



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Message from the Headmaster

We have been able to celebrate some very strong results at A level and at GCSE over the summer, providing a strong base for the year ahead. As with each August, the great joy for the staff is seeing the results making it possible for youngsters to make positive choices about their futures.

'Value added' levels at both GCSE and A level are predicted to be very positive, , meaning that both cohorts have achieved more than worked has been expected. Obviously our aim is to look ahead at our Lower Sixth and Year 11 and try to do even better for them. Indications would appear to be positive!

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Monday 10 September

PTA Meeting 19.00

7C to Tir-y-Cwm

Wednesday 12

7A to Tir-y-Cwm

Monday 17 September

7N to Tir-y-Cwm

Tuesday 18

Prospective Parents Evening – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
AT 12.15

Wednesday 19

INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils

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.



Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 10th September** is:

Monday: Bbq Chicken, Beef Curry, Creamy Pesto Pasta

Tuesday: Moussaka, Pork with a red onion and sage cream sauce, 3 Cheese and spinach Lasagne

Wednesday: Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding, Chicken casserole, Squash and feta filo parcel

Thursday: Mac and cheese with smoked bacon, Paprika spiced chicken with a mango and chilli salsa, Falafel wrap with minted Mayonnaise

Friday: Seafood Risotto, Hoi sin and soy pork belly, Vegi Chili

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

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

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**.

Behaviour and Sanctions System

The 'Consequences' and 'Work Room' system will be used when a student's behaviour is such that it interferes with the learning of others and the student has not responded to any behaviour correction prompts from the teacher. Initial poor behaviour in the classroom will be responded to by warning a student of the consequences if their poor behaviour continues. If this fails to bring about an improvement in behaviour, use of the "Consequence" will be used to deal with disruptions in the classroom. The system is consistent across the school and gives students the opportunity to reflect on their actions and change their behaviour.

C1 Verbal warning recorded on board

C2 Final verbal warning recorded on board - detention for 20 minutes

C3 Student will be removed from the lesson and sent to the workroom

C3+ Failure to attend either C2 or C3 detention. Gross defiance

C4 Severe or persistent unacceptable behaviour

C1 A student who is rude, shouts out, disobeys instructions or behaves inappropriately will be issued with a **first warning** - Consequence One (C1) by the class teacher or support staff. These verbal warnings are not to be centrally recorded but should be noted by the class teacher e.g. on the board, in notebook etc. Examples of where a C1 can be communicated to a student are;

- Rudeness e.g. talking back to a teacher or other adult, talking whilst teacher is talking, making comments to other pupils which cause them to react
 - Shouting out
 - Disobeying instructions of a teacher or other adult
 - Behaving inappropriately e.g. moving around without permission
 - Failure to complete classwork or participate in the lesson

C2 If a student persists in being rude, shouts out, disobeys instructions or behaves inappropriately then a **final warning** is issued, and a tick is made against their name on the board (if in class) and they will receive a detention. C2 detentions can also be issued for misbehaviour around school.

Examples of where a C2 can be enforced are;

- Anti-social behaviour
- Inappropriate comments to a member of staff
- Unjustified lateness
- Poor use of language
- Defiance
- Discriminatory behaviour or language

Wearing trainers or sports kit around school.

A detention will be issued on the same day for 20 minutes after school.

C3 Work- room

If a student does not meet the expectations for a **third time** they will be removed from the lesson and sent to the workroom for the remainder of that lesson.

Students will receive a C2 detention and a 30 minute faculty (days will vary depending on the faculty)

C3+

If a student fails to attend a C2 or C3 detention or exhibits unacceptable behaviour to and from school or extreme misbehaviour around school.

Students will receive a Headmaster's Friday Detention (1 hour) and a letter will be sent home to notify parents/carers. Behaviour will be investigated and monitored by HoH/SMT.

C4

Saturday Detention A C4 could be given due to an escalation of warnings, (C2, C3 etc.) or may jump straight to this category due to the severity of the incident.

Isolation

Automatic C4 around the school or in class

- Persistent inappropriate uniform e.g. no blazer, consistently not wearing uniform correctly
- Rudeness to staff
- Deliberately offensive language directed at an individual e.g. swearing etc
- Absolute refusal
- Swearing at staff
- Intimidating/threatening behaviour
- Fighting
- Carrying a weapon
- Carrying/use of drugs

Students may be placed on a C4 (isolation) if HoH/SMT believe there hasn't been a significant improvement in behaviour or an accumulation of C2 and C3(+).

This information is also published on our School Website.

**Mr K Mann
Pastoral Head**

STOP PRESS

Apologies—as you are probably aware, we have been experiencing issues with our external e-mail and internet systems which has resulted in connectivity and access problems. This should be resolved shortly.

Literacy

Accelerated Reader launch - STAR Tests to start in library lessons next week. The school runs an **Accelerated Reader** programme that all of Years 7 and 8 take part in. The pupils will take the first of three Star Tests (this is not a test in the true sense of the word and is certainly not anything they need prepare for!) This will provide us with your son's reading age and will give your son a reading range to help him find a book of a suitable level. Most of our books are labelled with a difficulty rating and the idea is that if your son builds up to the top of his reading range he will be exposed to the vocabulary and complexity that will help him to grow as a reader.

In addition, please note that all pupils are kindly reminded that they are expected to have a reading book in their bag at all times, and that many lessons – not just English! – may well involve periods of silent, independent reading. An incentive may be skipping the lunch queue if they are the first to produce their reading book at that day's spot check...

Finally, please can all students be reminded that the library is available for reading, homework or silent study. Eating, drinking, gaming on the computers, video watching, use of mobile phones (including earphones) are NOT permitted. Boys will be politely asked to leave if doing so! Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Music



Congratulations to the following

pupils and sixth form students who passed music exams in the summer:

David J - Yr 11: Saxophone, Grade V (distinction)

James C - Yr 8: Cornet, Grade III (Merit)

Fergal M - Yr 9: Piano, Grade IV

James S - Yr 8: Clarinet, Grade I (Merit)

Oskar R - Yr 9: Trumpet, Grade I (Merit)

Grade V Theory

Emma C - U6 (Distinction), Millie S - U6 (Merit) and Tom C - Yr 11 (Merit)

Music Lessons

Instrumental lessons will begin next week. The timetables will be displayed in the music centre by Friday Lunchtime and they will also be posted on the website.

Piano Concert- Thursday 25th October 7pm. St Lukes Church.

Details regarding the concert will appear in the next few weeks. If your son/daughter would like to perform in the concert (on a very nice grand piano!) please email music@beechencliff.org.uk

P E Calvert

Head of Music

Mobile Phones Reminder!

Please remember that we have a blanket ban on the use of mobile phones for pupils in years 7-11 in school hours.

Why?

Increased number of pupils calling parents during the school day and parents turning up unannounced.

Increased number of videos recorded, photos taken on school grounds and posted on social media; the time taken to resolve these issues in school.

The need to encourage more communication amongst peers.

The growing concerns of the use of mobile phones and current research highlighting the negative effects on the mental health, memory, attention span, creativity and emotional intelligence of young people.

Exceptions

Wet lunches – use of mobile phone **in Hall only**

Permission from a member of staff **in exceptional circumstances**

Sanctions

If a mobile phone is seen out during these times or if it goes off in a lesson, the phone will be confiscated for two working days e.g. phone confiscated on Monday will be returned Wednesday 15.25.

If a mobile phone is confiscated twice in a term, parents are asked to attend school for a meeting and phone Collection.

If your son uses his phone to access his bus pass, please ensure that you have made contingency arrangements in case his phone is confiscated. Equally, if your son uses his phone to check the time, please provide him with a watch.

Please support us in our efforts with this initiative by talking to your son at home about our mobile phone concerns and the need for him to switch his phone off during the school day. This has been a successful initiative with very few phones being handed in.

Mr K. Mann

Assistant Headmaster

Word of the Week

Embark

A verb – to **embark** (upon)

= to begin (a course of action)

= to go on board a ship or aircraft

Use it:

“Let us **embark** on this new challenge with enthusiasm and intent.”

He **embarked** for India in 1817.

She **embarked** on a new career.

“Please **disembark** in single file.”

Spell it:

Em - bark

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
Tuesday 11	16.00	U15A Rugby v Backwell (H)	15.20	n/a	17.15
	16.00	U15A Rugby v Backwell (H)	15.20	n/a	17.15
	16.00	U13B Rugby v Norton Hil (A)	15.10	MB	17.45
Wednesday 12	14.30	1st XV Rugby v Truro (A)	08.00	Coach	21.00
	14.30	U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B v Prior Park (A)	13.20	MB	16.30

Mr M Walker

Fixtures Co-ordinator