



BEECHEN CLIFF

18th March 2021

Message from the Headmaster

It is wonderful to have everyone back with us now, and at last, to have come to the end of the testing process in school.

We have been very thankful for the support of all in this process and for the recognition of pupils that we are back in 'work' mode and that nothing must be allowed to impede the academic activities which are being offered. With this in mind, I would ask that you support us by making sure that your son is ready for being in lessons, all equipment is ready, that the correct uniform is worn at all times and that he is organising himself in re-establishing homework routines. It has been a long time away from a classroom and we recognise that getting back into old patterns of working requires new focus.

We ask that masks are worn when in buildings and whilst in the classroom. This demonstrates the support of us all in reducing risk to others in our community and building confidence amongst those working with children.

Thank you, as always, for your continual support

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

End of Term Arrangements

In previous years school has finished early on the last day of the Easter term. The arrangements this year will be slightly different

On 1st April the school day will operate as normal and conclude with an assembly in the afternoon. There will then be a staggered departure from school with pupils dismissed from 3pm

Mr T D Markall
Deputy Head (curriculum)

Calendar

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

Year 11/U6th Assessments

The assessment timelines for Year 11 and U6th students were published last Friday. These can also be accessed on our website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/teacher-assessed-grades-2021/>

We hope these will help students to plan their revision over the weeks ahead. Teachers are working hard to support students in preparing for these assessments and teaching will be ongoing right through to the end of the assessment period. We will be publishing the most up-to-date grades and details of what they are based on as soon as possible.

Mr T D Markall
Deputy Head (Curriculum)

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

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

Uniform Reminder!

Please note that full school uniform is expected to be worn every day including school shoes and blazer. The only exceptions are as follows:

Years 7-9:

PE and Games - wear PE and Games kit with BLUE tracksuit bottoms if required or black skins under shorts

Year 10 and 11:

PE - Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform and bring their PE kit separately to school. They will change into their PE kit for PE lessons.

Games - Games kit with BLUE tracksuit bottoms if required or black skins under shorts.

Please note that hoodies are not allowed and will be confiscated. Please ensure that your son follows our uniform expectations.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Pastoral Care



COVID 19 Rapid Testing for those without symptoms

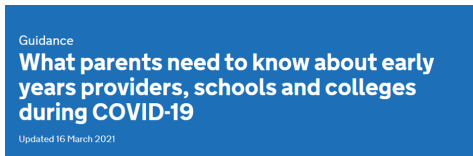
Please find attached to this newsletter a briefing paper for parents and carers which provides information about COVID 19 tests available for those who are asymptomatic, explaining who can have a tests and where these can be accessed. It specifically covers: -

- Collection of home self-test kits in B&NES
- If you or your child test positive using a rapid home self-test kit.
- If you or your child test positive after having a rapid lateral flow test at a test site
- Other ways of getting a rapid COVID 19 test including; Local authority community test sites and work-place testing
- Home ordering service
- Support to self-isolate

Clare Laker
B&NES Public Health

What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID -19

Please click on the link below to access this information



Progress Reports

Dear Parents

Please note that the progress reports for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be available to download from INSIGHT on Wednesday 31st March.

These can be accessed via the link on the "popular pages" on the school website.

If you have any queries about accessing the reports, please contact crussell@beechencliff.org.uk

Kind regards,

Mr A Seal
Assistant Headteacher

Menu from wc 22nd March

Monday: Beef and Smoked Bacon Casserole, Cheese and Tomato Quiche

Tuesday: Pork Stroganoff, Spiced Lentil cottage pie

Wednesday: Spicy chicken with Kidney beans, Potato and Chickpea Curry

Thursday: Chicken Tikka Wrap with Minted Mayo, Spicy Roasted Vegetable Wrap

Friday: Beef Burger, Bean Burger

Mr D Keal

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Please be advised that CCF restarts Friday 19th March at King Edwards School at 5pm.

For more information please contact

cgreenhough@beechencliff.org.uk

Captain C Greenhough

Emergency Calls from Phones

Please see attached to this week's newsletter three information sheets for Samsung, iPhone and Google phones about how to set up a phone for an emergency.

Safeguarding Team



USA Ski Trip 2022



The school has secured some extra places for the USA ski trip next February which we are hoping to be able to run. We have over 60 year 7-9s pupils signed up so far.

If your son is in year 7, 8 or 9 and would like more information on the trip, please contact Mr Macdonald.

Mr P Macdonald
Sport

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

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)

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

Theme of the Week

Reflection on the last week

Students are encouraged to have Solution Focused conversations to help them reflect on their return to school in the last week - particularly what has gone well and what strengths they have noticed about themselves. Tutors used the following questions to help students reflect:

What have you noticed about yourself in the last week?

What has gone well?

How have you coped with things you have found challenging in the past week?

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 today?

Where do you think you were on the scale this time last week? Higher or lower? What has made a difference?

*Where would you like to be on the scale next week?
What could you do to help move yourself up the scale?*



What are you looking forward to?

With lock down restrictions still in place, what are you doing to help you cope?

Tom de Glanville's tips - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFzwY9mrjvk>

Callum Sheedy's tips - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ku2SfpocBVE>

What do you think are the challenges people are facing in lock down, and coming back to school? What solutions can you think of to help with these challenges?

As a group, write a list of top tips to help us cope for the next few weeks - you could display these in your tutor room to encourage others. Think about including the 5 ways to wellbeing in your tips.



Miss P Netto

PSHE

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our Beechen Cliff students are "Remarkable"

As part of the Mental Health Team at Beechen Cliff and Sixth Form Pastoral Manager, I have been privileged to spend a lot of time supporting young people with Solution Focused conversations since they have returned to school. I know that the narrative we have heard, so often, in the media this year has labelled our young people as the 'lost' generation, and I do not in any way wish to sound like I am not aware of the huge sacrifices our young people have had to make, but I would like to challenge the notion that they are 'lost',

I decided to make a short video highlighting the many positive things our pupils and students have been pleased to notice about themselves during the past year and to applaud their remarkable resilience and to notice the skills they have developed, which they may otherwise not have learned without the enforced 'pause' to their lives. I hope you will take a few minutes to watch this clip and notice how 'remarkable' your children are.

[Susie Ingram - Our Beechen Cliff students are "Remarkable"](#)

Susie Ingram

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 on **Saturday 24th April 2021 at 10am.**

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.

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.

The Mental Health Team