runs
	U13a Tennis v Prior	League	Lost	2-10
	U15a Tennis v Prior	League	Won	8-4
Tues 9 th May	U15 Cricket v Monkton	Friendly	Won	By 2 wickets
	U13 Tennis v Writhlington	League	Won	12-0
	U15 Tennis v Writhlington	League	Won	12-0
Weds 10 th May	U13 Cricket v QEH	Cup	Won	By 4 wickets
	U13 Tennis v Ralph Allen	League	Lost	4-8
	U15 Tennis v Ralph Allen	League	Won	10-2
	1 st XI Cricket v Kingswood	T20 league	Won	By 6 wickets
Thurs 11 th May	Banes Athletics Championships	County	See website	
	1 st IV Tennis v Dean Close	National knockout	Won	8-4
	1 st XI Cricket v Monkton	League		
	U13a Tennis v BGS	League	Won	7-6
Sat 13 th May	U12a Cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 4 wickets
	U13a Cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 7 wickets
	U14a Cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 9 wickets
	1 st XI Cricket v KES	League	Lost	By 6 wickets

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport