



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 31st January 2019

Message from the Headmaster

Our PTA plans to hold an 'Auction of Promises' to help raise funds for a very particular project. It is hoped that the initiative will provide the funds to build a new Club House on the edge of the sports field with catering facilities and outdoor seating.

The Auction of Promises will take place on the 8th March and we are incredibly grateful for all the support in the way of promises that have been donated so far. In the 'Auction Brochure' which will be available shortly, you can expect to find a good selection of promises such as one weeks holiday in a Luxury Ski Chalet in Verbier for 12, Membership to Lansdown Tennis Club, Signed Rugby Shirt, Guitar Lesson with world renown musician to name just a few.

There will be further communications about the evening in the weeks ahead but I am hoping you will pencil the event in your diary and, if you are able to do so, consider making an offer to support the auction.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

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

Mobile Phones / Headphones – Reminder

As soon as your son arrives at school his mobile phone should be turned off, headphones put away and not seen until the end of the school day. The only exceptions to this are if he urgently needs to make a call to you (with staff permission) or if it is a wet lunchtime in which case he can use his phone in the main hall only. Boys will be reminded of this via assemblies and tutors up to half term. After half term, if phones are seen during the day they will be confiscated in the usual manner and returned after 48 hours. Please reinforce this message at home with your son.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on February being LGBT History Month. This year the theme is Peace, Activism and Reconciliation.

LGBT History Month is a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community, and makes the civil rights statement about our extraordinary national and international contribution.

<https://www.theproudtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/download-manager-files/DIGITAL%20History%20Month%202019.pdf>

http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/resources/Wall%20Chart%20A0_V7.6.pdf

The overall aim of LGBT History month is to promote equality and diversity.

This is done by:

- Increasing the visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") people, their history, lives and their experiences in the curriculum and culture of educational and other institutions, and the wider community;
- Raising awareness and advancing education on matters affecting the LGBTQ+ community;
- Working to make educational and other institutions safe spaces for all LGBTQ+ communities; and
- Promoting the welfare of LGBTQ+ people, by ensuring that the education system recognises and enables LGBTQ+ people to achieve their full potential, so they contribute fully to society and lead fulfilled lives, thus benefiting society as a whole.

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.



Rewards Week Results

The winners of the new rewards system were announced last week. The results included AtL scores and individual positives for years 7-11.

The results-

	AtL (year 7-11)	House points	Total	Position
BY	70	222	292	3
CH	90	227	317	2
KP	100	239	339	1
ML	60	202	262	5
SH	55	220	275	4

Congratulations to KIPLING, they were first into the refectory at break and lunch.

Tutor group winners for each House were also rewarded and announced in House assemblies.

Parental log-ins will be available soon so you can keep track of your son's contributions in and out of the classroom.

Summer Draft Time Tables

Summer draft timetables will be given out to year 11 boys this week for checking purposes. Boys MUST check this thoroughly and report back to the Exams Office or by email exams@beechencliff.org.uk if any subjects are no longer being studied or are missing from this timetable.

Students should also check their name and date of birth as this is the last chance to correct these before they appear on certificates. Tiers of entry ie; Foundation & Higher may still change but please discuss with your teacher in the first instance.

Mrs K Davison

Examinations Officer

YELLOW WEATHER WARNING



If the Headmaster has decided to close the School

it will be announced via the School's Website –

www.beechencliff.org.uk and also the BANES Website –

www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures, Bath FM, Radio

Bristol and Heart FM;

Please listen to local radio stations for information about the travel situation and weather conditions. If Beechen Cliff School **is not** announced as closed you should assume that the School is open.

Word of the Week

Paradigm

An noun

= a model for something which explains it or shows how it can be produced

= a very clear and typical example of something

Use it:

John's programming **paradigm** took the computing world by storm.

In the normal economic **paradigm**, price determines demand.

Sister Mary is considered a **paradigm** of virtue by many in the parish.

Pronounce it

Watch out for the silent 'g':

Para - dime

DofE Meetings

Bronze Year 9: Tuesdays in the Refectory at 3.25

Silver Year 10: Wednesdays at Hayesfield School,
Upper Oldfield Park campus
Rooms W1 and W2 at 3.25

Gold Year 12: Sixth Form Block Thursdays at 1220

Gold Year 13: Sixth Form Block Fridays at 1230

The DofE staff are on-site Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday all day in the Pavilion Humanities.

P J CARROLL

DofE Manager



MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Auction of Promises Friday March 8th

Tickets will be coming out on ParentPay this week for the Auction of Promises. Book a table for 8 and email the lead name on your table to kateabbey@hotmail.com, or come as an individual, couple or smaller group and table share on the night. Tickets are £12 per person to include supper and a welcome drink.

