



BEECHEN CLIFF

9th January 2020

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

We welcome everyone back to School after the Christmas break and wish you all a happy new year.

It is, as always, a very busy term and many of you will be involved in Parents' Evenings in the next few weeks. Next week we are holding an evening for parents and any interested parties who would like to find out more about the work of Tir-Y-Cwm and ideas for its future development. We know how important the cottage and associated activities are to introducing our pupils to outdoor education and we hope it is a resource which will be of great significance to our pupils, past and present, for many years to come.

Severe Weather

Whilst it remains mild we all know that colder weather will be coming our way at some point during the winter. With this in mind I would remind you that the School will endeavour to keep parents informed about possible closure or restricted hours through the School twitter account, website and emails. We also inform local media.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Thursday 9th January

Year 9 GCSE Options Parents Information Evening

Tuesday 14th January

Year 9 Options Assembly

Super Curricular Lecture 15:30 -16:30

Wednesday 15th January

Tir-Y-Cwm meeting for Parents 19:00 Main Hall

Thursday 16th January

Year 10 Parents Evening 16:30-20:00

Monday 20th January

Year 11 Geography Trip (2 days)

Tuesday 21st January

Super Curricular Lecture Series 15:30-16:30

Wednesday 22nd January

Year 9 Parents Evening 16:30 -20:00

Saturday 25th January

Ten Tors Training-Mendips

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 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

To all parents/carers:

Don't forget to vote in the parent governor election.

Poll closes 12 noon, Monday 20th January 2020

Australia's Unprecedented Bushfire Crisis

Australia battles bushfires every year, however, few can recall a fire season as deadly or destructive as this one, with fires in all of Australia's states. The fires have already claimed the lives of 24 individuals (including 3 volunteer fire-fighters) and more than 6.3 million hectares (or 15.6 million acres) of land has burned and, by some estimates, as many as 1 billion wild animals have perished. Remote communities have been razed by the blazes, and millions of acres of wildlands have been torched, with the end of summer still at least three months away.



The Australian Fire Service are doing an amazing job fighting these enormous and deadly fires and charities such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and others are working on the ground to support victims, survivors and injured animals.



On **Friday 17th January** Beechen Cliff pupils are invited to each donate a £1 to come into school wearing a t-shirt or top in either green or gold (or both) - green and gold being the National colours of Australia.

All funds raised will be donated to the Australian Red Cross (<https://redcross.org.au>) and Australian Animal Rescue Charity, WIRES (<https://www.wires.org.au>).

Thank you all in advance for your support

the power of humanity



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.

We have raised a whopping £1364.80 since September 2018 when it started! And it has all gone to the PTA funds. 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 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

Please bring cash.

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

Games Kit:

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

PE Kit:

PE Shirt: £4
PE Shorts: £4

Coats:

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

Cricket Whites:

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

Theme of the Week - Personal Goals and Challenges

This week's theme of the week is focusing on setting personal goals and challenges.

This weekend was a historic moment, all 32 fixtures in the third round of The Emirates FA Cup kicked off one minute later than their traditional time slots.

Heads together has been working with Public Health England's Every Mind Matters on a brand new film to draw attention to the simple steps we can all take to look after our mental health and well-being. It is a reminder to us all that our mental health is just as important as our physical health and we can all take simple steps to support our own well-being.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zWQu11x4Xc&feature=emb_title



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WljjdDegk9A&feature=emb_title

The importance of looking after your mental health links incredibly well to setting personal challenges and goals. This could be linked to New Year's Resolutions. It would be fantastic for each member of your tutor group to think of a New Year's Resolution that links to them looking after themselves.

Could they be more mindful?

Sleep for a minimum of 8 hours each night?

Talk more?

Join a club or new activity?

See old friends?

Setting personal goals and targets can help give focus and allow students to reach their full potential.

Mrs A Wilmot
Head of PSHE

Library News



Reader of the week

Casper (7SH6) has now read just over half a million words, taking 12 AR quizzes with an impressive 86% pass rate. Well done Casper - you have earned 72 points for your house!

Reading Millionaires

Joseph (7BY4) and Callum (7BY4) are our first reading millionaires of the decade! Fantastic reading boys!

Library Book Recommendation

The Kane Chronicles: The Serpent's Shadow

by Rick Riordan

AR Book Level 4.8 ●



Carter and Sadie Kane, descendants of the magical House of Life, are in pretty big trouble.

Despite their bravest efforts, Apophis, the giant snake of Chaos, is still threatening to plunge the world into eternal darkness. Now the Kanes must do something no magician has ever managed - defeat Apophis himself. No pressure there then. Battling against the forces of Chaos, their only hope is an ancient spell - but the magic has been lost for a millennia. Will they find the serpent's shadow, or will they be led to their deaths in the depths of the Underworld?

Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK

com
(together)
LATIN

- Commemorate** - to remember together
- Complementary** - working together in a way that enhances the qualities of each thing or person
- Commune** - a place where many people live together
- Community** - people who have something in common (e.g. identity, local area)
- Common** - an interest, object, value that is shared by two or more people together
- Compose** - arranging or putting together

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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Introducing mentoring for vulnerable young people: <https://tinyurl.com/AboutMentoring>

SPORTS FIXTURES week commencing 13th January 2020

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

Day	Fixture	Meet	Transport	Start	Finish/ Return
Weds 15 th January	U13a/U13b Football vs Clifton College (a)	12:45	Coach 13:00	14:30	18:00
	U16a/U16b/U15a/U15b/U14a/U14b Football vs Millfield (a)	12:30	Coach 12:45	14:30	18:00
Thurs 16 th January	1st/2nd XI Football vs Dauntsey's (h)	14:00	n/a	14:45	16:30
	U17 Rugby vs St Peters (a)	12:00	MBx2	14:30	18:30
	1st/2nd Netball vs Monkton (a)	tbc	MB	tbc	tbc

SPORTS RESULTS from week commencing 6th January

Please see Beechen Cliff Sports website.

Mr M Walker Jones

Fixtures Co-ordinator