



## BEECHEN CLIFF

24th June 2021

### Message from the Deputy Head

Dear Parents/Carers

All KS3 pupils have now completed their summer assessments and we are reaching the point in the year where we start to look towards the end of the summer term.

This week it has been wonderful to see the Year 7 pupils enjoying their activity days and preparing for their cricket tour.

We are, however, all too aware of the disruption that the pandemic is causing in Bath at the moment and it has been frustrating to see our Year 10 pupils and Lower Sixth students move to online learning once again after a small number of confirmed cases in our school community. Due to the circumstances the arrangements for their summer exams have had to be adjusted with a mixture of remote assessments and assessments to be completed on the return to school.

We continue to follow the required safety protocols in school and are working hard to maintain continuity of education at this time. May I take this opportunity to remind all our school community of the importance of regular testing and following the national guidelines currently in place. Please ensure that you continue to report both negative and positive results to the NHS portal which is on the front page of our website.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils over the next week including through virtual meetings with Heads of House and our virtual Sixth Form Induction will also be taking place soon.

Let us hope the last few weeks of term are less bumpy as we move towards the summer break.

*T. D. Marshall*

Mr T.D Markall  
Deputy Head (Curriculum)

### Calendar

**Saturday 26th June**

CATS for incoming Year 7 pupils

**Monday 28th June**

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

New Parents Evening - Virtual Event

**30th June–1st July**

Sixth Form Induction (virtual)

**Thursday 1st July**

CATS catch-up slot 3.45pm

**Friday 9th-10th July**

CCF Exercise First Chance, Monkton

**Friday 16th–19th July**

CCF Exercise Summer Breeze, Brecon Beacons

**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

### PARENTS MASS TESTING QUESTIONNAIRE -

Message from NHS Test and  
Trace



Department  
of Health &  
Social Care

One of the Covid Daily Contact trials's aims is to understand how many people are doing mass testing. As mass testing is being done mainly at home. It has been found that schools and colleges do not have much detail on this. To help us understand this better, we will be asking all parents/carers in all schools and colleges to complete a 2 minute questionnaire.

Please complete by 25th June 2021.

Link: [https://bristolxppsycheu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e9wMy5nYh1WRD5s](https://bristolxppsycheu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e9wMy5nYh1WRD5s)

## Update re testing from Public Health BANES

As you will be aware we have seen a rise in the number of cases of Covid-19 across the country, specifically cases of the Delta variant. Whilst currently numbers in B&NES are relatively low compared to some areas it remains a cause for concern. We therefore ask that staff, pupils and families remember the key points below and be advised that there has been no change in the national guidance issued around testing, tracing and containment in schools

- \* All staff and secondary / college students - please continue to undertake Lateral Flow Device (LFT) testing at least twice a week
- \* All adults in families / households with children aged under 11 - please continue to undertake LFT testing at least twice a week
- \* In the event of a positive LFT or the onset of COVID symptoms, a PCR test must be taken to confirm the case, and the individual and their contacts **MUST** self-isolate straightaway
- \* Contacts of a positive case are now also encouraged to take a PCR test, even without symptoms, to quickly detect secondary cases. Please remind contacts that if their PCR test is negative they must still continue to isolate for the remainder of their isolation period as they could still be incubating the virus

Please also note; **PHE recommend that children with non-COVID specific symptoms of acute respiratory infection don't go into school if they are unwell as a general rule, and get tested if they (or their families) progress to COVID 19 symptoms whilst unwell.**

Mrs C Thompson  
Administration Manager

## 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)

## Bronze DofE

### Qualifying Expedition 18th-19th June

The Bronze group successfully completed their Expedition section of the Award last weekend.

Groups walked from Keynsham to Chelwood scout camp, they negotiated cows, some wet weather and tricky navigation in wooded areas. Once in camp the groups were assessed on their camp craft skill and then enjoyed an evening of games.



Day 2 all groups were much improved regarding navigation and had clearly bonded as teams.

A huge well done to the boys on such a fantastic achievement, a massive thank you to the 19 staff that volunteered their time to support this event and parents at home ensuring the boys were well prepared for their expeditions.

The next training session is the 29th June, during this session we will discuss how to complete the Award fully and the Silver DofE Award. This information will also be emailed to parents and another session on the 13th July will be dedicated to any edofe queries. There will also be ongoing support from Ms Fox and Miss Garland to assist with any edofe/DofE questions.

### Other DofE Events

**14th-15th July** - Year 12 Gold DofE overnight camp.

**19th-21st July** - Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition Marlborough Downs

**28th-31st Oct** - Gold Practice Expedition.

Ms J Fox  
DofE Manager

## Theme of the Week

## DIVERSITY WEEK



Theme of the Week is about School Diversity Week which is 'Just Like Us' (LGBT+ charity for young people) annual celebration of LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans) equality in education, celebrated by thousands of primary schools, secondary schools and colleges across the UK

Last year, schools and colleges representing 1.97 million pupils took part. It's a brilliant way to show that your school or college is LGBT+ inclusive, and a great step to support LGBT+ pupils who are twice as likely to be struggling with mental health right now.

**Your responsibility this week - be inclusive in your words and actions. Do your part to make sure Beechen Cliff is a place that EVERYONE feels happy, safe and valued.**

Tutor groups had a choice of three tasks to explore the theme of diversity - create a diversity-tree, watch and discuss Matthew's story or a quiz.

### For Information and support:

	<p><b>The Mix (@themixuk)</b> The Mix is a digital support services for young people, by young people. Website: <a href="http://www.themix.org.uk">www.themix.org.uk</a> Helpline: 0808 808 4994</p>
	<p><b>Kooth (@kooth_uk)</b> Kooth is an online mental health community for young people. Website: <a href="http://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Young Minds (@youngmindsuk)</b> Young Minds is a charity that advocates for young people's mental health and you can use their website to find help. Website: <a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk">www.youngminds.org.uk</a> Helpline: Text YM to 85258</p>
	<p><b>Stonewall (@stonewalluk)</b> Stonewall is one of the UK's best known LGBT+ organisations. Their 'What's in My Area?' page allows you to see what LGBT+ services and community groups are local to you by putting in your postcode. Website: <a href="http://www.stonewall.org.uk">www.stonewall.org.uk</a></p>
	<p><b>Gendered Intelligence (@genderedintelligence)</b> Gendered Intelligence runs a number of youth groups that welcome trans, non-binary, gender variant and questioning young people. Gendered Intelligence also hosts a camping weekend and offers resources on their website. Website: <a href="http://www.genderedintelligence.co.uk">www.genderedintelligence.co.uk</a></p>

### Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender



**Lesbian:** a woman (or girl) attracted to other women (or girls).



**Gay:** a person who is attracted to someone of the same gender (can be used about men or women).



**Bisexual:** a person who is attracted to more than one gender.



**Transgender:** a person whose gender identity doesn't match the sex they were assigned at birth.

### Why is there a plus (+) on the end?

The + represents other sexual orientations and gender identities. There are lots more!

Other ways people identify include those who aren't attracted to anyone, and those who don't identify as male or female.

If you're interested, you can find out more online.



### What's an ally?

A friend and supporter of the LGBT+ community. You don't have to be LGBT+ to be an ally.



### What if I get it wrong?



Don't worry! Everyone gets it wrong from time to time. Correct yourself if you can, and move on – your intentions were good.

**What is diversity and inclusion? Discuss this question, and think about why diversity is important**

Def: the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, etc.

Diversity refers to both an obvious fact of human life—namely, that there are many different kinds of people—and the idea that this diversity drives cultural, economic, and social vitality and innovation. Indeed, decades of research suggest that intolerance hurts our well-being, and that individuals thrive best when they are able to tolerate and embrace the diversity of the world.

### Things to remember

**Be yourself, everyone else is already taken**

**It's illegal to discriminate against LGBT+ people**

**Life would be boring if we were all the same**

**LGBT+ equality is everyone's issue**

Miss P Netto  
PSHE

**There are no outsiders in our school**

## Centurion Walk 2021

It is with regret that we will be unable to go ahead with this year's Centurion Walk.



The current Covid restrictions and the level of uncertainty around the next few weeks have made it very difficult for us to move forward with the arrangements for this year. We very much look forward to holding this Beechen Cliff event next year.

Mr R Stewart

Centurion Walk Co-ordinator

## LOST PROPERTY

We continue to have a large amount of unnamed lost property which needs to be claimed.



If your son has lost an item of uniform or sports kit please encourage him to visit the school nurse during break or the lunch period to see if their item is there.

Any items not collected by the end of term will be disposed of.

**Please can we remind parents to ensure that all uniform is named to enable any mislaid items to be returned to owner.**

## Family Friendly Cycle Ride

We would like to let parents know about a family friendly cycle ride that is taking place on 26th June. Event starts at 11am from Orange Grove.



Joanna Wright

Councillor for Lambridge

Bath and North East Somerset Council

07582 749865

## PTA CALLING ALL PARENTS !!

Please could you donate any school uniform that you no longer require to the school uniform container inside the main entrance to reception.

If you can donate as soon as possible that would be fabulous!!

- \* All sizes are needed for us to sell, especially for our new intake in September.
- \* If your son has now left Year 11 please donate your GCSE text books if you no longer require them.
- \* If your son/daughter has now left the Upper Sixth please donate their 'A' Level text books.
- \* Please hand these into reception or bring to the sale below for us to sell.

The text books will either be made available to pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium who need them or they will be sold at our sale below.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

**SATURDAY 26th JUNE 11am – 12.30pm at the Club House Beechen Cliff**

We will be holding another great SALE for all to come to on a first come first served basis.

Please adhere to social distancing rules and please wear your masks. The sale is all outside the Club House.

No appointments necessary just turn up with the sizes you are looking for or bring your child with you!

If you have any donations of uniform or subject text books to hand in please bring them with you.

This will be the last sale of the year before school starts again in September.

We will be selling trousers of all sizes for 50p.

We cannot guarantee we will have everything you need and please bear in mind it is second hand not new!

Payments by card only. All proceeds will go towards Beechen Cliff School PTA.

Any enquiries please contact: Lesley Leming:  
[secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com](mailto:secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com)

## Mental Health and Wellbeing



### 'Solution Focused' Parenting'

This year, we have been thrilled to host a series of Coffee Mornings for parents and carers where we have introduced so many of you to the Solution Focused approach we use at school with your children. Due to the success of these coffee mornings and parental demand for these to continue, we are planning to carry these on in the next academic year. We will offer training sessions for beginners (to include new parents) and for those parents who are already trained and want to learn about scenarios where this approach can be used at home. This week, we will start a new series of tips explaining how 'Solution Focused' Parenting can help your teenagers and we will give you some questions to ask your child to make sure that you are on the same page.

### What is Solution Focused Parenting?

Solution Focused Parenting moves the parents from what is wrong onto what is right. It creates a conversation around the capabilities and resources the family already has and places the parents and children as the experts in their own family lives. This gives the family the responsibility together to create their Hopes for the future.

Solution Focused Parenting focuses on solutions driven by what is present and leads to more meaningful interactions versus what is missing or causing problems. Solution Focused Parenting changes the language from the way you think about the 'problem' into how you focus on what's working well already and what is wanted in the future.

Solution Focused Parenting strengthens the family by parents focusing on their skill building despite the participation level of their child/children/teens.

### Solution Focused Parenting:

- ♦ Eliminates Blame
- ♦ Stops Past-ing (bringing up the past over and over)
- ♦ Positions Parents/families As Experts in their own family life
- ♦ Focuses On Present and Future.

- ♦ Changes the way we interact with our children
- ♦ Is focused on what our children and families can do, not what they can't

### How Can It Help Your Child?

Solution Focused Therapy can help your child by creating an environment that not only validates him/her but also recognizes their strengths and value.

It shifts them from the assigned 'problem child/teen' to an active valid member of the family. In short, it communicates to them that they are loved, valued, and not broken.

*'When your child/teen feels valued and given the space to be their authentic self, they naturally decrease behaviours that are occurring to function as challenging you and your role in their life.'*

They may still suffer from mood and mental health issues, but it creates an environment that supports their challenges and offers healthier solutions in dealing with those struggles.

For the parents, it creates boundaries and consistency. It relieves guilt and blame. It creates space for you to enjoy your child. It allows you to be on solid ground again.

When you feel better, you are more patient and more effective.

Next week, we will begin to share some questions that you can use with your children/teenagers to work in a solution focused way.

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.

Best wishes

### The Wellbeing Team



## Sports Fixtures w/c Monday 28th 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 website at <http://www.schoolsports.com/school/default.asp?id=374> for the most up to date information.

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET				
	U13 & U14 Somerset cup finals @ Taunton	TBC	TBC		
	Somerset cricket tournament (U12 & U13- 3 teams)	13:00	12:15	MB	17:15
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	U12a&b cricket v KW (a)	11:45	11:00	2 x MB	15:00
	U14a cricket v KES (a)	13:30	12:45	MB	16:45
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	U13a&b cricket v KW (a)	11:45	11:00	MB (one drop, one stay)	15:00
	1st XI cricket v Wycliffe (a)	13:00	10:45	MB	17:15
	U12 Pirates v Marauders	15:30	15:20	n/a	18:30
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	1st XI cricket v KES (a)	13:00	11:45	MB drop	18:00
	U13a&b cricket v KES (a)	15:15	14:45	MB drop	18:00
	U13c cricket v KES (h)	15:30	15:15	n/a	18:00