



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Message from the Headmaster

This week, Mr Oldham takes over as the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Supported by a team of Deputies, Mr Oldham will be ensuring pupils, Sixth Form Students and staff are effectively safeguarded during their time in School and on School activities outside School hours.

This role will run alongside being Head of Sixth Form, where he is also ably supported by a strong Sixth Form Team. Should you have any questions about the School's safeguarding policies and procedures, Mr Oldham is contactable via email at headmaster@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr A Davies
Headmaster



Calendar

Saturday 24th November

Rugby vs QEH

Monday 26th November

Yr7-8 Star Test Term 2 (Nov 26th – Dec 4th)

Faculty Meetings (15.30-16.30)

Saturday 1st December

Rugby vs Bishop Wordsworth

Monday 3rd December

L6th Psychology Conference (Bristol)

HoH/Tutors Meeting

Tuesday 4th December

AASE Finals (Dec 4th – Dec 5th)

Wednesday 5th December

Yr 11 English trip to Macbeth Theatre Royal, Bath (14:30)

Thursday 6th December

Berlin Exchange (Dec 6th – Dec 16th)

Friday 7th December

Year 11 Mock Results

Monday 10th December

Year 11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 12th December

Yr9 Imperial War Museum

Sixth Form Art Trip to Europe (TBC) (13th – 14th Dec)

School Christmas Card

The School Christmas Card has been designed by Sibella, Upper Sixth and will be available to order shortly via ParentPay priced at £4.00 for a pack of ten cards. We will send an email to all parents as soon as they are available to be purchased.



Duke of Edinburgh

The expedition season has now closed and the Silver qualifying expedition took place over the 9th to 11th of November. The weather was changeable with the forecast strong wind and rain on the Friday afternoon and overnight. Saturday was a better day with bouts of strong winds and horizontal rain. Sunday was completely clear. These conditions certainly tested all students, kit and equipment being used. I am sure each group will have their own specific memories of this expedition in Wild Country. Now we need to arrange the presentation of the project which needs to be complete before the end of term. Well done to all students, the Silver series of expeditions was certainly soggy but you did it!

At the same time there was a Gold practice expedition. From an initial group of five this group grew into two teams of six, one per school, and they certainly seemed to enjoy themselves. There is a Gold practice expedition scheduled for the current Year 12 entry in March 2019 and will be open to Year 13 if they wish.

Now get ready for the 2019 expedition season.

P J Carroll

Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager, Hayesfield School & Beechencliff School

01225 426151 ext 352

Theme of the Week

This week's Theme of the week is focusing on Transgender awareness week.

Transgender Awareness Week is a time for transgender people and their allies to take action and bring attention to the community by educating the public and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that transgender people face.

Transgender is a term used to describe people whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth. **Gender identity** is a person's internal, personal sense of being a man or a woman (or boy or girl.) For some people, their gender identity does not fit neatly into those two choices. For transgender people, the sex they were assigned at birth and their own internal gender identity do not match.

People in the transgender community may describe themselves using one (or more) of a wide variety of terms, including (but not limited to) transgender, transsexual, and non-binary.

Trying to change a person's gender identity is no more successful than trying to change a person's sexual orientation -- it doesn't work. So most transgender people seek to bring their bodies into alignment with their gender identity. This is called transition.

As part of the transition process, many transgender people are prescribed hormones by their doctors to change their bodies. Some undergo surgeries as well. But not all transgender people can or will take those steps, and it's important to know that being transgender is not dependent upon medical procedures.

The link below will take you to a series of videos, I would recommend hearing Tiq Milan or Jodie Patterson's stories.

<https://www.glaad.org/transweek>

Students may well of watched the recent TV series called Butterfly that was a fantastic story of a young boy transitioning to a girl.

Thank you.

Mrs A Wilmot

PSHE Co-ordinator

Progress Reports

Lower Sixth Progress Reports are now available to view via e-portal.

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

Mr T D Markall

Assistant Headmaster

Literacy



Reader of the week

George (7ML6) has taken 7 Accelerated Reader quizzes so far this academic year, averaging a 90% pass rate and reading 752,275 words. This amounts to 107 points awarded to Milton. Very well done, George!

Reading Millionaires

This week we have our first reading millionaires of the year! Noah (7ML7) has now read 2,068,626 words and Oscar (7ML6) has read 1,785,587 since September, and have therefore become our first millionaires. Great reading boys – your names are now up on the millionaires board in the library for all to see!

Book Recommendation



H.I.V.E by Mark Walden (Accelerated Reader Book Level 7.5)

H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education) is a top-secret school of applied villainy where children with a precocious gift for wrongdoing are sent to develop their talents into criminal mastermind. After all, 'villains have the best lines and wear the best costumes'. One small catch is that the children cannot leave until training is complete, six years later. With villainy comes a certain freedom of thought, and every year one student in particular will show exceptional talent - after all, it takes the best to produce the worst. This year there are two students: Otto Malpense and his new friend Wing Fanchu are both exceptionally bad, and they are definitely not keen on being held against their will for six long years . . .

