



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations must go to the thirty two pupils from Beechen Cliff who participated in the Ten Tors event at the weekend.

The skill and determination shown by all the participants was exceptional and I know that they will all want to join with their families in thanking the staff who gave up their time to make the experience possible such a scale.

For up to date news from Beechen Cliff you can follow our twitter feed @BeechenCliff. Tweets this week include: a half term course learning how to be a lifeguard, photographs from the Ten Tors, our Year 8 LTA Tennis victory over KES, and invitation from Bath Pentathlon to enter the school's laser run, some photography from our Lower Sixth Photography students, an invitation to enter the Commonwealth Essay Competition, bobsleigh and skeleton taster days this month, Bath Festival's National Poetry event and so much more.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

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

Sixth Form Students

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

CALENDAR

Thursday 17th May

FH - British Technology - Dyson

Friday 18th - Thursday 24th May

Year 8 Exams Week

Friday 25th May

Year 7 Science Trip to @Bristol

Year 8 Science to the Big Pit

Saturday 26th May

Half Term Starts

Monday 4th June

Term 6 Begins

Year 9 Exams week

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the Refectory for the coming week, commencing **Monday 21st May** is:

Monday: Chicken with a creamy mushroom and peppercorn sauce, Pork Tagine, Squash and chickpea tagine

Tuesday: Chilli, Curried Chicken pie, Goats cheese and Red Onion Crostini

Wednesday: Roast Pork, Beef and Vegetable Stew, Falafel with Minted Sour Cream

Thursday: Mac and Cheese, Braised Beef with a soy and Mushroom Sauce, Cheesy Leek and Potato Bake

Friday: Fish of the day, Hot Dog, Vegetarian Hot Dog

Please be aware that any of the above can be subject to change

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

Theme of the Week

This week's theme of the week is about Ramadan, which is a month of fasting for Muslims observed during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Many Muslims fast between daylight hours for a month, and celebrate the end of the month with a festival called Eid ul-Fitr. The date for Ramadan changes every year – this year it will be observed between 15th May-14th June.

Fasting does not mean Muslims retreat from their daily routine, rather they are encouraged to continue as normal in their work and usual activities. In fact, this is where the challenge of patience and endurance comes in. Muslims believe fasting is not merely a physical ritual, but is primarily a time for reflection and spiritual recharging. During the fast, Muslims believe that their desires are curbed and that they can gain understanding of how those who are less privileged than them feel. It is considered to increase one's patience, closeness to God and generosity towards others. The month is also a time of community; it is the custom for Muslims to invite their neighbours and friends to share their evening meal when they break the fast – iftar – and recite special *Tarawih* prayers in congregation. It is also a time when Muslims try to reconnect with the Qur'an, which they believe is the word of God.

If you would like to find out more about fasting during Ramadan, including why it is done, when it is observed and who is exempt from fasting, there is a copy presentation attached to this newsletter. There are also links to some interesting videos and photographs of the festival of Eid which marks the end of the month of Ramadan.

We do have pupils at Beechen Cliff observing the fast this year, so it is a good opportunity to find out more about this practice, and to think about the challenges these pupils will face. In addition, to also to think about what we, as a community, could do to support pupils who are fasting.

Miss P Netto
PSHE Co-ordinator

Young Musician of the Year

First round auditions are taking place after half term. The closing date for this competition is Friday 8th June.

Further details can be found on the poster attached to this newsletter.

Mr P Calvert
Head of Music

Beechen Cliff Vacancy



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Job Description

PASTORAL TEAM ADMINISTRATOR

Salary Scale:	NJC Points 21-24 (£20 138 - £21 962 pro rata; actual £18 383 - £20 048)
Hours:	Full-time 8am to 4.30pm (37 hours per week) term time, plus 3 weeks (47.6 weeks per annum)
Responsible to:	Assistant Headmasters and Heads of House

Required from 30th August 2018, a well-qualified, enthusiastic and experienced administrator to undertake this important role within this outstanding school. The role will involve a full range of duties working closely with the Assistant Heads, Heads of House and other members of the Pastoral team, dealing sensitively with parents and interacting with pupils.

The post holder will be highly efficient and organised, with a flexible approach. They will be articulate and able to deal sensitively and confidentially with a variety of situations, have the ability to stay calm whilst also being able to be firm when required.

Must have excellent administrative and organisational skills and be able to work unsupervised, with initiative and under pressure on occasions. Some evening work will be required during the year for parent meetings etc.

For further details please contact clare.thompson@beechencliff.org.uk or visit the school website www.beechencliff.org.uk. Please return the completed application form to Clare Thompson, Headmaster's PA and Administration Manager by Noon on 23rd May 2018. Interviews to be held on 6th June 2018.

Save the Date! Beechen Cliff PTA Curry and Quiz Night



Beechen cliff are holding a summer Curry and Quiz Night on **Friday, 22nd June** in the School Refectory at 7pm. Tickets are available now via ParentPay at £10.00 per person which includes a Curry and Quiz.

Please join us in your teams/table of six for what is sure to be a great 'end of year' evening out.

All profits will go to the Beechen Cliff PTA

Exciting Hosting Opportunity

Do you have a spare room?

Due to the success of our Euroclass Programme, we are looking for caring and welcoming Hayesfield families to host our Norwegian 6th Form students for the duration of the Autumn Term 2018.



The group is a mix of boys and girls who are looking for accommodation within Bath and easy access to the school whilst they study here to experience British culture and improve their English.

The students would be hosted individually within a home from home environment, which provides daily home cooked meals and a bedroom with a study area. Ideally with an en-suite so they have their own privacy and space but not essential if you can accommodate an extra person in your home.

We provide a generous weekly allowance of £180 per week as tax-free living expenses.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information, then please contact Fiona Harrison via the Sixth Form Office or email international@hayesfield.com

Hayesfield
MIXED SIXTH

Spotters Hockey Half Term Camp 2018

Spotters Hockey Half Term Camp will be running 9am -2pm on 30th and 31st May 2018 at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players ages 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 and offer excellent coaching at a reasonably low cost; there is a discount if you book before 11th May 2018, with the discounted cost from just £22.50 per day; there are limited spaces on this occasion, 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 further details.

Word of the Week: Supplementary

An adjective to describe

= something added, usually in order to improve or add detail - to *supplement* it.

Use it:

"This income is **supplementary** to my other job, and I enjoy the chance to earn extra money for luxuries."

"Please provide any **supplementary** information on a separate sheet to the application form."

"These vitamins and minerals are **supplementary** to my recommended daily intake of nutrients."

The interviewer asked **supplementary** questions in addition to those planned by the panel.

Spell it:

Get the ending correct -

Think: **supplementary** = **additional**

Literacy

Reader of the Week goes to **Rylan (CH1, Y7)** who has to date, taken a total of 11 Accelerated Reader quizzes, read over 104,000 words and has a great attitude to reading! Well done Rylan!

Millionaires

We have two new millionaires this week - **Dillan (ML8, Year 7)** and **Harry (BY8, Y7)** who have read well in excess of a million words each!

In addition, **Noah (CH8, Year 7)** has now read 29 books, totalling **3,213,145** words and is therefore our first pupil to have read over 3 million words since September! Noahs most recent read was ;

'TimeRiders: The Eternal War' by Alex Scarrow

Continuing the heart-pounding, time-bending action of the TimeRiders series, *The Eternal War* brings readers back to a pivotal time period in American history: the Civil War. Only this alternate history is one where a young Abraham Lincoln has somehow followed Liam into the present from 1831, and the entire course of American history has changed. If the TimeRiders can't return Lincoln to the past, the country could be trapped in a dangerous state of never-ending civil war. Can Maddy persuade two colonels on either side of no man's land to cease fire long enough to save the future?



Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

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 17 th May	15.45	Cricket U13A v Wellsway (A)	15.00	MB	18.30
	15.45	Cricket U12A v Wellsway (H)	15.20	n/a	18.30
	13.00	Road to Wimbledon competition on the Astro	12.45	n/a	16.15
Mon 21 st May	16.00	Cricket U12C v KES (H)	15.20	n/a	18.30
	16.15	Cricket U13B, U12B v KES (A)	15.20	MB	18.30
Tues 22 nd May	14.30	Cricket U14A, U14B v Kingswood School (A)	13.45	Coach 14.00 ONE WAY	17.45
	14.30	Cricket U15A v Monkton (A)	13.45	n/a	17.45
	15.15	Tennis U15A Year 9/10 v Clifton College (H)	15.00	MB	17.45
Weds 23 rd May	14.30	Cricket U12A, U12B v Dauntsey's (A)	12.45	MB	18.00

Sport Results for Week Commencing 8th May 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 8 th May	U14a Cricket v Monkton	Friendly	Won	By 10 wickets
	U13a Cricket v St Katherines	Somerset Cup	Won	By 43 runs
	U13 Tennis v Backwell	League	Lost	6-7
Weds 9 th May	U15a Cricket v Millfield	Friendly	Won	By 7 runs
	U15b Cricket v Millfield	Friendly	Lost	By 4 wickets
	U14a Cricket v Millfield	Friendly	Won	By 9 wickets
	U14b Cricket v Millfield	Friendly	Won	By 7 wickets
	U15 Tennis v Ralph Allen	League	Lost	6-7
Thurs 10 th May	1st XI Cricket v Monkton	T20 league	Lost	By 32 runs
	1st VI Tennis v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	10-2
	U15 Tennis v Downside	League	Won	8-4
	U13 Tennis v Downside	League	Won	10-2
Friday 11 th May	U13 Cricket v Millfield Prep	Somerset Cup	Won	By 8 runs
Sat 12 th May	U14 Cricket v KES	Bristol Schools Cup	Won	By 4 wickets
	U13 Cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 6 wickets

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport