



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

CALENDAR

Thursday 23rd November

Presentation Evening 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday 29th November

AASE League Match 2.30pm – 4.30pm

English Speaking Debating Competition – Stonar School
- 4pm

Friday 1st December

Year 11 Trial Exams Results

Monday 4th December

Year 11 Parents Evening – 4.30pm – 8pm

Tuesday 5th December

House Cross Country Years 7 and 10

Friday 8th December

Upper Sixth Art Trip to Venice

House Cross Country Years 8 and 9

Christmas Sixth Form Debate @ 4pm – Wera Hobhouse
MP judging

Tuesday 12th December

Upper Sixth Parents Evening 4.30pm – 8pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Charity Day

Carol Service and Bath Abbey 7.00pm – 9pm

Tuesday 19th December

End of Term Assembly and End of Term

Thursday 4th January

Spring Term (Term 3) commences

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Tomorrow evening our Presentation Evening takes place at the Assembly Rooms. Mr Tim Hollingsworth, Chief Executive of the British Paralympic Association, is our guest speaker at the event. The evening will give everyone connected with the school the opportunity to come together and celebrate the efforts of all those from last year's Year 11, together with the winners of individual awards from across the year groups. In a year which has seen exceptional 'value added' results for the year group we are delighted that so many of them will be with us for the evening.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Lost Property

We still 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

School Christmas Card

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



There are a limited number available.

Mrs Clare Thompson
Headmaster's Secretary

Upper Sixth Progress Reports

Upper Sixth Progress Reports are now available for parents to view on e-Portal.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Year 7 Art Competition – 'Design a new PTA Logo'

This week we have launched an exciting Art competition for our Year 7 pupils. Boys have been asked to design a new logo for Beechen Cliff's PTA (Parent Teachers Association).

Year 7s will be bringing home a competition worksheet to complete, this needs to be handed in by the deadline date of Friday, 1st December. The Headmaster will be involved in judging the competition and the winner, who will receive a fantastic prize worth £25, will be announced during the last week of term.

Mrs H Rogers
PTA

GCSE English Language Revision Workbook

A GCSE English Language Revision Workbook is available for you to purchase for your son at the discounted price of £3.00. It is full of exam style questions, space for pupils to write and an "Answers" section for pupils to check their progress. The book covers paper 1 and paper 2 and would be beneficial for all pupils in Years 10 and 11.

Once ordered, a copy will be issued to your son, via his English teacher. Please see Mrs James (KS4 Coordinator) with any queries.

Mrs K James
English

Theme of the Week – Road Safety Awareness

Road Safety Week is the UK's flagship event to promote safer road use, coordinated annually by the charity Brake and involving thousands of schools, communities and organisations across the country. Road Safety Week 2017 takes place 20th-26th November, with support from the Department for Transport and headline sponsors Aviva and BriteAngle



In the UK:

1. Speeding contributes to about a quarter of fatal road crashes on British roads.

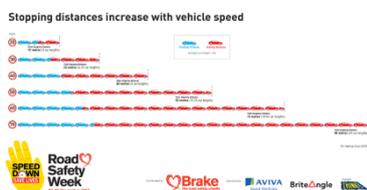
Driving is unpredictable. At higher speeds, a driver has less time to react if someone steps out in front of them. They are more likely to hit that person and will hit them harder.

2. The faster a vehicle is travelling, the harder it will hit someone. Cars travelling at higher speeds cause more severe injuries.

The relationship between speed and severity of injury is particularly critical for vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, as well as for children and the elderly.

3. Small increases in speed result in bigger increases in stopping distances.

Speed and stopping distances do not increase at the same rate. Small increases in speed result in bigger increases in stopping distances. At 30mph, average stopping distance is 23metres, at 20mph it is just 12metres.



If a child runs into the road three car lengths ahead of a vehicle travelling at 30mph, the driver will still be travelling at 28mph when they hit the child. At 20mph or slower the driver should have enough time to avoid hitting the child, providing they are paying attention, have well-maintained brakes, and are driving in dry conditions. See above stopping distances.

4. Young people are at particular risk of being involved in a road crash.

Road crashes are the second biggest killer of young people aged 5-19, and more than 5 children are seriously hurt or killed every single day on British roads. Most incidents involving children occur when they are walking home from school. Some children may not be able to judge the speed of approaching vehicles when they are travelling at speeds greater than 20mph, so may believe it is safe to cross when it is not.

5. Fast traffic is dangerous, frightening, noisy and polluting. It makes roads unwelcome and puts people off walking and cycling.

Speeding traffic has a negative impact on air quality, noise pollution levels and the 'liveability' of an area. Slower traffic speeds make people feel safer, which encourages more walking and cycling. More people walking and cycling means less motorised traffic on the roads and less pollution from vehicle emissions. More walking and cycling also means better health and helps prevent obesity as well as illnesses like heart disease and diabetes.

Links to videos produced for Road Safety Week

[#SLOW DOWN SPEED VACCINE](#)
[NO NEED TO SPEED](#)

Miss P Netto
PSHE Co-ordinator

PTA News

The PTA has been relaunched and we are really looking forward to working with parents, staff and governors on an exciting programme of events and fundraisers. The PTA last year made a huge contribution to the School, both through bringing parents together, and enhancing children's lives in school with its donations. These included:

- providing £4,000 to the library refurbishment,
- funds for blinds for the hall,
- over £2,000 to the sports department and
- an additional £6,000 given to the English, Art, Geography, film and language departments within the school and extra-curricular clubs.

We would love to be able to continue and build on this work and would welcome your thoughts, ideas and support! Something new for the school will be a 'year rep' system. The year representatives will provide a link to the PTA for each year of the school and help co-ordinate and organise events. Do get in touch with us if you'd like to be involved with a particular year group or would like to be put on our email list of people who can offer their time and /or help and expertise.

Lastly, thanks to all of you came to the PTA AGM (see minutes for details on the PTA page) and we look forward to hopefully meeting more of you at the next meeting on **8th January 2018 at 7pm.**

Many thanks

Annie and Kate
Co-chairs of the PTA
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Word of the Week: Caveat

Noun – a caveat

= a warning to consider something before taking any further action

= a warning to beware that something comes with certain conditions

= a statement that limits

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

Use it:

She agreed to the interview but with the **caveat** that she could approve the finished article before it was published.

Since it was his first offence, the traffic officer let him off with the **caveat** that next time he would not be so lenient.

Spell it:

Remember to pronounce the 'e'

cav e at

Etymology: from the Latin verb *cavere*, meaning 'to take care / be aware of'

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Beechen Cliff 50:50 Club September and October winners!

The September and October winners for the 50:50 Club were drawn at the PTA meeting on 13th November using a random number generator. The winners were as follows:

September 2017

£88.00	Kate Davison	249
£58.67	Mark Tooley	489
£29.33	Kate Abbey	9

October 2017

£88.50	Karen Heath	446
£59.00	Jennifer Dennis	313
£29.50	John Mathews	362

Winners will be contacted shortly and either sent a cheque or paid directly into their account.

For those of you who are not yet aware of the **50:50 Club**, it operates like a monthly lottery. If you would like to join the 50:50 club, please complete the form attached to this weeks newsletter

Sarah Mitchard
Parent and 50:50 co-ordinator
Tel: 07909962272 sarah@mitchard.net

Music-Rock School

Mr Brian (drum teacher), and Mr Waters (electric guitar) are in the process of setting up a Rock School which is aimed at drummers, electric guitarists and bass guitarists.



The sessions are designed to help pupils improve their skills and understanding in playing rock music and the related styles. Pupils will learn classic rock tunes as well as the core skills needed to help write and perform their own material.

The first session will be for drummers only and will take place next Wednesday 29th November from 3.05-4.00pm in Ensemble Room 1. If your son/daughter is interested, please ask them to come along with their own drum sticks.

Further information will follow for the guitar sessions which will also be on Wednesday's after school.

