



# BEECHEN CLIFF

27th February 2020

## REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

Please be reminded that 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](mailto: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](mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

## Refectory Menu for wc 2nd March

**Monday:** Beef Stifado, Creamy Paprika Chicken Pasta (G,D), Garlic Mushrooms on Toast (G,D)

**Tuesday:** Sweet and Sour Chicken, Cumberland Ring Sausage with Gravy (G), Vegetable Sweet and Sour

**Wednesday:** Roast Ham, Creamy Chicken and Leek Pie (G,D), Tomato Red Onion and Pesto Tart (G)

**Thursday:** Chicken Masala, Pork with HoiSin and Soy Sauce, Chana Masala

**Friday:** BBQ Pork Belly (G), Pasta Puttanesca (G), Lentil and Aubergine Hot Pot

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

Mr D Keal  
Chef

## Tik Tok Advisory Fact Sheet

Tik Tok is a video-sharing app that is currently extremely popular with children and teenagers.

Attached to this Newsletter a parental fact sheet with useful information and advice on how to keep your child safe. Please take a few moments to read it.

## Calendar

### Saturday 29th February

USA Ski Trip (return Sunday 8th March)

Ten Tors Training (Dartmoor)

### Wednesday 4th March

Super Curricular Lecture - Prof. L Hurst/Biology 15.30–16.30

### Monday 9th March

L6th UCAS Fair at UWE

### Tuesday 10th March

Future Horizons - Nick Francis Business and Management 15.30-16.30 in Y5

Year 8 Parents Evening 16.30–20.00

### Wednesday 11th March

L6th Geography Residential Trip (11th, 12th and 13th)

Future Horizons - Oxbridge and Medics - 15.30 (Recital Room)

Future Horizons - BT Level 7 Chartered Management Apprenticeship Talk in Y5

### Sunday 15th March

L6th Spanish Trip to Malaga (return Friday 20th)

## Word of the Week

LATIN: together

LATIN: 'pile' or 'build'

construct

(verb) to build or make something, usually a road, building or machine

**Synonyms:** to build, to erect, to establish

construire

construir

### Subjects:

**Film:** Setting, characters, atmosphere and action can be used to **construct** meaning.

**History:** Politics played a key role in the **construction** of memorials following WW1.

**Maths:** **Construct** a perpendicular bisector.

# Coronavirus Advisory - as at 26th February 2020

We have made contact with Public Health England and they have advised that members of the public should refer to the current information published via their website - see link below. This advice is continually reviewed and updated. Individuals should contact the NHS helpline on 111 if they have visited or travelled through any of the areas affected, or are showing any of the symptoms. The list of symptoms is also available via the website.



<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Yours sincerely

Mr J C Oldham  
Deputy Headteacher



## Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

### How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

### How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

#### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

### What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**



## Teen Matters:- Understanding the Teenage Brain - parent / carer evening 18th March Bath College

Parents and carers of teenagers will be interested in an evening event being hosted by Bath College 6.00pm to 8.15pm 18th March.

The evening will be a chance to learn about the changes that take place in the brain as our children grow into adults and how this affects their moods, behaviours, sleep and social skills. It will give you a chance to talk about some of the challenges you may experience bringing up teenagers and explore some ways to help children through this period in their life.



This event is a collaboration between the B&NES Public Health in Schools Programme and the charity Charlie Waller Memorial Trust. Entry is by ticket only but places are available free of charge. For more information see flyer attached or to book tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teen-brain-matters-a-workshop-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-91590171669>

## Beechen Cliff Annual Music Concert 2020 Advance notice

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm. St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, Bath.

Several Ensembles will be involved, including Concert Band, Swing Band, Folk Group, String Group, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Year 7 Orchestra, presenting a wide range of repertoire.

Further details will appear in next week's newsletter.

Mr P E Calvert  
Head of Music

## Maths talk at Bath University

As part of Bath Taps into Science and British Science Week 2020, The University of Bath Mathematical Sciences department is hosting their own Dr Kit Yates for a talk on 'The Maths of Life and Death' on Wednesday, 11th March 16:15 - 17:05 on their Claverton Down campus.

The talk is aimed at Secondary aged pupils, their families and other adults.

If you are interested in learning more please follow this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-maths-of-life-and-death-tickets-92723523555>

Mr E Gill  
Head of Maths  
egill@beechencliff.org.uk

## Online Safety Updates

In conjunction with Internet Safety Day (Tuesday 11th February), House Assemblies last week saw the second of three Online Safety assemblies delivered this academic year by the Safeguarding Team. The focus of the assemblies is the role of the internet and electronic devices on students' mental health and wellbeing. In particular, students looked at the science behind why we feel the need to look at our phones so often and the potentially negative effect on our wellbeing when replacing quality face to face interactions with online use and social media. Discussions and examples were related to the 'five pillars of wellbeing' previously explored in Theme of the Week - Connect, Be Active, Learn, Take Notice and Give.

Mr O Abbott  
Head of Boarding  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## The Wardrobe

The Wardrobe is a new community outreach project which is run by Freedom Centre UK, a local church in Bath.

Our aim at project The Wardrobe is to provide much needed prom dresses and suits to young people.

Prom attire can be expensive, and we would like to be able to help young people who are in need, by giving them a good quality outfit, for free, for their prom night.

With prom season fast approaching, we would love to offer dresses and suits to students in your school.

If you have any students who would benefit from this project, please get in contact and we can send more details.

A full sized flyer is attached to this newsletter

Jessie Finn  
The Wardrobe



## PTA NEWS

### Riverford Cookery Evenings for Parents

Book your space now on ParentPay!  
Just £15 for a cookery workshop, delicious organic supper and a glass of wine.  
7-9pm in the Refectory.  
Choose your date: Thursday 5th March or Thursday 12th March.

## PTA Request for Accounting Assistance

Due to the huge success of PTA fundraising last year we are now required to have our accounts audited for the Charities Commission EOY return. The current treasurer is not an accountant and needs help with being able to fully prepare the accounts. If you are able to offer a few hours of your time to assist with this please contact Emma on [emmaford001@gmail.com](mailto:emmaford001@gmail.com).

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Homestay Families Required



### Homestay Families Required

**Do you have a spare room?**

We are looking for caring and welcoming families to host Norwegian Sixth Form students for the duration of the Autumn Term 2020.

The mixed group are looking for accommodation in Bath whilst they study at our school to experience British culture and improve their English.

The students would be hosted individually within a home from home environment, which provides daily home cooked meals and a bedroom with a study area.

We provide a generous tax-free expenses allowance of £220 per week towards providing the students with the best possible experience

If you would like an application form or to find out more information, please email [international@hayesfield.com](mailto:international@hayesfield.com)

Fiona Harrison  
Homestay Co-Ordinator  
Hayesfield Girls' School & Mixed Sixth Form  
01225 426151 ext. 408

## School Public Health Nurse

### DROP IN SESSIONS

Every Tuesday 11am – 2pm Pastoral Meeting Room

For appointments outside this time please see Mrs Rogers or Mrs Lothgren or text your School Nurse on 07507 334357



## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week is focusing on Disability awareness, this is also our theme of the term.

The future is accessible means that we must all, together, look towards a future where the barriers which stand in peoples way no longer exists. We should envisage a future where people can access a building without using stairs, where a person can access a ramp to the beach, or get a job without fear of discrimination, or can access a mainstream classroom.

Working towards an accessible future is everyone's responsibility. People should not be excluded because of their health impairments.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwW6mYdJ7Xc>

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

Since its inception in 1945, the United Nations (UN) has outlined and reiterated its commitment to calling for the creation of inclusive, accessible and sustainable societies and communities – most notably with the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

A person is not inherently 'disabled'...disability is NOT a feature of a person. We say that people have health impairments: some of us need wheelchairs to mobilise; some of us need seeing-eye dogs; some of us need assistive technology – just like some of us need glasses to read; or medication to manage pain; or an inhaler to manage asthma.

All people have different health impairments at some time in their lives. The difference is that most of the time your health impairment doesn't stop you from functioning, being included or participating in your community.

Reflection – to look at our own past individual and collective actions, and to identify our goals for the future.

- \* Celebration – to recognise and value the diversity of our global community, and to cherish the role we all play, regardless of our abilities.
- \* Learning – to understand and learn from the experiences of people with living with a disability.
- \* Action – where all people, organisations, agencies and charities not only show their support for International Day of People with Disabilities, but take on a commitment to create a world characterised by equal human rights.

Mrs A Wilmot  
Head of PSHE



# SPORTS FIXTURES

## Week commencing 2nd March 2020

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

Date	Team /Fixture	Meet	Transport	Start	Return
Monday 2nd	U12a/U15b Football vs St Marks (h)	15:10	n/a	15:30	16:45
	Table Tennis Competition @ Kingswood School	15:30	MB	16:30	19:00
	U16a Football vs Norton Hill (a)	13:15	MB	14:30	16:30
Tuesday 3rd	U12b/U13b Football vs Writhlington (h)	15:10	n/a	15:30	17:00
	U15 Indoor Cricket @ Blue School (Wells)	14:15	9 seater	15:30	19:00
	U13 Hockey - Avon Cup (Monkton)	tbc	MB	tbc	tbc
	U18 Hockey regionals @ Millfield	08:00	MB	10:00	19:00
TBC	U15a Football vs Castle School (a)	12:30	MB	13:45	19:00
Wednesday 4th	U13a/U13b/U12a/U12b football vs QEH (a)	12:30	Coach (1x63) leave 12:45	14:30	17:30
	U13b/U12a Hockey vs Dauntsey's (a)	14:00	MB + 9 seater	15:30	18:00
	U12b Hockey vs Dauntsey's (h)	14:30	n/a	15:15	16:45
	1st XI Football vs Millfield (a)	tbc	MB	tbc	tbc
	Rugby 7's @ Middlesex 7's	tbc	MB	tbc	tbc
Thursday 5th	1st XI/U15a Hockey vs Dauntsey's (a)	13:00	MB x2	14:30	18:00
	U18 Basketball vs Prior (a)	14:15	MB	15:00	16:30
Friday 6th	U12 Booker Shield @ BGS	07:30	MB	10:00	17:00
Saturday					
Sunday					

## Sports Results

To keep up to date with Beechen Cliff's sports results, please see Beechen Cliff Sports website.

Mr M Walker Jones  
Fixtures Co-ordinator