



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 17th January 2019

Message from the Headmaster

The days may indeed be lengthening, although currently it is difficult to get a sense of the benefits of increased exposure to natural light..

Met office forecasts would suggest that we could be in for some ice and snow in the weeks ahead and I would remind you to keep an eye on the website/ look out for email notifications if there is any chance that the school might be affected. Obviously we will do all we can to keep the school open and provide for our pupils.

Mr Simon Bardzil

Mr Bardzil has joined us temporarily to act as our SENCO, following the departure of Mrs McGee at Christmas.

Mr Bardzil comes with a huge amount of experience and he will have already made himself known to some of our parents. Please do feel free to contact him if you have any queries relating to special needs support at the school.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

SENDCO

Introducing Mr Simon Bardzil as our new SENDCO. I am a fully qualified SENDCo, with an M.Ed in SEN and over 30 years experience supporting Special Educational Needs in both mainstream and residential school settings. I was the SENDCo at Somervale School, Midsomer Norton (part of the MSNP) for 18 years prior to retiring from this position in 2017. Reducing to part-time, I took on the role of Acting SENDCo last year, overseeing SEN provision in two local secondary schools, both of which are involved with the MSNP.

I am looking forward to the interesting challenges of this role for the remainder of this year.



Mr S Bardzil
SENCO

Calendar

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 Mendips

Thursday 31st January

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

Monday 4th February

U6th Mock Exams (Feb 4th—Feb 11th)

Wednesday 6th February

Year 11 GCSE Exam Preparation Assembly

Thursday 7th February

Year 11 Art Trip to Cardiff

Saturday 9th February

Ten Tors Training in Black Mountains

Monday 11th February

GCSE and A level Exam Entry Deadline (Internal)

Tuesday 12th February

Year 9 PSHE

Progress Reports

Year 8 and Year 10 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

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing promoting how we as a country can eat healthier, be more active, improve our overall health, and get support if we need it.

Most of us can be a little bit healthier. Whether it's making changes to what we eat, drinking more water, or being a bit more physically active. There are relatively small but manageable and sustainable changes we can all make to improve our long-term health.

Not only can we improve our health, and that of our families and friends, we can reduce the demands on our hospitals and health services. It's not about making some major change that you'll struggle to stick to. It's about doing something sustainable that'll help you in the long-term. Have students got a new years resolution? If so do many of them link to being more healthy?

Today nearly a third of children aged 2 to 15 are overweight or obese and younger generations are becoming obese at earlier ages and staying obese for longer.

Physical activity is associated with numerous health benefits for children, such as muscle and bone strength, health and fitness, improved quality of sleep and maintenance of a healthy weight.

There is also evidence that physical activity and participating in organised sports and after school clubs is linked to improved academic performance.

Children are encouraged to:

- eat a variety of nutritious foods
- eat plenty of vegetables and fruit
- eat plenty of cereals (including breads, rice, pasta and noodles), preferably wholegrain
- include lean meat, fish, poultry and/or alternatives e.g. nuts or legumes
- include reduced fat milks, yogurts, cheeses and or alternatives
- choose water as a drink

Care should be taken to:

- limit saturated fat and moderate total fat intake
- choose foods low in salt
- consume only moderate amounts of sugars and foods containing added sugars

Thank you,

Mrs A Wlimot

PSHE Co-ordinator

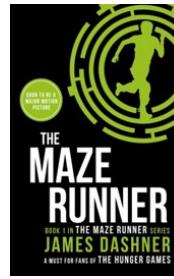
Literacy



Reader of the week

Congratulations to Brandon (7CH6) who has now taken a total of 17 quizzes, passing them all with a fantastic 93%. Great reading Brandon, you've gained 8 points for Chaucer and have read 17,570 words in total. Well done!

Book Recommendation



The Maze Runner by James Dashner

When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. But he's not alone. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade - a walled encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible stone maze.

Like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they came to be there - or what's happened to the world outside. All they know is that every morning when the walls slide back, they will risk everything - even the Grievers, half-machine, half-animal horror that patrol its corridors, to try and find out.

Stationery Shop

Don't forget that the library has a very well stocked stationery shop which sells all the basics, from pens and rulers, to revision cards, pencil cases and text book covers.



Mrs Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

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Sixth Form Induction—Update

Further to last weeks newsletter published on January 10th—please note that the Sixth Form Induction won't be in July as previously stated but will take place on **Monday 24th of June and Tuesday 25th June 2019** as published in the Sixth Form Prospectus.

Word of the Week

Controversial

An adjective to describe – the subject was controversial
= causing, or likely to cause, disagreement or discussion

Use it:

The film was very **controversial** when it was first released, and remains so to this day.

Her **controversial** speech was interrupted by frequent, noisy interjections from the audience.

He's been in the limelight recently, after publicly stating his views on a number of **controversial** issues.

Or use instead:

Contentious, debatable, open to question, arguable, questionable, disputable...



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 email international@hayesfield.com

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

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 21st January** is:

Monday: BBQ Chicken, Pasta Bolognese (G), Cheddar Tomato and Basil Tart (G)

Tuesday: Cumberland Sausage with Gravy, Chicken Tagine, Pesto Gnocchi (G)

Wednesday: Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding (G), Minted Lamb and Parsnip Stew, Veggie Lasagne (G)

Thursday: Pork with Soy and Ginger Sauce, Chicken with a Tomato and Basil Sauce, Spinach and Feta Filo Parcel (G)

Friday: Fish of the day, Smoked Bacon and Tomato Pasta (G), Tomato and Basil Pasta (G)

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

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Auction of Promises Friday March 8th

Please save the date for a fabulous evening of fund-raising! We're looking to improve the outside space and facilities at the school, including replacement of the hut by the tennis courts to provide a multi-use pavilion area with outdoor seating.

We need your promises to make this happen!! Do you work for an organisation that might support us - tickets to an event, a chance to bid for a membership, an experience that money can't usually buy?

Can you offer a service - hairdressing, gardening, personal training, car washing, dog walking, website design?

All promises or gifts, however small, would be welcomed: wine, chocolates, flowers included!
Email traceyskehoe@gmail.com with your promises.

Year 7 Welcome Evening

Year 7 Parents Welcome Cheese and Wine Evening Friday 25th January 7.30pm- 9.30pm in the School Refectory. We would love to see all year 7 parents and carers at this event, a chance to catch up with friends and meet other new parents at the school . Tickets just £5 per person to include cheese and nibbles and a welcome drink - on ParentPay now!

Thank you,

Annie Meharg & Kate Abbey

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 21st January	TBC	U16a Hockey - Regionals (@ Abbots Leigh)	TBC	MB	TBC
Tuesday 22nd January	16.00	U13a/U13b Football vs Millfield (a)	14.00	Coach 1x35 (14:15 leave)	18.00
	15.30	U13 Indoor Cricket @ Sexey's School	14.05	9 Seater	18.00
	15.30	U15a Hockey vs Warminster (a)	14.15	MB	17.30
	16.00	U14a Hockey vs Warminster (h)	15.20	N/A	17.30
Wednesday 23rd January	15.30	U13a/U13b Hockey vs Warminster (a)	14.15	MBx2	17.30
	16.00	U12a/U12b Hockey vs Warminster (h)	15.20	N/A	17.15
	14.00	U17 Rugby vs Millfield (a)	11.15	Coach 29 seater (11:30 leave)	18.00
	14.00	U19 Football vs Millfield (a)	12.00	MB	17.30
Thursday 24th January	16.00	U12a/U12b Football vs Millfield Prep (a)	14.30	MBx2	18.00
	14.30	1st/2nd/3rd XI Football vs QEH (a)	12.30	Coach 1x49 (12:45 leave)	17.30
	14.30	U16a Football vs QEH (h)	13.30	N/A	16.00
	TBC	U18 Hockey Regionals @ Abbots Leigh	TBC	MB	TBC
	15.00	U18 Basketball vs KES (h)	14.00	N/A	16.30
Sunday 27th January	TBC	U18 7's Rugby @ Millfield	TBC	MB	TBC

Sporting Results for week commencing 7th January 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
7th January 2019	1st Hockey vs Monkton Combe	Friendly	Draw	2-2
9th January 2019	U14 Basketball vs St Greg's	Friendly	Won	45-23
9th January 2019	U14a Football vs The Taunton Academy	Somerset Cup	Won	10-0