



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 14th March 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents/Carers

This week our assemblies have had a focus on the wide range of Super Curricular Lecture available for boys and students to access.

Many of the boys have been surprised at the incredible range of lectures and, in some cases, have assumed they are only relevant for Sixth Form Students. We would be very happy to see boys from any year in Lower School to attend and this invitation is extended to parents and members of the local community. Please keep an eye out for our emails and/or the Newsletter for details of forthcoming talks.

If anything else, the lure of tea and biscuits should be sufficient.

STOP PRESS congratulations to our U15 Rugby team who triumphed in the National Vase Final at Twickenham earlier today. They faced worthy competitors Kenilworth School and secured victory with a 36-14 win. Man of the match with a hat-trick of tries was William Morris. We are very proud of the entire squad.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

“SARAHAH” – Cyber Bullying

Sarahah’ is an app that allows users to send anonymous feedback to friends. There has been some recent media coverage of this app with reports that it encourages cyber bullying. Please monitor your son's online activity and ensure that he does not have this app - we understand that several pupils have downloaded this app.

Further information:

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/tech/sarahah-honest-app-cyber-bullying-11051162>

<http://uk.businessinsider.com/sarahah-app-store-bullying-harassment-2017-7>

Thanks

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th March

Lower Sixth Geography trip to Devon

Thursday 15th March

Year 11 Spanish Exchange students in Bath

Thursday 15th – Friday 16th March

Year 7 Football tour

Friday 16th March

Year 10 French Exchange Students in Bath

Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th March

Ten Tors training weekend in Dartmoor

Sunday 18th March – Friday 23rd March

Sixth Form Malaga Trip

Tuesday 20th March

Interhouse football – Year 7 P1/Year10 P3

SCLS Watching the Immune System Kill Cancer – Main Hall 3.25 - 4.15pm

Wednesday 21st March

Interhouse football – Year 9 P4, Year 8 P6

Thursday 22 March

Psychology students to Zimbardo conference

Lower Sixth Geography trip to Three Cliffs Bay

Friday 23rd March

End of Term Assembly - *School will finish approx 1pm*

Monday 26th March – Friday 6th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 27th March

French Student Hosting – Main Hall 11.15 – 12.15pm

Monday 9th April

Start of Term 5 - Spring Term

Year 11 Examination Arrangements 2018

A letter has been posted to all Year 11 parents, which outlines the arrangements and procedures for the GCSE examinations this summer.

If there are any queries about examination timetables please contact the Examinations Officer, Mrs Davison, at school.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Austria Ski Trip 2019 (12th–18th Jan 2019)

Letters are now available from Mr Watts and Mr Mann for pupils in the current Year 9 and pupils in Year 11 who will stay on in the Sixth Form.

Mr K Mann
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Isaac Cutting representing Beechen Cliff in Alpine Ski Races

Last week Isaac Cutting from Year 9 represented our School in 8 alpine ski races in Italy and Switzerland. Isaac competed against competitors from both British and International schools based in the Alps. The two events were the Artemis British Inter-School Challenge in Pila, Italy and the Aiglon Inter-School Cup in Villars Switzerland. Isaac's results improved substantially as the week progressed with an achievement in the Aiglon Giant Slalom Under 14 ranking of 13 and Aiglon Slalom Under 14 ranking of 12. This is a great result for Isaac's first season on snow, especially considering that almost every competitor above Isaac trains in the Alps full-time during the winter season. Isaac also continued to decrease his British alpine seed points to below 500, his goal is to compete in the Delancey British Alpine Championships in Tignes in the next couple of years. This requires seed points of below 400.

Isaac competed in the U14 Male Races for Slalom and Giant Slalom. - Each discipline consists of 2 races, to achieve a ranking both races must be completed. Isaac competed in the U14 Male Races for Slalom and Giant Slalom. Beechen Cliff did not qualify for the school team event since this requires more competitors.

Artemis British Inter-School Challenge - Pila, Italy -
<http://gbski.com/competition.php?ID=400>

Aiglon Inter-School Cup - Villars, Switzerland -
<http://gbski.com/competition.php?ID=399>

Now that the Alpine season has finished, Isaac now starts competing in the British Artificial ski slope



competitions with his local Avon Ski Club, based in the Mendips.

Theme of the Week - Sir Roger Bannister

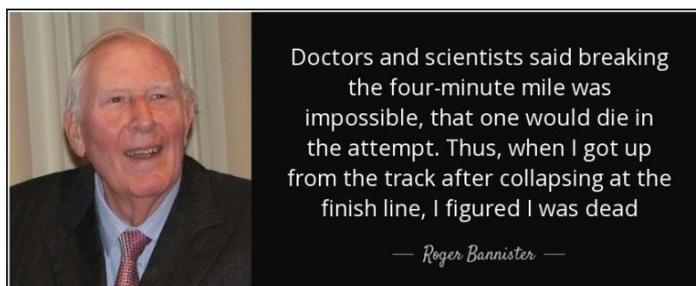
Theme of the week this week is to commemorate Sir Roger Bannister, who died earlier this month. Bannister attended Beechen Cliff when the school was known as the City of Bath Boys' School. On 6th May 1954, at the Iffley Road Track in Oxford, England, medical student Roger Bannister became the first person in recorded history to run the mile in under four minutes.

After this significant achievement, Bannister finished his medical degree and became a practicing neurologist and neuroscience researcher. Knighted in 1975, Sir Roger Bannister served as director of the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London.

Long after his career as a runner had ended, in an interview with Bill Heine of BBC's Radio Oxford, Bannister called running a "powerful source of self-expression" and said of his talent on the track, "*I believe that as I grew up through adolescence, this capacity to run without pain or discomfort became part of me, and it found its expression in running in cross country races, running with friends, for the sheer enjoyment running across the countryside. Running, not walking, and, eventually this became a track event with more and more people watching and people concerned with stopwatches.*"

Please find attached to this newsletter and copy of a presentation about Roger Bannister contains links to the video of the four minute mile, an obituary and a video of Bannister talking about his famous race. There is also an opportunity to consider other famous sporting achievements, and to think about why such events will go down in history.

As a former Beechen Cliff student, Roger Bannister's legacy will continue to influence our students' aspirations in all areas of sporting, academic and personal life.



Miss P Netto
PHSE Co-ordinator

Word of the Week: Fastidious

An adjective to describe

= incredibly fussy

= very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail

= excessively particular, critical or demanding; hard to please

Use it:

The coach was **fastidious** in his pre-match preparation, going as far as to seem superstitious.

“It is a pity he isn’t as **fastidious** about tidying his room as he is about choosing what to wear to go out.”

The child seemed **fastidious** about not getting her fingers dirty.

He **fastidiously** copied every word of his notes onto his revision cards.

Spell it:

fastidious:
[fa-stid-ee-uhs]
-adj.
extremely picky; hard to please

S
A
T
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A
V
E

The parents of the fastidious eater faced a constant battle at mealtime to convince the child to eat his food.

TheYUNiversity.tumblr.com

Year 9 and Year 13 Parents' Riverford Cookery Evenings

Book your space now! Just £10 for a cookery class, full delicious supper and glass of wine/soft drink - all proceeds of which goes to the PTA!

- Year 9 Parents: Thursday, 15th March 7 – 9pm - just one space left - book on ParentPay.
- Year 13 Parents: Thursday, 22nd March 7 – 9pm - just four spaces left - book on ParentPay.

Many thanks

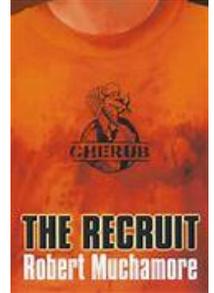
Annie Meharg and Kate Abbey
PTA Co-chairs

Literacy

Reader of the Week:

The library team would like to award Reader of the Week to **Freddie Dunn KP5 (Year 7)** for his enthusiasm towards reading the 'CHERUB' series.

Since reading the first book in the series (The Recruit) back in January, Freddie has become a huge fan and has become an overnight bookworm!! To date, Freddie has read nearly half a million words, taken and passed 7 quizzes (with a 90% pass rate) and has earned 61 AR points. Keep up the good work!



CHERUB is a series of young adult spy novels written by English author Robert Muchamore, focusing around a division of the British Security Service called CHERUB, which employs children, predominantly orphans, under the age of 17 as intelligence agents.

Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BATH THEATRE SCHOOL
PRESENTS
GUYS AND DOLLS JR
11-13 APR 2018
7pm
Tickets: £10 / £8 U18s
£1 Beechen Cliff Students

KINGSWOOD THEATRE, BATH
Box Office: 01225 640046
WWW.BATHTHEATRESCHOOL.COM/TICKETS

BASED ON A STORY AND CHARACTERS BY DAMON RUNYON
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY FRANK LOESSER BOOK BY J SWERLING AND ABE BURROWS
THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

Spotters Easter Hockey Camp



Spotters Easter Hockey Camp will be running 9am -2pm on 5th and 6th April 2018 at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players aged 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.

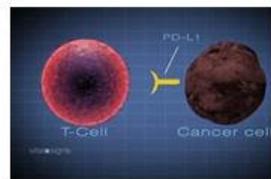
These camps are normally very popular, so please book early to secure a place for your child. For more details or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk or see Mr Norton for more details.

Sally Potter
Spotters



Super Curricular Lecture Series

"Watching the Immune System Kill Cancer"



Beechen Cliff's Super Curricular Lecture Series presents

A Talk by Prof Christoph Wulefing
The University of Bristol

TUESDAY 20th March 2018
3.25 – 4.15 p.m. in the Main Hall

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
All Parents, Sixth Form and
Years 10 & 11 and Staff welcome

SPORTS

Sporting Fixtures

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

Day	Kick Off/ Start Time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/ Return
Thurs 15th March	14.30	Netball U18A, U18B v King's School Bruton (A)	13.00	MB	16.30
	15.00	Basketball U18A v Kingswood (H)	14.30	n/a	16.15
	15.30	Football U15B, U13B v Beechen Cliff School (H)	15.05	n/a	16.30
	15.30	Football U15A, U13A v Beechen Cliff School (H)	15.05	n/a	16.30
Mon 19th March	14.30	Football U13A v Crispin (H)	14.00	n/a	15.45
Tues 20th March	15.45	Football 1 st XI, U14B, U12 Atletico v Norton Hill	15.00	Coach	17.45
	15.30	Football U15B v BCS (H)	15.10	n/a	16.45
	15.30	Football U15A v BCS (H)	15.10	n/a	16.45
	16.00	Hockey 1 st XI v KES (A)	15.00	MB	17.30
Weds 21st March	14.00	Tennis U18B v Colston's (A)	12.45	MB	17.00
	15.45	Football U15B, U13B v Norton Hill MSN (H)	15.15	n/a	17.00
Thurs 22nd March	10.00	Rugby Sevens U18A v Sedbergh School (A)	tbc	MB	tbc
	11.20	Rugby Sevens U18A v Hatpury College (A)	tbc	MB	tbc
	14.20	Rugby Sevens U18A v Truro & Penwith College (A)	tbc	MB	tbc
	15.40	Rugby Sevens U18A v Maidstone Grammar (A)	tbc	MB	tbc
	14.30	Netball U18B, U18C, U18D v KES (A)	13.45	MB	16.00
Sat 24th March	12.30	Hockey U13A, U12A, U12B v Millfield	11.00	Coach	15.00
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Mr P MacDonald
Director of Sport