



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 26th September

### Message

This week has seen the conclusion of a series of assemblies led by Senior House Prefects in the Sixth Form for lower school houses. Based around the School's core values, the Sixth Form students shared their take on what the values mean to them, with a particular emphasis on taking opportunities to enjoy a balanced school and life experience. We have the largest number of Sixth Form students ever with leadership roles this year and we value their input with school life immensely. Whether they have been at the school for just one year of the Sixth Form or six years from Year 7, they share a commitment to, and pride in, the school. We look to them to help lead our school community but equally look to all pupils in all years to play their part; leadership is not about a job title but a set of values and behaviour that they can all demonstrate.

Mr J Oldham  
Deputy Head and Head of Sixth Form

### Calendar

#### Wednesday 25th September – 2nd October

Montpellier Exchange

#### Monday 30th – 2nd October

7H to Tir y Cwm

#### Tuesday 1 October

Super Curricular Lecture Series - 3pm in Main Hall

#### Friday 4th October

Year 7 Welcome Service at St Luke's 14.30 – 15.25pm

#### Monday 7th October

Whole School Photograph

#### Tuesday 8th October

Super Curricular Lecture Series 3pm in Main Hall

Year 10 Parents GCES Course Information Evening 7pm – 8pm

#### Thursday 10th October

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Parents Evening 4pm – 6pm

### Forthcoming Annual Piano Concert



Our annual Piano Concert is on Thursday 24th October at 7pm at St Lukes Church.

Further details regarding the concert will appear in the next few weeks. If you would like your son/daughter to perform in the concert (on a very nice grand piano!) Please email [music@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:music@beechencliff.org.uk)

Mr P E Calvert  
Head of Music

### Attendance



#### Reporting Pupil Absences

Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting any absences from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments.

**Lower School Pupils** to report a Lower School absence please call the Attendance Office direct on **01225 485222**, or you can email [attendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

#### Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on **01225 485221**.

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types – in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. The theme of this year's event proclaims "Censorship Leaves Us in the Dark," urging everyone to "Keep the Light On." More information is to be found in library including a list of this years 'Banned Books'.

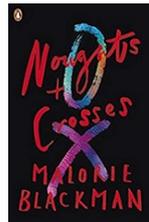


### Library Book Recommendation of the Week

*Noughts & Crosses* by Malorie Blackman.

AR Book Level 4.0

'Stop it! You're all behaving like animals!  
Worse than animals - like blankers!'

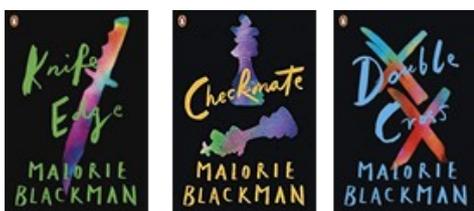


Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely, and burns with injustice at the world she sees around her.

Callum is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing - a blanker, there to serve Crosses - but he dreams of a better life.

They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies - love is out of the question.

Then - in spite of a world that is fiercely against them - these star-crossed lovers choose each other. But this is love story that will lead both of them into terrible danger . . . and which will have shocking repercussions for generations to come.



Also in the series:

Mrs Dunn  
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

## Theme of the Week – European Week

The European Day of Languages is 26th September but we are celebrating all week.

- **A European themed Quiz** during Tutor Time . Each Tutor group will submit their answers and there is a prize for the best!
- **Themed Menu** - Chef Dan and his team in the canteen have planned typical dishes from five European countries, Spain, France, German, Italy and Poland. The menus will also been written in the language of the day.
- **European day of Languages treasure hunt** for year 7s (teams of 2-3) - we will give these out in French lessons this week but there will also be spare copies for tutors to share with their tutor group in case tutees from other year groups want to take part.

Buon Divertimento  
Amusez-vous bien!  
Diviértete  
Viel Spass!  
dobrej zabawy!



Linda Zuanella  
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

## Word of the Week

LATIN: 'before'

LATIN: 'runner' or  
'running messenger'

# precursor

(noun) an event that leads to another event or a discovery

**Synonyms:** parent, ancestor, forerunner.

 le précurseur  
 el precursor

### Subjects:

**Music:** Blues and country music were the precursors to rock

**History:** V-1 flying bombs from WW2 were precursors to today's weaponry.

**English:** Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* is the precursor for Dr. Seuss' character called the Grinch.

# SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE DATES

The PTA would like to thank everyone for all their donations of the 'New-style' school uniform over the summer. It has been wonderful to receive so much new stock for the on-going sales! Please do keep your donations coming.

Here are the latest forthcoming sale dates. Please come and have a look and buy even if it is not your child's parents evening:

- Thursday 26th Sept 7-8pm
- Monday 9th Dec 4.30 -7.30pm
- Thursday 16th Jan 4.30 -7.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd Jan 4.30 -7.30pm
- Wednesday 26th Feb 4.30 -7.30pm
- Tuesday 10th March 4.30 -7.30pm

If you do need buy something in between sale dates, it would be a good idea to write a list (with size details) and hand into School Reception. A current price list for uniform items was published in the Weekly Newsletter 12th September.

Thank you from the Second Hand Uniform Team

Lesley, Jo and Amy

## PTA News

### New Co-Chairs!

We are delighted to announce that Year 8 parents Lesley Leming and Marina Beare were voted in as the new PTA Co-Chairs at last week's PTA meeting. We know they will do a great job and wish them every success in their new role.

### Wessex Water Award

Over the Summer the PTA secured an award for £1,245 from Wessex Water as part of the Wessex Watermark 25 scheme, to help fund a water bottle filling station for the school. We are very grateful for this generous award which will help ensure pupils stay healthy and hydrated and reduce our use of single-use plastic bottles.

A final thank you for everyone's support of the PTA over the last 2 years and we look forward very much to future planned PTA events and activities.

Kate and Annie

## Menu for w/c Monday 30th September

**Monday:** Faggots with Gravy (G), Chicken Tagine, Mushroom Stroganoff (D)

**Tuesday:** Mac and Cheese (G,D), Paprika spiced Chicken with a Mango Salsa, Smoked Cheddar and Onion Quiche (G,D)

**Wednesday:** Roast Pork with Apple sauce, Honey and Mustard Chicken, Gnocchi with Tomato and Basil Sauce (G)

**Thursday:** Beef and Parsnip Pie (G), Chicken with a Mushroom Cream Sauce (D), Bruschetta (G)

**Friday:** Fish of the Day, Pork with a Peppercorn Sauce (D), Veggie Chilli (G)

(G) Contains Gluten

(D) Contains Dairy

Chef

## Family Action on Climate Emergency

We have been contacted by a parent at St Stephens School in Bath about a local organisation called FACE - Family Action on Climate Emergency. They understand that parents, carers and pupils are growing increasingly concerned about climate change, but are often unsure what they can do about it.

FACE (Family Action on Climate Emergency) is a growing network of families and friends taking collective, positive action to tackle the climate emergency. **We would love to hear from you if you are concerned about the climate** and want to learn/do more, or if you are already taking action and could share ideas. Check us out and get in

touch: [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyActiononClimateEmergency)

[FamilyActiononClimateEmergency](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyActiononClimateEmergency), twitter @FACEclimate or

email [FACE2030bath@gmail.com](mailto:FACE2030bath@gmail.com)



## Sporting Fixtures for Week Commencing Monday 30th September 2019

Day	Kick-off/Start time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/Return
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	Skiing - BISS National Indoor Championships	07.15	MB	20.00
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	14.00	U15a rugby vs Churchill (a)	12.30	MB x 2	18.00
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.30	1st XV rugby vs Hartpury (h)	12.00	n/a	17.00
	11.00	GCSE Football Moderation @ Odd Down 3G	10.30	MB x 2	13.00
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	15.30	3rd XV rugby vs Malmesbury (a)	13.00	Coach @	18.30
	14.30	U16a/U16b rugby vs KES (a)	13.15	MB x 2	17.30
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>					
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	U13a/U13b rugby vs Kingswood (a)	09.00	n/a	12.00
	10.00	U12a/U12b rugby vs Kingswood (h)	09.00	n/a	12.00
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>					

## Sports Results for Week Commencing Monday 16th September 2019

*Please see the Beechen Cliff Sport Website for details*

Mr Walker Jones  
Fixtures Co-ordinator



**BEECHEN CLIFF TENNIS**

JUNIOR 14U GROUP WEDS 3.30-4.30PM  
25 SEPT - 20 NOV £35 FOR 7 WEEKS  
BASIC TECHNIQUE & TACTICS AND GAMEPLAY OPPORTUNITY

RED HEROES 5-8YRS WEDS 4.30-5.30PM  
2 OCT - 20 NOV £36  
6 WEEK INTRODUCTORY INDOOR COACHING COURSE

FOR BOOKINGS & INFORMATION  
EMAIL [INFO@TT-TENNIS.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@TT-TENNIS.CO.UK)