



BEECHEN CLIFF

8th October 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we ran the second of our parent information evenings for this term for parents of pupils in Year 10. The evening focussed on the GCSE courses over the next two years and it was lovely to have many parents join us. For those who were unable to attend, the slides and handout have been emailed out and posted on the School Website.

In assemblies we have been talking about mental health and reinforcing the message that it is good to be talking about mental health, that mental health and well-being is really important and to ensure pupils know where to get help if needed. With this in mind I am delighted that our cyclists this weekend will be raising money for Boys in Mind as they complete the Coast to Coast challenge.

Beyond the timetabled curriculum, we have also had lots of other activities taking place over the last week. This has included Year 10 pupils taking part in clay pigeon shooting, rugby practices and fixtures, the last Year 7 Tir-y-Cwm visit and GCSE music visits to Monkton Combe School.

I would also like to congratulate Honor, who this week received Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's Cadet Award, and Prince, who has been accepted on to the prestigious UK Maths Trust mentoring scheme.

Next week we will be celebrating Black History Month in assemblies and tutor time and Mr Oldham provides more information on this in his newsletter piece. In the week ahead we are also running our Year 11 parent information evening, as we begin the build up to mock exams in November, and are also looking forward to our TEDx event, organised by our Sixth Form students, and our Sixth Form Open Morning.

Finally, as the weather gets colder it is fully expected that pupils and students will want to wear coats to school over their school uniform. However, hoodies are not permitted in school.

Mr T D Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

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

Monday 18th October

Flu Vaccination in School

Wednesday 20th October

Piano Concert at St Lukes Church

Friday 22nd October

INSET Day

Monday 25th—Friday 29th October

Half Term

Monday 1st November

Start of the Christmas Term (Term 2)

Thursday 11th November

U6th Parents Evening

15th – 19th November

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Wednesday 8th December

Year 11 Parents Evening

Key Notices

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Parents/carers should be advised that we sent a message via Parentpay this week containing a letter from Mrs Davison and Mr Markall. This outlines in detail the arrangements for the forthcoming Year 11 Mock exams, due to begin on Monday 15th November. Attached is also a sample timetable, and the JCQ rules which your son must read please. A further personalised copy showing only your son's exams will be distributed via Tutors before half term showing the seating for each exam.

Should you have any queries which are not covered in the letter please contact exams@beechencliff.org.uk

Mrs K Davison
Exams Officer

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 the lower school attendance 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 6th Form attendance sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Calling all year 7s, we need your help

We would like you to design a poster that will show our 4 core values in an eye-catching and engaging way that will then be professionally enlarged, printed and put up all around the school. The posters must include the below text but the design, layout, colours and the use of any images is up to you.

Be ready, Be your best, Be kind, Show respect

We have no doubt that your creative and imaginative brains will run wild and we are already looking forward to admiring all the posters that we will receive.

You can do them on paper with felt tips or coloured pencils or you can design them digitally. Please either bring your designs to the Pastoral Office or email them to Mrs Rogers at hrogers@beechencliff.org.uk. The deadline will be the end of next week - Friday 15th October.

Thank you.

The Pastoral Team

Menu for w/c 12th October

Monday: Chicken bacon and leek pie (G,D), Curried Butternut Squash Pie (G,D)

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese (G), Spinach feta and potato bake (D)

Wednesday: Roast Beef. Smoked Cheddar and Leek Quiche (G,D)

Thursday: Beef Burger (G), Falafel Burger (G)

Friday: Fish Pie (G,D), BBQ Chicken, Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese (G,D)

(G) = Contains Glute

(D) = Contains Dairy

Can all pupils please remember to have their cards with them when purchasing anything from the refectory, as it makes the queuing time longer if you do not have your card ready.

Mr D Keal
Chef

Message from the Deputy Head

Thank you to all the parents who have completed our equalities survey in the last week. We have had some very useful and encouraging feedback and some ideas and issues to follow up. We value your perspectives as parents and I will report in a later newsletter about all our equalities surveys and update you on our work in this important area. On a related note, many of you will know that October is Black History Month. Our theme for tutor time next week ties in with this year's theme for Black History Month, 'Proud to be'. We will be celebrating Black role models and sharing their stories, including both historical and contemporary figures. You can read more about this later in the newsletter in the piece from Miss Netto.

Attendance nationally has been low in the last fortnight owing to illnesses, both COVID and non-COVID in nature. We appreciate that if your son/daughter is unwell then they should be resting at home and getting better as soon as possible. If you are unsure about whether to send your son/daughter to school (unless for COVID-related isolation), please be reassured that we will contact you if they deteriorate during the school day. With the disruption to studies over the last 18 months, we are working hard to ensure pupils get the best learning experiences possible and we do not want them to miss out on these. We are able to provide paracetamol if you have given consent and with plenty of fluids, pupils can often make it through the school day.

Your son's Head of House or Miss Robinson, our School Attendance Improvement Officer, (or Miss Mather in the Sixth Form for boys and girls) may well get in touch in writing or on the phone if we are concerned about attendance. Our approach will be a supportive one to ensure your son/daughter meets our target of at least 96% attendance and preferably higher. Academic achievement and personal development is closely linked to attendance so thank you for your support in this matter. You can check your son/daughter's current attendance on Insight.

Mr J Oldham
Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Extra-curricular Activities

Beechen Cliff Piano Concert 2021

The School will be presenting its Annual Piano Concert on Wednesday 20th October 2021 at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, (BA2 2BD).

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and will include a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

Price of admission is £1.00 via parentpay. **Please Note:** this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night. Tickets can also be purchased on the door.

Many pupils and students have already put their name forward to perform. If you would like your son/daughter to participate please email music@beechencliff.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

**Second Hand
Uniform
SALE
at
Beechen Cliff School Club
House
on
Saturday 16th October
10am - 12pm**

**Payments to be
made by card
preferably!**

DofE update

Bronze, Silver and Gold students have now been registered onto the Award, parents will be emailed details and Ms Fox will be meeting all groups next week.

The Year 9 Bronze group will meet at 3.20pm on Tuesday 12th October outside of the Pavilion to give out edofe details this session will last approximately an hour.

Expedition sessions for the Bronze group will then start on Wednesday 10th November and fortnightly thereafter. Meet outside of the Pavilion at 3.20pm the session will last an hour. Coats and trainers needed.

The Year 10 Silver group will meet at the start of lunchtime on Tuesday 12th October outside the Pavilion on the field side. I will be going through the details of the training walk on Sunday 17th October during this time and going through edofe. Please ensure all slips for the training walk have been handed in to Miss Garland.

I will meet the Year 12 Gold group on Wednesday 13th October at breaktime outside of the Pavilion on the field side. I will give out edofe details during this meeting.

The Year 13 Gold group have a kit check on Tuesday 19th October afterschool, please ensure all slips have been handed in for the Snowdonia expedition during half term to Miss Garland.

Ms J Fox

DofE Co-ordinator



Food Technology

Our food library needs a little refreshing so if anyone has any unwanted cookbooks at home (not too dated please), they would be gratefully received. Cookery books are great resources for our research lessons.

Additionally, any unwanted plastic tubs/tupperware cluttering up your cupboards would be welcome too.

Thank you

Mr J Davies

Food Technology Team

Theme of the Week

w/c 11th October

October is Black History Month - Years 7-11 will focus on this during tutor time this week and Year 12 and 13 the following week.

The theme for 2021 is **Proud to Be** - Black History Month 2021 invites Black and Brown people around the UK to share what they are Proud To Be for a festival of celebration. The campaign aims to make Black History Month 2021 personal and unique to individuals, families and communities, focusing on how we're all making history all the time in our own ways, as well as the contributions and achievements of Black people throughout history.

Catherine Ross, Editor at Black History Month UK, explained why they are launching the campaign:

"It's been a challenging time for many Black and Brown people, with so much in the media about racism, inequality and injustice. We wanted the theme of Black History Month 2021 to focus on celebrating being Black or Brown, and to inspire and share the pride people have in their heritage and culture – in their own way, in their own words.

"By asking people to share what they are Proud To Be we can share both individual stories and the vast richness of diversity that Black and Brown people bring to the UK.

"Black Lives Matter means people being able to live life to the fullest without having to compromise who they are. Everyone deserves the right to be Proud To Be everything they are and want to be in life."

The Proud To Be campaign focuses on encouraging children and young people to share what they are Proud To Be.

In tutor groups, pupils and students will be discussing:

What have they (pupils and students) done or achieved that they are proud of?

What aspects of their personalities are they proud of?

What have they completed outside of school that makes them proud?

What would other people say about them that makes them proud?

Pupils and students will be invited to wear something red in support of the Show Racism the Red Card campaign - more information to follow.

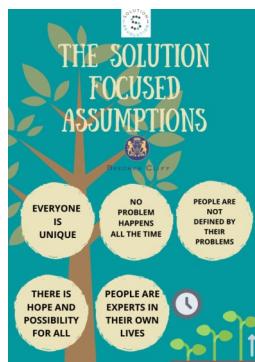
Miss P Netto and Mrs A Wilmot

PHSE



Mental Health and Wellbeing

“The Solution Focused (SF) Assumptions”



Children's mental health and wellbeing is something we should be thinking about every week.

