



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Visiting the boys at Tir y Cwm this week, I was reminded of the power of outdoor education to further teamwork and camaraderie amongst the boys.. The challenges of being wet, cold and being taken out of 'comfort zones' clearly has an incredible impact.

Obviously the staff who take the boys up to Wales and keep them entertained should also get a well deserved mention.

The Year 7 visit cycle has ended for the year but there will, as Beechen Cliff demands, be very many more opportunities for the boys to challenge themselves much in the outdoor environment in the months ahead.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Sixth Form Open Morning

The prospective Sixth Form Open morning is taking place on **Saturday, 13th October 2018** from 9.00am.

There is no need to book in advance to attend the Open Morning. Additional information about this event can be found on the Beechen Cliff website.

Parking is available in Greenway Lane. The event will finish by 1.00pm.

Sixth Form Office

Calendar

Wednesday 3 October

7S back from Tir y Cwm

Thursday 4 October

Duke of Edinburgh info evening—Roper Theatre, Hayesfield School

18.00 Bronze level (Year 9)

19.00 Silver level (Year 10)

19.45 Gold level (Year 12)

Friday 5 October

Coast to Coast trip depart

Tuesday 9 October

19.00 Year 10 GCSE Course info evening Main Hall

Thursday 11 October

Montpellier Exchange

19.00—21.00 TEDx event—Main Hall—ticket only event

Friday 12 October

Surf trip to Cornwall

Saturday 13 October

9.00—13.00 6th Form Open Morning

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 8th October 2018** is:

Monday: Beef Biryani, Chicken with a BBQ Sauce(G),
Bruschetta(G)

Tuesday: Hot Dog(G), Pesto Chicken, Veggie HotDog(G)

Wednesday: Roast Beef With Yorkshire Pudding(G),
Chicken Bacon and mushroom casserole, Celeriac
potato and Cheddar Bake

Thursday: Meatballs with a Spicy Tomato Sauce, Paprika Spiced Chicken with Roasted Peppers, Spinach
Red onion and Goats cheese Pasta(G)

Friday: Fish of the week, Chilli, Veggie Chilli

(G= contains gluten)

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is Black History Month – an international annual month, celebrating, recognising and valuing the inspirational individuals and events from within the BME communities. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today. Black History Month in the UK is marked annually during the month of October and in the USA during the month of February, with important reference to the black society.

Black History Month was refashioned to give meaning to the Race Relations and Equality Acts in the UK. It is seen by many For many, Black History Month is a way of reflecting on the diverse histories of those from African and Caribbean descent, taking note of the achievements and contributions to the social, political, economic and cultural development of the UK.

Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lzt3gFgYVYk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLA5FST-jC8>

Facts

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41775249>

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Any students who seem keen to discuss this topic, and might be interested in joining our school Equalities Team should talk to either myself or Miss Netto.

Mrs A Wilmot
PSHE Co-ordinator

TED^x BeechenCliffSchool
x = independently organized TED event

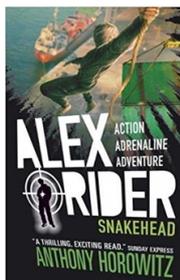
The rescheduled event is **Thursday 11th October** from 7pm. To 9pm. The theme is 'Frontiers' and our speakers include the previous Head of the European Space Agency and also one of the producers from the Blue Planet TV series who will be sharing important ideas under this theme.

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 send an email to hannah.fisher@beechencliff.org.uk with the number of adult/student tickets you would like to apply for.

Reader of the week



A regular in the library, **Finlay** (Year 8) has now taken a total of **5 book quizzes**, with a pass rate of **98%**, totalling **472,999**



words and gaining **73 Accelerated Reader points** for **Shakespeare!** Excellent work! Finlay has recently read five of the Alex Rider series, one of them being: **Alex Rider 'Snakehead'** by **Anthony Horowitz** In the seventh book in the number one bestselling Alex Rider series, teenage spy Alex is forced into the Australian secret service. His target is the criminal underworld of South East Asia, and a ruthless organization known as the Snakehead.

Well done to all Year 7s and 8s who have now taken a book quiz as part of Accelerated Reader – at time of going to print, **60 Accelerated Book Quizzes** have been taken, totalling **3,307,524 words!** This means our weekly House competition has now begun!

Our winners this week are **Chaucer** who have read **201,280 words** in the last week. Great reading boys!

For those of you wanting to get a head start on the Christmas shopping, do have a look at www.arbookfinder.co.uk, inputting your son's ZPD reading range, selecting Middle Years (9-13) and narrowing the search down by topic/genre – this software will generate a 'shopping list' of books which he will enjoy and which will represent the appropriate level of challenge.

Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Annual Piano Concert



The School will be holding its annual Piano Concert on 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 of this event.

If you do wish your son/daughter to be involved in the Concert, please email; music@beechencliff.org.uk. All abilities are accepted and pupils are free to play any repertoire they wish including own compositions. We hope you can join us for what promises to be an enjoyable event.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Word of the Week

Foible

A noun – a foible

- = a minor weakness or eccentricity in someone's character
- = (In fencing: the part of a sword blade from the middle to the point)

Do you **know** it?

Can you **spell** it?

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

Use it:

Over the years they had grown to like – or at least tolerate – one another's **foibles**.

Although Hannah's impatience is rather a **foible**, she sees it more as a passion to get things finished.

His only **foible** was his unusual dress sense, which was so much part of his character he was universally adored.

Pronounce it:

Foible

Foy (rhyme with 'toy') + bull

Origins: First recorded as being used in 1640 in reference to "the weak point of a sword blade"; from the French *foible* "a weak point, a weakness."

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA



Ceilidh; Friday 16th November @ 7.30 pm

Ticket price: £10.00 per person

Eat, drink, dance and be merry at this casual and fun event that will be held in the Main Hall on Friday 16th November. Dan, our school chef, will provide a bite to eat to keep you going, which is included within the price and there will be a paying bar. The band has a caller who will guide you seamlessly through the different dances – no need to have any dancing experience! Tickets coming out on ParentPay this week.

Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Practice & Assessed Expedition

Well done to all pupils who completed their training expedition on Exmoor on the 12th to 23rd September. The weather was not good, but not as bad as forecast. A memorable event but more importantly safe and successful with considerable points to be taken on board for the next expedition. The assessed expedition will take place on Dartmoor from **9th to 11th November 2018** and a letter has been issued giving more detail.

Mr P Carroll

D of E Manager

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 22nd October. 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 Organiser

*****Changes to Pupils Break Times*****

We have made some changes to the students' breaks commencing Monday 1st October 2018. Access to the Refectory for boys in Years 8 and 10 will now be during first break and access to the Refectory for boys in Years 7, 9 and 11 will be during the second break. This will ensure that all pupils have a reasonable gap between their break and lunch.

Attendance and Reporting Pupil Absences



All absence must be reported to school daily. Tell us about illness, appointments or late arrivals. A message can be left if you ring when school is closed.

For years 7–11 please call **01225 485222** or e-mail attendance@beechencliff.org.uk and for the Sixth Form please call **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>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Finish/ Return</u>
Thursday 4th October	14.15	Rugby 2 nd XV, 3 rd XV, U15A v Down- side (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
Tuesday 9th October	15.45	Rugby Union U14A, U12A, U12B v Clevedon Community School	15.10	n/a	17.00
	16.00	Rugby Union U15A, U13A v Backwell School	14.15	Coach	18.30
Wednesday, 10th October	14.30	Rugby Union 1st XV v Exeter College	08.00	Coach	19.30
	16.00	Rugby Union U13B v Chew Valley School	14.45	MB	18.00
Thursday, 11th October	14.30	Rugby Union 3rd XV, 4th XV v Kingswood School	13.00	MB	17.00
	14.30	Rugby Union U16A v Kingswood School	13.30	n/a	16.30
Friday, 12th October	19.00	Rugby Union 2nd XV v Kingswood School (playing at Walcot RFU)	17.30	n/a	21.00
Saturday, 13th October	10.00	Rugby Union U15A, U15B, U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B v Kingswood School	9.15	n/a	11.30
	10.00	Rugby Union U14A, U14B v Kingswood School	9.15	n/a	11.30

Sporting Results for week commencing 17th September 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
25 th Sept	U13b rugby vs St Greg's	Friendly	Lost	35-5
26 th Sept	1 st XV rugby vs Hartpury College	AASE League	Won	50-19
26 th Sept	2 nd XV rugby vs Bishop Words- worth	Friendly	Won	49-0
26 th Sept	U18 Swimming (Millfield)	South West Swim- ming Champion- ships	See Match Report	n/a
27 th Sept	U15a football vs Writhlington	National Cup 1 st Round	Won	6-0

Mr M Walker Fixtures Co-ordinator