



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 19th September 2018

### Message from the Headmaster

I must thank all the pupils who acted as ambassadors for us during the Prospective Parents Evening on Tuesday.

Every year I am reminded of the enthusiasm and skill level of the staff at Beechen Cliff—something the visitors have a chance to witness glimpses during their short visit.

I hope you all received a copy of the letter which was sent out earlier in the week, outlining the course of action for the school in the next few months and the immediate change in the admissions arrangements.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Calendar

#### Thursday 20 September

L6th—Cambridge visit

17.30 Montpellier Exchange info evening Main Hall

18.30 Montpellier 6th form info evening L1

#### Friday 21 September

L6th Cambridge visit

7O return from Tir-y-Cwm

15.30 Yr. 7 shooting session

Silver DofE practice weekend

#### Monday 24 September

7D to Tir-y-Cwm

### Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 17th September** is:

**Monday:** Chicken with a Tomato and Olive sauce, Faggots with Gravy, Mushroom Stroganoff

**Tuesday:** Sausages with Gravy(G), Beef and Parsnip Pie(G), Sundried Tomato Risotto

**Wednesday:** Roast Turkey, Pork pepper and tomato casserole, Goats cheese and red onion Quiche(G)

**Thursday** Chicken sweet corn and potato bake, Beef Stroganoff, Vege Pasta Bolognese(G)

**Friday:** Pasta Putenesca(G), Creamy Chicken wrapped in bacon, Tomato and basil Gnocci(G)

Please be advised that any of the above can be subject to change (G=contains gluten)

### Free School Meals

Pupils/Students who are entitled to a free school meal can spend their entitlement at lunch time only. They are able to spend it on whatever food and drink they require as long as it does not exceed the allowance of £2.50 per lunchtime.

They are able to purchase other food and drinks throughout the school day but to do this money must be on their account.

Mr D Keal  
Head Chef

### Beechen Cliff Vacancies

**PE TECHNICIAN** to commence 8th November 2018 or sooner, 20 hours per week

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS X 2** to commence 8th November 2018 or sooner, 27.5 hours per week or 11 hours per week

**FOOD & NUTRITION TECHNICIAN** To commence 8th November 2018 or earlier 20 hours per week

**CLEANERS (TWO POSITIONS P/T)** 2 x Part-time positions 15 hours per week £8.20 per hour

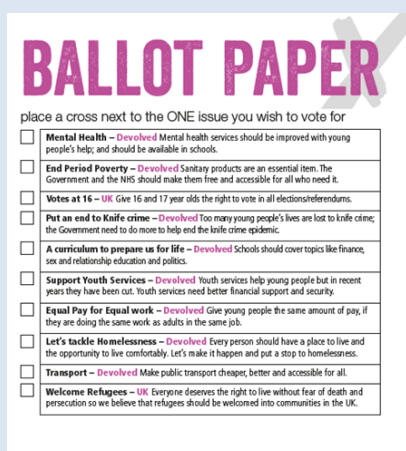
**TEACHER OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY** Teacher of Design & Technology Maternity Cover 0.6 FTE (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays)

For job descriptions, applications and further details please visit the school website [www.beechencliff.org.uk](http://www.beechencliff.org.uk) or contact [clare.thompson@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:clare.thompson@beechencliff.org.uk) or visit the school website

**Theme of the Week** - this week is focusing on Make Your Mark.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Members of UK Youth Parliament will come together to debate and decide in their House of Commons sitting the most important issue that they will campaign on for the year ahead. **They will decide this from the top 5 issues voted on by young people from across the UK from the Make Your Mark ballot.** The UK Youth Parliament is the only group other than MPs that is allowed to sit in the House of Commons.

The topics on the ballot paper were all decided by Members of Youth Parliament at the Annual Conference in July. All students across the school, including 6th form are eligible to vote.



### What is the UK Youth Parliament?

Run by young people for young people, the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) provides opportunities for 11-18 year-olds to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change. UKYP is made up of over 300 MYPs (Members of Youth Parliament), who are elected by their peers in youth elections throughout the UK. Any young person aged 11-18 can stand or vote. Once elected, MYPs organise events and projects, run campaigns and influence decision makers on the issues which matter most to young people.



**Mrs A Willmot**  
PSHE Co-ordinator

### Literacy

#### Reader of the week

**Oli H (Y8)** who is this week's Reader of the Week, has taken a whopping 12 book quizzes since the beginning of term, with a pass rate of 93% and a total of 563,874 words! You are well on the way to being our first 'Reading Millionaire' Oli! Well done and keep up the good work. One of Oli's most recent readers is:

**'The Saga of Darren Shan – Cirque Du Freak'** by *Darren Shan*

The chilling Saga of Darren Shan, the ordinary schoolboy plunged into the vampire world. Darren goes to a banned freak show with his best mate Steve. It's the wonderfully gothic Cirque Du Freak where weird, frightening half human/half animals appear who interact terrifyingly with the audience. Darren – a spider freak – 'falls in love' with Madam Octa – an enormous tarantula



owned by Mr Crepsley. Darren determines to steal the spider so that he can train it to perform amazing deeds. But his daring theft goes horribly wrong and Darren finds himself having to make a bargain with a creature of the night. Something out of the ordinary is set against the background of children's normal lives to chilling effect. Atmospheric, funny, realistic, moving and... terrifying.

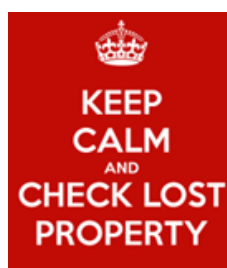
#### Book Order

The library places a book order on the first Monday of every month and therefore, if there is a book you would like to recommend for the library or a book you are interested in reading but cannot find on our shelves, please do come in and have a chat with the librarian on duty and we'll order the book in for you. The next book order is **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**.

**Mrs H Dunn**

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

#### Lost Property



If your son has lost an item of uniform or sports kit, please encourage him to visit the school nurse during a break or lunch time to see if the item is there. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

## CCF Cadet Instructor Course

During August a number of cadets from Beechen Cliff, Hayesfield and KES undertook a demanding week of training in order



to become instructors in the CCF. These senior cadets are responsible for teaching the new recruits everything from drill to field craft to weapons. Often working for more than ten hours a day the cadets performed brilliantly during assessments and are now in a great position for the new training year.



Lieutenant Matheson

### Word of the Week

#### Jocular

An adjective to describe  
= jokey, humorous or playful  
= said or done as a joke

= funny, or intended to make someone laugh  
Sometimes, the implication is to avoid a serious subject by the use of humour.

#### Use it:

"You're in a **jocular** mood this morning!"  
You could tell by his serious tone of voice that he wasn't in a **jocular** mood.

His **jocular** personality always made the customers smile.

From the Latin *joculus*, the diminutive of *jocus* ('joke')

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



### PTA 50:50 Club Update *Latest winners*

Congratulations to the latest Beechen Cliff PTA 50:50 Club winners for June, July and August! The winning numbers were drawn at the PTA meetings on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and are listed below:

#### June 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £105.25 – number 432  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £70.17 – number 93  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £35.08 – number 471

#### July 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £102.75 – number 369  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £68.50 – number 242  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £334.25 – number 339

#### August 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £103.25 – number 9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £68.83 – number 466  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £34.42 – number 107

Winners will be contacted via the details supplied when signing up so do keep me up to date of any changes via the email below. Please also feel free to contact me if you just want to check what your numbers are!

#### *How to sign up*

The 50:50 club operates like a lottery, with members signing up to a small standing order each month (most people donate between £1 and £5) which buys numbers in the draw. We use a random number generator to select the numbers at our PTA meetings. The prize fund is 50% of the donations and is divided into first, second and third prizes. The other 50% goes to the PTA to help fund activities, equipment and opportunities for the students and each year, the 50:50 club raises over £2000 for the school.

As you can see, the monthly first prize is now over £100! If you would like to join in, **new members are welcome anytime and it is very simple to set up.** Please just contact me letting me know how many numbers you would like each month (£1 each) and I will give you details of how to set up the standing order.

Sarah Mitchard (parent and 50:50 co-ordinator)  
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**Below is some information and a link to a free guide from The National Online Safety Team for your information.**

WhatsApp is the largest global social messaging platform, with over 1.5 billion users per month, and our free guide for parents & carers covers what you need to know about the platform to help safeguard your children from potential online risks including; the new age limit (16+), scam messages, connecting with strangers, location sharing and more. Here is our WhatsApp guide for parents & carers: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1039846184360312833>

#### **National Online Safety**

T: 0800 368 8061

E: [hello@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:hello@nationalonlinesafety.com)

W: [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)



**SPORTS Sporting Fixtures – The details below are correct at the time of publication. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.**

<u>Day</u>	Kick-off/Start time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/Return
Thursday 20th September	14.30	Rugby U16A v Prior Park College (A)	13.20	MB	16.30
	14.45	Rugby 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV, 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Prior Park College (H)	13.45	n/a	16.15
Saturday 22nd	10.00	Rugby U15B, U14B v Clifton High School (A)	08.00	Coach 08.00	12.30
Tuesday 25th	16.00	Rugby U13B v St Gregory's (A)	15.10	MB	17.30
Wednesday 26th	12.00	Swimming U18A v Millfield School	10.00	MB	18.00
	14.00	Football 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Lucton School – Odd Down (H)	12.45	MB	15.00
	tbc	Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> XV v Hartpury College (A)	tbc	tbc	tbc
Thursday 27th	15.00	Rugby U16A v Colston's School (H)	15.00	n/a	16.30
	16.00	Football U15A v Writhlington School – Odd Down (H)	15.00	MB	17.30

**Sporting Results for week commencing 10 September 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fixture</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	U15a rugby vs Backwell School	Friendly	Won	48-5
	U14a rugby vs Backwell School	Friendly	Won	60-0
	U13b rugby vs Norton Hill	Friendly	Lost	20-5
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> XV rugby vs Truro	AASE League	Won	27-19
	U13a rugby vs Prior Park	Friendly	Lost	35-10
	U13b rugby vs Prior Park	Friendly	Won	35-15
	U12a rugby vs Prior Park	Friendly	Draw	10-10
	U12b rugby vs Prior Park	Friendly	Won	70-0

Mr M Walker

Fixtures Co-ordinator