It is well documented that, as a country, we are a long way from providing the proper services our children need for support with their mental wellbeing, we can at least look to ourselves, our own children, and our own families, and consider - how are we? How are we coping with life? And how can we better support our own mental health as a family?

Solution-focused therapy is a great technique to use when having a conversation with your family, as it's all about focusing on positives and looking at our strengths as individuals. It's about using positive language, asking each other what we want, and listening well. It is a particularly effective when used with children and young people, and is endorsed by the [NSPCC](#).

You can try the solution-focused technique at home with your own children. Focus on asking questions, highlighting each other's strengths and talking about what your child can do, rather than what they can't.

The solution-focused approach makes several positive assumptions:

- Every person is unique
- Every person has existing strengths and resilience
- Every person is an expert in themselves
- A person is not defined by their problems
- Change is possible - and it is happening all the time!

Here are some tips for holding a positive, solution focused conversation with your child:

- Don't occupy yourself with pre-judgements or existing problems
- Listen out for strengths and reinforce these by highlighting the resources and competence of your children
- Avoid asking 'why?' - young people don't always know why!
- Try to ask 'what?' instead - 'what would you like to be happening?'
- Do not give advice, ask questions instead
- Remember to see them as experts in themselves

Source: [Children's Mental Health Week: Tips to support your own family \(solutionrevolution.co.uk\)](#)

If your child is expressing any concerns about their mental wellbeing, 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

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.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
Mon 11th October	U13a football v Priory (Lansdown)	14:30	13:30	MB	16:00
Tues 12th October	U14a & U15a rugby v Wells Cathedral (a)	16:00	14:00	1 x 53 14:15	TBC
	U12b rugby v Writhlington (h)	16:00	15:30	n/a	TBC
	U14a football v Mangotsfield (a)	15:30	14:00	MB	TBC
Weds 13th October	1st XV rugby v Hartpury (a)	14:00	10:45	Coach 11:00	TBC
Thurs 14th October	3rd XV & U16a rugby v KES (a)	14:30	13:15	1 x MB 1 x 9 seater	TBC
	U13 rugby tournament (MSN RFC)	16:00	15:00	MB	TBC
Fri 15th October	2nd XV rugby v KES (neutral)	19:00	17:30	MB	TBC
Sat 16th October	U13a&b rugby v KES (h)	10:00	09:15	n/a	TBC
	U12a,b&c rugby v KES (a)	10:00	09:15	n/a	TBC
	U14a & U15a rugby v KES (a)	11:30	10:45	n/a	TBC

Community Links

Lucra Mortgages join Beechen Community

Lucra Mortgages have teamed up with the Beechen Cliff community as expert, fee free mortgage advisors. With a wealth of experience in the field, Lucra will find the best mortgage rate for your purchase or remortgage. They will also contribute £50 to the school for every mortgage completed for a member of the Beechen Cliff community.

Please visit their website for further enquiries - www.lucramortgages.co.uk or call 01225 970833



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MORTGAGES

Expert. Fee Free. Mortgage Advice.

We've teamed up with Beechen Cliff School to offer all those connected to the school, an expert, fee free mortgage service, taking away the hassle when getting a new mortgage. We will also pay £50 Cashback to Beechen Cliff for every person that takes a new mortgage out with Lucra Mortgages. You just need to quote 'Beechen Cliff.'

01225 970 830
hello@lucramortgages.co.uk
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YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE

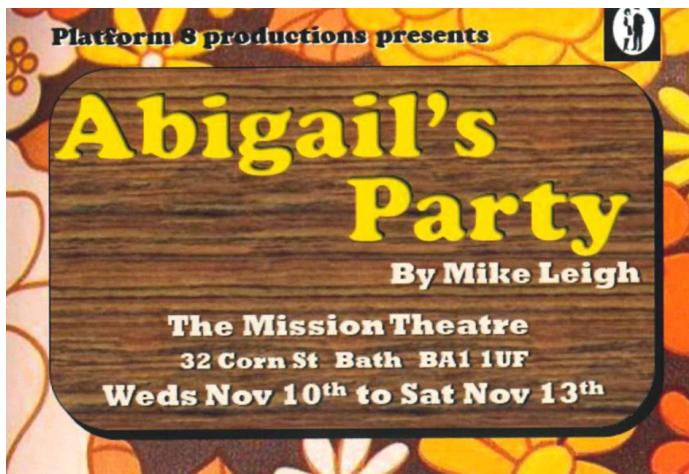


OCTOBER HALF TERM & CHRISTMAS CAMPS - for ages 7-15
- sponsored by KOOKABURRA HOCKEY contact spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

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, 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

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



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

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