Incredible Promises (sealed bids and Live Auction) including :

- One Week in a Luxury Ski Chalet for 10-12 people in Verbier, Switzerland
- Weekend family ticket to WOMAD festival,
- Lansdown Tennis and Squash Club 6 Month Family Membership
- Framed RBS 2017 England Rugby Team shirt (signed by all the players)
- Lesson with a world renowned guitarist,
- Pampering session at L'Occitane for 10 people, Spanish lessons
- Drone and much more.....!

Full catalogue to be released prior to the night. Come along for some fun and fundraising - all proceeds to go towards a new Beechen multi-use Pavilion area with catering facilities, outdoor seating and all-year round drinking fountain.

Correct Shoes – Reminder

A number of pupils are wearing black leather trainers instead of black shoes. May I remind you that sports branded leather trainers do not form part of our uniform. Please ensure that your son is wearing the correct shoes to school. Boys wearing "black leather trainers" will be asked to remove them for the day and provided with daps until they have the correct shoes.



Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Quiz and Curry Night – Friday 26th April 2019

The school is organising another Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 26th April in the Refectory – it will include a selection of curries, a quiz and a raffle. Details to follow. Come along with family/friends in teams of 4-6.

All proceeds from the event will go to support the Sixth Form charity project work in Transylvania with People Against Poverty.

Mr T Markall

BATH RUGBY CONTRACT SIGNINGS

Beechen Cliff School is pleased to celebrate the news that Year 13 students Nahum Merigan and Gabriel Hamer-Webb have signed their first long-term senior academy contracts with Bath Rugby. The club announced the signings on Friday, alongside the news that former Beechen Cliff student Miles Reid has had his contract extended and has been promoted into the Senior Squad for the 2019/2020 season.

Commenting on the good news, Head Master Andrew Davies said: "I know that all the staff and pupils at Beechen Cliff are incredibly proud of our rugby players. Gabriel, Nahum and their team-mates are such powerful role-models to the younger boys in the school; both on the pitch and around school. As a keen Bath Rugby supporter, I look forward to seeing them running out onto the Rec in the near future, representing their city, school and families. The school is fully committed to its partnership with Bath Rugby and looks forward to seeing many more Beechen Cliff pupils follow this pathway into professional sport"



Bath Rugby Academy Manager, Andy Rock indicated that contracts were a "commitment from both the Club and from each of them as individuals. It is an opportunity for us to support them to become first team players with Bath Rugby and to help each of them realise their potential. Our ambition to develop a senior squad with 50% home-grown players is clear". He added that these players all have "key attributes that can see them emerge as Premiership players in the years to come."

Gabriel, formerly a talented footballer before converting fully to rugby at 15, has been at Beechen Cliff since year 7. He is winger with an impressive try-scoring record and a huge appetite for the physical aspects of the game. Nahum, originally from the Taunton area, joined the school two years ago in order to fulfil his rugby potential and is a boarder in the school's boarding house. He is a ball carrying No8 capable of busting defences with his power, combined with subtle off-loading skills.

Both are graduates of the RFU AASE (Achieving Sporting And Sporting Excellence) programme that the school runs in partnership with Bath

Rugby which is now in its fourth year, as was Miles Reid. There are now nine graduates of the AASE Programme amongst the ranks of Bath Rugby professional players. Gabriel and Nahum have both been stalwarts of the school's 1st XV, who have had a very successful season in the RFU National AASE League, competing against the AASE partners of all the other Premiership clubs. They were unbeaten in the league phase of the competition, before losing in an agonisingly close final.

Commenting on his signing, Nahum said: "I am excited to be embarking on my professional career with Bath Rugby. Bath has been my club since I joined the Pathway programme as a 13 year old. I have had incredible backing from Beechen Cliff, its teaching staff and rugby coaches. Bath Rugby supports the rugby programme with very talented coaches; they have devoted many hours to my development and I have learnt so much from them. I know what I need to do in the next few months in order to bridge the gap between AASE rugby and the professional game and I am fully committed to this."



Gabriel added: “We have both been very lucky to be part of a very talented squad of players here at Beechen. We all drive each other towards high standards in training and in matches. The team culture and work ethic we all share has been the foundation of what we have achieved this year. I will take this with me into my professional career. It will undoubtedly be a massive challenge, but I am really looking forward to giving it my best shot. Having grown up and gone to school in Bath, it means a great deal to me personally to be continuing my rugby journey with Bath Rugby”.

