



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 24th October 2018

Message from the Headmaster

The Year 11 boys will be preparing for their Mock Examinations week, following the input from Mr Markall and Mrs Davison into the Revision Assembly this week. We will wish the boys every success with revision and the exams themselves.

May I take the opportunity to invite you all to the Piano Concert at St Luke's Church this Thursday. For the young performers it is always a pleasure to play in front of an appreciative audience. There is no charge for this event.

I must just take the opportunity to thank the staff who have provided the sports, academic enrichment, arts opportunities and clubs over this term.

I do hope that your son or daughter has had a positive first half term, I will come back ready and recharged for the Christmas Term.

Mr A Davies

Calendar

Thursday 25th October

Piano Concert (St Lukes Church)

Friday 26th October

End of Term 1

Thursday 8th November

Start of Term 2 Christmas

Tuesday 13 November

Yr 7 Parents – How to help your son achieve at BCS

Wednesday 14 November

6th Form French Lecture

AASE League Match

Thursday 15 November

Year 11 PSHE

Saturday 17 November

U6th Oxbridge Mock interviews

Monday 19 November

Yr 11 Trial Exams (19th Nov – 23rd Nov)

HoFs Meeting

Wednesday 21 November

Presentation Evening

AASE League Match

Saturday 24th November

Rugby vs QEH

Annual Piano Concert

The School will be holding its annual Piano Concert tomorrow Thursday, 25th October 2018 7.00pm at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, Bath (opposite the Devonshire Arms).



All parents, pupils, students and friends of the School are most warmly invited. The Concert will feature pupils and students from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form. All welcome – there is no charge for this event.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Duke of Edinburgh Award Enrolment.

The deadline for enrolment in the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Silver level has been extended to allow for more returns and the new suspense date is Thursday 15 November 2018. This is also the date by which payments via Parentpay should be complete. A copy of the enrolment form is available as a download on the school web site.

Mr Carroll
DofE Manager

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on the students making the most of the time they have over half term. Whether it's spending time with friends and family, getting involved in local events (Halloween and Fireworks) or simply having time to relax.

The video link below highlights the issue that most families have with technology taking over their time together. People are often so absorbed in the virtual world we all seem to be part of that they are not aware of what is happening around them.

Please see the video and related article as a starting point of discussion around their plans for half term.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3755559/Children-absorbed-iPads-don-t-notice-parents-swapped-strangers.html>

In the UK, 67 per cent of parents have found that family arguments stem from technology and one in three households has tried unsuccessfully to ban tech while eating. **How many of your tutor group have restricted phone/internet time at home? Do students think eating together is important? Why?**

Mrs A Wilmot

Head of PSHE



Topaz Child Exploitation Team

Avon and Somerset Police are aiming to raise awareness to recognize and spot the signs of child exploitation. They are offering Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation Awareness Sessions run by the Avon and Somerset Constabulary and Topaz Child Exploitation Team. The Sessions are free of charge and if you are interested please e-mail them directly using the address below.

CSEPrevention@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Literacy



Reader of the week

Freddie (8BY4) certainly deserves reader of the week! Freddie has now taken (and passed with 100%) four Accelerated Reader book quizzes this term, totalling 135,128 words and earning 20 points for Byron.

Freddie has recently been reading the Conspiracy 365 series by Gabrielle Lord.



On New Year's Eve, Cal is chased down the street by a crazed man with a deadly warning: They killed your father. They'll kill you.

You must survive the next 365 days! Forced into a life on the run, Cal finds himself hunted by ruthless criminals and the police. Somehow he must un-

cover the truth about his father's mysterious death and solve the Ormond Singularity, a secret from the past, before the year is up. But who can he turn to when the whole world seems to want him dead?

The clock is ticking. Any second could be his last.

Callum Ormond has been warned. He has 365 days. The countdown has begun ...



Term 1 Accelerated Reader Word Count Results:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| 1st Shakespeare | 1,741,678 |
| 2nd Milton | 1,634,539 |
| 3rd Kipling | 1,433,764 |
| 4th Byron | 1,392,789 |
| 5th Chaucer | 1,121,547 |



And finally.....don't forget to pop into the library before the end of term to grab yourself a book to read over the half term!

Mrs Hannah Dunn
Literacy Coordinator



Year 7 Football Training



Friday 16th November, following Headmaster's Assembly, we mark the start of the training sessions for Year 7 footballers. All are welcome to attend weekly sessions which will be held until 5pm on the School's Astro pitch.



Word of the Week

Qualms

A noun – a qualm - qualms

= an uneasy feeling of doubt, worry, or fear, especially about one's own conduct; a misgiving

= an uncomfortable feeling when you doubt if what you are doing is the right thing

Do you **know** it?

Can you **spell** it?

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

Use it:

With no qualms whatsoever, and knowing the consequences, he borrowed the car.

He had serious qualms about recommending the insurance company to a friend.

I had no qualms about complaining to the manager after such poor service.



SIXTH FORM WINTER BALL

17th December 7pm
Apex Hotel, Bath

Dress Formal
Tickets £26 On Parentpay & in Sixth Form Office
All Lower & Upper Sixth Welcome

Half-term Maths at Bath University

If you're after something to explore over the half term break then you might want to consider the following...

The Mirror Pillar is a giant 2m high cylindrical mirror, which reflects and distorts images from the ground around it to create beautiful anamorphic artworks. The project will be a chance to interact with anamorphic images by drawing part of one, and discover the mathematics and geometry behind projected and distorted images.

It can be found at the Edge Arts Centre at Bath University from 30th October until 1st November, 10am until 4pm each day.

Full details here:

<http://www.mirror-pillar.co.uk/>

Mr Gill
Head of Maths



**MIRROR
PILAR**

Year 11 Reports

Year 11 'snapshot' Progress Reports are now available for parents to view on ePortal.

If you have problems accessing these reports please email datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Ceilidh

Eat, Drink, Dance!

Friday November 16th 7:30pm

For all parents and carers Beechen Cliff Main Hall

£10 per person

Includes live band with call and Cornish speciality food...

Cash bar.

Tickets on ParentPay now!

Amsterdam Marathon and Teenage Cancer Trust – update!

I'd like to say a huge Thank You to all staff, parents and pupils (past and present) who offered support for my run last weekend.

Despite not quite running according to plan (I picked the pace up a bit much once I passed the half-way point when I really should have waited until nearer the 20 mile point!) I still managed to finish in a time of 3 hours 54 minutes and 09 seconds. Going into the final couple of miles there was a bit of a question mark over whether I'd break 4 hours (it really was quite a struggle) but the crowds, music and fellow runners kept me going.

Fundraising is still going strong – many thanks to all of you who sponsored me.

Ed Gill
Head of Maths
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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 7th | 14:15 | 1st XV Rugby vs Oaklands (H) | 12:30 | N/A | 16:30 |
| Thursday 8th | 14:45 | 2nd/3rd XV Rugby vs Bryanston (A) | 11:45 | Coach (1x53) | 18:00 |
| | 14:45 | U16a Rugby vs Bryanston (H) | 13:45 | N/A | 16:30 |
| | 14:45 | 1st XI Girls Hockey vs Dauntsey's (A) | 13:00 | M/B | 18:00 |
| | 14:30 | 2nd XI Girls Hockey vs Dauntsey's (H) | 13:30 | N/A | 16:00 |
| | 10:00 | U18 netball @ Kingswood (Tournament) | 9:15 | M/B | 16:00 |
| | 15:00 | 1st XI Football vs Shaftesbury (A) | 13:00 | TBC | 18:00 |

Sporting Results for week commencing 16th October 2018

| Date | Fixture | Type | Result | Score |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| 16th Oct | U15 shooting vs Dauntseys | Friendly | See match report | |
| 17th Oct | U14a football vs Writhlington School | ESFA Round 2 | Won | 3-0 |
| 18th Oct | U13a football vs Kingdown School | ESFA Round 2 | Won | 5-3 |
| 18th Oct | 1st XI Girls hockey vs Downside | Friendly | Lost | 7-2 |
| 18th Oct | 3rd XV rugby vs KES | Friendly | Lost | 24-12 |
| 19th Oct | 2nd XV rugby vs KES | Friendly | Lost | 18-17 |
| 19th Oct | U16a indoor hockey vs Prior Park | Friendly | Won | 5-2 |
| 20th Oct | U15a rugby vs KES | Friendly | Won | 55-0 |
| 20th Oct | U15b rugby vs KES | Friendly | Won | 56-7 |
| 20th Oct | U14a rugby vs KES | Friendly | Won | 24-19 |
| 20th Oct | U14b rugby vs KES | Friendly | Won | 41-0 |
| 20th Oct | U13a rugby vs KES | Friendly | Lost | 30-5 |
| 20th Oct | U13b rugby vs KES | Friendly | Won | 35-5 |
| 20th Oct | U12a rugby vs KES | Friendly | Lost | 15-0 |
| 20th Oct | U12b rugby vs KES | Friendly | Lost | 35-5 |
| 20th Oct | U12c rugby vs KES | Friendly | Won | 20-10 |

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator