



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 10th January 2019



A New Year starts and here is a reminder of the significant DofE dates for this year:

Expeditions

Bronze level: Training on either 29th and 30th March or 17th and 18th May in the local Chelwood/ Keynsham area.

Assessed expedition on either 14th and 15th or 28th and 29th June in the Mendip area.

Silver level: Training is on 8th, 9th and 10th March on the Wiltshire Downs.

Assessed expedition on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June.

Gold level: Training for Year 12, the 2019 entry, on 8th, 9th and 10th March in Brecon Beacons.

Assessed expedition for Year 13 and optional for Year 12 on the 1st to 5th July in North Wales/Lake District.

Training evenings for groups:

Bronze level: Tuesday from 3.30pm in the Refectory

Silver level: Wednesday from 3.30pm at Upper Oldfield Park campus, rooms W1 and W2, at Hayesfield Girls School.

Gold level: To be decided with Gold level students.

The DofE staff of Mr Carroll and Miss Lesslie will be on site at Beechen Cliff School in the Pavilions Humanities three times a week. The Drop- In times for any questions and queries are:

Tuesdays from 12.30 to 3pm

Wednesday from 12.30 to 3pm

Fridays from 9am to 4.30pm

There is a specific Drop-In time for Gold level students of 12.15pm in Sixth Form Room Year 7.

For all the new entrants at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels please login to your new eDofE accounts and populate with your address details so the DofE Discount Card can be sent to you.

P J CARROLL

DofE Manager

Beechen Cliff School

Calendar

Saturday 12th January

Austria Ski Trip (12th Jan – 18th Jan)

Wednesday 16th January

Year 11 PSHE

Thursday 17th January

Year 10 Parents Evening (16:30-20:00)

Saturday 19th January

Sixth Form Careers Showcase (9:00-12:30)

Monday 21st January

Bristol Harbourside, Year 11 Geography Trip (21st/22nd Jan)

Wednesday 23rd January

Year 9 Parents Evening (16:30-20:00)

Friday 25th January

Holocaust Education Day Year 9

Saturday 26th January

Ten Tors Training in the Menpids

Thursday 31st January

Lower Sixth Parents Evening (16:30-20:00)

Summer Exam Dates

At this stage we are not in a position to give out confirmed summer timetables. These will be distributed at the end of January. The last public exam in the UK will be on Wednesday 26th June 2019 however, if this helps. Should your child be applying to Sixth Form there will also be Induction Days to attend in the first week of July 2019.

Results Days are as follows, when it is advisable for students to be physically present in case of queries:

A Level Results: Thursday 15th August 2019

GCSE Results : Thursday 22nd August 2019

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is based on New Year's resolutions.

New year's resolutions have a long history. The Babylonians pledged to return borrowed objects and repay their debts at the start of each year, while the Romans kicked off January by making a vow to the god Janus (from whom the month takes its name).

Please go through the information below with your tutor group.

The New Year is a good time to set goals to try and achieve something new or challenging. There is a common thinking that New Year's resolutions are always something that people fail at, yet setting simple goals or targets could be a good way to succeed. The students could also help others in their family if they are setting New Year's Resolutions; sometimes a little support is the best way to meet goals and targets that people set.

"I think the main reason why new year's resolutions fail is people being unrealistic," says Benjamin Gardner, an expert in behaviour change at King's College London. "If you're not doing any exercise and set yourself the goal of going to the gym five times a week for half an hour, you're probably not going to achieve it. The other reason is people not necessarily being ready to change."

Psychologists recently proposed that, for behaviour change to occur, people must have the capability, opportunity and motivation to make it happen. Often people aren't making resolutions for the right reasons, says Gardner: "They think that because it's new year, they're obliged to say they'll change their behaviour. But once they face the reality of what they're doing, they give up because they aren't motivated enough in the first place."

It might be nice to set New Year's resolutions with your tutor groups and see if they can achieve them.

Mrs A Wilmot

PSHE Co-ordinator

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

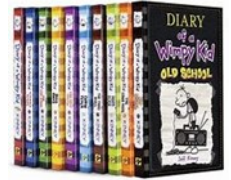
and for the Sixth Form please call **01225 485221**

Literacy

Reader of the week

Congratulations to **Malachy (7BY1)** who is our first reader of the week **2019** !!

Malachy has now taken an incredible **18** Accelerated Reader book quizzes, achieved a 95% pass rate and has read nearly all of the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' books! Good job!