Mrs Dunn

Literacy Coordinator

Word of the Week

Epoch

A noun – the / an epoch

= a specific, or significant, period in history or in a person's life

Use it:

Many people consider the development of the first antibiotic to be a significant epoch of man's therapeutic advances.

When the pharaoh's first son took the throne, his succession marked an epoch in Egyptian history.

The development of nuclear weapons indicated an epoch in warfare.

Pronounce it

Ee – pock

Origins

From the Greek word epokhe, meaning 'stoppage; fixed point in time'.



BEECHEN CLIFF

Required to start 1st January 2019

Local Governing Body Clerk

N21 £10.65 p/h, part time hours to be agreed at interview

We have a vacancy for a Clerk to act for Beechen Cliff School governing body. This is an exciting and rewarding position providing support and guidance to the school governors in the fulfilment of their roles.

We are not looking for someone who has prior experience but we do need some who has:

- Intellectual rigour
- Organisational and administration skills
- Strong written communication skills
- Flexibility and common sense
- Full training will be provided

Main responsibilities of this role:

- Provide effective administrative support to the governing body and its committees
- Ensure the governing body is properly constituted
- Manage information effectively in accordance with legal requirements

Full details can be found on the job description and the Clerk person specification which are available from the vacancies page on our school website.

For further details or to apply please email:
clare.thompson@beechencliff.org.uk
Closing date: 30th November 2018

Beechen Cliff School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicants will need to undertake an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

www.beechencliff.org.uk

Headmaster: Andrew Davies

Registered Address Beechen Cliff School, Kipling Avenue, Bath BA2 4RE

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**

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 that all items are clearly named.

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 26th November** is:

Monday: BBQ Chicken Wrapped in Bacon (G), Spicy Beef and Tomato Casserole, Spinach and Parmesan Risotto

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese (G), Pork with a Sage and Onion Cream Sauce, Veggie Pasta Bolognese (G)

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Paprika Spiced Chicken with Mango Salsa, Cheddar and Red Onion Quiche (G)

Thursday: Chicken Curry, Beef and Mushroom Pie (G), Aubergine and Chickpea Curry

Friday: Fish of the Week, 5 Spice Pork Belly, Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake (G)

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

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Fundraise for Beechen Cliff PTA while shopping online this Christmas!

amazon

ebay



TESCO
Every little helps



ASOS

Sainsbury's



'Give as you Live' is a website which gives Beechen Cliff parents, carers, family and friends the opportunity to raise funds for Beechen Cliff PTA every time they shop at thousands of online stores. The scheme is easy to use, costs parents no extra when shopping and is free to join.

Help us raise funds towards our current goal of providing laptops for the school and purchasing new design and technology equipment. Follow the link to find out more and register, or search Give as You Live Beechen Cliff.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/>

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 27th November	15:30	KS3 Badminton (@Chew Valley)	14:30	9 seater	18:00
Wednesday 28th November	16:00	KS4 Badminton (@Norton Hill)	15:10	9 seater	18:30
	14:30	U15a Football vs Oldfield (a)	13:15	MB	16:45
Thursday 29th November	14:30	2nd/3rd XV Rugby vs Colstons (a)	12:15	1x53 Coach (12:30)	17:30
	15:00	1st XI Girls Hockey vs Downside (a)	13:45	MB	17:15
	15:00	2nd XI Girls Hockey vs Downside (h)	14:15	N/A	16:15
	15:00	1st XI/U16a Football vs Sexey's (h)	13:45	MB	16:45
Friday 30th November	14:15	U13a Football vs Hughsexey (a)	12:30	MB	17:30
Saturday 1st December	09:45	U16a/U15a/U14a Rugby vs Bishop Wordsworth (a)	07:45	MBx3	12:30
	09:45	U13a/U12a/U12b Rugby vs Bishop Wordsworth (h)	09:00	N/A	11:15

Sporting Results for week commencing 12th November 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
12th November	Bristol Swimming Heats	Qualifiers	See Match Report	n/a
13th November	U15a Football vs Sheldon	ESFA Rd 3	Won	4-1
	U14a Football vs Backwell	ESFA Rd 3	Won	4-3 (AET)
	U13b Rugby vs Writhlington	Friendly	Won	45-5
14th November	1st XI Rugby vs Exeter College	AASE	Lost	24-17
	U13a Rugby vs Monkton Prep	Friendly	Won	45-0
	U13b Rugby vs Monkton Prep	Friendly	Won	40-5
	U12a Rugby vs Monkton Prep	Friendly	Won	50-0
	U12b Rugby vs Monkton Prep	Friendly	Won	35-0
15th November	U16a Rugby vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Lost	31-22
	U16b Rugby vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Lost	29-22
	U15a Rugby vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Won	38-24
	U15b Rugby vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Lost	10-0
	U14a Rugby vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Lost	24-19
	U14b Rugby vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Lost	36-0
	U13a Football vs Hardenhuish	ESFA Rd3	Won	5-2
	1st XI Girls Hockey vs Sexey's	Friendly	Won	14-2

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator