



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 7th March 2019



# 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!



Last Tickets available 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](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

and for the Sixth Form please call **01225 485221**



## Calendar

### Friday 8th March

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

### Sunday 10th March

USA Ski Trip Returns

### Monday 11th March

L6th UCAS Fair at UWE

### Tuesday 12th March

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

L6th UCAS Fair at UWE

### Wednesday 13th March

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

### Friday 15th March

Sixth Form Interviews for Year 11 pupils

### Sunday 17th March

L6th Spanish Study Trip to Malaga (17th–23rd March)

### Monday 18th March

Faculty Meetings

### Tuesday 19th March

Sixth Form Interviews for Year 11 pupils

### Wednesday 20th March

Concert at St Luke's Church

### Thursday 21st March

L6th Geography Trip to Three Cliffs Bay

French Exchange (21st - 29th March)

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



### **Auction of Promises This Friday 8th March 7pm Main Hall Beechen Cliff**

Looking forward to seeing everyone who has bought tickets for this event on ParentPay.

Essential information for the night:

- 7pm arrival for prompt 7.30pm start
- Cash or Cheque payment on the night for Promises bought
- Cash Bar
- A meal and welcome drink is included in your ticket
- Its an excuse to dress up night!
- No paper tickets needed - we'll have a ParentPay checklist

Don't forget to check the catalogue prior to the night for Promises you're interested in putting a bid in for, either individually or as a group.

## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Women's History Month which is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.

During the month of March, we give a little extra attention to all of the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women. Since 1987, March has been recognised as National Women's History Month. Every woman has a story to tell and gifts to share with the world.

Why National Women's History Month is Important

### 1. We haven't given women their due attention

For many years, women weren't acknowledged in historical texts. This isn't because women weren't in the midst of important discoveries or helping out with important conquests. It's mainly because men wrote the majority of historical documents for thousands of years. In March, we dig deep to uncover many of the important roles women have played throughout history.

### 2. Women are inspirational

Learning about women who have stood up for their rights and fought for what they believe is fantastic motivation. We all have the power to influence the direction our world is headed in, and National Women's History Month reminds us of that.

### 3. It recognizes the strength and power of women

It's easy to get caught up in the grind of daily life, but this month is an excellent opportunity to put a spotlight on all of the major things women accomplish each and every day. From domestic chores and carrying babies to fighting wars and governing countries, women are amazing.

<https://www.newsweek.com/womens-history-month-facts-about-womens-history-inspiring-women-824838>

<https://www.thoughtco.com/womens-history-month-3530805>

Emma Watson inspirational speech in full.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkjW9PZBRfk>

Thank you,

Mrs A Wlimot

PSHE Co-ordinator

## Education for Wellbeing

Half of Year 9 have been chosen to take part in an Education for Wellbeing research project, commissioned by the DofE. Students took a survey last year as the first part of this research project (letters were sent to parents and carers at the time), and are now taking part in phase two, which is a mental health curriculum taught over 6 sessions. This will be delivered by staff who have been trained by the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, and students will be rotated around so that they do not miss the same lesson six times. After the curriculum is delivered, students will take a second survey to provide feedback. More information about the curriculum is attached.

Thank you,

Miss P Netto

## Lansdown Golf Club Open Day

We are holding an open day event at Lansdown on 7th April. It will comprise a mix of activities for all ages and genders with an emphasis on family and junior involvement. We are Golf Mark accredited and also a member of the Community Association of Golf Clubs with fully trained and certificated staff.

The open day itself will offer opportunities for new golfers to try their hand at the full range of shots under the tuition of our team of professionals. There will also be the opportunity for current golfers to play both the main and academy courses.

In addition to the specific open day, we also offer structured coaching on an individual or group or group basis, something which has proved in the past to be an enjoyable and rewarding activity for juniors and one which has led to a number of juniors finding golf to be a valued and enduring addition to the mainstream school sports.

The open day itself is totally free of charge and is being run in conjunction with England Golf as part of their national Get into Golf scheme.

Best regards,

Alan Wheeler

Greens Chairman

Lansdown Golf Club

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### Word of the Fortnight

#### **Astute**

(adjective)

= shrewd or quick-witted

= someone who understands things quickly

#### Word pairs:

Astute observation

Astute move

Astute politician

#### Use it:

It was an **astute** observation, but Francis regretted saying it immediately.

She was **astute** enough to realise that Toby is just doing his mother's bidding.

#### Etymology:

Astute comes from the Latin word astutus, which means 'crafty' or 'shrewd'.

#### Spell it:

Astute

As-tute

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

The planned menu for the coming week,

Commencing Monday 11th March is:

**Monday:** Pasta Bolognese (G), Ham with Parsley Sauce, Goats Cheese and Red Onion Filo Parcel (G)

**Tuesday:** Chicken with a White Wine Cream Sauce, Steak and Kidney Pie (G), Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese (G)

**Wednesday:** Roast Turkey, Minted Lamb and Vegetable Stew, Bruschetta (G)

**Thursday:** Beef Curry, Chicken and Kidney Bean Pasta (G), Mixed Bean Chilli

**Friday:** Fish of the Day, Chicken with smoked Bacon and Onion Gravy, Feta Courgette and Aubergine Bake

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

Mr D Keal

Head Chef

### **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

### **Quiz and Curry Night – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Tickets Available Now on Parent Pay. . .

The school is organising another Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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.



**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 11th March	15:15	U14a Hockey vs Colstons (a)	13:45	MB	17:30
	15:45	U13a Hockey 7's vs Downside (a)	14:30	MB	17:30
Tuesday 12th March	14:40	U14a Hockey vs Bristol Grammar (a)	13:00	MB	16:30
Wednesday 13th March	10:00	U18 Rugby 7's @ Surrey	07:00	MB	19:00
	10:00	U15 Rugby 10's @ Millfield	08:00	MB	17:00
	15:15	U12a/b Hockey vs Colstons (a)	13:45	Coach	17:30
	17:00	1st XI Hockey vs Kingswood (a)	15:30	9 seater	19:00
	14:30	U14a Football vs Millfield (h)	13:30	n/a	16:30
	14:30	U14c Football vs Millfield (h)	13:30	n/a	16:30
Thursday 14th March	14:00	1st XI Hockey vs Downside (a)	12:30	MB	16:30
	14:00	2nd XI Hockey vs Downside (h)	13:00	n/a	16:00
	14:30	1st/2nd Netball vs Sexey's (h)	13:30	n/a	16:00
	14:00	U18's Tennis vs Colstons (a)	12:45	MB	17:00
	15:30	U13a/b Tennis vs Colstons (a)	14:15	MB	18:00

**Sporting Results for week commencing 26th February**

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U15 Indoor Cricket @ St Katherines	Indoor Play Off	Won	n/a
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U14a Football vs Oldfield	Friendly	Won	4-1
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U12a Football vs Oldfield	Friendly	Won	6-1
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U15a Football vs Oldfield	Friendly	Won	7-0
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U13a Football vs Oldfield	Friendly	Lost	5-2
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U13 Indoor Cricket @BCS	Indoor Play Off	Won	N/a
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football vs Downside	Friendly	Won	6-0
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U16a Football vs The Castle School	County Cup	Lost	2-0
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U13a Hockey regionals	County Championships	Lost	N/a

## Rugby Success

During this season Year 13 student, Oli Johnson has experienced great success through the South West England Counties U18s Aspirational Pathway. From a series of trials at the start of the season, which comprised of inter-county matches and trial days, Oli was selected from 8 other county squads into the South West England squad. This squad then played a game against Gloucester Academy on 3 February (with Oli scoring the winning try in the last 2 minutes of the match) followed by a training session on 17 February. All of this is led to a divisional weekend on 22-24 February where the players had the opportunity to be selected for England Counties U18s squad who will go on to play in Ireland in April. From 92 players up for selection, Oli is delighted to have made the England Standby Squad.



Oli has been at Beechen Cliff School since joining the 6th form in 2017, and is a boarder in the school's boarding house. He has played rugby since he was 6yrs old and has represented his county of Dorset & Wiltshire for the last 4 years. He plays at either fly half, inside centre or full-back. With focused game management skills and a great knowledge and understanding for the game, Oli is able to move his team around the pitch into scoring opportunities. He has accurate passing and kicking skills, whilst also being able to take opportunities for himself with fast footwork and a great turn of speed and acceleration.

Commenting on his success this season Oli said "I am very proud of what I have achieved and owe a lot of my success to Mr Turner, and my coaches Geraint and Ryan. Their coaching and support has been fantastic and really helped me develop as a player. I have learned more in the last two years at Beechen than I have over my entire rugby career so far and am very grateful for all the time and effort that has been invested in me and my future."