



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 28th February 2019

### Message from the Headmaster

I am conscious that it has been some time since I was able to update you on the work being undertaken within the school following the Ofsted report last summer.

In early February, as you know, the school became a member of the MNSP and, as such, we have become a 'new school' in the eyes of the Department for Education.

This means that none of our former inspector reports 'exist' and that the first inspection of the school will probably not take place until 2021-2022.

Obviously the school has been working with our external Ofsted inspector (and Deputy CEO of the MNSP Trust), who has been auditing all of our work and actions against inspection criteria.

His view, based on many hours of observations, pupil interviews, discussions with teachers and analysis of data, is that we are at least 'good' in each of the key categories used for inspection. Safeguarding has been regularly audited and it is clear that there is good progress being made.

Obviously, we hope that the work that the school does will be recognised positively by an external investigation at some point in the future but I wanted to take the opportunity to give you a sense of where we are now, based on the input of an objective external source.

#### Mr Sayers

I have to inform you that Mr Sayers suffered a heart attack during the half term holiday. I am pleased to say that he is making a very good recovery, although he will not be back with us for some weeks. His Lessons are all being covered by experienced specialist teachers. We obviously all wish him well as he recovers.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Calendar

#### Friday 1st March

Bands Night (19:15-21:30)

#### 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)

Auction of Promises (19:00 Main Hall)

#### Monday 11th March

L6th UCAS Fair at UWE

#### Tuesday 12th March

L6th UCAS Fair at UWE

#### Wednesday 13th March

L6th Geography Residential Field Trip (Mar 13th - Mar 15th)

#### Friday 15th March

Sixth Form Interviews for Year 11 pupils

### Year 11 Revision Classes

Most subjects are now running revision sessions after school to support pupils in preparing for their GCSE Examinations.

The schedule is available on the school website: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Year-11-Revision-Session-Dates-January-May-2019.pdf>

Pupils have been encouraged to attend by their subject teachers and during recent assemblies with Mr Markall. I would be grateful for your support in ensuring they take up these opportunities for extra support and guidance in the build up to their GCSE Examinations.

Mr A J Seal

Revision Class Coordinator

## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on the impact that 'Our house is on fire': Greta Thunberg who is 16 years old has had. Greta's speech urges leaders to act on climate change.

Please see the following video:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/25/our-house-is-on-fire-greta-thunberg16-urges-leaders-to-act-on-climate>

At the end of last term thousands of schoolchildren across the UK walked out of class as part of a coordinated strike to protest about the global lack of action on climate change.

Youngsters in Brighton, Oxford, Bristol and Sheffield were among those in 60 towns and cities who downed textbooks to demand that adults do something about what they called a mounting ecological crisis.

More than 1,000 students also gathered at Parliament Square in London.

The latest UN report on climate change, published in October, warned there were just 12 years left to avoid the worst effects of global warming, which it said would include record-breaking droughts and rising oceans.

Thank you to Mr D Murphy who requested that we all discuss this as TOTW.

Thank you,  
Mrs A Wlimot

## 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.



## Second Hand Uniform

If you have any old school uniform that your son no longer needs or has grown out of we would be grateful if you could please donate it to the PTA second hand uniform shop. Please send items via your son in a carrier bag for the attention of Mrs Evans in the main office.

We are very short of blazers and sports kit.

Many Thanks

Mrs Evans

## Beechen Cliff Annual Music Concert 2019

The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, (BA2 2BD). Several Ensembles will be involved, including Concert Band, Swing Band, Folk Group, String Group, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Year 7 Orchestra, presenting a wide range of repertoire.

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 9.30pm including a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

Tickets are priced at just £1 and can be acquired via ParentPay. Please Note: this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

Mr P E Calvert  
Head of Music



# Auction of Promises

Beechen Cliff School

*In the Main Hall*

requests the pleasure of your company on:

*Friday 8th March 2019 for a  
fantastic evening of fun and fundraising  
Starting at 7pm*

Tickets are £12 per person which includes dinner and a welcome drink a cash bar will be available

*Dress to Impress*

Bidding will start promptly at 7.30pm  
pay by cash or cheque on the night!



Tickets on ParentPay, or if no access to ParentPay, email  
Sarah.Evans@beechencliff.org.uk  
to secure a place.

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA

### **Auction of Promises**

**Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 7-7.30pm**

### **Beechen Cliff Hall**



Going, going.....  
Sights set on a new  
Club House! Just  
over 1 week to go!



We are delighted to announce that Olympic Swimmer and TV Presenter Sharron Davies MBE will be opening the evening for us, before handing over to our auctioneer Phil O'Hare who will guide us through an exciting evening of bidding in the live auction. He'll also introduce the sealed bids process which will be open to the whole school community as well as those there on the night.

### **Promises for All**

If you're about to book a ski holiday with friends, a week in the sun, want some extra help with Maths, Biology or Spanish, dream of a family day out without phones, wish you could find an original gift, need to get that bicycle roadworthy or yourself fit, then consider the Auction of Promises Catalogue first. Over 50 generous donors have donated to ensure that every penny you spend on items such as the above will go straight to fund a new Club House with catering facilities and outdoor seating, where pupils, parents, teachers and visitors can gather together for sports and social events.

### **Tickets**

Last tickets are on ParentPay now at £12 per person to include dinner and a welcome drink. Get a group of 6 or more together, buy your tickets and email the lead name and number on your table to [kateabbey@hotmail.com](mailto:kateabbey@hotmail.com) or let Kate know if you want to add extra people to your existing table. For individuals, couples or smaller groups simply book your ticket/s and come along and table share in the fun on the night! Only 3 tables remain, so please don't miss out.

### **Catalogue**

A full Catalogue will be available this week with information on all sealed bids and Live Auction Promises. Please see the attached poster and provisional bidding list for details to date.

A very big thank you to all our generous Promise donors, your support is very much appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you on the night!

Kate and Annie

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

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 4th March** is:

**Monday:** Beef Sausages with Gravy (G), Chicken with Roasted Tomatoes and Peppers, Lentil and Spinach Curry

**Tuesday:** Pork Steak with Creamy Peppercorn Sauce, Chicken and Sweet corn Pie (G), Tomato and Vegetable Pasta (G)

**Wednesday:** Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding (G), Fag-got with Onion Gravy, Spinach Potato and Goats Cheese Filo Parcel (G)

**Thursday:** Merguez Sausage and Bean Casserole (G), Creamy Pesto Chicken, Mixed Bean and Tomato Casserole

**Friday:** Fish of the Day, Cajun Chicken with Herb Mayo, Cheese potato and Red Onion Pie (G)

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

Mr D Keal

Head Chef

## **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.

Some origins:

From the Medieval Latin hierarchia: "ranked division of angels", via the Greek hierarkhia "rule of a high priest," via hierarkhes: "high priest, leader of sacred rites," + arkhein: "to lead, rule"...

**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 March	12:00	Football refereeing @ Odd Down	11:30	MB	16:15
Tuesday 5th March	15:15	U12a/U15a Football vs Writhlington (a)	14:30	MB x 2	17:00
	tbc	U16 Hockey regionals @ Millfield	TBC	MB	TBC
Wednesday 6th March	12:00	U18 Rugby 7's @ Middlesex 7's	TBC	MB	TBC
	15:30	U13b Hockey vs Dauntsey's (a)	14:00	MB	17:30
	15:15	U12a/U12b Hockey vs Dauntsey's (h)	14:45	N/A	16:30
	16:00	U16a/U14a Football vs Writhlington (h)	15:20	N/A	17:30
	15:30	U13b Football vs Ralph Allen (a)	14:45	MB	17:00
Thursday 7th March	14:30	1st/2nd XI Football vs Marlborough (a)	12:45	MB x2	18:00
	15:15	U13a Football vs Writhlington (a)	14:00	Coach (leaves at 14:15)	17:00
	16:00	U12b Football vs Ralph Allen (h)	15:20	N/A	17:00
	16:00	U15a Hockey vs Dauntsey's (a)	14:15	MB	18:00
	15:00	1st/2nd Netball vs Prior Park (a)	14:15	9 seater	16:30
Friday 8th March	TBC	U12a Hockey vs Bristol Grammar (a)	TBC	MB	TBC
Saturday 9th March	10:30	U12a/U12b/U12c/U13b/U13c Football vs QEH (a)	8:45	Coach (leaves at 09:00)	12:30
Sunday 10th March	TBC	U18's/U16's 7's @ Canford	TBC	MB x 2	TBC

## Sporting Results for week commencing 11th February 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U14a Football vs The Blue School	County Cup	Won	7-2
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U12a Hockey vs King Edwards	Friendly	Lost	5-1
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U12b Hockey vs King Edwards	Friendly	Draw	1-1
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U12c Hockey vs King Edwards	Friendly	Lost	6-0
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> XI hockey vs Kind Edwards	Friendly	Draw	1-1
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U14a Hockey vs Wellsway	Friendly	Won	9-0
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U18 Tennis vs Colstons	LTA Competition	Lost	5-1
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U13a Hockey vs Monkton Combe	Friendly	Lost	5-0
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U13b Hockey vs Monkton Combe	Friendly	Lost	10-0
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U12a Hockey vs Monkton Combe	Friendly	Lost	5-4
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U12b Hockey vs Monkton Combe	Friendly	Won	5-3
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Football vs Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	1-0
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Football vs Kingswood	Friendly	Draw	1-1
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Hockey vs Bristol Grammar	Friendly	Lost	4-0
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U14a Hockey vs King Edwards	Friendly	Draw	1-1
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Netball vs Colstons	Friendly	Lost	33-22
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Netball vs Colstons	Friendly	Lost	20-7

Mr M Walker  
Fixtures Co-ordinator