



BEECHEN CLIFF

17th September 2020

Message from Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support for the changes in processes and procedures related to the covid measures put in place this term. The adjustments to the 'face covering' in transition has been well supported although we recognise that some parents will need to make sure their son has a face covering to bring to school each day, appreciative as we are that younger children have not necessarily needed to have them for everyday life to this point.

PE Kit

The boys are familiar with the routine of wearing PE/games kit on days when lessons appear on their timetable. Some parents have asked about the possibility of providing some 'bottoms' which will go over the shorts and be compliant as well as providing warmth for the colder days ahead. Jogging bottoms in navy blue with a Beechen Cliff logo embroidered upon the leg will be available to order from Scholars with immediate effect. As this will not be an item that is compulsory you will need to visit Scholars to be measured and the item ordered for you.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Mrs Wilmot from all of us at Beechen Cliff. Mrs Wilmott welcomed her daughter Florence in the early hours of Wednesday, 9th September 2020.



Calendar

Wednesday 23rd September

L6th Parents Welcome Evening (virtual) 19.00–2000

Thursday 24th September

6th Form Apprenticeship (pm) via Googlemeet

Monday 28th September

School Immunisation (Flu) –Year 7 only

Wednesday 21st October

End of Term

Monday 2nd November

Start of Term 2

Temporary Closure of Greenway Lane

Wessex Water will be carrying out work in Greenway Lane from Thursday 1st October. The Council has made a traffic order enabling the road to be closed to through traffic as and when necessary during the works. A copy of the order is reproduced below.

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

***(THTTC2271, GREENWAY LANE BATH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE BY VEHICLES) ORDER 2020***

Notice is given that Bath and North East Somerset Council in exercise of its powers under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 intends to make an order to the effect of which will be to temporarily introduce a road closure in that length of Greenway Lane, Bath from a point outside of property no.98 to a point outside of property no.102.

This order is required because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the road to facilitate a meter installation by Wessex Water on the 01st October 2020 for a maximum period of 5 days. The road will only be restricted as and when traffic signs are in position and may not be effected for the whole of the period but only for so long as is necessary to execute the works. This is anticipated to be for 3 days.

Forgotten Kit

Please note that if your son has forgotten his PE/Games kit it cannot be dropped off as parents are currently not allowed on site and pupils do not have changing facilities.

Mobile phones

A reminder that mobile phones/headphones should not be seen in school from the moment a pupil arrives on site until they leave. The only exception would be if in certain circumstances a teacher asks the pupils to use them for a specific task/activity in lesson time. Phones will be confiscated for up to 48 hours if seen out in line with school policy.

Thank you

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Pastoral Care

Information for Free School Meal Pupils/ Parents

Please be advised that if your son is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) he is entitled to £2.70 per day to be spent during the lunch period (between 12.20-2.05pm - during whichever lunchtime your son's year group has been assigned).

This allowance cannot be spent during the two break periods. If your son would like anything during these breaks then money will need to be placed on his ParentPay lunch account.

Thank you

Mr D Keal (Head Chef)

Insight System

Over the last week pupils and students should have brought home a letter detailing parent login details for Insight.

Insight is a portal where parents can view student timetables and personal details. In due course school reports will also appear on the portal.

Students also have their own login to insight where they can check their timetables etc. Insight replaces the school's previous ePortal.

Mr T D Markall
Deputy Head

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@beechncliff.org.uk

Sixth Form Students

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

Class Music lessons for pupils in years 7-11.

To enable us to undertake practical work, we would be grateful if you could equip your son with a set of headphones to bring in on the day he has class music. This would assist us greatly with the current Covid -19 restrictions. Ideally we would wish all pupils to have headphones by the start of next week.

The headphones will need to be **wired** and have a **3.5mm 'small jack' connector**. They cannot be wireless/Bluetooth or Apple 'Lightning' connections as these are not supported in our classrooms. If you need to purchase this for your son, a cheap pair of basic, lightweight headphones would be sufficient and can cost less than £10. Please see below for example photographs.



If your child is Pupil Premium and you would like the school to provide a set of headphones, please email me (at the address below) and we will supply a pair.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at music@beechncliff.org.uk

Instrumental Lessons

We will be commencing Instrumental lessons next week. Timetables will be uploaded to the website on Friday 18th September. They will also be displayed on the music notice board. We would be grateful if you could check the timetables and ensure your son/daughter is aware of the lesson time and brings in their instrument (where applicable) and any sheet music etc.

Mr P Calvert
Head of Music

Theme of the Week - UN International Day of Democracy

This week we focus on the United Nations International Day of Democracy, which is marked on 15th September every year.



The word democracy comes from the Greek words "demos", meaning people, and "kratos" meaning power; so democracy can be thought of as "power of the people": a way of governing which depends on the will of the people.

Modern democracies use elections to select representatives who are sent by the people to govern on their behalf - *'of the people, by the people, for the people'* (Abraham Lincoln).

In the UK, you are eligible to vote from the age of 18 - do you think this should be higher or lower? Why? Young people can have a key democratic role, even if they are not old enough to vote. Many young people are engaged in environmental groups, or in other protest groups campaigning against war, against corporate exploitation, or against child labour. Perhaps one of the most important ways that young people can begin to be engaged in community life and political activity is at a local level: here they will be more aware of the particular issues that are of concern to them and those with whom they come into contact, and they will be better able to have a direct impact. Democracy does not only deal with national or international issues: it needs to begin in our own neighbourhoods!

The principle of democracy is popular for two main reasons:

1. **Individual autonomy:** The idea that no-one should be subject to rules which have been imposed by others. People should be able to control their own lives (within reason).
2. **Equality:** The idea that everyone should have the same opportunity to influence the decisions that affect people in society.

Democracy is one of the core values and principles of the United Nations, as it provides an environment for human rights to be realised.

Part of being democratic means using your voice - especially to make things better for others, to stand up for what you believe and to speak out when something is not right.

At Beechen Cliff, one of the ways you can do this is by joining the Equalities Team (E Team). The E Team is a group of students (from Year 7-13) who campaign to raise awareness of equalities issues and help make our school, and wider society, more inclusive. Campaigns have included cake sales, wearing rainbow laces, inviting guest speakers, student-led assemblies, going to events in the local community and we helped to write the Pledge of Respect.



We always welcome new members, so look out for messages about our first meeting. Use your voice to make a difference!

This year's focus for the International Day of Democracy is the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The unprecedented COVID-19 crisis has resulted in major social, political and legal challenges globally. As states around the world adopt emergency measures to address the crisis, it is critical that they continue to uphold the rule of law, protect and respect international standards and basic principles of legality, and the right to access justice, remedies and due process.

UN Secretary General António Guterres has urged governments to be transparent, responsive and accountable in their COVID-19 response and ensure that any emergency measures are legal, proportionate, necessary and non-discriminatory. **'As the world confront COVID-19, democracy is crucial in ensuring the free flow of information, participation in decision-making and accountability for the response to the pandemic.'**

You can read more about this year's theme, and watch a video here - <https://www.un.org/en/observances/democracy-day>

Ms P Netto
PSHE

Year 9 Immunisations – UPDATE

The school would like to apologise for the confusion caused regarding the HPV immunisation which was due to be given to Year 9 pupils.

We have been advised that this has been postponed again and will be carried out at a later date.

Any queries please contact directly the Immunisation Team at Virgin Care.
email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net
telephone: 0300 247 0082

Mrs K Lothgren
School Health Coordinator/First Aid.





THE FRIENDS OF BATH JEWISH BURIAL GROUND

INVITE YOU TO VISIT

BATH JEWISH BURIAL GROUND

GREENDOWN PLACE, BRADFORD ROAD,
COMBE DOWN, BATH BA2 5DD

WE ARE OPEN

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

11.00AM – 4.00PM

VISIT THIS BEAUTIFUL, TRANQUIL BURIAL GROUND, THE RESTING PLACE OF BATH'S JEWISH COMMUNITY DURING THE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURIES. EXPERIENCE THE QUIET PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE OF THE CEMETERY, AND LEARN ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY IN BATH.

NO BOOKING REQUIRED BUT MAX. 15 ON SITE AT ONE TIME
CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.

PLEASE, NO DOGS. ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY PERMITTED.
WHEELCHAIR AND BUGGY ACCESS IS DIFFICULT – STEPS DOWN AT
ENTRANCE AND VERY UNEVEN GROUND.

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