



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 24th January 2019

### Message from the Headmaster

This Friday the Year 9 boys will all be involved in the Holocaust Education Day activities, coordinated by Mr Tobin. As a school community we feel it is essential that the events of the past are studied and understood. Whilst it can hardly be said that we always learn the lessons of history, I do believe that we should not lose sight of the horrors which can be inflicted when too many do too little. I hope that the boys will find the events 'meaningful and enriching' (to use Mr Tobin's words), and that the core Beechen Cliff value of compassion will be deepened by the experiences of the day.

I must thank all the staff who have worked to plan specific sessions for the event.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Calendar

#### Friday 25th January

Holocaust Education Day Year 9

#### Saturday 26th January

Ten Tors Training in the Mendips

#### Thursday 31st January

L6th Parents Evening (16:30-20:00)

#### Monday 4th February

U6th Mock Exams (February 4th – February 11th)

#### Wednesday 6th February

Year 11 GCSE Exam Preparation Assembly

#### Thursday 7th February

Year 11 Art Trip to Cardiff

Intermediate Maths Challenge

#### 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

#### Wednesday 13th February

Year 11 Revision Morning

#### Friday 15th February

End of Winter Term

### EARLY BIRD OFFER

Sign up by  
31 Jan - save £10!  
[www.teambath.com](http://www.teambath.com)



### SPORTIVE

Bath - Glastonbury - Bath

12 May 2019

100km and 50km route

For ages 12 and over



### Our popular Cycle Sportive is back for a second year!

Riders will also receive a free tshirt, free massage on the day, £1 voucher to use in the Sports Cafe, free car parking, plus 3 food stations around the course, mechanical support and changing facilities.

### 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](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)  
and for the Sixth Form please call **01225 485221**

## Theme of the Week

This week's theme of the week is focusing on Martin Luther King Day, which was on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January this year.

Martin Luther King was an important civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. He directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure. At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement. On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated

In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honour him. After the first bill was introduced, trade unions lead the campaign for the federal holiday. It was endorsed in 1976.

<https://www.thisisinsider.com/martin-luther-king-jr-facts-2019-1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vDWWy4CMhE>

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr/videos/history-of-the-holidays-martin-luther-king-jr-day>

[http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html)

Thank you,  
Mrs A Wlimot  
PSHE Co-ordinator

## 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.



## Literacy



Well done to Jonty (7ML2) who is our reader of the week. Jonty has now taken a total of 17 accelerated reader quizzes, with a pass rate of 88% and has earned 50 points for his house - Milton. Great job Jonty!

Congratulations also goes to Rory (7CH2) who is our millionaire of the week. Rory has now read a total of 1,220,886 words, reading and quizzing on 31 books. You are now up on the millionaires board in the library! Well done.

## Book Recommendation

### Magyk (Septimus Heap) by Angie Sage



A powerful necromancer plans to seize control of all things Magyk. He has killed the Queen and locked up the Extraordinary Wizard. Now with Darke Magyk he will create a world filled with Darke creatures. But the Necromancer made one mistake. A vital detail he has overlooked means there is a boy who can stop him - the only problem is, the boy doesn't know it yet.

For the Heap family, life as they know is about to change, and the most fantastically fast-paced adventure of confused identities, magyk and mayhem, begin.

Mrs Dunn  
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

**BCS Mountaineering Alps Trip**  
**8th - 20th July 2019**

Open to Year 11 & Sixth Form  
Learn new skills in the beautiful Ecrin Massif Mountain Range in Southern France.  
No experience or specialist equipment needed.  
If interested, see Mr Murphy, Mr Maxwell or Mr Brewer for a letter. There's only 15 places, so get in early!

## Word of the Week

### **Mainstream**

An adjective to describe

= the ideas, attitudes or activities that are shared by most people and are regarded as normal or conventional.

#### Use it:

This is the director's first **mainstream** Hollywood film.

He is not known within **mainstream** literary circles, instead enjoying more of a cult following.

The news story was largely ignored by the **mainstream** press.

Main + stream, as in the 'principal current of a river', first appeared in print in the 1660s as 'mainstream' to mean the way we use it today, i.e. for the prevailing direction of opinion, thought or taste.

## **Next Week's Refectory Menu**

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing Monday 28th January is:

**Monday:** Pork steak with mushroom and onion gravy, Beef and vegetable stew, Goats cheese and mushroom risotto

**Tuesday:** Creamy Chicken bacon pasta, Braised beef with stilton peppercorn sauce, Cauliflower and potato onion bake

**Wednesday:** Roast turkey gammon and pineapple, Vegetable cottage pie

**Thursday:** Steak and kidney pie jambalaya with roasted vegetables, Vegetable pesto pasta

**Friday:** Chicken tikka with minted sauce, Vegetable lasagne

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

Mr D Keal

Head Chef

### **Explorer Hub - New offering for 13-16 year olds**



Explorer Hub is a monthly, Saturday morning group for young people aged 13-16 years with Swainswick Explorers. A half day out in nature. It will be a brand new social experience for teenagers who are in school years 8-11. This new group encourages teenagers to be outside, to be social, to engage with nature and the outdoors and meet other like minded young people. As time goes on any regulars in the group will develop their own agenda, their own ideas for what they they want to do with input, support and lots of skills to learn from Joe Keppie-Bray.

