



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 17th December 2018

Message from the Headmaster

Next Thursday the school community will gather together for the annual Carol service at Bath Abbey. As is traditional, the Year 7 boys are expected to attend and we very much extend the welcome to all our parents and families of the school. This is always a wonderful occasion and a fitting way to celebrate at the end of long term.

I have not yet had the chance to extend public thanks to the AASE rugby team for the way they have represented the school over the past season. Their narrow defeat in the national final at Allianz Park was very disappointing for all involved, whilst they clearly brought a great deal of pride to all within the school. They should certainly be very proud of their achievements.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Sunday 16th December

Berlin Exchange Returns

Monday 17th December

HoH/Tutors Meeting (15:30-16:30)

Tuesday 18th December

U6th Parents Evening (16:30-20:00)

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Lunch & Charity Day

Carol Service at Bath Abbey (19:00-21:00)

Friday 21st December

End of Term Assembly

End of Christmas Term

(School will finish at approximately 12:30pm)

Monday 7th January

Start of Winter Term

School Christmas Card

The School Christmas Card has been designed by Sibella, in Upper Sixth.

They are now available to order on ParentPay priced at £4.00 for a pack of ten cards.



MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Save the date

We will be holding a Welcome drinks evening for all Year 7 parents/carers on **Friday 25th January 2019**—please save the date and look out for further details in future newsletters.

Thank you.
Annie & Kate
PTA Co-Chairs

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week is about a mental health campaign called **Ask Twice**. Sometimes we say we're fine when we're not. But, with 1 in 4 people experiencing a mental health problem this year alone, if a mate says s/he's fine, s/he might not be. More than three-quarters of people (78%) would say they are "fine" even when struggling with low mood, anxiety or other mental health problems, a survey has found. To really find out how someone is or if they need help, ask twice. It can be very hard for someone who is struggling with their mental health to open up and talk about how they are feeling, but asking twice shows a willingness to listen and lets them know you care.

Watch the campaign video and discuss the importance of asking someone how they are more than once:

Ask twice campaign video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rDaL2bzHac>

Why is it important to ask people how they are doing? - *'It can still be very hard to say I'm struggling, however when someone checks in, it makes me feel less alone and that people genuinely care about how I'm feeling'*. Adam from Blackpool

It can sometimes be hard to know what to say, even when you want to ask twice. Have a look at these suggestions to give you some ideas: **Five ways to ask twice:** <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/blog/5-ways-ask-twice-when-your-mate-says-im-fine>

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for some people who are struggling with their mental health. So it is especially important that you keep an eye on your mates at this time of year, and remember to ask twice! If you think your mate needs some advice or support, there are some great services available (inside school as well as outside). These include:

- Off the Record (who also run drop-in sessions in Bath city centre)
- School nurse, HoHs, tutor, teachers etc. as well as parents, family members and friends
- Kooth.com
- Youngminds.org.uk

Thank you.

Mrs A Wimot
PSHE Co-ordinator

Year 11 Reports

Year 11 Progress Reports are now available to view via ePortal.

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

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

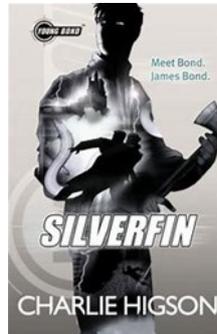
Literacy



Reader of week

Well done to Ben (7ML7) who is our reader of the week having taken 12 Accelerated reader quizzes and reading **392,844** words. Ben has most recently quizzed on 'Silverfin' from the Young Bond series:

SILVERFIN by Charlie Higson



Before the name became a legend. Before the boy became a man. Meet Bond. James Bond.

There's something in the water at Loch Silverfin. Something deadly. Something that must be kept secret...

It's James Bond's first day at Eton, and he's already met his first enemy. This is the start of an adventure that will take him from the school playing fields to the remote shores of Loch Silverfin and a terrifying discovery that threatens to unleash a new breed of warfare.

(Also in the series: Blood Fever, Double or Die, Hurricane Gold, Silverfin & By Royal Command)

Reading Millionaires

A reminder to all Year 7 & 8 boys – don't forget to take an Accelerated Reader quiz once you've finished reading a book! So many of you are so close to being word millionaires! Also, don't forget that if you pass the quiz with 100% you will receive a bookmark (and in addition, we have a recently replenished box of Christmas chocolates for those top quizzers too...!!)



Mrs Dunn

Accelerated Reader Literacy

RNIB Charity Appeal

Collect your used stamps for RNIB this Christmas and make a real difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people across the UK.



For people who still like to send and receive letters and parcels through the post, there's a way of supporting RNIB that won't cost you a penny!

Just collect used stamps from your cards and parcels and we will recycle them into much-needed funds. They will help even more people with sight loss access the information, support and advice they need.

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal?>

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 17th December** is:

Monday: Spicy Tomato and Basil Pasta (G), Pork with a Soy and Hoi Sin Sauce

Tuesday: Beef and Vegetable Stew, Chicken Mushroom and Parmesan Risotto, Homity Pie (G)

Wednesday: Christmas Lunch: Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings, Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Filo Parcel (G)

Thursday: To Be Confirmed

Friday: No Lunch

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

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

Word of the Week

Community

A noun – the / a community

= a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common

Use it:

People in this community want to keep the area safe for children to play in.

We just moved into this community last month.

Chinatown in San Francisco is the largest Chinese community outside of Asia.

Many coal pits have been closed in Britain, severely affecting the local communities.

Spell it

Remember the double m:

Most communities have many members

And remember the plurals rule:

+y → +ies

Community → Communities

Duke of Edinburgh Award

2018 Activity

This year has been a hard year across all three Bronze, Silver and Gold levels and I have been heartened by the way so many of our students have settled into the new programme and worked on their expeditions even in the harshest of weather. The photo shows the Gold practice group on Dartmoor in November. After all the disruption of the previous months there is now a full and settled programme for the rest of the academic year. Well done everyone. And a special thank you to all the staff across the school who have helped in the delivery of the award - it couldn't have been done without you.



New Sign Ups and 2019

The response for the Bronze award has been overwhelming with over 80 candidates and over 200 across Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff School. This has led to the training being delivered separately at each school for Bronze as neither can accommodate 200 students at a time. Training will begin the second week of Term 3 in January and the dates of the practice and qualifying expeditions have already been issued but as a reminder here they are:

Bronze 2018-2019 Entry - Year 9

Training expeditions 29th and 30th March or 17th and 18th May
Assessed expeditions 14th and 15th or 28th and 29th June

Silver 2018-2019 Entry - Year 10

Training expedition 8th,9th and 10th March
Assessed expedition 21st,22nd and 23rd June

Gold 2018-2019 Entry - Year 12

Training expedition 15th,16th and 17th March
Option for assessed expedition 1st to 5th July or July 2020

Once enrolled in to DofE then discounts are available for clothing and equipment and the suitable items are listed at this link: <https://www.dofe.org/shopping/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/DofE-Kit-Guide-Oct-2018.pdf>; I would advise making use of the DofE offers page and your discount card to make purchases.

Certificate for the School

The school has been awarded the attached certificate showing how much and the value of the Skills, Physical activity and volunteering effort carried out across the 3 award levels. A good target and on we can aim to surpass next year.

Have a good enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year!

Paul Carroll & Claire Lesslie
DofE Team
Beechen Cliff School



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 19th December	18.00	U16a Rugby vs Weston Barbarians (a)	15.20	MB	21.00

Sporting Results for week commencing 3rd December 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
3 rd Dec	U15a Rugby vs Colston's School	National Cup Round 4	Lost	5-0
4 th Dec	1 st XI Football vs Thomas Hardye School	ESFA Round 4	Lost	2-0
4 th Dec	U14a Football vs Gordano	ESFA Round 4	Won	2-0
4 th Dec	U13a Rugby vs Sir Thomas Rich's School	Friendly	Lost	40-10
4 th Dec	U13b Rugby vs Sir Thomas Rich's School	Friendly	Lost	20-10
5 th Dec	1 st XV Rugby vs Hartpury College	AASE Final	Lost	26-20
5 th Dec	U14a Rugby vs Sir Thomas Rich's School	Friendly	Won	10-3
5 th Dec	U14b Rugby vs Sir Thomas Rich's School	Friendly	Lost	12-7
6 th Dec	1 st XI Girls Hockey vs Warminster School	Friendly	Draw	2-2
6 th Dec	2 nd XV Rugby vs Royal Wootton Bassett Academy	Friendly	Won	47-7
6 th Dec	U15a Rugby vs Sir Thomas Rich's School	Friendly	Won	33-12
6 th Dec	U15b Rugby vs Sir Thomas Rich's School	Friendly	Won	24-0

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator