



BEECHEN CLIFF

17th January 2020

Message from the Deputy Head

Dear Parents and Carers

This week's 'Theme of the Week' and assembly have been equalities theme this term, age. Along with eight others, age is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 and there have been a number of examples in the media recently of age discrimination cases being upheld. Recent data from surveys of younger workers, as well as older, workers has revealed that age-related discrimination and ageist language are more common than we would hope in the workplace and we have shared examples of this with pupils. Like any other type of discrimination, we want to encourage our pupils to 'call out' offensive language and actions and promote equality regardless of age. We thank you for your support in developing your son/daughter's understanding of equalities issues.

Mr J Oldham

Deputy Head/Safeguarding Lead

Calendar

Monday 20th January

Year 11 Geography Trip (2 days)

Tuesday 21st January

PTA Meeting at 7pm in the School Library.

Wednesday 22nd January

Year 9 Parents Evening 16:30 -20:00

Friday 24th January

Year 9 Holocaust Education Day

Saturday 25th January

Ten Tors Training—Mendips

Tuesday 28th January

Super Curricular Lecture with Mr Tobin in the Main Hall 15.30-16.30

Thursday 30th January

Lower Sixth Parents Evening 16.30-20.00

Friday 31st January

Extra English Mock GCSE 9.00-10.45

Saturday 1st February

Graduate Careers Showcase for Lower 6th Students and Parents 9.00-13.00

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

It is imperative that **all absences** from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments are reported to the School promptly. Please can parents and carers take note of the following correct contact details.

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

Year 9 Immunisations

Year 9 pupils are due routine vaccinations Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY). The date of vaccinations at BCS **will be Monday 10th February**. A ParentPay email was sent to all Year 9 parents on 8th January 2020, which included a link to both the Essential Consent Form and some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) answered. Please take time to read this information and discuss with your child. If your child is not present in school on the day, community clinics will be offered by the Virgin Care team to ensure that children receive these important vaccinations.

If you have any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact us on: 0300 247 0082 or <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/dtp/2019/banes>

Virgin Immunisation Team

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Age Discrimination. The Equality Act is a law which protects you from discrimination. It means that discrimination or unfair treatment on the basis of certain personal characteristics, such as age, is now against the law in almost all cases.

The Equality Act applies to discrimination based on:

- Age
- Race
- Sex
- Gender reassignment
- Disability
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Marriage or civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity

Age is a fundamental and universal aspect of our identity. Unfortunately, age discrimination is still present amongst all age groups in Britain, ranging from stereotypes of elderly people as sick and senile to youngsters as troublesome and irresponsible.

A staggering 70.8 per cent of UK workers reveal discrimination around age is common in their workplace, rising to 85.3 per cent amongst those aged 55-64.

Ageism also appeared to be linked to poorer health among those it affected, the study shows, with reported victims of age discrimination more likely to suffer health problems, or develop them over time.

Age Discrimination - Teenagers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJ3-RWA5AO0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQ8GCmG-Zqw>

Age discrimination can be legal under certain circumstances. The Equality Act allows for age discrimination when it can be 'objectively justified'. That means the employer or service provider must show that they have a good reason for discriminating on the basis of age.

For example, an employer could put an upper age limit on a job where very high levels of physical fitness are required and could not be fulfilled by someone older.

Mrs A Wilmot
Head of PSHE

Library News



Reader of the week

Congratulations to Yancong (7KP6) who is always a familiar and friendly face in the library! Yancong is currently working his way through the 'Horrible Histories' series and has to date taken 15 quizzes and read a total of 428,000 words. Great reading!

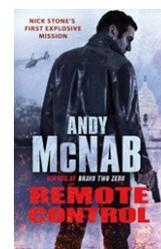


Library Book Recommendation

Remote Control

by Andy McNab

Tough, resourceful, ruthless - as an SAS trooper, Nick Stone was one of the best. Now he's back on the streets. After a botched mission, the Regiment no longer want his services. But British Intelligence does - as a deniable operator. It's the dirtiest job in a very, very dirty world.



In Washington DC, it's about to get dirtier still. On the apparently routine tail of two terrorists, he discovers the bodies of an ex-SAS officer and his family. Soon he's on the run with the lone survivor of the bloodbath - a seven year old girl. And whilst she can identify the killers, only Stone can keep them at bay - and solve a mystery whose genesis takes him back to the most notorious SAS mission in recent history...

Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Word of the Week

LATIN: under

subjective
(adj.) based on personal opinion

Synonyms: personal, individual, biased

subjectif
 subjetivo

Subjects:
Catering: Food quality can be assessed in a subjective and objective way.
CPD: Some types of design are more subjective and 'artful'.
Sport: Some scored activities are objectively scored while some are subjectively scored.

Year 11 Additional Mock Exams

As part of the preparations for GCSEs this summer we plan to run two additional Year 11 mock exams in English and Mathematics.

This is to further encourage the boys to feel comfortable in the exam hall environment and to develop their understanding of the procedures and expectations.

In addition it will provide important feedback to the pupils on their progress in these important core subjects.

The exam dates are as follows:

Friday 31st January – English Language 9:00 - 10:45am

Tuesday 4th February – Mathematics (calculator paper) 1:15 - 2:45pm

Examinations will take place in the Sports Hall (like all formal exams).

Pupils with eligibility for extra time will be expected to make the most of the extra time approved.

Pupils with medical needs, or with reader/scribe approval or using laptops for English will be housed in our new Smaller Exam Centre housed in the School Library.

GCSE Exam Timetables

Draft GCSE Examination timetables will be given to all Year 11 pupils before February half term for checking purposes.

A pack detailing the final examination timetable, the arrangements for the examination period and JCQ exam rules will be mailed home to parents in mid-March.

Please direct any queries to the Examinations Officer or Mr Markall.

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer

Mental Health and Wellbeing

These two words are often used interchangeably, but in fact are two separate things. Wellbeing is broadly defined as 'the state of being comfortable, healthy or happy'; mental health is defined by the World Health Organisation as '...not just the absence of a mental health disorder...but a state of wellbeing where every individual recognises their potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully and is able to make a contribution to their community.'

Physical and mental health are both important aspects of wellbeing - we are trying to encourage our students to understand their wellbeing as a whole, recognise the steps they can take to feel 'well' and understand what to do when they do not feel ok. At the start of a new year, it can be a good time to consider what we can do as individuals, families and a community to encourage and maintain wellbeing. The NHS (supported by mental health organisations) suggest '5 ways to wellbeing':

- * **Connect with others.** Good relationships can promote a sense of belonging and self-worth, provide emotional support and an opportunity to share positive experiences.
- * **Be active.** Regular physical activity is associated with lower rates of depression and anxiety, as well as supporting good physical health. The practice of setting goals is associated with higher levels of wellbeing.
- * **Learn.** Continued learning in life (e.g. new skills, or researching something of interest) enhances self-esteem, encourages participation and helps provide a sense of purpose.
- * **Take notice.** This is a form of mindfulness, and is about having heightened awareness of things around you and the present moment; it enhances self-understanding and appreciation of the little things.
- * **Give.** Research suggests that acts of kindness and giving can improve your wellbeing by creating positive feelings and a sense of reward, giving you a sense of purpose and self-worth and helping you connect with others.

Miss P Netto
Mental Health Lead

Parent Governor Election

To all parents/carers:

Please don't forget to vote in the parent governor election.

Poll closes Monday 20th January 2020 at 12 noon.

Year 11 Revision/Coursework Catch-Up Schedule 2019-20

In the lead up to GCSE Exams in May/June 2020 all Year 11 pupils will be completing coursework and preparing for exams in lessons. Some subjects are running extra sessions to support this process. Details are given below and are also available on the School website

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Year-11-GCSE-Revision-Session-Dates-2020.pdf>

SUBJECT	REVISION CLASS/COURSEWORK CATCH-UP TIMES	DATES
Maths	Thursday, 3:20-4:20pm in M3/M4/M5 (both Higher and Foundation tiers) Some extra sessions will be run during the school day during the exam period	Thursday 6th February - May 2020 Dates TBC
Design & Technology	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3:20-4:30pm in T5/T6 Computer rooms (T5/T6) available every lunchtime	December 2019 - April 2020
Food	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3:20-4:30pm in T5/T6	December 2019 - April 2020
Triple Science & Combined Science	Wednesday 3:20-4:50pm in the Science rooms. 3 x 30minute sessions with Bio/Chemistry/Physics Come to S4. S7 Jan-Feb all students (basics) Targeted Sessions for Higher/Foundation/Separate Science from Feb Half term	January 2020 - exams.
French/German/ Spanish/ Italian	Drop-in: Thursday, 3:20-4:20pm in L3 In addition to this, in January/February individual languages will arrange targeted sessions for specific groups of pupils. Parents will be contacted directly by the Head of Subject.	March - May 2020
History	Monday, 3:30-4:30pm in P7/P8	2 nd March - 27 th April 2020
English	English Language (Small group sessions): Tuesday, 3:15-4:00pm English Masterclasses (Students aiming for grades 8 and 9): Wednesday, 3:15-4:00pm	January - May 2020 January - May 2020
Geography	Tuesday, 3:20- 4:30pm in P1	18 th February 2020 - May 2020
Art	Tuesday and Thursday, 3:20-5:00pm in the Art rooms (other days possible following a discussion with the teacher)	January - April 2020
Photography	Thursday, 3:20-4:30pm in the Photography room, plus most lunchtimes.	January - April 2020
Computer Science	Wednesday, 3:20-4:30pm with Ms Jarvis in C1	January - May 2020
Creative iMedia	Wednesday, 3:20- 4:30pm with Mr Jaggon in C1	January - May 2020
Music	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 3:30- 4:30pm in the Music centre in discussion with the teacher. These sessions are designed for extra time on coursework. Tuesday and Thursday 3:20-4:30pm. Revision sessions in preparation for the listening exam.	January - March 2020 April - May 2020
Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	Wednesday, 3:30-4:30pm in P4	January - May 2020
<u>Study Support</u>	Mr King and Mr Barros are available in the Library every day 3:20- 4:30pm for homework and revision support.	January to May 2020

We recommend that pupils take advantage of Study Support and these revision sessions as part of their exam preparation over the weeks and months ahead. **For some pupils regular attendance will be essential if they are to achieve their full potential in their GCSEs.** We appreciate that some pupils may wish to attend sessions that are running at the same time. In these cases we suggest pupils alternate between the sessions from week to week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries about revision.

Ms S Sullivan
Assistant Headteacher

Whole School Bands Night

Friday 7th February - 7 til 10pm

The first Whole School Bands Night of this academic year will see student bands from across all years come together for an eclectic night of live music in the School Hall. There will be around 6 student bands of all ages performing a mixture of covers and original songs to their friends, classmates, families, and possibly their teachers too!



A cash-only bar will be running with soft/alcoholic drinks available as well as some food and snacks. Tickets will be available soon for £3 each via ParentPay. More details to follow.

Mr D Huntriss
Music Technician

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

Dates

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

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, for the attention of the PTA

Thank you from the Second Hand Uniform Team

Lesley, Jo, Amy, Geri and Jen
PTA Second Hand Uniform Team

BEECHEN CLIFF

2ND HAND UNIFORM

SHOP PRICES

House Colours:

BYRON – red **CHAUCER** – purple **KIPLING** – yellow
MILTON – green **SHAKESPEARE** – blue

General Uniform:

Blazers: £12
Shirts: £3
Trousers: £3
Pullovers: £6
Ties: £2

PE Kit:

PE Shirt: £4
PE Shorts: £4

Cricket Whites:

Cricket Shirts: £3
Cricket Trousers: £3
Cricket Jumpers: £5

Games Kit:

Rugby Shirt: £7
Rugby Short: £5
Rugby Socks: £2
Shin Pads: £2
Rugby/Football/
Trainers/Boots: £4

Coats:

Lightweight/summer: £5
Padded/winter: £8-10



BEECHEN CLIFF TENNIS

JUNIOR 15U GROUP WEDS 3.30-4.30PM

29 JAN - 25 MAR 2019
£40 FOR 8 WEEKS

DEVELOPING INDIVIDUALS SKILLS IN THE 4 PERFORMANCE FACTORS
TECHNIQUE, TACTICS, FITNESS & MENTAL STRATEGIES

FOR BOOKINGS & INFORMATION
EMAIL INFO@TT-TENNIS.CO.UK

New Year, New Horizons!

Thinking of a challenge for 2020? Come and run for the Bath Half for us at Mentoring Plus on March 15 and help raise money and support young people with educational, family, health and emotional needs. We have a few remaining places.

Please contact joanne.radway@mentoringplus.net and make a difference to young people's lives in B&NES.

We are a small charity that makes a big impact!

Please note I work Monday and Wednesday

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SPORTS FIXTURES week commencing 20th January 2020

Details correct at time of publication. Please refer to Beechen Cliff Sports website for any updates

<u>Day</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish/ Return</u>
Monday 20th	U12a/U12b Hockey vs KES (a)	15:20	MB x2	16:15	18:00
Tuesday 21st	U16a Hockey - Avon Cup @ Clifton College	tbc	MB	tbc	tbc
	U14a Hockey vs Monkton (a)	13:30	MB	14:30	16:15
Wednesday 22nd	U13a/U13b Hockey vs Warminster (a)	14:30	MB x2	16:00	18:00
	U17a Rugby vs Stourport High (h)	13:00	MB + 9 seater	14:30	17:00
	U13a Football vs Fairlands (h)	13:45	n/a	14:30	16:00
Thursday 23rd	1st/2nd XI Football vs Kingswood (h)	13:30	n/a	14:30	16:00
	1st XI Hockey vs Monkton (a)	13:30	MB	14:30	16:00
	1st Netball vs Monkton (a)	13:30	MB	14:30	16:00
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					

SPORTS RESULTS from week commencing 6th January

Please see Beechen Cliff Sports website.

Mr M Walker Jones

Fixtures Co-ordinator

