



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 25th April 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents/Carers

The piles of cricket bags are bigger than ever; a sure sign that we can expect a return to greyer skies and chillier winds. I should, of course, be optimistic, at the beginning of the cricket season and there is no doubt that I can at least be confident that the Year 11 boys and Lower Sixth students have a very clear level of intent for their immediate futures.

I think that Miss Netto's advice in this newsletter is very timely and I know as parents that it can be difficult to see beyond the immediate stresses and anxieties caused by the exam season.

For Lower School pupils Mr Markall's examination preparation assemblies will pave the way for the assessment season and hopefully give a good grounding for the challenges of later years

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Summer School - Monday 16th July - Wednesday 18th July 2018

Following the success of last year's programme, Summer School will take place from Monday 16th July to Wednesday 18th July 2018. There will be a structured programme with particular emphasis on developing skills and knowledge in Literacy, Numeracy and Grammar. Whilst some pupils will be asked to attend Summer School on a compulsory basis, it is open to all of our pupils. This should prove to be a fruitful time to "top up" curriculum knowledge gained throughout the academic year and address areas that were perhaps more challenging.

If you would like your son to attend Summer School on a voluntary basis, please email me on timothy.markall@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

CALENDAR

Friday 27th April

Year 7 Exams Assembly at 3.25pm

Monday 30th April

Year 8 Exams Assembly at 8.25am
PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Staff Room

Wednesday 2nd May

GCSE Exams Briefing Assembly

Thursday 3rd May - Friday 11th May

Lower Sixth Exams (excluding BH Monday 7th May)

Monday 7th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May

Year 9 Summer Exams Assembly at 8.25am

Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th May

Ten Tors Event

Monday 14th May

GCSE Exams begin

Tuesday 15th May

Future Horizons Talk - Making Technology Work

Wednesday 16th May

Year 10 Summer Exams Assembly

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

Sixth Form Students

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

Internal Summer Exams 2018

KS3 - Years 7-9)

Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be taking formal internal examinations in many of their subjects in the terms ahead. These exams are used to assess the progress pupils have made this year and to give pupils useful practice in taking formal examinations in preparation for external exams in the future. In some subjects there are several exams assessing different aspects of the course. Examination results may also contribute towards setting for next year in some subjects.

In order to prepare pupils for the exams, subject teachers will provide pupils with revision information. Some revision will take place in lessons but it is also expected that pupils prepare for exams independently at home. As part of the preparation for exams, pupils will have an exams assembly and tutor meetings dedicated to revision tips and exam timetables. Revision guidance for pupils and for parents supporting their sons with revision is also available on the school website in the *Exams and Assessment - Support and Guidance* section.

<http://www.beechencliff.org.uk/school-life/academic/exams-assessment/year-7-9/summer-exams/>

Year 10 Summer Exams

Year 10 exams will take place during the week of 11th June. Some exams will take place in formal exam halls and will be formally invigilated. Others will take place in normal lessons. These exams may be used to inform tiers of entry for Year 11 where appropriate. When not attending exams pupils will attend lessons as normal.

As at KS3, pupils will be prepared for exams in school and revision material will be made available to pupils via teachers and departmental websites. Pupils are also expected to prepare for exams independently at home. The *Exams and Assessment - Support and Guidance* section on the school website also provides useful guidance.

<http://www.beechencliff.org.uk/school-life/academic/exams-assessment/gcse/yr10-subject-information/>

Pupils will have the exam process explained to them in a year group assembly and by tutors in advance of the exam week. There will also be the opportunity to discuss revision strategies with teachers and tutors before the exams.

The dates of the Summer Exams this year are given below. Most exams fall within a Summer Exam Week for each year group but Year 7 Science exams will be taken at a different time. All exams will take place during timetabled lessons in the normal classrooms.

Summer exam dates:

Year 7: 14th -18th May

Year 8: 18th May and 21st -24th May

Year 9: 4th -8th June

Examination assemblies will take place on the following dates:

Year 7: Friday 27th April at 3.20pm

Year 8: Monday 30th April at 8.25am

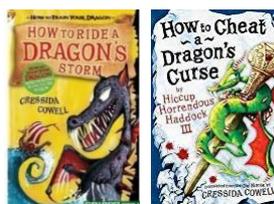
Year 9: Tuesday 8th May at 8.25am

Mr Tim Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Literacy

Reader of the Week:

This goes to Archie Miller ML1 who has recently been reading books from the 'How to train your dragon' series by Cressida Cowell. Archie has read *How to Ride a Dragon's Storm* and *How to Cheat a Dragon's Curse* passing both with 100% and earning 11 points for Milton!



Great job!

Book Recommendation of the Week comes from Rylan Smith-Cardoza CH1 who recommends 'Tom Gates Dog Zombies Rule' (by Liz Pichon) and says 'the author has made the book more exciting by adding pictures into words'. Rylan gives the book 5 stars out of 5. The library holds a selection of the Tom Gates series so come in and grab yourself a copy!



Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Word of the Week: - Atypical

An adjective to describe

- = not representative of a type, group or class
- = not typical
- = not conforming to the norm; irregular

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

Use it:

The sample of people was rather **atypical** of the target audience.

The sociable behaviour of lions is considered **atypical** of the cat family.

Spell it:

Remember the prefix - **a** - meaning 'not' or 'without'
And the y: **typical**

Guys & Dolls

"A massive thank you to all staff, pupils, students and parents who helped with the Beechen Cliff and Bath Theatre School's musical 'Guys & Dolls'. We had a fantastic turn out for every night of the show, with over 1000 people seeing the show over the three nights.

The cast and crew have had an unforgettable experience being part of a full scale professional production.



The Bath Chronicle's review called it "*a dazzling spectacle,*

eagerly received by an audience that was quick to offer a standing ovation, delighted and impressed by the talented cast and classy production".

Ms G Smith
Musical Theatre

Theme of the Week

With exams for all year groups coming up (and some GCSEs have already begun) this is a critical time of year for pupils and students to ensure that they are looking after themselves physically and mentally in order to achieve their potential. The exam dates for all year groups are in the copy presentation attached to this newsletter, and there is information about different methods and ideas for revision – please take a look at this information and maybe discuss them with your son or daughter. In school we are also encouraging older pupils to give the younger ones advice on exams and revision, as their personal experience can be more helpful than anything else!

The presentation also gives information about stress, and getting the right balance of good and bad stress – it is really important that pupils and students are able to recognise when stress is taking over and their mental health is suffering as a result of their revision and exams. There is a link to a list of ideas for staying physically and mentally healthy. It is vital that if your child feels like stress is getting the better of them that they know where to go for support – there is a slide with information but as ever the best way to tackle the problem is to talk about it – both at home and in school.

If you come up with any good ideas for helping students to revise productively and stay physically and mentally healthy during exam time, please send them to Miss Netto and we will share them with all our students and pupils.

Miss P Netto
PHSE Co-ordinator

Forthcoming PTA Meeting



PTA MEETING

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

MONDAY 30TH APRIL AT

7PM BEECHEN CLIFF STAFF ROOM

Musical Theatre Group meets on Fridays after school in the Recital Room

Following the storming success of the Beechen Cliff production 'Guys and Dolls' two weeks ago, performed to over a 1000 over three nights and with rave reviews, our collaboration with Bath Theatre School continues.

We are on the lookout for budding performers, so if you think your son has what it takes, or would like a challenge that will take him out of his comfort zone, then suggest he joins the Musical Theatre Group for next year's production, all ages and abilities welcome

The group meets on Fridays after school in the Recital Room encourage him to give it a go!

Paul Watts
Deputy Headmaster

B&NES Games Design Workshop

A Games Design workshop is being trialled on Saturday 5th May. This is a new event. Please look at the full sized flyer attached to this weeks newsletter.

Many exciting and interesting events are held in our libraries. These are often advertised via social media to attract young people and their parents.

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter and be amongst the first to find out what we have on for children, young adults and families.

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www.bathnes.gov.uk/

Games design Workshop
Bath Central Library

Saturday Afternoon
for 11 – 15 year olds! (Bring your own device)

Learn to make computer games for fun at Bath Central Library (2pm – 4pm) on the following date:

- Saturday 5 May 2018

The sessions are for beginners or improvers and will use Unity software (subject to minimal system requirements).
Numbers are limited so places will be allocated to B&NES residents on a first come, first served basis

Registration required by 12.00 May 4th

For more information and to register please send an email to rowan_tanner@bathnes.gov.uk

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Email: council@bathnes.gov.uk
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Web: www.bathnes.gov.uk/libraries

Beechen Cliff Sixth Form Bands playing at The Bell, Walcot Street this Friday

Following on from February's highly successful Bands Night, we now have several bands in school. A number of sixth formers have organised their own gig at The Bell on Walcot Street this Friday at 8pm (flyer attached to this newsletter).

Tickets are £3. All are welcome.

Declan McDonald
Sixth Form student



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 26 th April	14.00	Cricket 1 st XI, v Dauntsey's School	12.00	MB	20.30
	14.00	Cricket U15A v Dauntsey's School	12.30	MB	19.00
	14.30	Cricket 2 nd XI v Kingswood School (A)	13.15	MB	18.00
	15.00	Tennis U13A Year 8, U13B Year 7 v Colston's School	14.00	MB	17.30
Mon 30 th April	10.30	Skiing U14A v Indoor BISS event (A)	08.00	MB	19.00
	15.45	Cricket U15A v Prior Park (A)	14.45	MB	19.00
	16.45	Cricket U14A v Prior Park (A)	15.20	MB	20.00
Tues 1 st May	15.45	Football U13A v Gordano School (A)	13.30	MB	18.30
	16.30	Tennis U15A Year 9/10, U13A Year 8 v Prior Park (H)	15.20	n/a	18.30
Weds 2 nd May	14.00	Shooting U15A v Dauntsey's			
	14.30	Cricket U14A, U14B, U12A, U12B v Dauntsey's (A)	12.30	Coach 12.45	18.30
	14.30	Cricket U13A, U13B, U13C, U13D v Prior Park (A)	13.45	MB	17.45
	16.15	Tennis U13B Year 8 v Bristol Grammar (A)	15.20	MB	18.45

Sport Results for Week Commencing 16th April 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 16 th April	U15 Cricket v KES	County Cup	Won	By 6 wickets
Tues 17 th April	U14 Cricket v Clifton High	County Cup	Won	By 7 wickets
	1st XI Football v Backwell	County Cup final	Won	3-1
Weds 18 th April	U18 Rugby v Ivybridge	Friendly	Lost	28-31
	U12a Cricket v Downend	County Cup	Lost	By 6 wickets
Thurs 19 th April	1st VII Netball v Kingdown	Friendly	Won	23-8
	1st XI Cricket v KES	League	Lost	By 5 wickets
	1st IV Tennis v Wycliffe	National knockout	Won	10-2

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport