



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## School Christmas Card

The School Christmas Card has been designed by Zeb Goldsmith, Year 10 and will be available to order shortly via ParentPay priced at £4.00 for a pack of ten cards.

We will send an email to all parents as soon as they are available to be purchased.

Mrs Clare Thompson  
Headmaster's Secretary



## Admission Criteria and Arrangements – Consultation

Dear Colleagues

Bath and North East Somerset Council is consulting on the proposed admission criteria and admission arrangement for its Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools for the 2019/20 Academic Year. It is also consulting on the proposed schemes for co-ordination of admissions and the admission numbers to all maintained schools and academies for the 2019/20 school year.

All the consultation documents can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools/admissions-consultations-1>

**The consultation starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and will end on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.**

To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to:

[Admission\\_transport@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Admission_transport@bathnes.gov.uk) Alternatively you can write to The Admissions & Transport Unit, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JG.

Charon Smith Group Leader  
People and Communities Department,  
Bath and North East Somerset Council

## CALENDAR

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

AASE Rugby Evening – Main Hall 7pm – 9pm

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Year 10 Football Tour to London

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

AASE League match 2.30pm – 4.30pm

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Presentation Evening 7.30pm – 9.30pm

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

AASE League Match 2.30pm – 4.30pm

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Upper Sixth Art Trip to Venice

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Upper Sixth Parents Evening

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch and Charity Day  
Carol Service and Bath Abbey 7.00pm – 9pm

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

End of Term Assembly and End of Term

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Spring Term (Term 3) commences

## Year 10 Mathematics GCSE Revision Guides

The Maths department are selling maths GCSE revision guides at a reduced price. We can provide a Revision guide, with GCSE exam questions and answers for £6.00 (retail price £10.99). They cover all material needed by the boys for their GCSE and are ideal for their mock revision too.

The packs are suitable for our Higher and Foundation GCSE course.

We thoroughly recommend the packs to supplement the course they are doing and the GCSE exams they will be taking at the end of Year 11.

If you would like a revision guide for your child, please complete the details on parent pay with the level they are taking (Higher or Foundation). If unsure, please ask your son to speak to the class teacher.

The deadline for orders is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Maths Department

## Literacy

### Word of the Week: Euphoria

Pronounced 'you-for-ee-a'

= an active state in which a person experiences intense feelings of wellbeing or happiness.

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

#### Use it:

Continuous physical exercise, particularly aerobic exercise, can induce a state of euphoria.

She was euphoric on winning the Academy Award and thanked her parents for giving her the courage to believe in herself.

After the initial euphoria had worn off, they curbed their spending and began to make plans about how to invest their Lottery winnings more wisely.

#### Spell it:

From the Greek *eu* (well) and *pherin* (to carry), to be euphoric originally meant 'to carry / forebear well'.

Around the 1600s, the word was also used to describe when a medical operation had been successful.

Other words using the prefix *eu* ('good / well'):

**Euphemism:** The use of a pleasant word instead of one that is harsh or offensive

**Euphonious:** Full of pleasing sound; harmonious

**Eulogy:** Words of praise about a person, particularly those spoken at a funeral

### Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader House totals so far, based on AR Points (Points are awarded upon completion of AR Reading Quizzes, which boys take after finishing a book in their reading range. Points are awarded on a pro-rata basis (100% = all the Points available. Confused?! Ask your son to explain!)

1 <sup>st</sup>	ML	560.2 AR Points so far this year
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SH	478.8 AR Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	CH	358.2 AR Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	BY	313.4 AR Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	KP	290.1 AR Points



### Reader of the Week: Rupert Aldam-Gates

So far this year, Rupert has read two books in the *Harry Potter* series- *The Order of the Phoenix* and *The Deathly Hallows*, totalling 455,381 words and gaining him 69.7 AR Points toward his House's total. He has passed these AR Quizzes with an average accuracy rate of 90%. Excellent work so far, Rupert.

Mrs L Leonardi  
Literacy Coordinator

## Lower Sixth Progress Reports

Progress Reports for Year 12 are now available for parents to view on ePortal.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email our Data Manager, Mr Kerr on [datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk).

Mr T D Markall  
Assistant Headmaster

## Theme of the Week

Theme of the Week is about Anti-bullying Week 2017, which is being held between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> **November** and is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The theme for this year's campaign is All Different, All Equal. In the National Bullying Survey in 2016, the Anti-Bullying Alliance found that:

- ◆ 50% of young people were bullied about how they looked
- ◆ 81% of young people were called horrible names by others
- ◆ 55% of young people were left out by their friends

Attached to this newsletter is a powerpoint with some facts about bullying. It highlights different types of bullying, the short and long term effects of bullying and ideas for helping to reduce bullying in school. The Beechen Cliff Equalities Team (E Team for short) are always looking for new members interested in helping to eliminate bullying from our School.

There are also some short videos to watch, which are made by students. They can be found here:

<http://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-videos/>

There is also a video called 'Bullying or Banter', which could lead to an interesting discussion about how we use words and the impact they can have:

<http://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2017/>

Miss P Netto  
PSHE Co-ordinator

## Lost Property

We have a large number of **unnamed** coats currently in Lost Property as well as other items of school clothing.



If your son has mislaid a coat or other unnamed items, please can you encourage him to visit the lost property office as soon as possible.

Mrs K Lothgren  
School Nurse

## Beechen Cliff PTA – AGM

The School PTA held its Annual General Meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We would like to thank everyone who came along and are very happy to announce some new appointments, PTA co-chair Annie Meharg and Kate Abbey and Secretary, Hilary Rogers.

The meeting got off to a flying start with some new and exciting fund raising ideas being put forward for consideration. To see the minutes of the meeting please go to the Beechen Cliff Website, the PTA section is listed under the Parents Tab,

Mr K Mann  
Assistant Headmaster

## 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](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

### Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on 01225 485221.

## Duke of Edinburgh Gold Training 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> November.

Last weekend our Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh group headed off to the Brecon Beacons for their first weekend of training.

Their first task was to cook a meal for the whole group on Friday evening, quite a challenge when you are cooking for 33!

The rest of the weekend involved a micro navigation day, first aid activities, fitness training and group activities.

The ever present strong winds and snow on the top of Pen-y-Fan certainly tested out everyone's resilience and ability to cope in challenging conditions.

The group were a pleasure to take away and I look forward to future training sessions in the Spring. A big thank you to Dave Camn, Heather Ridley and Harry Cornish, for giving up their weekend to make this expedition possible.

Ms J Fox  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

## Beechen Cliff Student Representing Great Britain

BEECHEN CLIFF LOWER 6TH FORM STUDENT

**COREY WALKES**

HAS BEEN SELECTED TO COMPETE FOR  
**GREAT BRITAIN**

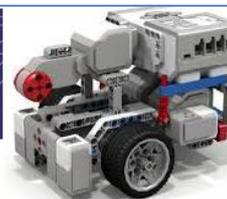


at the  
**25<sup>th</sup> WORLD AGE GROUP TRAMPOLINE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
IN SOFIA, BULGARIA**  
12TH – 20TH NOVEMBER 2017

Corey is a double World Age silver medallist, twice British Age Group Champion and is on the 2020 British Gymnastics Trampoline Olympic Programme.

Please help us to raise the £2,000 needed for him to compete which includes his Flights, accommodation, entry fees & GBR kit  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT :-)**

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/corey-walkes>



## Beechen Cliff Robotics Team Year 8 and 9 Every Tuesday 3:10 - 4:10 T6 – Design and Technology

Regional Competition – Airbus - Filton  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<b>The learning</b> Your team will research, design, plan, implement and present their own solution to a contemporary engineering problem – developed with support from the Royal Air Force and Rolls-Royce – gaining feedback on their work from the engineering community. The challenge will open up potential new careers to your students and help put their school learning into context!	<b>The journey</b> <b>The Robot Challenge</b> The Robot Challenge consists of a series of aviation missions. Teams try to complete as many as possible under time pressure using the unique robots that they've built. <b>Robot Design</b> This can be compared to a real-world engineering design review. After completing the aviation missions, students present the software and physical designs they've created for the challenge to judges. <b>Research Project</b> Students research, design and present their own solution to a contemporary engineering problem faced by STEM professionals in the aviation industry.	   
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[www.tomorrowengineers.org.uk/robotics](http://www.tomorrowengineers.org.uk/robotics)

## Vigil and Sleep-In at Bath Abbey for Julian House

Julian House would like to invite pupils, staff and parents to a special event celebrating the 30 years that Julian House has been supporting homeless and excluded men and women.

In addition to offering respite from the risk and indignity of living on the streets, a huge amount of work is undertaken to tackle the underlying problems which have forced these people into this desperate lifestyle

The vigil will take place in Bath Abbey on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November with the option of taking part in a sponsored 'sleep in' after the vigil. **The Vigil starts at 9.30pm and ends at Midnight, when the overnight Sleep-In starts**

Stephen Chesworth Community and Events Fundraiser

E-mail:stephenc@julianhouse.org.uk Web:www.julianhouse.org.uk



## Sports

### Sports Fixtures

*The details below are correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.*

Day	Kick-off/ Start	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/ Return
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.15pm	Rugby Union U14A, U14B, v Marlborough College (A)	12.15pm	Coach	5.30pm
	2.15pm	Rugby Union U15A, U15B v Marlborough College (H)	1.30pm	n/a	4.00pm
	2.30pm	Rugby Union 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV v KES, Bath (A)	1.30pm	MB	4.00pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.00pm	Rugby Union 1 <sup>st</sup> XV v KES, Bath (A)	5.00pm	MB	9.00pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Rugby Union U14A, U14B, U12A, U12B, U12C v KES (A)	9.15am	n/a	11.30am
	10.00am	Rugby Union U13A, U13B v KES, Bath (H)	9.15am	n/a	11.30am
	11.30am	Rugby Union U15A, U15B v KES, Bath (H)	10.30am	n/a	12.45pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.45pm	Football U13A v Archway School (H)	2.00pm	MB	4.15pm
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	2.30pm	Rugby Union U14B v Writhlington School (H)	1.45pm	n/a	3.30pm
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	2.15pm	Rugby Union U18 AASE XV v Sth Gloucs & Stroud College (H)	12.45pm	n/a	4.00pm
	2.30pm	Rugby Union U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B v Prior Park College (A)	1.30pm	MB	4.00pm

### Sports Results for w/c 6<sup>th</sup> November

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bristol Schools Swimming Championships	Gala	Awaiting results	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U14 Football v Brimsham Green	ESFA round 3	Lost	0-3
	U16 Football v Brimsham Green	ESFA round 3	Lost	1-2
	U15 Football v Mangotsfield	ESFA round 3	Lost	1-2
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U14 Football v Priory	Someset Cup round 1	Won	3-0
	U12b Rugby v St Marks	Friendly	Won	25-15
	U18 State Schools Netball tournament	Tournament	3rd place	
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football v Writhlington	Someset Cup round 2	Won	1-0
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U18 District Netball tournament	Tournament	6th place	
	U13 Football v Castle	ESFA round 3	Won	10-0
	1st XI Girls Hockey v Monkton	Friendly	Lost	1-2
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U13a Rugby v Saffron Waldron	Friendly	Drew	35-35
	U14a Rugby v Saffron Waldron	Friendly	Won	40-10
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby v Bryanston	Friendly	Lost	17-22
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XV Rugby v Bryanston	Friendly	Lost	5-7

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport