



## BEECHEN CLIFF

30th September 2021

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday evening three Beechen Cliff pupils participated in the Piano Recital at Hayesfield School. Congratulations to Edward, Oliver and Arthur who performed brilliantly. It was great for pupils from Bath Hub schools to perform in the same concert and this was the first of several cross-school opportunities this year. We are also looking forward to our own Piano Concert at St Lukes Church on 20th October.

This week in assemblies and tutor time sessions we have been focusing on Citizenship and British Values and next week we will be considering Mental Health. Mr Oldham provides more information on this in his newsletter piece.

Tomorrow we have PCSOs from Avon and Somerset Police in, to complete bike security marking and we encourage pupils to take advantage of this opportunity.

Over the next week our cyclists will be preparing for the Coast-to-Coast Challenge in Devon and we wish them well for this and hope the weather stays dry!

Along with the newsletter today you will receive a separate letter in relation to covid cases within the school community. This letter provides a reminder about the mitigations we can all continue to take to protect each other and reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that we are continuing to follow all our planned mitigations in school and our Risk Assessment is available on the School Website.

*T. D. Marshall*

Mr T D Markall  
Headteacher

### Calendar

**Wednesday 29th to Friday 1st October**  
Teaching Grp 7AP to Tir-y-Cwm

**Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th October**  
Teaching Grp 7AH to Tir-y-Cwm

**Tuesday 5th October**  
Year 10 GCSE Information Evening

**Friday 8th October—Saturday 9th October**  
Devon Coast to Coast

**Tuesday 12th October**  
Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening Information Evening

**Saturday 16th October**  
Sixth Form Open Morning 9am-1pm

**Wednesday 20th October**  
Piano Concert at St Lukes Church

**Friday 22nd October**  
INSET Day

**Monday 25th—Friday 29th October**  
Half Term

**Monday 1st October**  
Start of the Christmas Term (Term 2)

**15th - 19th November**  
Year 11 Mock Examinations

### Equalities Questionnaire

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, I would like to invite all parents to complete a survey about equalities at Beechen Cliff. Please look out for an email via ParentPay which contains a link to a Google Form. Thank you in advance for completing this - it will take less than 5 minutes but will be extremely helpful.

Mr J Oldham  
Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding

## Key Notices

### 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 School direct on **01225 480466**, and select **Option 1** or you can email [attendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk).

#### Sixth Form Students

For a Sixth Form student absence please call the School direct on **01225 480466** and select **Option 2** or you can email [sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

### Menu for w/c 4th October

Monday: Chinese style pork, Creamy pesto pasta (G,D)

Tuesday: Chicken and vegetable pie (G), Tomato and Mozzarella Tart (G,D)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Brie and roasted vegetable wrap (G,D)

Thursday: Meatballs in a tomato sauce, Veggie hotpot

Friday: Paella (G), Pepper onion and potato frittata (D)

Mr D Keal

Chef

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(D) = Contains Dairy

## 16 and 17 year olds can now use the online booking service for their COVID-19 vaccine

The Department of Health and Social Care announced on Friday 24 September that all 16 and 17 year olds can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment [online](#).

Young people aged 16 and 17 can:

[book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy

[find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

## Beechen Cliff Sixth Form Open Morning Saturday 16th October 2021

We are delighted to announce our plans for our upcoming Open Morning . Please find information here regarding the schedule for the day.

Please note that there are parking restrictions in Alexandra Park which is limited to 4 hours and local streets are for permit-holders only.

There will be some parking available on the lower field (Greenway Lane). We encourage the use of public transport where possible.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

9.00 - 9.30am	Students and parents are welcome to arrive from 9.00am Refreshments will be available in the Refectory for all visitors from 9.00 - 10.30am	
	<b>External Students</b>	<b>Internal Students</b>
9.30 - 10.00am	Welcome talk in the Sports Hall with the Head of Sixth Form	Students and parents familiarise themselves with the school site
10.00 - 10.30am	Students and parents familiarise themselves with the school site	Welcome talk in the Sports Hall with the Head of Sixth Form
10.40 - 11.00am	Subject Talks - Session 1	
11.10 - 11.30am	Subject Talks - Session 2	
11.40 - 12.00pm	Subject Talks - Session 3	
12.10 - 12.30pm	Subject Talks - Session 4	
12.30 - 1.00pm	Sixth Form Staff available to answer questions in the Sixth Form Centre	

## Bicycle Security Marking

Avon and Somerset Police will be in school on Friday 1st October at 2.30pm to undertake security marking on bikes. If you would like your son/daughter to take advantage of this service please email [kmann@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:kmann@beechencliff.org.uk) and we will arrange for this to take place.

Mr K Mann

Assistant Headteacher

## Extra Curricular



PTA  
 Come and join  
 the PTA meeting on  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
 at **7pm** in the school **Library**  
**It's your PTA.....**

## SPORTS FIXTURES

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.schoolsports.com/school/default.asp?id=374> for the most up to date information.

Day	Fixture	Start /kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct					
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	U12a, U14a Rugby V. Chew Valley (H)	16:00	15:20	n/a	17:15
	U15a Rugby V. Ralph Allen (H)	16:00	15:20	N/A	17:00
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1st XV Rugby V. Gordan's (H)	14:30	13:00	N/A	16:00
	U13a Rugby V. Ralph Allen (A)	16:00	15:20	MB	18:00
	Dev XV, u16a Rugby V. Malmesbury (A)	14:00	12:15	1x 53 coach	17:00
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	U13b Rugby V. Chew Valley (A)	16:00	15:20	1x MB	17:30
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct					
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct					

## Message from the Deputy Head

Sunday 10th October may be World Mental Health Day, but every day at Beechen Cliff is a mental health day! Over the last 5 years, the profile of mental health at Beechen Cliff has grown exponentially and was described as “remarkable” by Ofsted in March 2020. We are incredibly proud of our work on supporting boys' mental health, but of course our Sixth Form girls as well; they are among many students and staff who have made a significant contribution to getting everyone talking about their feelings in recent years.

There is lots of information on the school website about our mental health strategy and work (<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/about/mental-health/>), including our submission to the DfE Education Select Committee last year about the impact of COVID . We feel it is particularly important for new parents to understand what we are striving for so I have provided our three broad aims below:

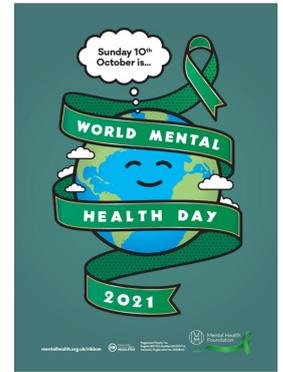
1. Creating a proactive positive mental health culture – placing a high priority on mental health and well-being as part of our vision for pupils and students and staff.
2. Keeping mentally fit and healthy – developing pupils’ and students’ emotional literacy and teaching them how to be proactive about keeping mentally fit and healthy.
3. Responding when things are difficult – ensuring pupils and students have somewhere to turn when they have a crisis, need some help or just want to talk.

In assemblies and Theme of the Week next week we will be talking about keeping mentally fit and healthy and where to get help when things are difficult. These assemblies will be held in year groups so we can tailor our message according to age. Meanwhile in the Character session, pupils will reflect on their own resilience, echoing our Solution Focused approach to wellbeing. You can read more about this later in this newsletter.

With at least one in four children facing a mental health difficulty, and increased numbers due to COVID, we want every pupil, parent and staff member to know about where to get help and how to help others. We strongly encourage you as parents to talk to your children about mental health and wellbeing and to check out this page on our website: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/about/mental-health/i-need-some-help/>

If you would ever like to talk to someone at school about your child's mental health or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact their Tutor, Head of House or myself, or Mrs Ingram or Miss Mather in the Sixth Form.

Mr J Oldham  
Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead



### Required as soon as possible INVIGILATORS

Hours to be worked as agreed during exam sessions.

Paid on a timesheet basis at NJC Grade 1 ( £9.62 per hour with 12.07% uplift

Beechen Cliff are proud to have a team of invigilators who are dedicated to ensuring every student receives the very best exam experience possible.

If you are:

available for at least 12 hours per week from mid-May until end of June every year and again during our mocks seasons of Jan and Nov are of a cheerful, flexible and easy-going disposition  
have good attention to detail and enjoy helping young people achieve their full potential  
....then we would be very happy to hear from you. This role may suit an active retired person with excellent standards of literacy or a self-employed person.

Shifts begin at 8am and are mostly 3 hours long, and some exam days end around 5pm, breaks and lunches are unpaid.

Beechen Cliff School is part of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership which is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will need to undertake an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure Barring Service.

Please email Kate Davison - Exams Officer for more details at [exams@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:exams@beechencliff.org.uk)



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## Google Classroom

### Year 7 Parents

This week, you should have received an email from Google Classroom inviting you to be linked to your son's Google Classroom. In order to receive weekly parent summaries of the work set to your son on Google Classroom, please follow the link in the email and click 'Accept'. Ensure you are logged in on your own email address on your browser before clicking accept (you can check this on the top right of the browser). Accepting the link is best done on a laptop or desktop computer, rather than a phone or tablet, as otherwise your phone may try to get you to download the Google Classroom app, which you do not need to do in order to receive the email summaries.

If you have a Gmail email address, you can choose to set your parent summaries to daily rather than weekly. You can do this by clicking on 'Settings' at the bottom of the first parent summary you receive. I'm afraid that, at present, all other email addresses can only receive weekly summaries.

If you have not yet received an invitation, please check your junk or spam folder. If there is no email from Google there, it may be because your son was yet to join his English Google Classroom, which are the classrooms we used to link the parent email addresses. If this is the case, please get him to accept this Google Classroom, then email [headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) FAO Sophie Sullivan and I will ensure your email address gets linked up to your son's Google Classroom.

All Year 7 pupils have completed an IT and Computing homework project teaching them how to use the Google Suite, and Year 7 tutors will be running an additional help session on Friday 28th September. If you or your son still have any questions or concerns after this, encourage your son to speak with his tutor, or email [headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk).

### Year 8-11 parents

Unless your email address has changed, your email should still be linked to your son's Google Classroom and you should still be receiving parent summaries. If this is not the case, please email [headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) FAO your son's tutor, and they will ensure that your email address gets linked to your son's Google Classroom.

### Parents of all years

A reminder that Homework Support runs in the school library, Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30pm. All pupils are welcome. There are computers and desk space for completing homework, an array of books and resources and two members of our Learning Support team on hand to support.

Kind regards,

Ms S Sullivan

Assistant Headteacher - Teaching and Learning

## Rewards Week

~~Date~~ 24th September 21

~~Focus~~ Core Values

House Results

	House	Points
1st	Milton	1221
2nd	Byron	1185
3rd	Shakespeare	1135
4th	Kipling	1127

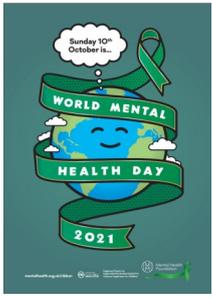
Year Group Results

	Year group	Points
1st	7	1040
2nd	8	1011
3rd	10	983
4th	9	820
5th	11	814

Tutor Results

Year	Tutor group	Average Points
7	Milton 7b	20.7
8	Shakespeare 8b	21.4
9	Shakespeare 9a	16.7
10	Kipling 10b	18.4
11	Milton 11b	17.3

## Theme of the Week w/c 4th October 2021



Sunday 10th October is **World Mental Health Day**. This is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organisation with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. It also provides an opportunity to empower people to look after their own mental health and provide support to others.

“In our hectic lives, we sometimes forget to check in with ourselves. Therefore, we sometimes don't realise our wellbeing is suffering until we are struggling because of it.”

### What is mental wellbeing?

Your mental wellbeing is about how you are feeling right now, and how well you can cope with daily life. Our wellbeing can change from moment to moment, day to day, or month to month.

Sometimes it changes because of things that happen to us and sometimes it changes for no reason at all. It can affect the way we feel about ourselves and others, and about the things we face in our lives

### Why is my wellbeing important

Having good wellbeing can help you too:  
Feel and express a range of emotions  
Have confidence and positive self-esteem  
Have good relationships with others  
Enjoy the world around you  
Cope with stress and adapt when things change

Good wellbeing doesn't mean you'll always be happy. It is normal to feel sad, angry, or low sometimes. But if you have poor wellbeing for a long time you might start to find things more difficult to cope with.

### How can I look after my wellbeing?

However your wellbeing is at the moment, there are things you can do to look after and improve it. What helps you now may not be the same as what helps you in the future. Try what you feel is comfortable and right for you, at this moment.

Write yourself a list of things you could do for your wellbeing and challenge yourself to do as many as possible over the next week.

*Some ideas include - being creative, being active, learning something new, getting more sleep, connecting with others, helping others, doing things you enjoy...*

### Boys in Mind (Girls Mind Too)

As a school we work with Boys In Mind (Girls Mind Too) - an organisation that aims to reduce stigma and other barriers around mental health.

<https://boysinmind.co.uk/> - scroll down and watch the video 'who we are and what we do' and read through 'our aims and principles'.

The Boys In Mind website has lots of resources and information to help you learn more about mental health, hear other people's experiences and find support if you feel you (or a friend of yours) need it - Look through the suggestions for support (including website and apps) with wellbeing here - <https://boysinmind.co.uk/useful-resources/>



In school you can also talk to your tutor, HoH, the school nurse or Off the Record. Don't forget to look out for members of staff wearing green lanyards.



Ms P Netto

PSHE and Mental Health Team



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The PTA would like all donations of good quality second hand school uniform please.

We would like; blazers, shirts, ties, PE and games kits, cricket whites, foot wear, shin pads etc. By donating these to the PTA we can sell it on to raise much needed funds for the school.

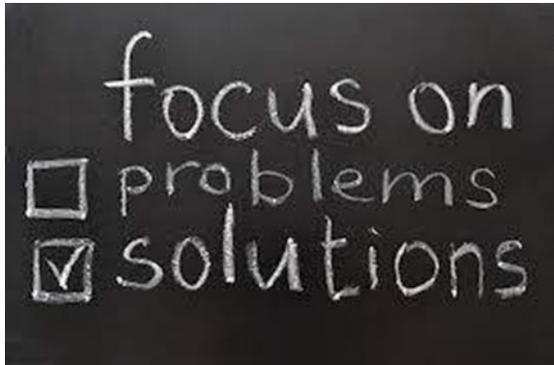
Please drop off your unwanted school uniform into the blue plastic container by reception, at anytime.

We are hoping to have a sale at the Club House between 10-12pm on Saturday 16th Oct 2021.

Thank you for your continued support...

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

### “The Solution Focused (SF) Approach”



At Beechen Cliff School, staff are trained to use the solution-focused approach in conversations with young people and with one another. Alongside other external listening support and counselling services, we are delighted to have our own SF practitioner (Tara Gretton) who supports students on a 1:1 basis in our counselling room. Tara trains staff and students to use this approach and, for the first time last year, she also delivered 3 free online SF coffee mornings for Beechen Cliff parents to explain how to use the SF approach with our own children. This proved to be hugely successful and so we plan to offer this again this year. Further information will follow.

The solution focused (SF) approach is compassionate, powerful, hopeful and effective. It works with people to achieve their hoped-for change. It places people as experts in their own lives, whilst allowing them to build on their existing strengths and capabilities. It helps them to achieve their desired outcomes.

The SF approach works with people to enable them to have a clear vision of how they want their life to be, how they would like things to be different. It's about noticing the presence of what's wanted, rather than the absence of what's not wanted. The SF approach also encourages people to notice what's working already, about confirming that and building on it, and not about focusing on or analysing the problem.

Developed in the 1980's in Milwaukee, USA, the SF approach was developed as a model of therapy. However, it is now widely applied across health, social care, and educational settings. The SF approach can be applied in any setting, whether it be an organisation, a community, a group, a family, parents, or individuals. One of SF's key strengths is its focus on simplicity, which makes it so accessible as well as applicable in so many settings.

Over coming weeks we will introduce you to more of the SF questions that we use in school as well as give details of the first online SF Coffee morning for parents.

If your child is expressing any concerns following their return to school, please make sure that you let their tutor know so that we can offer support at this early stage to prevent things building up.

Best wishes.

The Wellbeing Team

Dear parents, carers, and students,

Following the postponement of TEDxBeechenCliffSchool 2021 in July, we are thrilled to announce our new date for the event as 14th of October 2021.

Previously, we were limited to a virtual event due to Covid-19 guidance, however, due to recently revised regulations, we are now able to invite you to attend the event in person at **7pm on the 14th of October**.

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 more than 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 student-led, student-run event.

Even though TEDxBeechenCliffSchool has only been launched recently, the event has garnered some excellent local media coverage in the form of the publication of press releases in the Bath and Wiltshire Parent Magazine and in West England Bylines. The links to these article are below:

<https://thebathandwiltshireparent.co.uk/2021/09/beecheen-cliff-students-to-host-a-tedx-talk-lets-look-forward/>

<https://westenglandbylines.co.uk/tedx-event-at-beecheen-cliff-school-bath/>

Tickets for our event cost £3 per student and £5 per adult and are available through ParentPay. Due to TEDx rules, we have a limited capacity audience of up to 100 attendees so the tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

With the support of the PTA, we have also organised a bar for refreshments before the event and during the interval.

In addition to running a live event, we will also be live-streaming TEDxBeechenCliffSchool through Beechen Cliff's new Youtube channel <https://youtu.be/FFgrPOMY6H0>. For those attending virtually, we have worked alongside the PTA to create a donations scheme specifically for our event, which can be found in the description of the livestream. We suggest that virtual attendees make a contribution of £5 towards the event, although we would be extremely grateful and appreciative of any donations you would be willing to make. Further details about this venture can be found on our donations page: [TEDxBeechenCliffSchool](#)

Our speakers and their talks include:

**Sophie Sullivan** 'A More Equal Society' - The campaign for greater representation and equality in society

**Jasper Thompson** 'Helping Bristol's Homeless' - The Help Bristol's Homeless project of up-cycling shipping containers into secure, environmentally housing for homeless people

**Klaus Riekemann** 'The Importance of Decisions' - Being an Olympic gold-medal winning rower and the importance of decision making

**Dr Bill Wilkinson** 'The Challenge of Climate Change' - Political, societal and technological progress in the challenge against climate change

**Eddie Ilic** 'Eddie's Street Cuts' - His hair-cutting for homeless people project and mental health

**Rupert Tobin** 'Freedom or Success' - What a successful future society will look like and its relation with freedom

If you have any further questions or suggestions about our event or want to get involved, our email is [tedx@beecheencliff.org.uk](mailto:tedx@beecheencliff.org.uk). We can also be contacted through our social media channels on Twitter (@TEDxBeechen) and Instagram (@tedxbeecheencliffschool) where we will be continuing to release further event updates.

We look forward to seeing you, either in-person or virtually, at 7pm on Thursday 14th of October for TEDxBeechenCliffSchool 2021.

Thank you.

Beechen Cliff TEDx Team

## Community Links

**SPOTTERS HOCKEY CAMPS – SPECIALISED EFFECTIVE COACHING**  
**HIGH QUALITY, FUN AND ENJOYABLE COACHING TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE FOR ALL ABILITIES**



**OCTOBER HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS CAMPS - for ages 7-15**  
- sponsored by KOOKABURRA HOCKEY contact [spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk)

28 & 29 October 2021, 20 & 21 December 2021, 10am -12pm, 1-3pm

£24 per session, £45 for 2, £79 for 4.  
Based on the Lansdown side of Bath, Game based plus technical skills, great fun too!  
Differentiated age group/ability coaching groups; great EH pathway preparation  
subject to @EnglandHockey guidance. Book here: <https://form.jotform.com/210805551045346>

Supervision provided from 9.30am if booked for morning session, and between 12-1pm if booked for the afternoon as well, and from 12.30pm if booked just for the afternoon session.

Platform 8 productions presents



# Abigail's Party

By Mike Leigh

The Mission Theatre  
32 Corn St Bath BA1 1UF  
Weds Nov 10<sup>th</sup> to Sat Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

Platform 8, a Bath based theatre company, are delighted to return to the Mission Theatre. We promise you a night of shameless 1970's nostalgia combined with acutely observed character based comedy. Warning – this show does contain pineapple and cheese on sticks!!

Tickets [www.ticketsource.co.uk/platform-8](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/platform-8)

Bathboxoffice.org.uk 01225 463362 All tickets are priced £13



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Welcome (back) to Combe Down Rugby Club  
Open to all Girls and Boys from school reception upwards

**Tuesday's 7-8pm**

Mixed girls and boys U10—U11

Boys U12's— U14s  
Girls U13, U15s

Club House Open from 6.30

**Sunday's 10 – 11am**

Mixed Girls and boys minis (Aged 4 to 11 years);  
Junior boys U12's— U 14's

Matches held Sunday mornings

**Girls Matches—also on Sundays (normally pm)**

Club House Open on Sundays for food and refreshments



Never played before—just come along to see if you like it before you join the club

Any Questions?  
Call Mark 07799338405

Combe Down Rugby Club,  
Bramble Way, North Road,  
Combe Down, Bath  
BA2 5DE



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