



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 9th May 2019

Message from Deputy Headmaster

The 2019 public examination season has already started, with coursework and language orals at both GCSE and A Level taking place in the last fortnight. With written examinations soon upon all pupils and students, from Year 7 to the Upper Sixth, I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck. Although examinations play an important role as a passport to the next stage of education, it should also be remembered that they are a snapshot of learning at school. Learning takes many forms and has many purposes, from the critical thinking abilities to team-working skills, from the simple joy of asking and finding out “why?” to understanding others’ thoughts and feelings. Whatever the field, all we can ever ask is that our pupils and students do their best: that they seek out opportunities, take on challenges and *look after* themselves and each other along the way. Examinations are important, stressful and inevitable; they are not everything. Maintaining a sense of balance alongside aspiration is critical and I would encourage all pupils, students and parents to reflect on this in the coming weeks.

Mr J Oldham
Deputy Headmaster

Calendar

Friday 10th May

SMT Strategy Day

Saturday 11th May

Ten Tors (11th -12th May)

Monday 13th May

GCSE Exams Begin

Year 7 Summer Exams (13th – 17th May)

Tuesday 14th May

6th Form Booking Main Hall (15:30-16:30)

Thursday 16th May

Year 8 Summer Exams (16th – 22nd May)

Year 9 Art: Drawing Afternoon in Bath

Friday 17th May

Bronze DoE Training (17th – 18th May)

Monday 20th May

A Level Exams Begin

U6th Study Leave Starts

Tuesday 21st May

Year 7 Energy Trip (21st/22nd May)

Thursday 23rd May

Year 7 Trip to @Bristol

Year 8 Trip to Big Pit

Friday 24th May

End of Spring Term

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**

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on raising awareness of The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

Please go through the information below and use the attached document to help students gain understand of how they can help and why it is so important. The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is an observed on May 17th and aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide.

The main purpose of the May 17th is to raise awareness of violence, discrimination, and repression of LGBT communities worldwide, which in turn provides an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue with the media, policymakers, public opinion, and wider civil society.

Fifty years after homosexuality was decriminalised in England and Wales, 72 other countries and territories worldwide continue to criminalise same-sex relationships, including 45 in which sexual relationships between women are outlawed.

There are eight countries in which homosexuality can result in a death penalty, and dozens more in which homosexual acts can result in a prison sentence, according to an annual report by the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA).

A spokesman for the LGBT charity Stonewall said that, while it was important to remember how far the UK had come on LGBT rights since the 1967 Sexual Offences Act, many challenges remained.

“Same-sex relations are illegal in 72 countries, and punishable by death in eight. We all have a part to play in ensuring all LGBT people are accepted without exception and all we can hope is that, in 50 more years, we will have lots more progress to look back on,”

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/about-us>
<https://www.idahobit.org.au/>
https://www.stonewall.org.uk/system/files/gender_stereotypes_posters.pdf

Mrs A Wilmot
Head of PSHE

Next Week's Refectory Menu (w/c 13th May)

Monday: Ham and Tomato Pasta (G), Chicken with a Mushroom and Onion Gravy, Roasted Vegetable and Tomato Pasta (G)

Tuesday: Paprika Spiced Chicken, Beef and Mushroom Pie (G), Tomato and Basil Gnocchi (G)

Wednesday: Roast Beef, Creamy Chicken and Vegetable Casserole, Celeriac Potato and Cheese Bake

Thursday: Chicken in Bacon with a Peppercorn Sauce, Beef Curry, Cheddar and Red Onion Quiche (G)

Friday: Creamy Prawn and Pesto Pasta (G), Gammon with a Pineapple and Chilli Salsa, Roasted Vegetable Wellington (G)

Be Tick Aware

At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many pupil and students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. Due to the mild winter these minute spider like insects are in great abundance this year. They are parasitic and take blood from their host. They are normally easy to remove with tweezers and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely debilitating. The incidence of this disease is on the rise so here is some advice on what to look out for. Further details are available by following the links from the Outdoor Education section of the school website or directly from <http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/>



The rash is very distinctive and looks like a target/dart board. Please consult your doctor if you see this.

