



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 10th October 2019

Message

The Sixth Form Open Morning on Saturday will be an opportunity for our Year 11 parents and pupils to attend a number of talks by teachers of 'A' level subjects and to begin conversations about the next stages in the boys' education. We very much look forward to meeting you all on Saturday, together with Year 11 pupils from the city and beyond – hopefully giving them all an opportunity to see what makes the provision at Beechen Cliff School so special.

The 'Theme of the Week' focuses on World Mental Health Day, an opportunity to highlight the need to raise awareness and to encourage strategies to support those around us. I do hope you will take the opportunity to read through the information in the newsletter and to consider our collective role in raising awareness and strengthening the strategies which 'make a difference'.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Saturday 12th October

Sixth Form Open morning 9.00–13.00

Tuesday 15th October

Super Curricular Lecture Series 15.30 in the Main Hall
Year 11 Parents Exam Information Evening 19.00 –20.00

Wednesday 16th October

Parents' Information and DofE Enrolment Evening in the Main Hall

Thursday 17th October

Year 10 Art Trip to Bristol
Iceland Parents Information Evening 18.00–19.00 in the Pavilion

Thursday 17th –Thursday 24th October

Spanish Exchange—Cordoba

Friday 18th October

Year 9 Surfing Trip

**** Thursday 24th October ****

MNSP Apprenticeship Fair-Writhlington School
see invitation letter attached to this newsletter

MNSP DRUGS IN SCHOOL POLICY

All schools have a Drugs Policy based on detailed frameworks that have been produced by national and local bodies. This policy is used to ensure that we have maximum impact in preventing drug, alcohol, tobacco and other substance misuse, in promoting the health and wellbeing of all young people.

The role of parents and carers is crucial in shaping young people's attitudes to drugs and alcohol. Ensuring that parents are aware of the school's approach to drugs and alcohol is an important element in maximising impact.

Please find attached our school policy. Please note that all references to smoking include vaping.

In all cases where pupils are in breach of this policy, parents will be informed.

Mr K S Mann
Assistant Headteacher

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

Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on **01225 485221**. or you can email sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk.

Sleuth – Parents and Carers of Pupils in Year 7

You should have received your login information for your son's Beechen Cliff Sleuth Account. This is a reminder to activate your account. If you are having difficulties please contact your son's tutor.

Theme of the Week



Thursday 10th October is **World Mental Health Day**. This is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organisation with members and contacts in more than 150 countries.

The theme selected for this year's day is suicide prevention. According to the World Health Organisation, **close to 800 000 people die due to suicide every year, which is one person every 40 seconds; in the UK suicide remains the most common cause of death for males between the ages of 20-49**. The aim of campaigns like World Mental Health Day is to tackle some of the stigma that surrounds talking about mental health, educate people about mental health and encourage people to take care of their mental well-being so that together we can prevent suicide.

Most of us will need some support with our mental health at some point - whether this is talking to a professional, chatting with a friend or the simple act of knowing someone is there for you. This week, we are encouraging **everyone** in our community to think about both their own mental health (putting their own well-being first) and supporting others who need it. We are challenging everyone to carry out as many **#40seconds of action** as possible this week - this could be a simple conversation about how someone's day is going, or asking if someone is ok (and remember to ask twice!) or approaching someone to talk to if you are feeling low yourself. You could also spend 40 seconds doing something nice for someone, or take time to do something positive for your own well-being. We will be discussing ideas for **#40seconds of action** during tutor time this week and keeping a tally of how many positive actions we have carried out as a group during the week. The most important thing to remember is that it is ok not to be ok, and we hope that your **#40seconds of action** will be a positive step in the right direction for mental health awareness. The 40seconds flyer is attached to this newsletter

On Thursday, some of the staff and Sixth Formers will be wearing something **green** - this is to raise awareness of the importance of talking about mental health and showing that it is ok to talk. See how much green you can spot on Thursday, and look out for green badges on staff lanyards! There will be a lantern parade in Bath on Thursday evening (organised by Bath Mind) finishing with music, food and information about mental health at the Abbey - this is to encourage residents of Bath to 'shine a light' on mental health. Have a look at the poster attached to this newsletter (and around school) for information - it will be a great event for families to take part in.



At Beechen Cliff, we are part of a strategy called Boys in Mind (Girls Mind Too) which is aiming to reduce stigma and challenge stereotypes to help boys and girls feel empowered to talk about how they are feeling. One of the ways they are doing this is through a film project - check out <https://boysinmind.co.uk/films/> and see if you can spot some BCS students! We are in the process of planning another video with students Year 7-11, so if you are interested please see Miss Netto.

https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day/?gclid=Cj0KCOjwoebsBRCHARIsAC3IP0JmubwUJAK_WIROxXn8-5xzsNk5Aqxeg1bM9hXuAmGg9eQ2j1lhIrgaAhXGEALw_wcB - scroll through the wellbeing tips.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEUoV7zJ8R0> - why is mental health stigma particularly prevalent for males? Prince William and Premiership football stars talk about men and mental health. Do you agree with them? What could be done to tackle this?

Miss P Netto, Mrs A Wilmot and Mrs S Ingram

Duke Of Edinburgh Information and Enrolment



There will be a Parents' Information and DofE Enrolment Evening on Wednesday 16th October in the Main School Hall.

Mr P Carroll
Dof E Award Manager

Annual Piano Concert



The School will be holding its Annual Piano Concert tomorrow Thursday, 24th October 2018 7.00pm at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, Bath (opposite the Devonshire Arms).

All parents, pupils, students and friends of the School are most warmly invited. The Concert will feature pupils and students from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form. All welcome. Tickets are just £1 and are available now via ParentPay.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Year 11 Revision Information Evening

Please note that this is taking place on Tuesday 15th October 7–8 pm in the Main Hall.

We look forward to seeing year 11 parents then.

Mr T Markall
Deputy Head

Library News



Joseph (8BY5) and Tadhg (8KP5) have been exceptional readers so far this term, clocking up a total of nearly 20,000 words between them and passing their Accelerated Reader quizzes with 100%. Good job! The boys have been enjoying reading.....

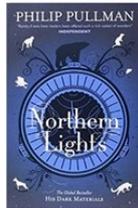


....all books available in the school library.

Library Book Recommendation

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

AR Book Level 6.2



It begins with a girl and her daemon.

The girl is Lyra Belacqua, an orphan who lives in a place like, and yet unlike, Oxford in a parallel universe in which science, theology and magic are entwined. Yet for Lyra, her world is about climbing the rooftops of the Oxford colleges with her friend Roger, entrancing the neighbourhood children with her tales and keeping out of the way of the scholars of Jordan College.

Then children start to go missing, snatched mysteriously by a group the children call 'The Gobblers'. When Roger is taken, Lyra finds herself bound up in a dangerous chase, a daring game of cat-and-mouse that sees her on the run from the highest authorities.

It is a hunt that will take her far from Oxford, to high-society London and the home of the mysterious and beautiful Mrs Coulter and beyond, to the home of the witches and the kingdom of the ice bears where the aurora awaits.

Here Lyra's quest for answers becomes a mission to understand a mysterious phenomenon called Dust and there are secrets too, about her own family, about a prophecy, about betrayal and about the universe; secrets that come at a deadly cost.

Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Menu for w/c Monday 14th October

Monday: Pork Pepper and Tomato Casserole, Chicken with a Mushroom and Onion Gravy, Aubergine and Chick pea curry.

Tuesday: Creamy Beef Pasta (D), Gammon with Pineapple, Tomato and Basil Tart (G)

Wednesday: Pesto Chicken, Roast Beef, Leek, Potato and Smoked Cheddar Filo Parcel (D,G)

Thursday: BBQ Pork Belly (G), Beef Meatballs with a Tomato Sauce, Veggie Hot Pot.

Friday: Fish of the Day, Chilli, Mixed Bean Chilli.

(D) = Contains Dairy
(G) = Contains Gluten

Mr D Keal
Chef

Word of the Week—predate

LATIN: 'before'

predate

(verb) to exist or happen at a date earlier than [something]

Synonyms: to occur before, to precede.

antidater
preceder

Subjects:

Science: Ferns and conifers **predate** flowering plants.

Geography: Most coastal landfills **predate** modern records.

Maths: There is evidence to suggest that mathematics **predates** writing by approximately 10,000 years.

PTA News

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 22nd November 2019
in the School Refectory



Quiz and Curry evening with a prize raffle organised by the PTA

Get your team of 6 together for what should be a fun night out.

The PTA would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all new year 7 families.

Lesley Lemmings and Marina Beare
Co Chairs for PTA Beechen Cliff School

Work experience opportunities with Swainswick

Explorers

Have you got a teenager at home with a flair for organising people, teaching, chatting, crafting or simply love the outdoors? Swainswick Explorers is a play project, running holiday experiences for 4-14 year olds, based in Upper Swainswick village on the north east side of Bath, so not far from Bradford On Avon. We have young volunteers on ALL our events and offer these work experiences for those aged 14+. We tend to recruit our young staff from this pool of volunteers, so it can lead onto paid work for those aged 16+. **Application form on [www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk/what we do](http://www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk/what_we_do) or contact Rachel 07758 515092 to discuss.**

Outdoor adventures

Work Experience
Opportunities for young people
14+ years old



- * Adventures out exploring the countryside
- * Learn to teach crafts like sewing, batik, woodwork, branding, felting, cooking
- * Biking days

Get trained within a supportive and fun team
Contact us for info and application form

www.swainswickexplorers.co.uk

Sporting Fixtures for Week Commencing Monday 14th October 2019

Day	Kick-off/ Start time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/Return
Monday 14th	15.00	U13a Football vs Bradley Stoke (a)	13.15	MB	18.00
		Year 9 Inter-House - P4			
Tuesday 15th	15.15	U14a Football vs Wellington Academy (h)	14.00	MB	17.30
Wednesday 16th	14.15	1st XV Rugby vs Exeter (h)	12.00	N/A	17.00
	13.45	U16a Football vs Oasis Academy (a)		MB	
Thursday 17th	14.15	3rd XV Rugby vs KES (a)	12.30	MB x 2	17.00
	16.00	U12b/U13b Rugby vs St Gregs (h)	15.10	N/A	17.00
Friday 18th		GCSE Rugby Moderation - P1/P2			
	10.00	Project Rugby Festival	9.30	MB	13.30
Saturday 19th	10.00	U13a/U13b Rugby vs KES/St Dunston's (h)	9.00	N/A	11.30
	10.00	U12a/U12b Rugby vs KES (a)	9.00	N/A	11.30
	11.30	U15a/U15b/U14a/U14b Rugby vs KES (a)	10.30	N/A	13.00
Sunday 20th					

Sports Results for Week Commencing 30th September 2019

Please see online at Beechen Cliff Sport Website for details

Mr M Walker-Jones
Fixtures Co-ordinator