Dates and online booking:

[www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk](http://www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk)

First Saturday of every month, next session Saturday 2nd March, 11am - 3pm. £25 per session.

### **Lower Sixth Reports**

Lower Sixth Progress Reports are now available to view via ePortal. If you have any problems accessing these reports please email [datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:datarecords@beechencliff.org.uk)

Mr T D Markall

Assistant Headmaster

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PTA**



**Beechen Cliff Auction of Promises: Friday 8th March**  
£12per person to include a welcome drink, a meal and the chance to bid on some fantastic promises including a weekend family ticket to WOMAD festival, a Lansdown Tennis and Squash Club 6 Month Family Membership, a framed RBS 2017 England Rugby Team shirt (signed by all the players), Farleigh House tour for up to 8 with the chance to watch Bath rugby train and meet the players/manager, a family canoeing day, a homemade birthday cake, a family photo shoot, catered dinner party, a lesson with a world renowned guitarist, a pampering session at L'Occitane for 10 people and much more.....

#### **Tickets for this fab fundraising evening will go on sale next week on ParentPay**

You can organise and book your table of 8 in advance or we'd be happy to welcome individuals, couples and smaller groups and arrange tables accordingly. There'll be a paying bar, sealed bids, our very own auctioneer for the night and the chance to raise lots of funds for a multi-use Pavilion with outdoor seating and facilities to promote outdoor life and wellbeing at Beechen.

#### **Promises Still Welcome**

Could you donate a promise or do you know someone or a business who could? A spa day or a meal out, tickets for an event. Or maybe a service: personal training sessions to jewellery design, singing lessons to babysitting. Please email [traceyskehoe@gmail.com](mailto:traceyskehoe@gmail.com) and/ or [lgovier@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lgovier@yahoo.co.uk) with your promise and an approximate value if appropriate.

Many thanks for all your support!  
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 28th Jan	14:10	U14a Football vs Chilton Trinity (h)	13:15	N/A	16:00
	16:30	U13a/b Hockey vs KES (a)	15:20	MB x2	18:00
	12:30	Sports Hall Athletics @ UWE	11:40	MB	17:30
Tuesday 29th Jan	13:00	1st XI Hockey vs Dauntsey's (a)	13:00	MB	17:30
	13:45	2nd XI Hockey vs Dauntsey's (h)	13:45	N/A	16:00
	13:45	U14a Hockey vs Kingswood (a)	13:45	MB	17:00
Wednesday 30th Jan	15:30	1st XI Hockey vs Kingswood (a)	15:30	MB	19:30
	13:00	U15a Hockey vs Bristol Grammar (a)	13:00	MB	17:30
	15:20	U16 Basketball vs Prior (a)	15:20	MB	17:45
Thursday 31st Jan	13:30	1st/2nd Netball vs Monkton (a)	13:30	MB (need to shuttle)	16:15
	14:30	U15 Indoor Cricket @ St Bernadettes	14:30	9 seater	18:30
	07:30	U14a Hockey regionals @ Abbots Leigh	07:30	MB	16:00
	13:15	U18 Tennis vs Stanwell @ Excel Bath	13:15	TM to drive	17:30
	12:45	U16a Football vs Norton Hill (a)	12:45	MB	17:00

## Sporting Results for week commencing 14th January 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U14a Football vs Kingshill School	ESFA Round 6	Lost	6-3
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U13a Hockey vs Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	8-0
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U12a Hockey vs Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	2-0
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U14a Hockey vs Monkton	Friendly	Lost	3-0
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U13a Hockey vs Stonar School	Friendly	Draw	0-0
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U13b Hockey vs Stonar School	Friendly	Won	5-0
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U16a Gootball vs Millfield School	Friendly	Won	4-0
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U16b Football vs Millfield School	Friendly	Won	8-1
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U15a Football vs Millfield School	Friendly	Lost	3-0
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U15b Football vs Millfield School	Friendly	Lost	5-0
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U14a Football vs Millfield School	Friendly	Won	4-0
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U14b Football vs Millfield School	Friendly	Won	3-1
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U13a Football vs Clifton College	Friendly	Draw	1-1
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U13b vs Clifton College	Friendly	Won	4-2
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Draw	1-1
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey vs Monkton	Friendly	Won	3-0
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> VII Netball vs Sexey's School	Friendly	Won	34-8
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> VII Netball vs Sexey's School	Friendly	Won	13-1

Mr M Walker  
Fixtures Co-ordinator