



BEECHEN CLIFF

Friday 15th February 2019

Message from the Headmaster

I have had the privilege, over the last two months, to see each of the Year 11 boys individually, prior to taking the next steps in their education. For the majority it will be a transition into Sixth Form or a programme of A levels. For others it will be a move away from Beechen Cliff and into courses which will hopefully help inspire them for the world of work.

What has struck me most obviously when speaking to them is how much they require the effort of their teachers to help push them on and to, in many cases, inspire them into a love of the subject taught. Although the vast majority of the boys do not necessarily have an absolutely clear idea of the courses they will embark upon, it is clear that they require the need to use everything they have learned and the values they have developed to make the most of the opportunities which await them.

Everyone at Beechen Cliff wishes them every success as they prepare for the GCSE examinations which await them in only a few short weeks.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

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.



Calendar

Friday 15th February

End of Winter Term

Monday 25th February

Start of Easter Term

Wednesday 27th February

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th February

U6th Parents UCAS Information Evening

Saturday 2nd March

USA Ski Trip (Mar 2nd – Mar 10th)

Ten Tors Training on Dartmoor (Mar 2nd – Mar 3rd)

Monday 4th March

Year 11 Additional Mock Exams (English 9:00/Maths 13:30)

Tuesday 5th March

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 8th March

Silver & Gold DoE Training (Mar 8th – Mar 10th)

Austria Ski Trip 2020 (Schladming)

Letters are now available for next year's Austria Ski Trip to Schladming from the 11th – 17th January 2020. Places are limited to 50 and will be for current year 9 (20 places) and current year 11 pupils who will be staying on in the Sixth Form. Pupils wishing to take part in this trip must have over 90% attendance. The school reserves the right to withdraw an allocated place if attitude to learning or behaviour falls short of the schools expectations. Please see Mr Mann for an initial letter. The trip will appear on ParentPay once the places have been allocated.

Mr Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Safer Internet Day. The global theme of Safer Internet Day is **'together for a better internet'**. **Everyone** has their part to play in making the internet a better place. Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online.

Choose to ask for consent

Always ask others before sharing something about them. If they say no, we need to respect their choice and be a good friend. This should include checking before posting a selfie of you and your friend or before adding friends into group chats where they might be people they don't know. Remember that things which we might think are okay or funny might actually worry or upset someone else.

Choose to be supportive and positive

You can inspire and support others by what you do and post online. If you see someone having a hard time online, offer them support and report posts or accounts that might be upsetting or offensive.

Choose to be in control

Take the time to look at the privacy settings of your favourite accounts. They can help you take control over the information and posts that you are sharing and ensure that you are happy with what information people can see about you online.

Choose to find out more

Be aware of how your data is being stored and used by the apps on your device. Check the terms and conditions before signing up to a new app and make sure you are happy with your current access rights for each app. Remember you can change these at any time by going into the settings of your device or the app itself and many services will still work even if you choose not to grant all of the access rights it asks for.

Choose to talk about it

If you are not sure what to do or how to respond to something that happens online, then talk to someone about it. This could be a close friend, parent, teacher or even a helpline like Childline or The Mix.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-11-19s>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/sid-tv-2019>

Thank you,
Mrs A Wlimot
PSHE Co-ordinator

Literacy



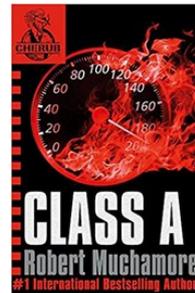
Well done to **Oscar (8BY2)** who certainly has a love of reading – he's never far from a book or the library! Oscar has a super-respectable Accelerated Reader ZPD range and is always engaged in a book. You very much deserve to be reader of the week! Well done!

Millionaires of the Week

This week, Shakespeare have their first Reading Millionaires! **Amos (7SH8)** and **Samuel (7SH3)** have now each read in excess of a million words, along with Chaucer's **Rory (7CH2)**. Fantastic reading boys – next stop, 2 million?!

The Most Popular Book (read & quizzed on) this term...

Class A: Book 2 (CHERUB) by Robert Muchamore



When CHERUB kids go undercover, no one suspects that they are trained professionals, working to infiltrate criminal organisations that have eluded MI5 and the police for years.

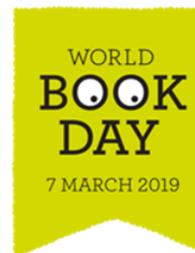
James Adams is on his biggest mission yet, working to nail Europe's most powerful cocaine dealer. He'll need all his specialist training if he's going to bring down the man at the top. The reason for CHERUB's existence is simple: adults never suspect that children are spying on them.

For official purposes, these children do not exist.

World Book Day 7th MARCH 2019

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, will be distributing more than 15 million £1 World Book Day book tokens to children and young people.

HOW TO USE YOUR £1 BOOK TOKEN



Year 7 and 8 visiting library classes will all be given a token over the next week or two, and all other tokens will be distributed to tutors (or please do pop into the library to collect one!) Once you have your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller, and swap it for one of the TWELVE (exclusive, new and completely FREE) World Book Day books.

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. And if you'd rather get an audiobook, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99. Then all YOU have to do is take your book home and enjoy it.

Some of the fantastic books on offer are;



For more information please go to: www.worldbookday.com

Finally, boys, make sure you have a reading book for the half term – the library has plenty to choose from!

Mrs Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week,
commencing Monday 25th February is:

Monday: Pasta Puttanesca (G), Chicken wrapped in Bacon with a Rosemary Gravy, Mushroom Spinach and Parmesan Pasta (G)

Tuesday: Pork Stroganoff, Meatball with a Spicy Tomato Sauce, Cheesy Courgette and Potato Bake

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Creamy Chicken and Vegetable Casserole, Cheddar and Spring Onion Quiche (G)

Thursday: Turkey and Leek Pie (G), Beef Goulash, Cheesy Leek and Potato Pie (G)

Friday: Fish of the Week, BBQ Chicken (G), Creamy Pesto Pasta (G)

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

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

Year 7 and 8 Parents' Evenings

Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' Evenings are taking place after Half Term.

Year 7: Wednesday 27th February 2019

Year 8: Tuesday 5th March 2019

Online booking opened on 11th February for the Year 7 Evening and will open on 14th February for the Year 8 Evening. If you have any issues making appointments please contact the Pastoral Administrator, Mrs Rogers.

Please note that for these two Parents' Evenings we will be trialling an early closure for school prior to the evening. This is to ensure a smooth and prompt start to the evening and is a policy adopted by other schools locally. **On both 27th February and 5th March school will finish at 2.15pm.** For pupils and students who need to remain in school until 3.20pm the Library and Sixth Form Silent Study Area will be available for pupils and students to complete homework or for quiet reading.

Please also note that parking will be available for both the Parents' Evenings in Alexandra Park. The Parks Department have asked if you are using the Park to ensure that you do not park on the grass because the ground is wet and the turf can be damaged very easily if the ground is compacted by cars.

If the event of parking being unavailable in Alexandra Park please use any available spaces along the Avenues being aware of not blocking residents' driveways.

Many thanks,

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Word of the Week

Hierarchy

A noun = a system in which people or things are arranged according to their importance or status

Also = the people in the upper levels or an organisation who control it – the hierarchy

Use it:

Some primates have a very complex social **hierarchy**.

He rose quickly through the political **hierarchy** to become party leader.

Under the military **hierarchy**, a private must always follow a sergeant's commands.

The club followed a strict **hierarchical** structure, whereby the longest-standing members had the most influence.

Mental Health and Online Safety

In assemblies this week I am addressing two important and inter-related themes that pupils have recently covered in PSHE and Theme of the Week programmes: mental health and online safety. Developing pupils' understanding in these areas are key strands of our work to safeguard pupils, to help them thrive and to foster a school community with compassion – one of our core values – at its heart. They also resonate with recent national media attention on the monitoring of harmful content on social media platforms.

I am also pleased to share that, more locally, Beechen Cliff is proud to be taking a lead role in the BANES Project 'Boys in Mind (Girls Mind too)', a strategic alliance formed to address the high incidence of mental health difficulties in boys and young men. Beechen Cliff Sixth Form students, who formed a mental health team alongside the Sixth Form pastoral team, have made a significant contribution to the project and their work is the very first case study on the project's website www.boysinmind.co.uk. You can also find powerful videos for boys of all ages on the website, including two videos by Beechen Cliff students – "Finding the courage to speak" and "Boys don't cry". The website contains lots of useful information in the section 'Family and friends / Useful Resources' if you wish to find out more about mental health and support.

Echoing the Boys in Mind message, I am reinforcing with pupils this week that it is ok to cry, that (like physical health) we all struggle with mental health at times in our lives, that there are ways to keep ourselves mentally fit and that no-one should feel alone. Last week was the national 'Time To Talk' day and I hope that together we can encourage pupils and students to talk about their feelings, both day-to-day and in times of need. Should you wish to speak to someone at school about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your son's Head of House or, in the Sixth Form, the Pastoral Manager. We can signpost you or tell you about support available in school as necessary.

Mr J Oldham
Head of Sixth Form/Designated Safeguarding Lead

MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Auction of Promises, Beechen Cliff School, Friday March 8th

Coming soon is our major Beechen fundraising event - all proceeds to go towards a new Club House with outdoor seating - a real gathering place for the school community and somewhere that will inspire and promote outdoor life at Beechen.

Tickets are £12pp to include a meal and welcome drink, kicking off at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Get a table for 6-8 people and email kateabbey@hotmail.com with a lead name, or come along as an individual, couple or smaller group and table share on the night.

It's going to be a fun evening: some eating, drinking, chatting with sealed bids, Live Auction and pre-bid opportunities, with a massive variety of Promises with prices starting from £10. No pressure to bid on things you don't want but we're pretty confident we've got fab things for all tastes. A full list of Promises will be out later this week but here are a few examples...

- Tivoli Cinema Bath guest passes
- Luxury Penthouse ski- in ski-out apartment, sleeps 10-12 for 1 week in LaTzoumaz Verbier
- Rugby tour Farleigh House, chance to watch Bath train and meet some players for up to 8 people
- Boxes at Bath City Football Club and Bath Rugby
- A 2 hour treatment in the Potting Shed at the The Pig near Bath
- A family canoeing day
- Spanish GCSE lessons, Maths support and Biology workshop
- Bike service and safety check
- A homemade birthday cake
- Tickets for the Glastonbury Extravaganza
- Voucher for The Bear pub for lunch and a glass of wine for 2
- Guitar Masterclass from Justin Adams, guitarist to Robert Plant
- PT, yoga and gym sessions
- Children and Adults Arty Party for 6

Don't miss out, book your places now!

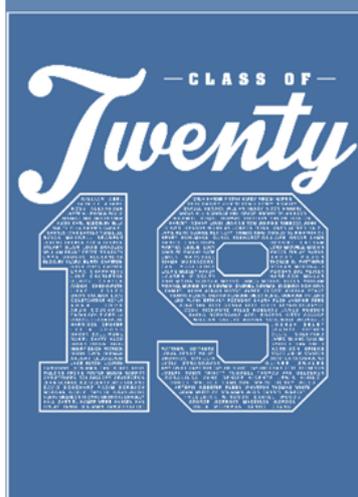
Thanks for all your support,
Annie and Kate PTA Co-chairs

Y13 LEAVERS HOODIES

FRONT ARTWORK



BACK ARTWORK



To all U6 students.
This is a mock up of the 2019 leavers hoodie.

- Range of sizes
- Navy blue only
- With nickname or without
- £18.95 without
- £22.90 with

Please see Allison for further details.

Hoodies are now available to pay for on Parentpay

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**

Languages

- Meeting for Sixth Form Malaga Study Trip - Tuesday 26th February 5.30pm L1
- Spanish Exchange students in Bath - Friday 22nd - Friday 29th March

Kate Marshall
Head of Spanish

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 25th March	10:00	U14 Rugby 7's @ Prior Park	8:45	MB	15:00
Tuesday 26th March	15:30	U15 Indoor Cricket @ St Katherines	14:15	MB	18:00
	15:15	U14a/U12a Football vs Oldfield (a)	14:30	MB	17:00
Wednesday 27th March	15:30	U14a Hockey vs Downside (a)	14:30	MB	17:15
	15:45	U13a/U15a Football vs Oldfield (h)	15:20	n/a	17:00
	14:30	U14b/U14c Football vs Millfield (a)	12:45	MB	18:00
Thursday 28th March	14:45	1st/2nd XI Football vs Downside (h)	14:00	n/a	16:30
	14:30	U16a Football vs Castle (a)	12:45	MB	18:00
	TBC	U13a Hockey regionals	TBC	MB	TBC
	15:30	U13 Indoor Cricket @ BCS	15:20	n/a	18:00
Sunday 31st March	TBC	Marches 7's	TBC	Coach	TBC

Sporting Results for week commencing 5th February 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
5 th Feb	U15a Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	1-0
5 th Feb	U15b Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	5-2
5 th Feb	U14a Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	3-2
5 th Feb	U14b Football vs QEH	Friendly	Won	6-2
6 th Feb	U18 Basketball vs Wellsway	Friendly	Won	67-23
6 th Feb	U15a Hockey vs Bristol Grammar	Friendly	Lost	4-1
6 th Feb	U18c Rugby vs Glantaf	Friendly	Lost	31-29
7 th Feb	U16a Basketball vs St Gregs	Friendly	Draw	29-29
7 th Feb	1 st XI Football vs KES	Friendly	Won	4-1
7 th Feb	2 nd XI Football vs KES	Friendly	Won	9-5
7 th Feb	U16a Football vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Won	5-0
7 th Feb	U16b Football vs Marlborough College	Friendly	Won	10-0
7 th Feb	1 st XI Hockey vs Warminster	Friendly	Lost	6-2

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator