



## BEECHEN CLIFF

27th May 2021

### Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we bid farewell to our Year 11 boys, following many weeks of assessment.

The whole school joins together in wishing them success in the future, whether in the Beechen Cliff Sixth Form or other routeways into employment. They have striven to do as well as they can and we are very proud of their efforts. I will certainly miss them.

The leaving ceremony involved the distribution of Graduation Certificates to the boys, following their reflections on time at Beechen Cliff and their own assessment of how the school has prepared them for life in the future.

A positive, inspiring collection of documents!

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Calendar

#### Thursday 27th May

Year 11 Graduation 2.15pm - 4.15pm  
Year 11 Potterne Shooting (6pm-10pm)

#### Friday 28th May

U6th Leavers Ceremony - 4.00pm  
End of Spring Term-Half Term

#### Thursday 3rd June

Year 13 Potterne Shooting (6pm -10pm)

#### Monday 7th June

Start of Summer Term  
Year 8 Exams week

#### Monday 14th June

Year 9 Exams week

#### Tuesday 15th June

Year 8 - HPV vaccinations

#### Monday 21st June

Year 10 and L6th Exams week

#### Saturday 26th June

CATS for incoming Year 7 pupils (TBC)

#### Monday 28th June

\*\*\*INSET Day\*\*\*

New Parents Evening (TBC)

#### Thursday 1st July

New Year 7 Intake Day (TBC)

#### Monday 19th July -Friday 23rd July

Activities Week - All pupils

#### Friday 23rd July

End of Term

#### Monday 6th September

Start of the Autumn Term for all pupils

### Room Changes Next Term

As mentioned in the newsletter last week there will be some room changes on the timetable after half term. These changes mostly affect English, Humanities, Languages and Maths. Pupils and students should check their timetables on INSIGHT before returning to school to ensure they know the locations of their lessons. They will also be able to ask their teachers if they are uncertain where to go.

Mr T D Markall  
Deputy Head (Curriculum)

## Year 11 and Upper Sixth Work Packages

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students this week, we have also been preparing a work package for both year groups to keep them busy for the remainder of the school year and to help them to prepare for their next steps. Year 11 students who are joining us for the Sixth Form in September should complete the preparation work for their three chosen A Level courses and keep it all together, either in paper form in a folder, or electronically on Google Drive. This will be collected by subject teachers in September. For students going elsewhere to study A Levels, it may be that their new Sixth Form will provide a similar package, but they are very welcome to use our preparation work to help them prepare if this is helpful. For students going on to College, there are some college course preparation tasks from Mr Bakker, our Careers Lead, which we hope these students will find helpful. The Year 11 work package can be viewed on the school website here:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-Year-11-Remote-Learning-Package.pdf>

For our Upper Sixth students who are progressing to university for further study either this September or next, our subject leaders have prepared some preparatory work to help students bridge the gap between A Level and University study. Miss Mather has also prepared some more general university preparation work which is included in the work pack and we hope students will find helpful. The Upper Sixth work package can be viewed on the school website here:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-U6th-Remote-Learning-Package.pdf>

We wish all of our Year 11 and Upper Sixth students the very best for their next steps.

Ms Sullivan  
Assistant Headteacher

### 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](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)

## Teacher Assessed Grades

The assessment process for Year 11 and U6th students is now complete. I would like to congratulate all our Year 11 and U6th students on their hard work and resilience during the past two years and in particular during the recent assessment period.

Shortly I will be writing to students and parents about the next steps in the process and with information on the specific pieces of evidence used to determine grades. I would ask students and parents to read this information carefully.

In particular I would like to draw your attention to a few key dates:

### 10th August: A Level Results Day

Grades will be available to collect from 8.00am to 9.00am in the Main Hall.

#### Surname beginning Time Slot

A-D 8:00-8:15am  
E-J 8:15-8:30am  
K-Q 8:30-8:45am  
R-Z 8:45-9:00am

### 12th August: GCSE Results Day

Grades will be available to collect from .9:00am to 10.00am in the Main Hall

#### Surname beginning Time Slot

A-D 9:00-9:15am  
E-I 9:15-9:30am  
J-O 9:30-9:45am  
P-Z 9:45-10:00am

We would recommend that students come in person to collect their results, which will be organised with social distancing if required at the times given above. Staff will be on hand to discuss results, next steps and to offer advice and support to students.

If students are unable to be physically present on results day the student should complete this Google Form in order to receive results by email which will be sent to their school email account on the relevant day after 10:00am.

<https://forms.gle/Ar83PiwJnykQ9nua7>

Mr T D Markall  
Deputy Head (Curriculum)

## Revision Fortnights and Summer Exams, Years 7-10

Well done to all of our pupils who have begun work revising for their upcoming summer exams. A reminder that Year 7 Exams Week has begun and that the revision fortnights for pupils in years 8 and 9 are underway. Pupils should use Google Classroom to check for their revision homework, as well as doing their own independent revision. Year 10 pupils have all received blank revision timetables to help them manage their time in the lead up to their exams. The table below details the revision fortnight and exam week dates for each year group, as well as the minimum amount of time they should spend on their revision tasks for each subject.

A reminder that materials to help your son prepare for his end of year exams are on the school website.

KS3: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/exams-assessment/summer-exams/>

KS4 (GCSE): <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/exams-assessment/exam-board-info-2/>

If you would like to watch the assemblies given to boys in Years 8-10, then can be viewed here:

Year 8 and 9: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Go3v\\_mJd6g-EcneYA5UzjIXibtqSwF05/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Go3v_mJd6g-EcneYA5UzjIXibtqSwF05/view?usp=sharing)

Year 10: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pQrmSkWTqB-nq2oZ6FCXymM4fSgiNppE/view?usp=sharing>

With very best wishes,

Ms S Sullivan  
Assistant Headteacher

## Revision Fortnight and Exam Week Dates

	Revision fortnight starts on:	Exams week W/C:	Length of time to spend on set revision task for each subject:
Year 7	10/05/2021	24/05/2021	1 hour for all subjects
Year 8	17/05/2021	07/06/2021	1.5 hours for English/Maths/Science 1 hour all other subjects
Year 9	24/05/2021	14/06/2021	1.5 hours for English/Maths/Science 1 hour 15 minutes all other subjects
Year 10	07/06/2021	21/06/2021	3 hours for English/Maths/Science 1.5 hours all other subjects

## COVID-19 testing over May half-term

As lockdown eases, taking a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help us stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine.

We want to thank you for your continued support in testing.

Please continue to test twice-weekly over half-term and test before returning to school or college after the holiday.

The result of a rapid test could be positive, negative or even void. But whatever it is, it should be reported straight away, every time. Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#)

All pupils and students have been issued with new test kits this week.

Many thanks

Mrs C Thompson  
Administration Manager

## Theme of the Week

In tutor groups students have been reflecting on Covid restrictions starting to lift, and thinking about how people are feeling about adapting to this - recognising that people will have different thoughts about restrictions being lifted and being respectful of this. Students reflected on and discussed the following questions:

Coming out of lock down/new restrictions/what have we learned?

1. How do you feel about the road ahead?
2. What are your feelings about restrictions being lifted?
3. Keeping the lessons of lock down (helping neighbours out etc) Which ones do you think should be continued?
4. What has changed for the better for you as an Individual?

### Hold Still

Spearheaded by The Duchess of Cambridge, Patron of the National Portrait Gallery, *Hold Still* is a community project to create a unique collective portrait of the UK during lockdown. People of all ages were invited to submit a photographic portrait, taken in a six-week period during May and June, focussed on three core themes - Helpers and Heroes, Your New Normal and Acts of Kindness. Over 31,000 submissions were received from across the country, with entrants ranging from 4 to 75 years-old. From these, a panel of judges selected 100 portraits, assessing the images on the emotions and experiences they conveyed.



<https://www.npg.org.uk/hold-still/hold-still-gallery/>

Reflect on the photos - what are the things we will remember about this last year? How do the photos make us feel?

## PTA News

### BOOKING SUMMER HOLIDAYS OR DAYS OUT ONLINE??



Please remember to go through the GIVE AS YOU LIVE website to check if the travel / hotel booking companies have signed up. (e.g. Booking.com are giving good rewards back to charities).

Your ongoing online purchases really help Beechen Cliff PTA to support the school and our children.

To sign up if not already done so please use link below, it is straight forward. Thank you.

<http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beechecliffpta>



## PSHE Update

Years 7-10 will be focusing on relationships and sex education in their PSHE lessons after half term. The aim of RSE is to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds. The school's RSE programme meets the needs of all young people in the school and is developmentally appropriate. Teaching is sensitive, age appropriate and delivered by trained professionals with reference to the law; some RSE sessions are delivered by school nurses.

For further information about PSHE and our RSE policy, please see the school website.

Miss P Netto

PSHE

### 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 whole duration of the Autumn Term 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> December inclusively).

The all-female group is looking for accommodation in Bath, within either walking distance or short bus ride to our school, whilst they study here to experience British culture and improve their English.

The students are to be hosted individually within a home from home environment, which provides daily home cooked meals, a bedroom with a study area and en-suite, if possible.

We provide a generous weekly living expenses allowance of £220 per week to provide for all their needs. Hosting to subject to a home visit and DBS checks.



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



Dear parents, carers, staff and students,

My name is Toby Hawkins, a Lower Sixth form student and one of the many organisers involved in the latest in a line of TEDx events that have been run at Beechen Cliff in recent years.

Our TEDx event is based around the theme of 'Let's Look Forward', focusing on what we, as students, have to look forward to in our futures. After nearly 18 months of uncertainty, stress and anxiety caused to young people as a result of the pandemic, we are incredibly proud and excited to be planning and running this event.

As I said, I am just one of the organisers involved, participating in a team of eleven other students dedicated to creating what will hopefully be a thoroughly inspiring and enjoyable event for later this year.

We are at the stage now where we have reached out to a wide variety of speakers and have had confirmations of interest from many of them. We have also reached out to local businesses and the wider school community regarding sponsorship opportunities and additional things we can run on the day to make the event as successful and welcoming as possible.

We've also secured a date for the event of the **Thursday 8th of July, 7pm-9pm**, which should allow us to run the event as Covid-19 restriction-free as we can, although the event will still of course be subject to government guidelines.

We've also launched TEDxBeechenCliffSchool 2021 on social media this week on both Twitter and Instagram. Our Instagram account is [@tedxbeechncliffschool](https://www.instagram.com/tedxbeechncliffschool) and our Twitter account is [@TEDxBeechen](https://twitter.com/TEDxBeechen). If you would like to see what we are up to and keep updated with our event, please do give us a follow!

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be continuing to roll out our promotional materials, which have been designed entirely by members of the TEDx Beechen Cliff team, releasing further details about the event, including our list of speakers, and looking towards releasing tickets in the very near future.

Our TEDx email is [tedx@beechncliff.org.uk](mailto:tedx@beechncliff.org.uk) and we, as a team, would love to hear from you if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you.



## Free School Meals during May Half Term Holidays

As you may be aware the council provided funding to support benefit related free school meals during the Christmas, February Half Term and Easter holidays by issuing vouchers to parents. The Local Authority is looking to provide similar support during the May/June half term.

For those parents /carers who received a voucher at Easter they will automatically be sent an e-mail that will ask if they wish to receive a voucher for their eligible children by clicking a hyperlink. This will generate a further email which will contain the links to the voucher portal where they can select the supermarket in the same way as happened previously. Parents/carers will not need to reapply.

Please find published alongside this weeks newsletter an letter from B&NES for more information.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing



### 'Parents/Carers - Helping our children with anxiety'

Over the course of the pandemic, many children have been feeling worried and anxious. Mental health services have seen a significant increase in anxiety, depression and the use of unhelpful coping strategies – for instance, using food, self-harm, tantrums and avoidance of worrying situations - to manage tricky feelings. At school, we have seen a similar trend and are delighted that we are able to provide support in school for those in need. As parents/carers, many of you ask us what you can be doing at home to help your children manage these feelings. Over the next few weeks, we will share some really useful videos and tips to help you support your children if they are struggling with this. BBC Bitesize spoke to clinical psychologist Doctor Anna Colton. She explains the causes of anxiety and offers some techniques to stop anxious thoughts, as well as tips on how to help your child manage their anxiety:

#### What causes anxiety?

"Anxiety evolved to protect us. It is generated by our primal brain, which has the job of keeping us safe and out of danger. Our primal brain constantly scans for danger and as soon as it detects a threat, it floods us with adrenaline, creating physical symptoms such as dizziness, sweating, trembling, nausea and more. This causes the fight/flight/freeze response that people experience when suffering from acute anxiety.

"If we are in life-threatening danger we need these automatic reactions. Thankfully most of the time we don't need them, but they can easily kick in - causing anxiety, distress and negatively impacting our life."

When you are a teenager, so much is changing that it can be a weird, exciting and sometimes scary time. Not only is their body changing, their brain is changing too.

Teenagers are likely to experience a whole range of emotions during these years. We need all of these emotions; they help us make sense of the world around us. Some of these emotions can feel pretty intense. Sometimes that can be really exciting, but sometimes it can feel overwhelming too. This is a very normal part of teenage development.

Understanding a little about the basic science of the brain can help teenagers cope with some of the things they might be feeling. Natasha Devon, mental health campaigner and author of *Yes You Can Ace Your Exams Without Losing Your Mind*, has made a simple little video clip to tell us a little bit about how the teenage brain develops.

#### [The teenage brain](#)

Clinical psychologist Doctor Anna Colton has made a series of short videos, each featuring a technique that you can share with your child - to help control anxious thoughts:

[Anxiety: How you can help your child - with five simple coping techniques](#)

[How to tackle anxiety with Dr Anna Colton](#)

[How to tackle anxiety: Using distractions](#)

[How to tackle anxiety: Anxiety lives in the future](#)

As always, if you are worried about your child and think that they need some support, please do let our pastoral team know in school.

Let them also know about helplines, textlines and online services that are available to them. You could also speak to your GP, who can provide help and refer them to mental health services if needs be.

You could look at the resources together. The [BBC Action Line](#) is a good place to start.

The BBC [Headroom](#) campaign has links to lots of helpful content.

If you are not sure of what to do and need some extra support, visit the [Young Minds](#) website for more advice.

Source: *BBCBitesize-Mental Health resources*

Best wishes.

The Wellbeing Team

### MENU for w/c 7th June

**Monday:** BBQ Pork, Spiced Quorn with Aubergines and peppers

**Tuesday:** Chicken with Chorizo and tomato sauce, Mushroom red onion and spinach stroganoff

**Wednesday:** Braised Beef with a peppercorn Sauce, Tomato and Mozzarella Tart

**Thursday:** Chilli Chicken, Veggie Chilli

Mr D Keal

Chef

## Sports Fixtures w/c Monday 7th June

Please find here the details of next week's fixtures, correct at the time of publication.

However please refer to the School Sports Fixtures at <http://www.schoolssports.com/school/default.asp?id=374> for the most up to date information.

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	U14a&b Cricket v Kingswood (a)	14:45	14:00	MB x 2	17:45
	U12a Cricket v Kings Hall (a)	14:00	12:15	MB	17:45
	Year 10 Cricket moderation @ Glasshouse	12:30	12:00	MB drop	15:30
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	U12a&b Cricket v Dauntsey's (a)	14:00	12:30	Coach	18:00
	U12 & U14 Tennis v Colstons (a)	15:00	13:45	MB	18:00
	U14a Cricket v St Katherine's (Lodway CC)	13:00	11:30	MB	17:00
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	1st XI Cricket v Dauntsey's (a)	14:00	12:00	MB	20:00
	U14 Tennis v Clifton College (h)	14:30	14:30	n/a	17:15
	Primary School Cricket tournament @ Sulis Club (L6th Level 3 students)	9:45	9:00	MB drop, make own way home	15:30



### TENNIS HOLIDAY COURSES 1-3 JUNE AT LANSDOWN TC

TENNIS EXPLORERS 5-8YRS 10.30AM - 12.30PM  
 JUNIORS 9-12 YRS 10.30AM - 12.30PM  
 JUNIORS 13-17 YRS 1.30 - 3.30PM

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**UPPER SIXTH**  
**SIXTH FORM PROM**  
**THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2021**

✦ FROM 7PM-11PM  
 ✦ ✦ BATH HILTON

2 COURSE MEAL  
 AWARDS  
 BAR  
 DJ  
 £45.00 (approx.)

