



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back all members of the School community. This long term will be a very busy one, particularly for those involved in public examinations. I know that the boys and Sixth Form students will appreciate the support they get from parents at home, even if they do not always show it.

On Friday the Quiz and Curry Night takes place, the proceeds from which will be used to support the Sixth Form charity project work with a deprived community in Transylvania, Romania. The night is almost sold out, but there is still an opportunity to support the project by purchasing raffle tickets via ParentPay (see the attached flier for details). The prizes are very impressive and we are thankful to all the donors who have contributed to the project.

  
Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

## URGENT Homestay Places required for Chinese Students





**Do you have a spare room?**

We are still looking for Homestay places in Bath for three Year 7 Chinese students (2 girls and 1 boy), required for 8 weeks (away over Half term) during the Summer term 2018, from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

The students will be attending Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield in Year 7 and 8 lessons. They are here to improve their English and learn about our culture. As part of that we would like them to also be part of a family life.

The students would be hosted individually or in pairs of the same sex within a home from home environment which provides daily home cooked meals, packed lunches and a bedroom with a study area.

## CALENDAR

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
Guys n Dolls Performances at Kingswood Theatre at 7pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
PTA Riverford Cookery Evening for Year 7 Parents
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
Curry and Quiz night at 7pm in the Refectory
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
SCLS - Emma Stilitoe from the Met Office
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
SCLS - Holbourne Museum Curating Talk
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
PTA Riverford Cookery Evening for Year 10 Parents
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Ten Tors Training on Dartmoor
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
SCLS - Martin Gledhill Architecture
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Staff Room

Ideally they will have an en-suite so they have their own privacy and space but sharing a bathroom is fine, if you can accommodate. Homes must ideally be within walking distance of both schools or be able to provide daily transport, if needed.

You do not need to have a son or daughter in year 7 or 8 to offer a homestay placement, however, we would particularly welcome interest from families in those year groups and these will be given priority.

If you can accommodate, to cover all living expenses including transport, we provide an allowance of £150 per person per week.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information then please contact Fiona Harrison or email [international@hayesfield.com](mailto:international@hayesfield.com)

All placements are subject to a home visit and DBS check.

Fiona Harrison  
Homestay Co-ordinator at Hayesfield Girls' School  
01225 426151 x 408

## Theme of the Week – Carnegie Award

The Theme of the week this week is introducing an activity that we are asking all tutor groups to take part in over the next eight weeks. In conjunction with the English Faculty, we will be looking at eight books shortlisted for the Carnegie Award, one book per week. Each tutor will be asked to read a short section of each book to their tutor group and discuss with the boys before submitting feedback. At the end of the process there will be a vote, and we as a school will be able to see if we agree with the judges' decision.

The book that wins the Carnegie Medal should be a book of outstanding literary quality. The whole work should provide pleasure, not merely from the surface enjoyment of a good read, but also the deeper subconscious satisfaction of having gone through a vicarious, but at the time of reading, a real experience that is retained afterwards.

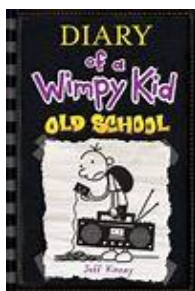
We are taking part in this activity for several reasons:

- ◆ To enjoy discussing what makes a good book as a tutor group
- ◆ To spark a debate about "judging books by their covers" or on its first few pages and decide which books look the most interesting.
- ◆ To compare results at the end of shadowing to see if predictions were right.
- ◆ To introduce you to books you might not otherwise read

Miss P Netto  
PHSE Co-ordinator

## Literacy

Reader of the Week: **George Fletcher** (SH7) is our worthy winner this week for taking (and passing!) 18 accelerated reader tests so far. George is a big fan of the '*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*' series by Jeff Kinny, most recently reading 'Old School' where he achieved an 100% pass rate. Great job George!



Book Recommendation of the Week comes from **Hugo**



**Boston** (KP6) who has recently read '*Ready Player One*' by Ernest Cline. Hugo has rated this book 4 stars out of five and recommends the book because 'it is futuristic and has lots of 80's pop culture'.

### Review

"At once wildly original and stuffed with irresistible nostalgia, Ready Player One is a spectacularly genre-busting, ambitious, and charming debut—part quest novel, part love story, and

part virtual space opera set in a universe where spell-slinging mages battle giant Japanese robots, entire planets are inspired by Blade Runner, and flying DeLoreans achieve light speed" (Justin Trudeau *Independent*)

Millionaire of the Week is **Thomas Hayter** (SH4) who has now read a total of **1,066,689** words, earning 155 points for his house! Well done – keep reading!

The library team will be placing the next book order on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April and so please do pop in and put in a request if there is a book you fancy reading or a book that you have read and recommend for the library shelves for others to read....