LYME DISEASE

SYMPTOMS

If bit by a tick carrying lyme bacteria you may get some/all of the following symptoms:

- ◆ Fatigue
- ◆ Weakness
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Back Pain
- ◆ Joint Muscle Pain
- ◆ Stiff Sore Neck
- ◆ Nausea/Diarrhoea
- ◆ Sore Throat
- ◆ Swollen Glands
- ◆ A Rash
- ◆ Dizziness
- ◆ Confusion
- ◆ Buzzing in Nerves
- ◆ Paralysis
- ◆ Trouble with: Speaking Thinking Talking Walking Concentrating
- ◆ Trouble Breathing
- ◆ Mood Swings Crying Spells

Mr D Brewer
Head of Humanities

Exam

Words of the Week *

- ✓ What do they **mean**?
- ✓ What are they asking you to **do** in the exam?
- ✓ Where have you seen them **before**?

***Note:** some of these words may have slightly different meanings in some subjects – always check with your teacher!

Discuss = Also known as ‘**examine**’ and ‘**consider**’ – give the main reasons ‘for’ and ‘against’ and come to a conclusion.

Suggest = Offer ideas / put forward ideas / propose something.

Summarise = Draw your key ideas or points together / review key points in one paragraph.

Summer Examinations for pupils in Years 7-10

The dates of the examination weeks are below:

Year 7	13 th -17 th May	Year 9	3 rd - 7 th June
Year 8	16 th - 22 nd May	Year 10	10 th - 14 th June

Over the next few weeks they will be looking at the examination timetables with their tutors and receiving support and guidance on revision from both their tutors and class teachers.

The examination timetables and support and guidance documents are available for both parents and pupils on the School Website.

Pupils have been given the message to take these examinations seriously and to do their best but to try not to worry about them.

In Year 10 pupils have also been reminded of the JCQ rules for Non Exam Assessment sand the expectations when sitting examinations in Formal Examination Halls with GCSE invigilators, which begins in some subjects in Year 10.

I wish all our pupils a positive examination season in the weeks ahead.

Mr T D Markall
Assistant Headmaster

Literacy

Reader of the Week

Joseph (7B Y5) is our Reader of the week. A dedicated reader with 18 Accelerated book quizzes under his belt. Clearly an avid fan of Cressida Cowells ‘How to Train your Dragon’ series, Joseph has read and quizzed on all 12 books, gaining 80 points for Byron. Great Reading Joseph!



Book Recommendation

The Enemy by Charlie Higson



When the sickness came, every parent, police officer, politician - every adult fell ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry.

Only children under fourteen remain, and they're fighting to survive.

Now there are rumours of a safe place to hide. And so a gang of children begin their quest across London, where all through the city - down alleyways, in deserted houses, underground - the grown-ups lie in wait. But can they make it there - alive?

Also in the series...



Mrs Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

PTA News



PTA Meeting this Monday 13th May
7pm in the School Library. All parents and carers very welcome.

Hope to see you there!

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 13th May	15:45	U14a Cricket vs Millfield (a)	14:00	MB	20:00
	15:00	U13a Cricket vs Millfield Prep (a)	13:15	MB	19:00
<i>TBC</i>	14:00	<i>U15a Cricket vs Churchill (h)</i>	13:00	<i>MB</i>	19:00
Tuesday 14th May	12:30	District Athletics @ Bath University	11:30	Coach (leaves at 11:45)	16:30
	17:00	Hockey 7's @ Downside	16:00	MB	20:00
Wednesday 15th May	15:30	U12a Cricket vs Writhlington (a)	14:15	MB	18:00
	16:00	U13a Cricket vs Writhlington (h)	15:20	n/a	18:00
	14:30	Year 9/10 B team vs Ralph Allen (h)	14:00	n/a	18:00
	12:45	U15a Cricket vs Downside (a)	14:00	MB	19:00
Thursday 16th May	14:00	1st XI Cricket vs Monkton (a)	12:00	MB	20:00
	14:00	U14a/U14b Cricket vs Downside (a)	12:30	Coach (leaves at 12:45)	19:00

Sporting Results for week commencing 25th April 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
29th April	U15a Cricket vs Kingswood	Bristol Schools Cup	Won	By 72 runs
	U16a Hockey @ Nationals	National Finals	Won	See Match Report
30th April	1 st XI Cricket vs Kingswood	T20	Won	By 56 runs
	U14 Football vs Bucklers Mead Academy	County Cup Final	Won	4-1
1st May	U14a Cricket vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Won	By 37 runs
	U14b Cricket vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Won	By 6 wickets
2nd May	1 st XI Cricket vs Prior Park	T20	Lost	By 43 runs
4th May	U13a Cricket vs Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	By 10 wickets
	U12a Cricket vs Kingswood	Bristol Schools Cup	Won	By 10 wickets
	U12b Cricket vs Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	By 10 wickets

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator