



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

The examination season is upon us and this week sees the first of many GCSE and GCSE 'A' level sessions. I know how hard many of our pupils have been working in preparation for this time and I am equally conscious of the impact upon parents at home. The boys and Sixth Form students taking examinations will, I am sure, appreciate the encouragement of those at home and will carry the hopes of their teachers into the examination halls.

We wish everyone the very best and hope, as always, that the results in August reflect the efforts made.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Cricket (Under 12)

A huge number of boys have signed up for cricket this season and I will want to see each of them play for the school. If any boy does not have the official school kit I can lend him what is needed. The school also provides bats, helmets, pads and gloves if required so there really is no need to invest in expensive kit.

If your son is looking for a local club to join but is unsure of who to approach, I am happy to assist. The clubs around Bath are very supportive and provide a really positive atmosphere in which to play and develop. They are also rather good for parents wishing to socialise

Potterne (4th May)

Unfortunately this session has been postponed due to an urgent commitment. The group will be given a new date and I will discuss with the boys to see if this can work for them. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

CALENDAR

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
Year 7 Hinkley Point Energy visit
Year 9 Bronze DoE Planning 3.25pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 11th May
Year 11 Sixth Form Assembly

Friday 12th May
Barbados Cricket Tour Quiz Evening

Summer Examinations 2017

Year 7	15 th – 19 th May
Year 8	22 nd – 25 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

Examination timetables and revision guidance are available on the School website

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Raffle for Dementia Friends



Many of us have known or know a loved one who suffers from the cruel disease of Dementia.

I am raffling a boxed Lindt gold bunny 2lb/1000g in weight in aid of this worthwhile cause.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in School at the Refectory, on Monday and Friday mornings, during first and second breaks priced at £1.00 for a strip of five tickets.



Tickets are also available to purchase via Parent Pay until 26th May 2017.

The draw will be made at the end of May. Good luck!

Mrs A Stapleford
Teaching Assistant

Word of the Week -Unsubstantiated

Adjective – something is described *as being* unsubstantiated

= not supported or proven by evidence

Synonyms: unconfirmed; unsupported; uncorroborated; unverified.

Use it:

The claim was **unsubstantiated** and could not be used in court.

He refused to comment on **unsubstantiated** allegations about where the money had come from.

Persistent, if **unsubstantiated**, rumours continue to circulate about the illegal sale of rare birds at the address.

Spell it:

Remember that this word means is **no substance** to what is being said or written

Remember that it uses the 'ti' version of the English language 'sh' sound

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Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy

Theme of the Week BritishRedCross

Theme of the week this week is focusing on The British Red Cross. The first week of May each year is the Red Cross awareness week where campaigns, fund raising and activities happen all over the UK.

The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, wherever and wherever they are.

They are part of a global voluntary network, responding to conflicts, natural disasters and individual emergencies.

They help vulnerable people in the UK and abroad prepare for, withstand and recover from emergencies in their own communities. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement started in 1863 and was inspired by a Swiss businessman, Henry Dunant. He had been appalled at the suffering of thousands of men, on both sides, who were left to die due to lack of care after the Battle of Solferino in 1859.

He proposed the creation of national relief societies, made up of volunteers, trained in peacetime to provide neutral and impartial help to relieve suffering in times of war.

In response to these ideas a committee, which later became the International Committee of the Red Cross, was established in Geneva. The founding charter of the Red Cross was drawn up in 1863.

The link below provided more information about the work that the British Red Cross does

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/en/What-we-do>

Mrs A Wilmot
PSHE Co-ordinator

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.

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

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



BEECHEN CLIFF

Tennis Programme - MAY 2017

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 www.tt-tennis.co.uk/beecheycliff

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

tt tennis

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

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster/Tennis

BEECHEN CLIFF
PROM 2017
30th June 7:30pm
Bailbrook House Hotel
Tickets available NOW on ParentPay £30

Beechen Cliff School Presents
The Summer Ball
Friday 30th June 2017 - 7.00pm
Reception and Canapes - Three Course Banquet
Auction of Promises - Dancing to Rubix Groove
Black tie Ball gowns - Carriages at midnight
Ticket price £49.00
For reservations please contact Donna Miles in the School office
Donna.miles@beecheycliff.org.uk

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 4 th May	1 st XI Cricket v Prior Park College (A)	12.30pm	MB	2.00pm	8.00pm
	U15a Cricket v Wellsway School (H) @ The Glass House	1.15pm	Walk/Car	2.00pm	5.00pm
	U14a/U12a Cricket v QEH	2.30pm	2.45pm	4.00pm	7.45pm
	U15b Year 9/10 U13a Year 8 Tennis v Wellsway (H)	3.25pm	n/a	4.00pm	6.00pm
	U13c Year 7/8/ Tennis v QEH (H)	3.25pm	n/a	4.30pm	6.30pm
Fri 5 th May	U14a/U14b Football v Beechen Cliff School (A)	1.30pm	MB	2.15pm	4.00pm
Mon 8 th May	U13b/U13c/U12c Cricket v KES (A)	3.25pm	MB	4.15pm	7.00pm
	U12b Cricket v KES (H)	3.25pm	n/a	4.15pm	7.00pm
	U15a-Year 9/10/U13a-Year 8 Tennis v Prior Park (A)	3.25pm	MB	4.30pm	6.45pm
Tues 9 th May	U15a Cricket v Monkton Combe (A)	12.45pm	MB	1.30pm	4.45pm
	U15a-Year 9/10/U13c-Year 7/8 Tennis v Writhlington (A)	3.15pm	MB	3.45pm	6.30pm
Weds 10 th May	U15b-Year 9/10/U13b-Year 7 Tennis v RAS (H)	3.15pm	n/a	3.30pm	5.30pm
	1 st XI Cricket v Kingswood School (A)	3.15pm	MB	5.00pm	8.00pm

Sports Results – week commencing 24th April 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 25 th Apr	U16 Basketball tournament	Tournament	Winners	
	1 st and 2 nd Tennis v Prior Park	Friendly	Weather stopped play	
	1 st XI Football v Chew Valley	Somerset Cup final	Won	1-0
Weds 26 th April	1 st Tennis v Colstons	National Cup	Won	12-0
Thurs 27 th April	U14 Football v Millfield	Somerset Cup final	Lost	2-4
	2 nd XI Cricket v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	By 3 wickets
	1st XI Cricket v Dauntseys	League	Lost	By 7 wickets
	U13 Tennis v Backwell	League	Lost	6-7
	U15 Tennis v Backwell	League	Won	10-2
	U12 Chance to Shine Cricket tournament	Tournament	Winners	

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport

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!