Reading Millionaire of the Week

At the very end of last term, we had two new reading millionaires – **George (7ML6)** and **Isaac (8BY7)**. Great reading boys – your names are now up on the millionaire's board in the library for all to see!

Accelerated Reader Book Quizzes

Year 7 & 8 boys - don't forget to pop into the library at break time/lunchtime to take an Accelerated Reader quiz on the books you have read over the Christmas holidays! The sooner the better. There are always bookmarks and chocolates to be had, and why not aim to read a million words this year?!

Book Recommendation

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo



Charlie Bone is living with his mother and her mother, in the house of his other grandmother, Grandma Bone. Looking at a picture of a couple with a baby and a cat, he suddenly discovers he can hear their voices. Although he tries to hide his new gift, Grandma Bone and her scary sisters soon find out, and send him to Bloor's Academy. Charlie quickly finds life at Bloor's pretty tough, with its strict rules and the malevolent head boy, Manfred, set against him. When Charlie discovers that the child in the photograph is being held, hypnotised, against her will, he and his new friends with 'gifts' try to awaken her. But can they overcome Manfred's sinister hypnotic gifts?

Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

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.



Word of the Week

Prowess

A noun

= a skill or expertise in a particular activity or field

= bravery in battle

Use it:

I get my artistic **pro**wess from my Mother, a graphic designer.

His **pro**wess for foraging kept him alive when he became separated from the others.

The soldiers were both impressed and intimidated by the military **pro**wess of their superior.

Pronounce it:

Pro(w) (rhymes with 'now') + ess

From the Old French word proece, meaning "courage, brave deed"

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 14th January** is:

Monday: Chicken in Bacon with Gravy, Spicy Beef and Pepper Stew, Parmesan Spinach and Mushroom Risotto

Tuesday: Ham with Parsley Sauce, Chicken and Mushroom Pie (G), Lentil Cottage Pie

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Chicken and Vegetable Casserole, Cheddar and Red Onion Tart (G)

Thursday: Beef Biryani, Tomato Chorizo and Pepper Pasta (G), Three Cheese Lasagne (G)

Friday: Fish of the Day, Pork Stroganoff, Chick pea and Sweet Potato Tagine

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

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

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Exciting Hosting Opportunity

Do you have a spare room?

We are looking for caring and welcoming Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff families to host our Chinese students for the duration of the Summer Term 2019.

The group is a mix of boys and girls who are looking for accommodation within Bath and easy access to the school whilst they study here to experience British culture and improve their English. The students will be attending Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield in Year 7 and 8 lessons.

The students would be hosted within a home from home environment, which provides daily home cooked meals and a bedroom with a study area. Ideally with an en-suite so they have their own privacy and space but not essential if you can accommodate an extra person/s in your home.

If you can accommodate, to cover all living expenses including transport, we provide an allowance of £150 per person per week.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information, then please contact Fiona Harrison via the Sixth Form Office or email international@hayesfield.com

All placements are subject to a home visit and DBS check.

MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



All parents and carers are warmly invited to our first PTA meeting of 2019, this Monday 14th January 7pm in the School staff room.

Hope to see you there!

Kind Regards,
Annie Meharg and Kate Abbey

RNIB Charity Appeal

Collect your used stamps for RNIB = 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?>

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
Monday 14th January	14:45	U15a Hockey vs Kingswood (a)	13:45	MB (Shuttle)	17:45
	16:30	U13a/U12a Hockey vs Kingswood (a)	15:20	MB	18:00
	14:15	U14a Football vs Kingshill School (a)	12:00	MB	17:30
Tuesday 15th January	14:30	U14a Hockey vs Monkton (h)	13:30	N/A	16:00
	16:15	U13a/U13b Hockey vs Stonar (a)	15:00	MB	18:30
Wednesday 16th January	14:30	U16a/U16b/U15a/U15b/U14a/ U14b Football vs Millfield (a)	12:45	Coach (leaves at 12:45)	18:00
	14:30	U13a/U13b Football vs Clifton College (a)	12:45	MBx2	17:30
Thursday 17th January	14:45	1st/2nd XI Football vs Dauntsey's (a)	12:30	Coach (leaves at 12:45)	18:00
	14:30	1st/2nd XI Hockey vs Monkton (a)	13:30	MB	16:30
	14:30	1st XI Netball vs Sexey's (a)	12:30	MB	17:30

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator