



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parent/Carer

I must thank all the pupils who acted as guides at the Prospective Parents' Evening last night. We have received a number of emails from the parents of pupils in Year 6, commending their guides for their enthusiasm and the quality of their input. One description from a visitor last night summed up the feedback.

"After seeing everything your wonderful school and pupil have to offer it's difficult to contemplate my son going anywhere else". We were all very proud of our young charges last night, ably supported by volunteers from senior years and the Sixth Form. Thank you all for making it an excellent event.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

## Year 7 Assembly - Every Friday

Please can we remind parents of Year 7 pupils that each Friday after afternoon registration all Year 7 pupils are required to attend a Headmaster's Assembly and pupils will be dismissed afterwards.

These assemblies will usually last about 20 minutes.

## School Photos

You will have received your son's/daughter's school photograph proof which was distributed this week. All photograph orders should be made on-line directly to NextGen School Photography. Order details are on the proof supplied.

On-line orders received before 8<sup>th</sup> October will be sent directly to school and distributed to parents. Orders placed after this date will incur a postage cost and will be sent directly to your home address.

Mr K Mann  
Assistant Headmaster

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22 September**  
7O to Tir-y-Cwn

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Lower Sixth Parents Welcome Evening

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Sixth Form lunchtime talk - Wera Hobhouse MP

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
7D to Tir-y-Cwm

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
7E to Tir-y-Cwn

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
Prospective Parents Open Morning - 9.00 - 12.30pm  
Super Curricular Lecture Series - Psychology - Emma Griffiths at 3.30pm in the Main Hall.  
Coast to Coast **training** cycle ride after school to Odd Down - followed by an information meeting at School at 7.00pm in the Main Hall

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
Upper Sixth Art Trip to Bristol

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
7S to Tir-y-Cwn

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Year 10 GCSE Parents Information

## 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](mailto: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 about the National Day of Non-Violence, which takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> September.



*“Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man” (Mahatma Gandhi).*

The UN promote an international day of non-violence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October which celebrates the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

The Stand Against Violence campaign has created a National Day of Non Violence to remember those who have lost their lives to violence, like Lloyd Fouracre did in 2005. The 25<sup>th</sup> September was Lloyd’s birthday and they remember him by celebrating a national day of non-violence in the hope that no more lives will be taken unnecessarily by the violence within our communities.

*Seventeen year-old Lloyd Fouracre was leaving a friend's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party on 25 September 2005 in Taunton, Somerset, when he and his friends were attacked by a group of youths.*

*He was hit over the head with a wooden parking sign, rendering him unconscious. His attackers then continued to beat Lloyd until they were interrupted by a passing car.*

*Lloyd was taken to Musgrove Park Hospital, where he was pronounced dead 30 minutes later. A post-mortem examination revealed Lloyd had suffered fractures to the skull, cheekbone, jaw, eye socket, nasal bone and suffered multiple brain haemorrhages. He was due to turn 18 on 26 September 2005, the day after he died.*

This single was recorded to raise awareness of the Stand Against Violence campaign and all proceeds went to the charity:

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

*Einstein: “Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.”*

*The Dalai Lama XIV: “Peace does not mean an absence of conflicts; differences will always be there. Peace means solving these differences through peaceful means”*

We are going to follow up this weeks theme with a theme of the week based on the one punch can kill campaign at a later date.

Miss P Netto  
PSHE Co-ordinator

## P.T.A

After several years of hard work, energy and enthusiasm Mrs Clare Jones has stepped down from running our P.T.A (Parent/Teachers Association) and we would like to thank her for all her sterling efforts during this time.

We are now in the process of planning our annual events and would be very interested to hear from any parents who would like to be part of our thriving P.T.A. There are a variety of roles including PTA Chair, event organisers, fund raisers and anyone who would be willing to spare a few hours occasionally to help out with Beechen Cliff events.

We have a series of Parents Evenings planned in the coming months where we would like to be able to offer refreshments to our guests, so if you can spare a few hours in this area, your help would be very much appreciated

A formal meeting of the PTA will be arranged shortly. If you are interested in being part of this dynamic group that provides invaluable support to the school community, please email or call Sarah Evans and we will get back to you with more details.  
[sarah.evans@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sarah.evans@beechencliff.org.uk)

Mr K Mann  
Assistant Headmaster

## Word of the Week: **Notwithstanding**

= in spite of

= despite the fact or the thing mentioned

= nevertheless

= often used to create or highlight exceptions in a legal contract

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

Use it:

*We decided to go anyway, notwithstanding the weather forecast. His relations with his neighbours, differences of opinion notwithstanding, were unfailingly friendly.*

In a legal context:

‘Notwithstanding’ is used in a clause that is to take priority over another clause. It tells the reader that the subject clause overrides the clause(s) to which it refers.

Example:

*Clause 1: Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement...*

Spell it:

(Yes, it is one word!) - **Not/with/standing**

It originates from the Old French ‘non obstant’, meaning ‘not providing an obstacle to.’

Mrs L Leonardi  
Literacy co-ordinator

## A-Level Geography Expedition to Iceland October 2018

This 5 day expedition compliments the Tectonic Hazards and Carbon Cycle and Energy Security units studied at A-level. It will not only be a great experience but will also help prepare you for your A-Level.



Whilst in Iceland you will visit Geysers, boiling mud, hot springs, the Blue Lagoon, the Icelandic version of the Giant's Causeway, a geothermal power station, go glacier hiking, visit resplendent waterfalls, climb Eldfell on the Westmann Islands and walk the Mid-Atlantic Ridge!

The total cost for this all inclusive 5 day expedition is estimated to be between £975 and £1075. If you would like to take part please pick up a letter from the Humanities office and make a £100 deposit via parent pay before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

There will be an information evening at 7pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October in the Main Hall for all those interested in going.



Mr R Anstey  
Head of Geography

## Prayer Meeting

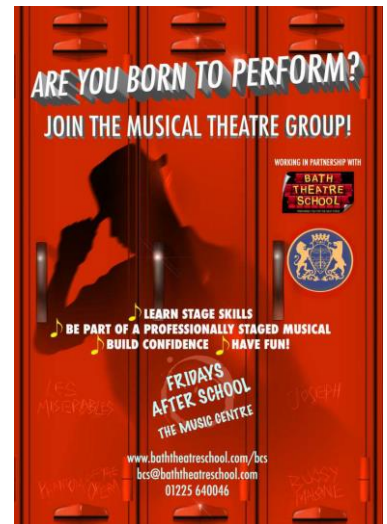
A number of Christian parents from various churches across Bath meet termly to pray for the Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff School communities.

If you would like to join us our next meeting is on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30pm to 2.45pm at 40 Maple Gardens, Bath, BA2 3AG

Please contact Alison Buckeridge, email [alisonbuckeridge@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonbuckeridge@hotmail.com) for further details or just come along!

## Beechen Cliff School Musical Theatre Group

For many years the school has encouraged pupils to participate in the expressive and performing arts. This year, in partnership with Bath Theatre School, we are embarking on an exciting new venture by launching a new musical theatre group. The group will be led by theatre professionals who have a wealth of performing expertise. The weekly sessions will not only provide a wide range of stage skills and promote confidence but will also be a chance for our boys and girls to be in professionally staged production at a theatre in Bath. This will be a highlight in the school calendar and is something very few other schools can offer. No previous experience is necessary and the group will welcome all participants. We would really encourage your son to come along and 'give it a go'. You never know - he might be the next Andrew Lincoln!



## Spotters Hockey October 2017 Camp

Spotters Hockey October 2017 Camp will be running on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 between 9am and 2pm 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. Also running is the Spotters High Performance camp, attendance at which is free when booking on the main camp.

These camps are normally very popular, there is a discount if you book before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, with the discounted cost just £24.75 for the day, £45 for two days; there are limited spaces and the last camp was fully booked, 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](mailto:spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk)

Sally Pottter  
Spotters Hockey Academy Director

## Sports

### Sports Fixtures

The details below are correct at the time of publication. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.

Days	Fixture	Meeting time	Kick off/Start time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Rugby Union U13B (H) v Oldfield School	15.15	15.45	n/a	17.00
	Rugby Union 1 <sup>st</sup> XV, 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV, U16A (A) v Prior Park College	12.45	14.45	Coach	16.45
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Football U14A (A) v Gillingham School	13.30	14.30	MB	16.00
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rugby Union U15A (H) v Monkton Senior	13.30	14.30	n/a	16.00
	Rugby Union U14B, U13B, U12B (A) v Wellsway School	14.45	16.00	coach	17.30
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Football 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (H) v The Castle School	13.30	14.30	MB	16.15
	Rugby Union U18 AASE XV (H) v Hartpury	13.15	14.45	n/a	16.45

### Sports Results for Week Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	AASE v Exeter	League	Lost	20-40
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	U13 Rugby v Norton Hill	League	Won	30-0
	U14 Rugby v Norton Hill	League	Won	45-5
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	32-5
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	U16 Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	29-5
	U15 Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	49-5
	U14a Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	39-22
	U14b Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Won	50-0
	U13a Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Lost	20-30
	U13b Rugby v Pates	Friendly	Lost	25-35

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport

### Beechen Cliff Tennis Programme - September - November 2017

**'TENNIS 'SQUAD'**  
Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 7-10  
27<sup>th</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> November £30 (6 sessions)



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The Squad is split into a beginner class and intermediate class. Groups are sorted by ability and age. The course covers:

- Basic technique - correct grips and swings, footwork patterns and ball characteristics
- Basic singles and doubles tactics
- Rules and matchplay

To register please visit [www.tt-tennis.co.uk/beecheycliff](http://www.tt-tennis.co.uk/beecheycliff) and for more information please email [info@tt-tennis.co.uk](mailto:info@tt-tennis.co.uk)