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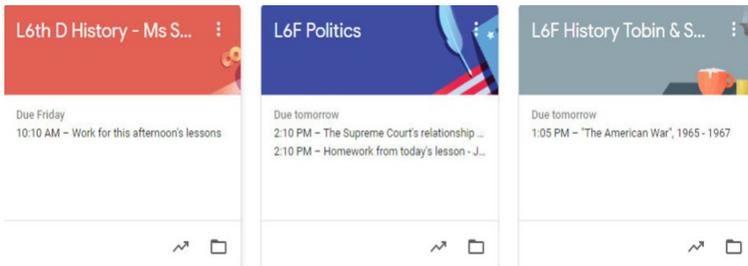
11th March 2021

Teaching and Learning

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the return of all pupils to school this week, please may I remind you that our normal homework timetable resumes, and homework is no longer optional extension work for Key Stage Three students. With the move from Show My Homework to Google Classroom for setting homework, I wanted to draw your attention to some features that will help to support you and your child in tracking their homework.

Firstly, the homepage of Google Classroom displays any assignments and when they are due on the individual classroom tiles, so this can act as a quick reference point for your son or daughter. Here is how their classroom tiles will look if they have work due:



Teachers have been asked to ensure that they set accurate 'due in' dates and times to ensure the home screen can be used effectively to track homework.

Secondly, your email address should have already been linked to your son or daughter's Google Classroom so that you can receive weekly or daily Guardian Summaries detailing the work they have been set. Please contact headmaster@beechencliff.org.uk if you are not linked to your son or daughter's Google Classroom and would like to be. Here are the instructions on how to manage the Guardian Summaries:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136?hl=en>

Finally, Google Classroom has a really helpful 'To-do' list feature, which can be accessed via the Google Classroom homepage at the top, or the menu on the left hand side. This feature allows students to see which work has been assigned, which is missing and what has been done. This can also be filtered by class:

Calendar

Tuesday 16th March

DoE Silver group expedition training at lunchtime.
DoE Yr 9 Bronze expedition training 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Year 9 - HPV vaccinations

Wednesday 31st March

Year 12 Gold training walk (on-site) - 1pm

Thursday 1st April

End of Easter Term 4

Monday 19th April

Start of Spring Term 5

Thursday 22nd April 2021

Year 9 - Meningitis and DPT vaccinations

Monday 3rd May

Bank Holiday

Friday 28th May

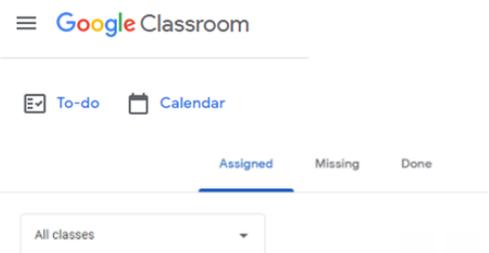
End of Spring Term 5

Monday 7th June

Start of Summer Term 6

Tuesday 15th June

Year 8 - HPV vaccinations



I hope that these pointers are helpful in making the shift to Google Classroom for homework tracking.

Kind regards,
Ms S Sullivan
Assistant Headteacher - Teaching and Learning

Home Testing Kits for Pupils and Students

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of a letter and a Frequently asked Questions (FAQ) sheet regarding pupils and students taking home testing kits. These were also issued to all parents today via ParentPay.

Year 11 Graduation

This week saw the launch of the Year 11 Graduation. Graduation will take place at the end of May and will be an opportunity for all of our Year 11 pupils to celebrate their time in the lower school before their post-16 education begins, whether that is in our Sixth Form or elsewhere. Details of the graduation day itself will be provided in due course. All pupils will complete a Graduation Reflection that allows them to reflect on their time in the lower school. Pupils will reflect on developing their character, looking after their wellbeing, building their aspirations and contributing to their community. The reflections are 'turned in' on Google Classroom and should be completed by 22nd April. It is hoped that such reflections would form the basis for writing personal statements in the future.

Mr O Abbott
Head of Boarding and
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Forgotten Kit/Equipment

Please note that if your son has forgotten any kit or equipment that it cannot be dropped off as parents/visitors are currently not allowed on site and we continue to operate within bubbles and locked offices.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster

Menu Week Commencing 15th March

Monday: Chicken and chorizo in a tomato sauce, Spinach potato and feta pie
Tuesday: Chilli, Mixed bean chilli
Wednesday: Chinese pork with bean sprouts, Stir fried Vegetables
Thursday: Hot Dog, Tomato and Mozzarella tart
Friday: BBQ Chicken with Peppers, Squash and Spinach Tagine

Mr D Keal
Chef

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

Please note that all absence from online learning should be reported in the same manner to the attendance offices because we do record the pupils levels of engagement!

It is important that **all absences** from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments should be reported to School promptly. **Parents and carers please 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

The PTA would like to thank all parents for their help, donations and of course coming to shop at the
Second Hand Uniform

'POP UP SALE'

Last weekend

the sale made

£1370

There will be another sale before the summer holidays too!

Second Hand Uniform can be purchased in Mercy in Action on Bear Flat

once the shops return!

Uniform enquiries contact Lesley:
secondhanduniformBC@gmail.com

Theme of the Week

In the theme of the week tutor sessions for the next two weeks, students are going to be reflecting on the time we've spent in lock down so far, and having solution focussed



conversations to help them manage the transition back to being in school. Getting back into the routine of being in school may take some time, be challenging, tiring, exciting, hopeful - a real mix of emotions! Students were encouraged to think about the good things about coming back to school, as well as the challenges. Students were asked to think of as many different emotions people might be feeling about the return to school, in order to help us realise that everyone will be feeling differently, so it is important to take care of each other and be kind in our interactions.

At Beechen Cliff we used the Solution Focused Approach - this is a way of thinking and talking that encourages us to find hopeful solutions when we are experiencing challenges. Tutor groups spent time thinking about and sharing their responses to the following questions - these could make good SF conversation starters at home as well:

Please spend a minute writing down 10 things you have been pleased to notice about yourself/proud of during lock down

What have you managed to do that has surprised you?

What will you continue to do as you come back to school? What difference will this make to you - how will it help?

What do you need from others to help your return to school? How would you like other people to treat you?

Where would you go for some support if you need it?

What are your hopes for the next four weeks? What goals would you like to set yourself?

What are you looking forward to? How will you know if you have achieved your goals?

Do not forget everyone will be feeling differently at the moment, so the most important thing we can do is be kind to everyone, in your words and actions.

In a world where
You can be
anything, be
kind.

It's also important to TALK about how you're feeling - try to do this with your friends and family, and make sure you know who to talk to in school if you need to.

PSHE update

Year 7 have one PSHE lesson per week. In their lessons for the next few weeks they will be continuing their work on healthy lifestyles, which was started in lock down. These lessons include work on healthy diet, exercise and leisure time.

Years 8, 9 and 10 have one PSHE lesson per fortnight. Year 8 will have two lessons on respect, equality and gender; Year 9 will have one lesson on alcohol and one lesson on drugs, and Year 10 will have two lessons on drugs (continuing on from the lessons they did on alcohol before lock down).

Year 7-10 students continued their PSHE lessons during lock down, including lessons on mental health and wellbeing, careers, British values, healthy lifestyles and a Solution Focused reflection.

Miss P Netto

PSHE

Masks

With regards to face coverings: when to wear one etc please see link below to the relevant pages of the Government's own covid policy website,

[Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-exemptions-and-how-to-make-your-own)



Beechen Cliff Three Peaks Challenge – UPDATE



FRIDAY JULY 2ND TO



MONDAY 5TH JULY 2021

Due to the ongoing Covid Restrictions there has been an enforced change on how you may register your interested for this Challenge. There are **NO MEDICAL FORMS AVAILABLE ON LINE**. If you are interested you will need to collect a uniquely numbered **Medical Form** from **Mr Stewart in the Science Faculty**. There are only 28 places available.

Please return the form as soon as you can to Mr Stewart or Mr Brewer in person. Access to pay the **£85 deposit** on **Parent Pay** to secure your space will be given after 19th April, dependant on guidance from the Government.

The **£280** balance will due from 21st **June 2021**, as payment in full for all accommodation is required before the event. This is in alignment with Step 4, the government Road Map. We will of course comply with any of the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place. Should the challenge not possible due to COVID restrictions then deposits will be returned in full.

Mr R Stewart
Mr D Brewer
Three Peaks Challenge Organisers 2021

Sports Club Timetable for Term 4

See below for Sports Clubs/activities which will run this term. Any questions please come to the PE Office

**Sports Club timetable Term 4
(15:30 Start)**

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|--------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year 7 | | Hockey | | | Football |
| Year 8 | | Hockey | Cricket (7:15-8:15) Football | | |
| Year 9 | Hockey | | | | |
| Year 10 | Hockey | | | | |
| Year 11 | | | | Hockey | |
| 6th Form | | | | Boys Hockey (>16:00) | Girls Hockey (12:30-13:00) |

Mr R Bowett
Sports Department

Duke of Edinburgh Update

I have been very impressed by the number of pupils and students that have focused on their DofE activities during lockdown. Numerous Gold students are helping at the Bath vaccination centres, others are working on conservation projects, many are cooking at home for their skill and also keeping fit once a week through walking, running and cycling.

Now that we have returned to school, **Year 9 Bronze expedition training** will commence on **Tuesday 16th March, 3.30pm-4.30pm**. Meet outside the humanities block, trainers and warm layers required. Sessions will be fortnightly. Sadly the day walk on the 28th March has had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions, the training that would have taken place then will be covered during onsite sessions.

The **Silver group expedition training** will also commence on the **Tuesday 16th March during lunchtime**. Meet outside the humanities block at the start of lunch with trainers and warm layers. Sessions will be fortnightly.

The **Year 12 Gold training walk on the 31st March** will now be run onsite. Meet at 1pm outside of the humanities block with trainers and warm layers. Expedition skills will be revised and there will be some fun team building activities.

Expeditions dates scheduled for the summer term will remain the same. We plan to offer an expedition experience for the Bronze and Silver groups, even if we can not offer the normal conventional style expeditions this year.

If your child would like any assistance with their edofe accounts or have any DofE questions in general they can contact myself via email and I am also based in the humanities department Monday and Wednesday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

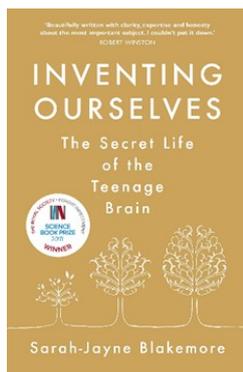
Ms J Fox - DofE manager jfox@beechencliff.org.uk

Ms M Garland - DofE administrator
mgarland@beechencliff.org.uk

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Teenage Brain

As we welcome all students and pupils back to school, Tara Gretton (our school's Accredited Solution Focused Practitioner) shares with us some really useful information about the teenage brain. She invites us to read a copy of 'Inventing Ourselves - 'The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain' written by the acclaimed author and neuroscientist. Sarah-Jayne Blackmore.



As our young people continue to experience such a lot of uncertainty, now more than ever, it is the perfect time to learn about and help us understand what is happening to our teenagers neurologically. Sarah-Jayne really invites us to notice how our interactions with our teenagers differs with us as they go through adolescence.

She also talks about how and why young people are more vulnerable to risk taking and mental health issues during adolescence. She also talks a lot about how exciting the teenage years are for young people and that this is a time of creativity, hope and possibility - an opportunity, a time where young people are inventing themselves and deciding who they want to be as they transition from teenager to adult.

As a Solution Focused (SF) School community. Tara explains how she works with young people using SF practice and how she explains this neurology of the teenage brain to them to help them to identify their own strengths and resources, as they are the true experts of themselves. In lockdown, we have witnessed some remarkable strengths and resources in our young people and these need to be celebrated.

Please take a few minutes to watch Tara as she talks about the Teenage Brain and Solution Focused Practice.

[VIDEO-2021-03-08-10-43-15.mp4](#)

An invitation to our 3rd Coffee Morning to learn about having Solution Focused conversations with your children.

If you would like to join Tara Gretton and Susie Ingram (Sixth Form Pastoral Manager and Accredited Solution Focused Practitioner) to learn more about having SF conversations, then we warmly invite you to join our third online Coffee Morning webinar. Exclusively for Beechen Cliff parents, this school funded event has always been very well attended, but please do join us even if you have not been to one before.

About this Event

At Beechen Cliff it is our hope to work collaboratively across our Beechen Cliff Community. To continue to build on creating a supportive environment for all. And that includes you, our parents and carers.

Following our second session we are very much looking forward to our third Webinar on Saturday 24th April 2021 at 10am.

It is our hope to support you as much as possible during this Pandemic and beyond, and we hope to do this by sharing more of the Solution Focused Approach with you. This session will be looking at 'what's worked so far'; so an opportunity for you to share your own stories, and to ask questions to a solution focused practitioner panel.

Please book your free ticket using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beechen-cliff-school-parent-coffee-morning-time-to-talk-tickets-145042609349>

We will email you all the Zoom Link a few days before the event.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all there.

Getting Through This Together' *Boys in Mind* Campaign- with Tom De Glanville

Finally, as a Lead school for local mental health charity Boys in Mind (Girls Mind Too), we are delighted to share this short clip made by ex-student and now Bath Rugby Premiership League player, Tom De Glanville. Tom talks to young people about how he is getting through this lockdown and we are most proud of him, not just on the pitch but off, as he talks about the importance of looking after our wellbeing. Well done Tom.

[#GettingThroughThisTogether - Tom de Glanville](#)

The Mental Health Team