



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 26th September 2018

Message from the Headmaster

I would commend to you the TEDx event which will be taking place at Beechen Cliff on 17th October. This event has been organised by Sixth Form students and features a number of excellent speakers. Beechen Cliff is one of a handful of schools which host TEDx events and they are certainly informative and thought-provoking.

I very much hope that this one will be as well supported as the inaugural event last Summer.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Wednesday 26 September

7E to Tir y Cwn

7D return from Tir y Cwm

18.00 Coast to Coast parents meeting

Thursday 27 September

9.00–12.00 Open Morning

17.30 Cordoba information evening—Main Hall

Friday 28 September

7E back from Tir y Cwm

Monday 1 October

7S to Tir y Cwm

18.00 CERN information evening—Refectory

Tuesday 2 October

18.00–19.00 Iceland information evening

Thursday 4 October

Duke of Edinburgh Open Evening for parents (see back page)

TEDx BeechenCliffSchool

x = independently organized TED event

The rescheduled event is now **Wednesday 11h** October. The theme is 'Frontiers' and our speakers include the previous Head of the European Space Agency and also one of the producers from the Blue Planet TV series who will be sharing important ideas under this theme. The event starts at 7pm and should be finished by 9pm. Adults £8, students £6. Finger food and drinks are included in the ticket price. The event is open to all year 10 students and above, and the invitation also extends to friends and family (they don't have to go to Beechen Cliff!). If you would like to attend please email hannah.fisher@beechencliff.org.uk with the number of adult/student tickets you would like to apply for.

CENTURION CHALLENGE 2018

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

LIMITED EDITION HOODIES

Limited Edition hoodies are now available. See the display in the main entrance to the school by the Beechen Cliff Centurion. The Sizes range from Extra Small up to XXL. Samples are available to try on at reception so that you may order the correct size. Parent Pay is now open for orders, so please select the correct size from the list. All Sizes will cost £25.50 per Hoodie and the order will be placed on Friday October the 22nd. On this day Parent Pay will be closed and the order placed. Additional orders after this will not be accepted. The price for this batch is fixed, however should we receive requests for orders after this date the purchase price may be more than this as the bulk discount price may not be achievable.



Mr R Stewart
Centurion Challenge

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on the International Day of Peace which was observed around the world last Friday.

The General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and people.

The United Nations Member States adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 because they understood that it would not be possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere, and ensure that their rights were protected. The Sustainable Goals cover a broad range of issues, including poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice.

Sustainable Development Goal 16 "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions" calls for promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

A peaceful society is one where there is justice and equality for everyone. Peace will enable a sustainable environment to take shape and a sustainable environment will help promote peace.

2018 Theme: "The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70"

The theme celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Universal Declaration – the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages - is as relevant today as it was on the day that it was adopted.

Tutor groups will have the opportunity to watch the short video and discuss the following this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKcXelrouzw>

What does "The Right to Peace" mean to you?

How could we create a peaceful environment in school?

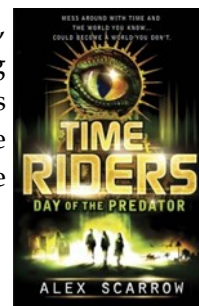
- Seek peaceful resolution of conflict when disagreements arise around you.
- You can prevent an injustice at school or in your community by adopting a non-violent approach to problem solving and reporting potential crimes, including online bullying.
- You can engage by speaking up when others are at risk and stand with others' human rights in school.
- You can reflect how each of us can stand up for rights, every day.

Mrs A Willmott
PSHE Co-ordinator

Literacy

Reader of the week

Congratulations to George S (BY1) for reading 'Time Riders' by Alex Scarrow, totalling over 106,000 words and taking his first AR quiz, gaining him and his house 15 AR Points. George passed the quiz with a fantastic 90%! Well done George, keep up the good work!



Accelerated Reader Scheme

All of Years 7s and 8s are now well under-way with the Accelerated Reader reading scheme – most classes should now have their ZPD reading range and have made a start on a new book, having had plenty of support from their class teacher and the Library Team. Please do ask him what his ZPD range means (!) and ask him to show you around the online database: www.arbookfinder.co.uk.



Bath Children's Literature Festival

Bath Children's Literature Festival 2018 is Europe's largest dedicated children's literature festival and takes place this **Friday 28 September until Sunday 7 October**.

The festival always offers a vibrant array of talks and activities for children with a dedicated young adult (YA)

programme, and this year is no exception.

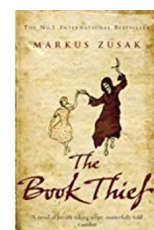
Their artistic directors, John and Gill McLay, have secured a world-class line up to thrill young book lovers. Putting fun and laughter first, the festival is a chance for children and young people to meet the creators of their literary heroes, see illustrations come to life and fuel their imaginations. For more information head to www.bathfestivals.org.uk

Book Recommendation

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall.

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION - THIS NOVEL IS NARRATED BY DEATH. It's a small story, about: a girl, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist fighter and quite a lot of thievery.



Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Word of the Week

Penchant

A noun – (to have) a penchant (for...)

= a liking for, an enjoyment of, or a habit of doing something, especially something that other people might not like.

= a preference

Do you **know** it?

Can you **spell** it?

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

Use it:

She had a **penchant** for adopting stray dogs.

If I could only get past my **penchant** for travelling, I could reduce my credit card debt.

He had a **penchant** for tomato ketchup with all of his meals, including on his Cornflakes.

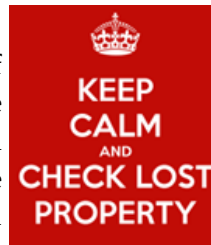
Pronounce it:

'*Pon – shon(t)*'

From the Old French word *pencher*, meaning *to incline* (towards)

Lost Property

We have received a large amount of Lost Property that has yet to be claimed. 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.



Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 1st October 2018** is:

Monday: Honey and Mustard Ham, Peso pasta with Peas and spinach(G), Red onion and Potato Frittata

Tuesday: Turkey Steak with a spicy tomato Sauce, Pork and Bean Tagine, Aubergine and chickpea Curry

Wednesday: Roast Pork Belly, Beef and Vegetable Stew, Cheddar and Red onion Quiche(G)

Thursday: Gammon with Pineapple, Creamy Beef Pasta(G), Tomato and Basil puff pastry tart(G)

Friday: Fish of the Week, Jambalaya, Vegetable Risotto

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 buy other food and drinks each day but money must be on their account.

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Auction of Promises In March next year the PTA will be holding an Auction of Promises that we hope will raise a significant amount of money for the school. More information will follow but to get the ball rolling we are looking for some willing parents to join the team to make this happen. If you would like to know more please e-mail Tracey Kehoe and Lisa Govier at traceyskehoe@gmail.com and we will get in touch with you. We are having a meeting at the Devonshire pub, Wellsway on **Tuesday 2nd of October at 7pm** if any of you could make the meeting that would be great. Any small offers of help would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Tracey and Lisa.

Ceilidh - Friday 16th November: Food, bar and dancing! Open to all parents and carers – more information about this event and how to book coming soon.

Next PTA Meeting will be on **Monday 22nd October 7pm** school staff room. All parents and carers are very welcome

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

Sixth Form Students

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



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>	<u>Kick-off/ Start time</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Meet- ing Time</u>	<u>Transpo rt</u>	<u>Finish/ Return</u>
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
Monday 1st October	15.30	Rugby U15B, U14A, U14B v Colston's (A)	14.30	Coach	18.00
Wednesday 3rd	16.00	Rugby U12A, U12B v Colston's (A)	14.30	MB	18.00
	16.00	Rugby U13A, U13B v Colston's (H)	15.20	n/a	17.30
	12.00	Rugby 1 st XV v St Paul's Cathloic Coll, Sunbury	12.00	n/a	16.30
	16.00	Football U16A v Communal School (playing at Lansdown)	14.45	MB	18.00
Thursday 4th	14.15	Rugby 2nd XV, 3rd XV, U15A v Downside (A)	12.15	Coach	17.30
	14.30	Rugby U16A, U16B v KES (A)	13.00	MB	17.00
	16.00	Rugby U13B v Wellsway (H)	15.20	n/a	17.30

Sporting Results for week commencing 17th September 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
17 th Sept	U13a football vs Norton Hill	National Cup Round 1	Won	5-0
19 th Sept	1 st XV rugby vs Henly College	AASE League	Won	36-10
20 th Sept	1 st XI football vs Chew Valley	Friendly	Won	6-1
20 th Sept	2 nd XV rugby vs Prior Park	Friendly	Won	17-7
20 th Sept	3 rd XV rugby vs Prior Park	Friendly	Won	42-0
20 th Sept	U16a rugby vs Prior Park	Friendly	Won	59-5
22 nd Sept	U15b rugby vs Clifton High School	Friendly	Won	14-5
22 nd Sept	U14b rugby vs Clifton High School	Friendly	Won	22-5

Mr M Walker Fixtures Co-ordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Award—Information Evening for new starters—Thursday 4th October at the Roper Theatre, Upper Oldfiled Park Campus, Hayesfield School

For new entry Bronze level (Year 9) - Start at 6pm

For new entry Silver level (Year 10) - Start at 7pm

For new entry Gold Level (Year 12) - Start at 7.45pm

Mr P Carroll, DofE Manager