Mrs H Dunn  
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

## Word of the Week - Poignant

An adjective used to describe  
= evoking a strong sense of sadness or regret  
= sharp or pungent in taste or smell

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

### Use it:

The photograph was a **poignant** reminder of good times. The poem has a haunting **poignancy**.

It tells the **poignant** story of a friendship that ends in tragedy.

It is a subject of **poignant** interest.

### Etymology:

From the Old French verb *poindre*, meaning to prick or sting.

### Synonyms for poignant:

Depending on the context, you could use...

*Moving, affecting, heartrending, disturbing, emotional, sad, sentimental, touching, upsetting, sorrowful, overwhelming, powerful, striking, vivid...*

## 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.

## “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

## Beechen Cliff Future Horizons

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


attend and this invitation is extended to parents and members of the local community. Refreshments are provided at these events.

Please see below copies of posters detailing three of the talks scheduled in April and keep an eye out for emails for details of forthcoming talks.



**FUTURE HORIZONS**

“Meteorology”



A Talk by Miss Emma Sillitoe  
From The Met Office

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
3:30pm in the Main Hall

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



**FUTURE HORIZONS**

“Curating a World Class Museum”



A Talk by Nina Harrison Leins  
Exhibitions Co-ordinator  
Holburne Museum

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
3:30pm in the Main Hall

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
All Parents, Sixth Form and  
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**FUTURE HORIZONS**

“Architecture & Civil Engineering”



A Talk by Martin Gledhill  
The University of Bath

Martin has particular interest in the symbolism and 'spirituality' of architecture, arising from a life long interest in Jungian psychology and theology.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
3:30pm in the Main Hall

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## Quiz and Curry Night – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

A reminder that the previously postponed Quiz and Curry Night is this coming Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm in the Refectory.



All proceeds from this event will go to support the Sixth Form charity project work in Transylvania with People Against Poverty

At the time of publication we do have 6 tickets remaining, available on ParentPay, tickets cost £8.00 which includes a selection of curries and quiz entry.

Come along with family and friends in teams of 4-6. There will be a bar and a raffle with some great prizes – see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details on the raffle prizes.

Mr P Watts  
Deputy Headmaster

## Easter Raffle in aid of R.I.C.E.

A big thank you to all who supported our Easter Raffle in aid of Research Institute for the Care of the Eldery (RICE) Centre at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

You raised an amazing total of £515 for this very deserving charity.

The raffle was drawn before the Easter break and the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, a 1Kg Lindt Easter Bunny, was won by Iwan Parons, in Year 10 (ML3).

Matthew Webb-Peploe in Year 9 (CH3) and Zak Hussain in Year 9 (BY6) took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes (a selection of chocolate eggs) respectively.

RICE are doing a sterling job in supporting research into finding a cure for Dementia, a disease that many of you, your families and friends will have cruelly been affected by.

Anne Stapleford





## Bath City Farm April Plant Sale



Spring has finally sprung, and what better way to celebrate than getting out in the garden!

Come to our spring plant sale on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, between 11am and 2pm and pick up some good quality flower, herb and vegetable plants at a great price. The Café and bouncy castle will be open. A full size flyer is attached to this newsletter.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Farm.

Sara Chapple  
Bath City Farm Visitor and Volunteer Coordinator

## SPORTS

### Tommy Criddle's Golden Performance at the National Deaf Swimming Championships

Congratulations must go to Tommy Criddle (SH2) Year 8 for his fantastic achievement over the Easter break competing at the National Deaf Swimming Champions

Tommy amassed no less than 7 Gold Medals; 50m Frontcrawl, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, 100m Frontcrawl, 100m Backstroke and 200m Individual Medley.

He also broke the English National Age Group Record for 12-13 year olds in 50m Butterfly.

Well Done Tommy!

Mr J Forrest  
Deputy Head of Shakespeare and Swimming Coach



## 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
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> April	08.00	Golf Mixed U18A v Avon Schools Championships @ Kendleshire (A)	07.15	MB	17.00
	13.30	Tennis U18A v B&NES tournament @ Writhlington (A)	12.30	MB	17.00
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	14.00	Cricket U15A v KES, Bath (A)	13.15	MB	17.45
	15.15	Cricket U12A v Downend School (H)	15.00	n/a	18.00
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> April	14.30	Cricket U14 A Clifton high School (A)	13.15	MB	18.15
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> April	13.00	Rugby U18 v Ivybridge (A)	Tuesday	MB	16.25
		Football 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Backwell (A) @ Cribbs FC	14.45	MB	19.30
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> April	13.00	Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v KES, Bath (A)	11.45	MB	19.00
	14.30	Tennis U18A v Wycliffe College (H)	14.00	n/a	17.00
	14.15	Football U12A v Chew Valley (Odd Down) match tbc	13.15	MB	15.45
	15.30	Netball v Kingdown Community School (A)	14.30	MB	17.30

Mr P MacDonald  
Director of Sport