



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 6th June 2018

### Message from the Headmaster

Next Friday the Annual Great Walk takes place. The event is aimed at Years 7–9 and it gives the boys the opportunity to raise funds which we need to support the extra-curricular life of the school.

The boys themselves can bid for funds to start clubs, fund specific events or purchase items which could help enrich the life of the school.

We hope that you can support the boys by helping with sponsorship and asking them to think of ways in which they can look to bid for funding. We hope that this year will be as successful as previous years.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Calendar

#### Thursday 7th June

Yr 10 Geography Quantocks trip

Music trip to Colston Hall

Normandy Info Evening – Main Hall @ 17.30

Potterne Shooting Session

#### Friday 8th June

Yr 10 Geography Quantocks trip

#### Monday 11th June

Catalonia trip

#### Thursday 14th June

Yr 7 Disco – Main Hall 18.30 – 19.30

#### Friday 15th June

Great Walk – Yrs 7, 8 and 9

### Year 10 Exams on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Throughout next week (11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> June) Year 10 pupils will be taking their Summer Exams. The timetable is available on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Year-10-Summer-Exams-Timetable-2018-FINAL.pdf>

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June Year 10 pupils will register in the gym at 8.25am. Throughout the morning they will complete revision lessons or exams as shown on the Exams Timetable.

After the conclusion of the examinations the school day **will finish at 12.30pm**. Food will not be available in the Refectory at lunchtime but will be available at break time during the morning.

Mr T D Markall  
Assistant Headmaster

### Summer School – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Attendance

#### 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**.



## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is about 'Human', a documentary exploring the concept of what it means to be human, and identifying what unites us with others around the world. It is also intended to encourage us to take some time to pause and reflect on our own lives in relation to others, and to appreciate the diversity of the world around us.

*Human* is a 2015 documentary by Frenchman Yann Arthus-Bertrand, a photographer, journalist, reporter and environmentalist. The film is almost entirely composed of exclusive aerial footage and first-person stories told into the camera. It was the first film to premiere in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations, to an audience of 1,000 viewers.

From stories of everyday experiences to accounts of the most unbelievable lives, these poignant encounters share a rare sincerity and underline who we are – our darker side, but also what is most noble in us, and what is universal. Our Earth is shown at its most impressive through never-before-seen aerial images accompanied by soaring music, providing an opportunity to sit back and reflect.

*Human* comprises of interviews with more than 2000 people in 60 countries. Each person interviewed was asked the same set of forty questions and was presented on a plain black background without any musical score or any details about their identity and locale. Arthus-Bertrand hoped that removing personal identifiers would draw focus to our similarities, explaining that they "... wanted to concentrate on what we all share. If you put the name of a person, or what country they're from, you don't feel that as strongly."

The inspiration behind this project was a question Arthus-Bertrand could not find the answer to in any of his previous work: "I am one man among seven billion others. For the past 40 years, I have been photographing our planet and its human diversity, and I have the feeling that humanity is not making any progress. We can't always manage to live together. Why is that? I didn't look for an answer in statistics or analysis, but in man himself."

This is an extended version of *Human*, which includes interviews and photography—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdb4XGVTHkE>

The film is intended to encourage thought and conversation about what makes us human, to recognise and celebrate both the similarities and the differences between people all over the world, and to reflect on the spectacular nature of the world around us. Hopefully this will encourage discussions in our tutor groups!

Miss P Netto  
PSHE Co-ordinator



## Literacy

Reader of the week goes to **Finley (7KP4)** for working with great enthusiasm within his library lessons! Finley has injected great fun into the group whilst we have been reading a play from the library.

## Millionaires

We have one new millionaire this week – **Wilfred (8CH7)** who has now read a total of 1,182,002 words! Good job!

## Book Recommendation

### **Neuromancer by William Gibson**

*The sky above the port was the colour of television, tuned to a dead channel...* The Matrix is a world within the world, a global consensus- hallucination, the representation of every byte of data in cyberspace . . .

Case had been the sharpest data-thief in the business, until vengeful former employers crippled his nervous system. But now a new and very mysterious employer recruits him for a last-chance run. The target: an unthinkable powerful artificial intelligence orbiting Earth in service of the sinister Tessier-Ashpool business clan. With a dead man riding shotgun and Molly, mirror-eyed street-samurai, to watch his back, Case embarks on an adventure that ups the ante on an entire genre of fiction.

Come in and pick up a copy!



Mrs H Dunn  
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

## RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Every year we hold a Summer raffle during the Year 7/8 Cricket festival scheduled this year for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9am- 1pm. All donations will go towards Cancer Research in support of any pupils at the school who have been affected by this illness.

We are always in need of prizes, however small. Successful prizes in the past have been:- boxes of biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, plants, flowers, gift vouchers, a cheese platter, wine (for adults only of course!).... If you have a suitable prize that would be FANTASTIC!

Please contact Mrs de Glanville ([yolandadeglanville@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:yolandadeglanville@beechencliff.org.uk)) or bring it to the school or maths office via your child by June 8th.

Raffle tickets will be available via the School Office, ParentPay, Mrs de Glanville and Mrs Stapleford

during the week commencing and on the day of the raffle at £1 a ticket.

Mrs Y de Glanville  
Maths Teacher



### Word of the Week

#### **Unilateral**

An adjective to describe

= involving only one group or country

= relating to, occurring on, or involving one side only

Do you **know** it?

Can you **spell** it?

Can you **use** it correctly in your work this week?

#### Use it:

The leader declared her support for **unilateral** nuclear disarmament.

The doctor described my migraines as **unilateral** as they usually only occur on one side.

The shareholders did not agree with the CEO's **unilateral** decision to merge with a rival firm.

#### Spell it:

**uni – later – al**

From the Latin *unum* ('one') and *latus* ('side/flank of human beings')

### Be Tick aware

At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. These insects are in great abundance this year. They are parasitic and take blood from their host. They are normally easy to remove with tweezers and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely de-habilitating. The incidence of this disease is on the rise so here is some advice on what to look out for. Further details are available by following the links from the Outdoor Education section of the school website or directly from



:<http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/>

Mr D Brewer  
Head of Humanities

The rash is very distinctive and looks like a target or dart board. Please consult your doctor if you see this.

### MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Reminder for the **PTA Quiz & Curry night** on **Friday 22nd June**

7.00-10.30 pm in the Refectory

£10 a head

Have you got your table of 6 together?! We'd love to see you at this event and please do spread the word to others. The quiz is traditionally our biggest fundraiser of the year so it would be great to have a full house.

To host the night we've secured Quizmaster Extraordinaire Richard Bullard, coming to Beechen for the first time, so should be lots of fun!

Tickets on ParentPay now.

#### PTA Meeting

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** at **7pm**  
in Beechen Cliff Staff Room  
Everyone is very welcome

### Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 11th June** is:

**Monday:** Pasta Arabiatta with chorizo, Honey and mustard chicken, Spinach and feta pie

**Tuesday:** Cumberland sausage with gravy, Chicken and leek pie, Asparagus pea and parmesan risotto

**Wednesday:** Roast Turkey, Pork with a cider cream sauce, Roasted red onion and goats cheese filo parcel

**Thursday:** Creamy ham and pea pasta, Beef and sweet potato curry, Potato and spinach curry

**Friday:** Fish of the week, Meatballs with a spicy tomato sauce, Creamy pesto pasta

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

Mr D Keal  
Head Chef

### Last chance to apply!



**2018 Young Musician Competition for Years 7–10**

FIRST round auditions to take place soon!

Entries should be made to the Music Department with your:-

Name, Tutor Group, Instrument and Name/Composer of piece you are performing. Or you can apply by email to [music@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:music@beechencliff.org.uk)

Closing date is FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June. Get practising and good luck!



**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	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish / Return
Wednesday 6th June	14.00	Cricket U13A v Millfield (A)	12.00	Coach 12.15	17.30
	14.15	Cricket U12A, U12B v Monkton (A)	13.30	MB	17.30
	14.30	Tennis U13A Yr 8 v Clifton College (A)	13.30	MB	17.30
Thursday 7th June	14.00	Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Wycliffe College (A)	11.30	MB	20.30
Saturday 9th June	11.00	Cricket U13A, U13B, U12B v Kingswood (A)	10.30	n/a	14.00
	11.00	Cricket U12A v Kingswood (H)	10.30	n/a	14.00
Monday 11th June	14.30	Cricket U14A v Bristol Grammar School (A)	13.00	MB	18.00
	16.30	Tennis U13A Yr 8, U12A Yr 7 v Proir Park (A)	15.30	MB	18.30
Tuesday 12th June	10.00	Cricket U13A v Millfield (A)	8.00	MB	17.15
	15.45	Cricket U12B v Ralph Allen (H)	15.15	n/a	18.00

**Sporting Results for week commencing 21st May**

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Monday 21st May	U13b cricket v KES	Friendly	Won	By 4 wickets
	U12b cricket v KES	Friendly	Lost	By 23 runs
	U12c cricket v KES	Friendly	Lost	By 15 runs
Tuesday 22nd May	U15 cricket v Monkton	Friendly	Won	By 6 wickets
	U14a cricket v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	By 17 runs
	U14b cricket v Kingswood	Friendly	Won	By 3 wickets
	U15a tennis v Clifton College	League	Won	8-4
Wednesday 23rd May	U12a cricket v Dauntseys	Friendly	Lost	By 20 runs
	U12b cricket v Dauntseys	Friendly	Lost	By 2 wickets
Thursday 24th May	1st XI cricket v Monkton	League	Lost	By 8 wickets

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport