



BEECHEN CLIFF

11th June 2020

## Message from Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

We look forward to meeting many of our Year 10 again next week and hopefully being able to give them advice about supporting their learning and general wellbeing. I appreciate that it would be wonderful to be able to do the same for the other pupils in the school but we are still hopeful that a full return to school can take place in September and that it will become clear why it has been important to remain focused on the google classroom lessons being delivered. It will be hard to maintain momentum after so many weeks but the benefits of maintaining commitment will be seen when we return.

The Theme of the Week is the death of George Floyd in the United States and the reaction to it across the world. Pupils are guided to some links in the newsletter which will hopefully broaden their contextual understanding and allow them to make links with the events which have occurred close to home in the last week. I am sure it has been a topic of discussion in your homes and will continue to be so.

There are clear signs that we are moving towards the end of the 'lockdown' road and I do hope that you and your families emerge unscathed, if that is possible.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

## Year 9 Options

Letters to pupil and parents confirming the GCSE option choices for Year 9 pupils have been emailed out this week. I am pleased to say that the vast majority of pupils have been allocated their four choices, though in some cases reserve choices have been used. If there are any queries please feel free to contact me at school.

Mr T D Markall  
Deputy Head (Curriculum)

## Year 10 Partial Reopening of School from 15th June

We have now finalised the plans for Year 10 pupils returning to school from 15th June and these were outlined in the letter emailed to parents on 10th June.

Pupils will be attending in House groups and working with a member of staff from their House Tutor Team. We are looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school and hope that the sessions will be both enjoyable and complement the online curriculum.

When attending school this term Year 10 pupils should wear school shoes, school trousers and a school shirt. There is no requirement to wear a blazer or tie.

We understand that not all pupils are able to attend so just a reminder that teachers will still be setting work via Show My Homework and Google Classroom. All pupils should continue to complete the work set and submit this work via Google Classroom.

Mr T D Markall  
Deputy Head (Curriculum)

## Important notices about the wider opening to Year 10 and the Key worker Supervision for next week onwards:

As mentioned in the letter sent out on Wednesday, anyone who would like their Son to access the key worker supervision will need to email [keyworkers@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:keyworkers@beechencliff.org.uk) each week before Thursday 3pm stating their Son's name, year and which days you are requesting him to be in for.

It is important that you note that in line with government guidance, in order to limit mixing of pupils, any year 10 pupil who is part of the key worker and vulnerable pupil supervision will not be able to take part in the year 10 tutor group provision which starts on Monday 15th. However, we will ensure that the material covered during these sessions is delivered by the member of staff supervising the year 10's.

Mr A Seal  
Assistant Head

## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on the recent events surrounding the worldwide protests after the death of George Floyd. This information will also be shared with pupils and students by their Tutors via SMHW.

You may well have heard about this on the news and social media. People from all over the world are calling for an end to racism and inequality.

We are very keen for all pupils to have a clear understanding of why there is so much anger surrounding George's death.

Below are some videos and articles explaining key aspects.

Newsround has a number of articles and video links about what happened to George Floyd and why people are angry. What are your thoughts about this?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52950491>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52936388>

Local news about what has been happening at the protests in Bristol last weekend.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-52962356>

Information about the protests in London

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/06/now-is-the-time-londons-black-lives-matter-rally-looks-like-a-turning-point>

What is your opinion on people protesting?

Mrs A Wilmot  
Head of PSHE

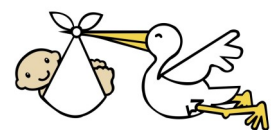


## New Arrivals

Jenny Costa from our languages team has given birth to a beautiful baby boy.

Elliot was born in the early hours of Friday 5th June.

Congratulations from us all at Beechen Cliff!



let's look after each other

## Face coverings:

From 15 June, you must wear a face mask or covering on buses in England

First Bus



Following recent updated guidance from the Government I want to provide you with an update of what we're doing at First to keep you travelling safe.

### From 15th June you must wear a face covering or mask on our buses

From Monday 15 June, anyone wishing to travel by bus must follow new government rules and wear a face covering or mask on board at all times. Please help our drivers and your fellow passengers by complying with this practical safety measure. A guide on how you can make a mask, can be found on our [website](#).

### Keeping you safe on board

This week we're also rolling out a new, long-lasting sanitising treatment across our entire fleet, which kills Coronavirus on surfaces. The treatment is effective for 28 days, is environmentally-friendly, and is scientifically proven to be highly effective against Covid-19. It is the latest addition to our already enhanced cleaning regime. Our buses will be treated every 28 days with this "invisible shield", which attracts and kills organisms and is the latest cleaning enhancement in addition to the daily disinfection of all customer touchpoints onboard

### Helping you travel with confidence

With social distancing measures in place on our buses there are fewer seats than normal available on each bus. To help you travel with confidence we have developed some new functionality in our Mobile App. You can now track your bus live on a map so you know exactly where it is and when it will get to your stop. What's more, each bus now displays in real time how many empty seats there are to help you plan your journey. If you can buy tickets in advance on our app and avoid using cash it would be appreciated.

[Download or update the app today](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

Giles Fearnley

Managing Director, First Bus

## Rugby News

Great news for Beechen Cliff rugby in this week's Bath Rugby press release - five professional contracts for members of this year's 1st XV.

Massive congratulations to Orlando, Ethan, John, Frankie and Gabe. Deserved reward for your dedication and commitment.

Mr S Turner  
Head of Rugby



## Scholars Bath - Re-opening Monday 15th June 2020

**Monday to Saturday 9.00am-5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am-2.00pm**

The shop will be providing a counter service only as the fitting rooms will be closed. However, our staff will be on hand to assist with sizing and any garment purchased can of course be exchanged or returned for a refund. To ensure Social Distancing is maintained as far as possible, only TWO customers will be permitted in the shop at a time. This can be a family group, but where possible please keep this to a minimum number, ideally one adult with one child requiring uniform.

Beechen Cliff Uniform is now also available online at: [www.scholars-uk.com](http://www.scholars-uk.com)

We will be reviewing our shop operation after two weeks and making any necessary changes. Please be assured that we have flexibility in increasing our opening times to whatever is required.

Scholars Bath  
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## Mental Health & Well-being

Last week, we introduced you to 3 Solution Focused (SF) questions. We invited all students, parents and staff to ask themselves these 3 SF questions. We invited you to notice what strengths and resources you (and your family) have used to help you get through lockdown. We also asked you to think about what your best hopes are during these unprecedented times. We asked you to give yourself a number on a scale of 1-10, in relation to where you felt you were currently in terms of reaching your best hopes. This week, using the same 3 questions, we ask you to reflect on your week and notice if you have moved on the same scale.

1. On a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being you at your best and 0 being the opposite of that, where are you on the scale since last week?
2. What have you noticed about yourself that has pleased you and makes you that number and not lower?
3. Now you have looked where you are on the scale in relation to being at your best, describe what being at your best would look like for you, and what small sign would tell you that you were moving a small step towards being at your best?

Mental Health Team

**BAKING COMPETITION!  
FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF**




# THE GREAT BEECHEN BAKE OFF

CAN YOU IMPRESS  
US WITH YOUR  
BAKING SKILLS?

DESIGN AND DECORATE YOUR  
OWN CAKE, BREAD OR PASTRY  
TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
THEMES...



 LOCKDOWN

 YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT

 COMING BACK TO SCHOOL

TO ENTER, EMAIL A PHOTO OF YOU HOLDING YOUR  
BAKED CREATION TO

[CMOORHEAD@BEECHENCLIFF.ORG.UK](mailto:CMOORHEAD@BEECHENCLIFF.ORG.UK)

BY MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

**SPECIAL GUEST JUDGES!**

Let's get baking!