



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Following the success of last year's programme, Summer School will take place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:timothy.markall@beechencliff.org.uk)

Mr T D Markall  
Assistant Headmaster

## CALENDAR

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Year 7 Exams Assembly at 3.25pm

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

GCSE Exams Briefing Assembly

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Lower Sixth Exams (excluding BH Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May)

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

May Day Bank Holiday

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Year 9 Summer Exams Assembly at 8.25am

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Ten Tors Event

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May

GCSE Exams begin

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Future Horizons Talk - Making Technology Work

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Year 10 Summer Exams Assembly

**IMPORTANT**

## 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> 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: 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> May

Year 8: 18<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May

Year 9: 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> June

Examination assemblies will take place on the following dates:

Year 7: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3.20pm

Year 8: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8.25am

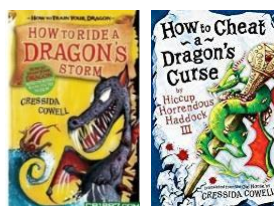
Year 9: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8.25am

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 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/)

## 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 <sup>th</sup> April | 14.00               | Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

| Date                         | Fixture                    | Type              | Result | Score        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------|
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April   | U15 Cricket v KES          | County Cup        | Won    | By 6 wickets |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April  | U18 Rugby v Ivybridge      | Friendly          | Lost   | 28-31        |
|                              | U12a Cricket v Downend     | County Cup        | Lost   | By 6 wickets |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> 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