



BEECHEN CLIFF

23rd January 2020

Message from Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

This week the Lower School has been receiving in assembly input from Mr Tobin, focusing on the Holocaust, in readiness for recognising 'Holocaust Day' next week. As well as finding out more about the motivation for genocide, the organisation and the impacts, pupils have had the opportunity to read material which has enhanced their broader understanding of this horrific chapter in modern history.

Hopefully you will be in a position as families to discuss the issues raised and what has been taken from the assemblies.

As always at this time of year, I have been meeting with the Year 11 boys to discuss their future aspirations and more immediate plans.

If, as parents, you would want to pass on information to help inform my discussions, please feel free to get in contact. I hope they find it a useful experience.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

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

Romania 2020 Parent Info Evening 18.00-19.00

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

Tuesday 4th February

Super Curricular Lecture 15.30pm–16.30pm

Wednesday 5th February

USA Ski Trip Parent Information Info evening 17.30pm

Friday 7th February

Bands Night 19.00–22.00

Saturday 8th February

Ten Tors Training—Black Mountains

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

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

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on LGBT History Month – which is February.

The overall aim of LGBT History month is to promote equality and diversity for the benefit of the public.

This is done by:

- * Increasing the visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) people, their history, lives and their experiences in the curriculum and culture of educational and other institutions, and the wider community;
- * Raising awareness and advancing education on matters affecting the LGBT community;
- * Working to make educational and other institutions safe spaces for all LGBT communities; and
- * Promoting the welfare of LGBT people, by ensuring that the education system recognises and enables LGBT people to achieve their full potential, so they contribute fully to society and lead fulfilled lives, thus benefiting society as a whole.

The theme for this year is Poetry, Prose and Plays. In memory of Lyra McKee.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-48018615>

The Four Faces Of 2020 are:

Playwright *Lorraine Hansberry*, author *E.M. Forster*, *William Shakespeare* and biographer *Dawn Langley Simmons*.

A new film about the first Pride London March in 1972 is now available. Directed by Zachary Cole, the film is ostensibly about Britain’s first Pride March. However it covers the beginning of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF), the Peter Tatchell Human Rights Foundation, the Shropshire LGBT Film Festival, the Shropshire National LGBT History Festival (now known as OUTing the Past) and Liverpool Pride. It finishes by asking questions about Pride in London as it is now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3iLkmTp4AM>

Watch from 10mins. There are some disturbing images before that

Mrs A Wilmot
Head of PSHE



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK

Dictionary – tells us how to spell and ‘say’ words

Dictator – a ruler with total ‘say’ in a country

Predict – ‘say’ beforehand

dict

(to say)
LATIN

Dictate – to ‘say’ or order authoritatively

Dedicate – to ‘say’ or devote to another

Verdict – ‘speaking’ of the truth or an outcome

Indicate – ‘say’ or signal that something is known

Library News



Reader of the week

Well done Joe M (7CH4) who has now taken 13 quizzes and read a total of 402,600 words. Joe has most recently been working his way through the ‘How to Train your Dragon’ series by Cressida Cowell. We have a great selection of this series in the library so come in and grab yourself a copy!

Library Book Recommendation



And The Ocean Was Our Sky

by Patrick Ness

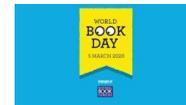
AR Book Level 5.3



"Call me Bathsheba."

The whales of Bathsheba's pod live for the hunt. Led by the formidable Captain Alexandra, they fight a never-ending war against men. Then the whales attack a man ship, and instead of easy prey they find the trail of a myth, a monster, perhaps the devil himself... With their relentless Captain leading the chase, they embark on the final hunt, one that will forever change the worlds of whales and men.

World Book Day Dates 2020 – Save the Date!!



A small reminder that World Book Day is on the 5th March this year. More information to follow....

Mrs H Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

G'day all

Just wanted to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all who supported last Friday's Australian fire fundraiser. Especially to everyone who brought in such delicious goodies for the bake sale and who wore a bit of green or gold! We raised **£510 pounds** which is about **\$910 Aussie dollars - you beauties!**

On behalf of us Aussie's thanks again - means a lot!

Mrs S Toner



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

DofE Award Weekly Meetings

The weekly meetings for Bronze, Silver and Gold groups are as follows:

Bronze Year 9 - Three groups on Tuesdays in C1 from 3.25 to 4.25 pm. Group 1 28th January, Group 2 4th Feb and Group 3 on 11th Feb.

Group lists are on the DofE noticeboard in the main corridor.
Silver Year 10 - Weekly at Hayesfield School West Wing, room W2 from 3.25 to 4.25pm. Exceptions for FLA and CCF.

Gold Year 12 and Year 13 - Weekly in English Block, Room 4 from 12.30 to 1.10pm

The DofE team are on site Tuesday pm, Wednesday pm and all day Friday for guidance, questions and advice.

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



Menu for week 27th January 2020

Monday: Creamy Chicken and tomato pasta (D,G), Pork steak with a bean cassoulet, Veggie Bean Chilli

Tuesday: 3 Cheese Pasta Bake (D,G), Ham with Parsley sauce (D), Spicy Chicken and Vegetable Casserole

Wednesday: Roast Chicken Leg, Beef and Parsnip Stew, Mozzarella and Red onion Tart (D,G)

Thursday: Chicken with smoked bacon and mushroom gravy, Beef Curry, Lentil and Spinach Curry

Friday: Fish of the Day, Chicken and potato pie, Pesto Pasta (D,G)

Mr D Keal
Chef

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

PTA 50:50 Club Update

Latest winners

Congratulations to the latest Beechen Cliff PTA 50:50 Club winners for October, November and December 2019!

OCTOBER 2019

3rd Prize £37.08 Number 203 (redrawn as previous number invalid)

NOVEMBER 2019

1st Prize £110.75 Number 334

2nd Prize £78.83 Number 11

3rd Prize £36.92 Number 122

DECEMBER 2019

1st Prize £112.00 Number 607

2nd Prize £74.67 Number 96

3rd Prize £37.33 Number 399

Winners are contacted via the details supplied when signing up so do keep me up to date of any changes via the email below. Please also feel free to contact me if you just want to check what your numbers are! (All of the above winners have been contacted.)

How to sign up

The 50:50 club operates like a lottery, with members signing up to a small standing order each month (most people donate between £1 and £5) which buys numbers in the draw. We use a random number generator to select the numbers at our PTA meetings. The prize fund is 50% of the donations and is divided into first, second and third prizes. The other 50% goes to the PTA to help fund activities, equipment and opportunities for the students. Each year, the 50:50 club raises over £2000 for the school. You can cancel your membership at any time, simply by cancelling your standing order.

As you can see, the monthly first prize is now over £100! If you would like to join in, **new members are welcome anytime and it is very simple to set up.** Please just contact me letting me know how many numbers you would like (£1 each) and I will give you details of how to set up the standing order.

Sarah Mitchard (parent and 50:50 co-ordinator)

beechen5050@gmail.com Tel: 07909962272

Update on the Club House

Plans are full steam ahead for the Club House! The concrete base has already been installed and the team from Garden Affairs will be coming in over the February Half Term to build the log cabin.

We are hoping for some hands, literally on deck, over this time period to help paint the cabin so if you are interested in getting involved we would love to hear from you. The Club House should be a fabulous resource for the school for both sporting and social occasions and is being built using funds raised from the school community's amazing support of the PTA's Auction of Promises last year.

Look out for further Club House updates coming soon.



The Club House concrete base was installed in the October half term break 2019.

Annie, Amy and Lesley
anniemeharg@hotmail.com

Beechen Cliff -tt Tennis



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

SPORTS FIXTURES

week commencing 27th January 2020

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

Day	Fixture	Meet	Transport	Start	Finish/Return
Monday 27th	U15a/U13a Hockey vs Kingswood (a)	13:45	MB x2	14:45	16:30
	U12a Hockey vs Kingswood (a)	15:20	MB	16:20	18:00
	Sports Hall Athletics @ UWE	12:00	9 seater	13:30	18:00
Tuesday 28th	U15 Indoor Cricket @ Ashton Park	13:30	MB	15:00	18:00
	1st XI/U15a Football vs Clevedon (h)	13:45	n/a	14:30	16:30
	1st XI Hockey vs Clifton College	12:15	MB	14:00	17:30
Wednesday 29th	Shooting @ Dauntsey's (a)	13:00	MB	14:00	18:00
	U17 Rugby vs Millfield (a)	12:15	MB x2	14:30	18:00
Thursday 30th	2nd XI Football vs Warminster School (a)	14:00	Coach	15:45	18:00
	1st XI/U14a Hockey @ Avon Cup	tbc	MB x2	tbc	tbc

Spotters Holiday Hockey

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Places from only £22.50

Spotters HOLIDAY HOCKEY CAMPS

17 & 18 February 2020
 6 & 7, 16 & 17 April 2020
 Camp - 9am - 2pm

Small group coaching also available 2-3.30pm;
 8.30am drop off by arrangement.
 Please ask for details

BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL

Includes Kookaburra Hockey prizes!

COACHES
 Sally Potter - England Hockey Level 2 Coach, BSc(Hons) Sports Performance
 Harry Skinner - TB Bucks 1st XI & GB U21
 Harry Brooking - Cardiff Met 1st XI Level
 Adeb Payer - EH Seasonal Coach
 Fraser Smith - TB Bucks 1st team player

SPECIALISED EFFECTIVE COACHING

HIGH QUALITY, FUN AND ENJOYABLE! COACHING TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE FOR ALL ABILITIES

10% off! Book by 30 January (Feb Camp) 28 Feb (Easter Camps) Main Camp 1 day £27.50 2 days £50 2 days with early booking discount only £45

FOR MORE INFORMATION & BOOKINGS spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

Qualified and DBS cleared coaches

EMAIL TO BOOK QUICK AND EASY!

1 v 1 Skills
 Goal Scoring
 Performance Coaching
 Games and tactics
 Competitions and prizes both days

GIRLS & BOYS 7 to 15 yrs *

*we are flexible, please ask.
 Players at JAC level aged 13+ may also attend the High Performance Camp which will run concurrently from 10am - 1pm for no additional charge.

Camp Director - Sally Potter, England Hockey Level 2, BSc(Hons) Sports Performance

Sports Results

Please see Beechen Cliff Sports website.

Mr M Walker Jones

Fixtures Co-ordinator