Director of Rugby, Sean Turner, concluded: “I am delighted for Gabriel and Nahum. They have worked so hard to earn these contracts and the recognition is fully deserved. The talent stream of rugby players coming through the school and its rugby programme is very encouraging and I am sure that in the years to come there will be many more Beechen Cliff graduates into the professional ranks.”

Bands Night 2019 – Friday 8th February

The tickets for the hottest event on the Beechen Cliff calendar are now available. The line-up for Friday’s event is now finalised – with the greatest range of year group involvement than ever before:

Dystortion	A Year 11 group playing Bands Night for the first time with Henry. P, Benjy M, Corey. M and Peaches. C
Ghostlight	A solid rock outfit from the Lower Sixth back for their second year featuring Dom. B, Arthur. M, Robbie. L, Freddie. B and Roland. A
Silhouette	Upper Sixth Form students Gavin. C, Matthew. S, Johan.S and Ben. W playing an eclectic mix of alt rock covers ranging from The Clash “Should I stay or should I go” to Fountains of Wayne’s “Stacy’s Mom”
The Poets	Upper Sixth students Will. S and Declan. M have been playing together for over a year now and made stella progress in this time. With an already large fan base from many live performances and Spotify followers, The Poets carry the mantle of headliners at this year’s event we are in for a treat.
Azure	For the first time, we have a Year 7 band performing: Alex. J, Joe. H and Isaac. W. Alex came with his mum last year when he was at primary school - playing at this event has been the thing that he has most looked forward to at Beechen Cliff!

Just a reminder: The event starts at 7:15pm. Tickets (£1 in advance) for this event for pupils, students and parents. Tickets are available to buy via parent pay, from the Main Office and from the Sixth Form Office. On the door, entrance will be £2. Be warned, in previous years this event has been sold out so get your ticket early. For parents, there will be a bar.

All proceeds from Bands Night go to support the Sixth Form charity project work in Transylvania with People Against Poverty.

Declan McDonald
Senior Musician

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 4th February	16:30	U13a/U13b Football vs Bristol Grammar (a)	15:10	MBx2	18:00
Tuesday 5th February	14:30	U15a/U15b/U14a/U14b Football vs QEH (a)	13:00	Coach 63 seats (leave 13:00)	17:30
Wednesday 6th February	15:30	U18 Basketball vs Wellsway (a)	14:30	MB	17:30
	16:30	U12a/U12b Football vs Bristol Grammar (a)	15:00	MB + 9 seater	18:00
	15:30	U15a Hockey vs Bristol grammar (a)	14:00	MB	17:30
	14:30	U17 Rugby vs Glantaf (a)	11:30	Coach 35 seats	18:00
Thursday 7th February	14:30	1st/2nd XI vs KES (a)	13:15	MB	16:30
	14:30	U15a/U15b Football vs Marlborough College (a)	12:00	MB x2	18:00
	14:30	U16a/U16b Football vs Marlborough College (h)	13:30	n/a	16:30
	16:00	U16 Basketball vs St Gregs (h)	15:20	n/a	17:30
	15:45	1st XI Hockey vs Warminster (a)	14:00	Coach	18:30
	16:00	2nd XI Hockey vs Warminster	15:10	n/a	17:30
TBC	14:00	U18 Tennis vs Colstons (a)	12:30	9 seater	18:00

Sporting Results for week commencing 21st January 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
21 st Jan	U16a Hockey regionals	Regionals	Won	n/a
22 nd Jan	U13a Cricket sixes	Triangular Tournament	Won	n/a
22 nd Jan	U13a Football vs Millfield Prep	Friendly	Lost	5-3
22 nd Jan	U13b Football vs Millfield	Friendly	Draw	0-0
22 nd Jan	U15a Hockey vs Warminster	Friendly	Lost	9-1
22 nd Jan	U14a Hockey vs Warminster	Friendly	Won	3-2
23 rd Jan	1 st XI Football vs Millfield	Somerset Cup Round 3	Lost	(AET) 5-4 (PEN)
23 rd Jan	3 rd XV Rugby vs Millfield	Friendly	Won	24-7
24 th Jan	U18 Basketball vs KES	Friendly	Won	68-23
24 th Jan	2 nd XI Football vs QEH	Friendly	Draw	3-3
24 th Jan	3 rd XI Football vs QEH	Friendly	Lost	9-2
24 th Jan	U16a Football vs QEH	Friendly	Draw	4-4
24 th Jan	U16b Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	6-0
24 th Jan	U12a Football vs Millfield Prep	Friendly	Won	1-0
24 th Jan	U12b Football vs Millfield Prep	Friendly	Won	5-2
24 th Jan	1 st XI Hockey regionals	Regionals	Lost	n/a

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator