



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 24th October 2019

Message

I would like to thank all within our school community for pulling together and showing such understanding and compassion at what has been a very sad time following the tragic loss of one of our boys over the weekend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Max and we extend thanks for the many messages of support, flowers and cards for the family and school community.

The School will continue to offer every possible support to those who need it and I would like to pay tribute to the staff and external counselling support services for the help given to Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield Schools.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Thursday 24th October

MNSP Apprenticeship Fair at Writhlington School

Piano Concert St Luke's Church 19.00-21.00

Friday 25th October

Upper 6th Romania Trip

End of Term

Sunday 27th October

China Trip

Thursday 7th November

Start of Term 2

Tuesday 12th November

Super Curricular Lecture 15.00—16.30 Main Hall

Saturday 16th November

Oxbridge Mock Interview morning

The Year 11 Trial Examination Timetable is also available on the school website or via the link below:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/YR-11-TRIAL-EXAM-TIMETABLE-web-version.pdf>

Year 11 Trial Exams

Year 11 Trial Examinations are taking place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November. Hopefully all Year 11 parents have received a letter about the arrangements for these examinations, either when attending the Year 11 Revision Information Evening on 15th October or in the post after this event.

The slides from the presentation are available on the school website or via the link below:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Year-11-Exam-Revision-Information-Evening-Oct-2019.pdf>

During this week we have adjusted the revision skills programme for Year 11 pupils from the original plan in the context of the tragic news this week. However, we have provided guidance for pupils on revision timetables, revision techniques and the arrangements for the examinations.

We are committed to supporting pupils as effectively as possible in the build to examinations, particularly in the difficult circumstances.

Mr T D Markall

Deputy Head (Curriculum)

Athens marathon and CLIC Sargent

YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER
CLIC SARGENT

Back in May I ran the Edinburgh marathon, raising money for CLIC Sargent and their work for young people with cancer. Now I near the second part of my challenge this year - the "original" marathon itself in Athens on Sunday 10th November.

Whereas Edinburgh was beset with wind and rain, the weather in Athens is looking more favourable (maybe even a bit too hot!). The training has been going well and while the course is quite a challenging one I'm really looking forward to it.

Many thanks to those staff, pupils and parents who sponsored me earlier in the year. The fundraising page is still open if anyone else would like to contribute:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Edward-Gill5>

Many thanks....

Mr E Gill

Head of Maths

egill@beechencliff.org.uk

Codebreaking at Bath University

If you fancy your hand at a bit of codebreaking this weekend....

I will be taking a group of pupils up there on Thursday for their Schools Drop-in Day. There is a general drop-in day suitable for family groups on the Sunday.

For more details click here:

<http://bit.ly/CryptoMathsBath2019>

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Theme of the Week— Time with Tutor Groups

This week's Theme of the Week— to simply talk, and we are encouraging boys to talk in Tutor Time. Its important that all the boys are aware that we are here for them, able to talk to them, and make sure they are ok. It is an opportunity to have a chat, find out plans for a holiday or reflect on the first term.

I have included a few links that might be helpful for you.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/for-schools>

<https://www.tes.com/news/support-sensitivity-solidarity-how-respond-sudden-death-pupil?amp>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/guides-to-support-and-services/bereavement/about-bereavement/#.XaxBP-hKg2w>

<https://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/Bereavement.asp>

Mrs A Wilmot

PSHE

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

sixthatattendance@beechencliff.org.uk.

Duke of Edinburgh Award



The attendance at the Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday 16th October was good, overwhelming for the Bronze award with a packed hall. Thank you for attending. The Letters and Enrolment Forms are available from the Duty Boy's desk or Reception and on the School website at: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/duke-of-edinburgh/Main Page.>Parents>Duke of Edinburgh>

All Enrolment forms are requested to be returned by the end of school on Friday 25th October. Payment is due by 15 November via ParentPay.

Mr P J Carroll
DofE Manager
Beechen Cliff School
Humanities Staff Room Pavilions Ext 259

Library News



Readers of The Week

Joseph (8BY2) and Finley (8CH3) managed to take a total of 6 AR quizzes last week and have been passing them with flying colours! Finley has just read all three books from 'The Hunger Games' series by *Suzanne Collins* and Joseph has been reading 'The Burning Shadow' (*Gods and Warriors Book 2*) by *Michelle Paver*. Great job boys!

Library Book Recommendation

Boom! by Mark Haddon

AR Book Level 4.1 ●



Boom! Is a roller-coaster read with spaceships, spies and mortal danger!

Jim and his best friend Charlie weren't looking for adventure, when they decided to bug the staffroom . . . But then they overhear their teachers speaking in a secret language and it's too late to turn back. And now they have to explain to the police, the headmistress and their parents where they've been for a whole week - without mentioning the aliens.

About the author

Mark Haddon is an author, illustrator and screenwriter who has written fifteen books for children and won two BAFTAs. His bestselling novel, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, was published simultaneously by Jonathan Cape and David Fickling in 2003. It won seventeen literary prizes, including the Whitbread Award. He lives in Oxford.



Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

PTA School Quiz

Friday 22nd Nov 2019

7pm prompt - 10pm Refectory

Beechen Cliff

QUIZ.CURRY.BAR.RAFFLE

Come and support your school, fire up your brain cells and have a laugh with your friends or other Beechen parents.

Teams of up to 6 people
£10 pp for quiz and curry.

Book via ParentPay

The PTA would like to extend a warm welcome to all new year 7 families and can help coordinate tables for any newcomers to the 'fun raising' quiz event.

Raffle prize donations are welcome.

Please contact either Marina Beare or Lesley Leming via email: jesterlb@btinternet.com

Root of the Week

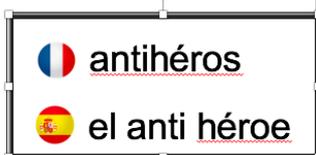
LATIN: opposite,
against

GREEK: someone
to admire

antihero

(noun) the main character of a story,
but one who doesn't act like a hero

Synonyms: rascal,
sinner, scoundrel, devil



Subjects:

English: Macbeth is certainly an **antihero**: he is a rebel who fights against the norms rather than a simple, cut-throat villain.

Film: **Antihero** Han Solo does the right things for the wrong reasons.

Politics: Is Trump an **antihero**?

Sporting Fixtures for Week Commencing Monday 21st October 2019

Day	Kick-off/ Start time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/ Return
TERM BREAK					
Thursday 7 th November	15.00	U18 girls Hockey vs Downside (a) tbc	13.15	MB	18.00
	12.00	Shooting Competition @ Millfield	10.30	MB	17.00
	10.00	U19 Netball Regional Schools @ Kingswood	9.00	MB	15.00
	13.00	U18 Tennis vs Writhlington (a)	12.00	9 seater	16.30
	15.00	U14 Rugby v Ralph Allen (h)	14.30	N/A	16.30
Friday 8 th November	14.00	U16 Football v Archway (h)	12.45	MB	17.00
	14.15	U12a/U12b rugby vs Sir Thomas Rich (a)	12.00	MB x 2	16.00

Sports Results for Week Commencing 12th October 2019

Please see online at *Beechen Cliff Sport Website* for details

Mr M Walker-Jones
Fixtures Co-ordinator

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.swainwickexplorers.co.uk  