If you have any further questions please e-mail music@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Literacy and Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader House Totals as of 21st November:

1 st	ML	692.3 AR Points
2 nd	SH	617.8 AR Points
3 rd	BY	477.2 AR Points
4 th	CH	417.5 AR Points
5 th	KP	351.9 AR Points

Interim update:

As part of Year 7 assembly last week, boys were given an interim update on all-things AR, including winning tutor groups, winning teaching groups and total word counts.

Of note, the pupils making the biggest contribution in terms of AR Points gained so far, and who were awarded a prize after assembly, are as follows:

In 7a	Isaac Finer
In 7c	Otto Goldsmith
In 7d	George Shattock
In 7e	Oliver McCarthy
In 7n	Cameron Gregg
In 7o	Momen Ali
In 7s	Noah Lavelle

Very well done!

Reader of the Week:

Aiden Rush. To date, Aiden has read 3 books, most recently Roald Dahl's *Esio Trot*. He has read 6,909 words and gained 1.9 AR Points for his House. Most impressively, he is passing Quizzes at an average rate of 93%. An excellent start to your reading this year, Aiden – now choose your next book...



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

The Skills Show

On Thursday 16th November 2017 a group of Year 9 pupils attended The Skills Show at the NEC Birmingham.

The Skills Show is the nation's largest skills and careers event and helps to shape the future of a new generation. The show provides hands-on experiences that inspire young people to explore careers and motivates them to find out more about the world of work. They are encouraged to 'have-a-go' at a variety of job related skills.



Mr J Forrest
Careers and Work Related Manager

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		Meeting time	Transport	Finish/Return
Thurs 23 rd Nov	2.30pm	Rugby Union 1 st XV v Sexey's School (H)	1.30pm	n/a	4.00pm
	6.30pm	Bristol School Swim Finals @ Horfield Lse. Centre	3.30pm	MB	9.00pm
Sat 25 th Nov	10.30am	Rugby Union 1 st XV, U16A, U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B v QEH (A)		Coach 9.00am	12.45
	10.30am	Rugby Union U15A, U14A v QEH (H)	9.30	n/a	12.00
Tues 28 th Nov	1.30pm	Cross Country U16A v District Championships @ Kingswood (A)	12.30pm	Coach 12.45pm	3.30pm
	2.00pm	Football U14A v The Castle School (A)	12.00	MB	4.45pm
	2.30pm	Football U12C v Stonar School (A)	1.30pm	MB	4.30pm
	2.30pm	Football U13B v Stonar School (H)	1.45pm	MB	4.00pm
	2.30pm	Rugby Union U15A v Sir William Borlase's Grammr School (H)	1.30pm	n/a	4.00pm
Weds 29 th Nov	4.00pm	Badminton U16A v B&NES Tournament (A)	3.15pm	MB	6.00pm
	2.00pm	Football U15A v Nailsea School (H)	1.15pm	MB	4.00pm
	3.45pm	Badminton U14A v B&NES Tournament (A)	3.00pm	MB	6.15pm

Sports Results for w/c 13th November

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 13 th Nov	1 st Tennis v Writhlington	League	Won	8-4
Tues 14 th Nov	U15 Rugby v John Hanson Academy	Natwest Vase	Won	79-7
Weds 15 th Nov	AASE v Truro	League	Lost	19-24
	1 st XI Football v Marling	ESFA	Won	4-0
	U12a Rugby v Monkton Prep	Friendly	Lost	5-25
Thurs 16 th Nov	U13a Rugby v Monkton Prep	Friendly	Lost	10-40
	U14a Rugby v Marlborough	Friendly	Lost	15-28
	U14b Rugby v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	25-15
	U15a Rugby v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	10-7
	U15b Rugby v Marlborough	Friendly	Won	42-5
	2 nd XV Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	22-10
Fri 17 th Nov	3 rd XV Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	28-12
	1 st XV Rugby v KES	Friendly	Lost	18-32
Fri 18 th Nov	U15a Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	39-0
	U15b Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	50-5
	U14a Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	29-0
	U14b Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	20-0
	U13a Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	30-0
	U13b rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	40-0
	U12a Rugby v KES	Friendly	Lost	10-25
	U12b Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	30-10
	U12c Rugby v KES	Friendly	Won	35-15

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport