



BEECHEN CLIFF

2nd December 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have responded to the Government's latest guidance for schools and I would like to thank you for your support in providing face coverings for pupils to wear in communal areas in school.

We are following the BANES Public Health Guidance and have moved all mixed year group assemblies from in-person to remote until Christmas. Year group assemblies will only take place in-person in the weeks ahead if the number of cases in the school community remains low and below the threshold. As a further mitigation should assemblies take place pupils will be asked to wear face coverings (unless they are exempt) and the assembly hall will be well ventilated.

Around the school we continue to remind pupils of the importance of good respiratory and hand hygiene and to ensure spaces are well ventilated.

All pupils and their families are also encouraged to continue with regular lateral flow testing at home and to report results via the gov.uk website and via the link on the front page of the School Website. If you require a further supply of LFT tests please ask your child to request a box from the main school office.

Over the last two weeks of term we are currently planning to go ahead with the events shown on the calendar, with the appropriate risk assessments and mitigations in place. We will, of course, inform parents if any changes need to be made.

After the Christmas holidays the Government has asked schools to organise covid testing for all secondary age pupils on their return school. The first day back for pupils is scheduled for Thursday 6th January and we expect to complete testing on 6th and 7th January. A full schedule of the arrangements, information on testing and a link for parents to provide consent will be provided before the end of term.

Best Wishes

T. D. Markall

Mr T D Markall
Headteacher

Update to NHS Test and Trace and Isolation guidance

If you have COVID-19 symptoms you should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but you have a positive PCR test result, you must stay at home and self-isolate.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate if you are not fully vaccinated or if they have been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 that has not been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, and you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, you are not required to self-isolate.

You may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) if you are required to stay at home and self-isolate or you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate



Social Media

Please stay up to date with what's going on in school by following us on Twitter - [@beechencliff](#)

Key Notices

Vaping Concerns

Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that some pupils are vaping outside school and even occasionally in school. We would like to be clear that pupils caught vaping, or suspected of doing so, will be sanctioned in line with our behaviour policy. Should any pupil be found to be selling vapes in school, the sanctions will be greater still, and we will also conduct searches of a pupil's bag should we suspect they have vapes on them. All three of the above will result in contact with you as parents.

In order to tackle the issue of vaping, which is becoming increasingly prevalent in schools across the city, we have arranged for a public health professional to meet with a group of pupils that we know, or strongly suspect, are vaping. Parents of these pupils will be contacted prior to the meeting to gain your permission and we will give feedback to you afterwards. We have also arranged for the Police to come in if we suspect that any pupils are selling vapes in school.

If you are concerned your son is vaping and would like him to be involved with the educational support for him, please email your son's Head of House in confidence.

Thank you,

Mr Oldham
(Deputy Headteacher)

Calendar

Saturday 4th December

Legoland Trip—Year 7

Monday 6th December

Variety Show at 4pm

Tuesday 7th December

Year 8 Ice skating Trip

Wednesday 8th December

Year 11 Parents Evening (Remote)

Friday 10th—Friday 17th December

U6th Mock Exams

Monday 13th December

Bath Hub Concert @ Forum

Tuesday 14th December

L6th Students GCSE Certificate Collection and Tea
- 4pm (Refectory)

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Year 7-9 Santa Dash Periods 1–3

Thursday 16th December

Beechen Cliff Carol Service Bath Abbey @ 7pm

Friday 17th December

End of Christmas Term 12.20pm

Thursday 6th January

Start of the Winter Term for pupils—timings TBC

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

Menu for w/c 6th December

Monday: Beef Goulash (D), Quorn Sausage Casserole (G)

Tuesday: Tikka Chicken wrap with minted sour cream (D,G), Roasted pepper and Halumi wrap (G,D)

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Vegetable Cottage pie (D)

Thursday: Mac and Cheese with smoked bacon (G,D), Pasta Arrabiata (G)

Friday: Chicken and Chorizo Casserole (D), Roasted Vegetable and Tomato Gnocchi

Mr Dan Keal
Chef

(G) = contains Gluten
(D) = contains Dairy

Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will take place in Bath Abbey on Thursday 16th December at 7pm. This is an important event in the school calendar; more so this year as it was cancelled due to Covid last year.

This year seats are more limited so we are asking parents to complete google form below to confirm attendance.

[Carol Service attendance survey](#)

Pupils attending should report to their Head of House at the Abbey at 6.40pm so that they can be registered. Places make arrangements to ensure that your son can return home safely after the service at 8:30pm, if they are not accompanied.

Please note that face coverings must be worn in the Abbey due to Coronavirus protocols.

This is a joyous and uplifting occasion that provides the opportunity for all students to join in a school community celebration of Christmas at the start of

Charity Events

In the lead up to the festive season, as always we will be supporting local and national charities. The following events are planned:

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Jumper day

With a donation of **£1 via parentpay** pupils can wear a Christmas jumper for the day. This also coincides with Christmas Lunch in the Refectory.



Years 7-9 will also be involved in a "Santa Run!" during periods 1-3. This will involve a walk of 3 circuits of Alexandra Park (fresh air and building an appetite for Christmas lunch at the same time!). Pupils will be able to raise money through sponsorship for our chosen charities with a monetary prize for the pupil who has raised the most. This will all be set up online in due course.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Bath Food Bank

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we will be supporting the Bath Food Bank and Help Bristol's Homeless via a Shoebox appeal.

From Monday 6th December until Friday 10th December we welcome your support for either or both of these charities. Please see below for details:

Bath Food Bank

Please send in food items with your son. We will have baskets present in the main hall each morning for collection.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Please pack a shoebox with some of the suggested items:

- * Warm hats, scarfs, gloves
- * Toiletries, sanitary products
- * Supermarket or Greggs vouchers
- * Sweets, chocolates and snacks
- * Handwarmers

Fill your chosen shoebox with all sorts of Christmas goodies, then wrap the lid and box separately in gift wrapping paper.

We will deliver all donations to the two charities.

Thank you for your support in helping these two fantastic charities!

Mr K Mann

Assistant Headteacher

Beechen Cliff Sixth Form On-line Applications

This is a reminder to Year 11s, please complete the online application form on the school website if you wish to continue into Sixth Form. The deadline is 10 December. Online interviews will take place in March.

Mrs L Dobie
Sixth Form Admissions Administrator

Message from the Deputy Head

Rewards - Over the last two weeks of term we will be rewarding pupils in a wide range of ways. These will include subject awards in every year group for progress and commitment to learning, awards for individual pupils with the highest number of positives, and tutor group and House awards for the winning aggregated groups. You can check how many positives your son has been given by logging into Insight. We are awarding additional positives for punctuality in the next week, with bonus points for every pupil who is on time every day (unless for legitimate transport issues).

Safety in the community - next week we have planned assemblies on winter safety in the community. Ahead of this, I would like to draw parents' attention to two issues: firstly, the Police have notified us that some pupils have been seen in the abandoned building at the bottom of Monksdale Road. This is a very dangerous site and children should not enter it. Secondly, we have had reports of pupils being threatened to hand over their jackets when travelling to or from school. We would urge parents to discuss safety plans in the event of this happening and also to consider the types of coats and other valuables that pupils are bringing to school.

Uniform - thank you to parents for ensuring your son has the correct uniform for school every day. We have noticed a small number of pupils occasionally wearing white socks; often this is because they are not changing back into dark socks following a PE lesson. PE teachers do remind pupils to change back into school socks but I would be grateful if you could also remind your son of this for hygiene reasons.

Mr J Oldham
Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Rewards Week

Date 26th November 2021

Focus Compassion

Congratulations to Milton House who are again the winners of the last rewards week, and to Year 7 and SH7a who were year group and tutor group winners

House Results

	House	Points
1st	Milton	672
2nd	Shakespeare	665
3rd	Kipling	649
4th	Byron	641

Year Group

	Year	Points
1st	Year 7	871
2nd	Year 8	785
3rd	Year 9	522
4th	Year 10	369
5th	Year 11	87

Tutor Results

Year	Tutor group	Average
7	Shakespeare 7a	22.48
8	Shakespeare 8a	18.24
9	Shakespeare 9a	11.24
10	Milton 10b	7.91
11	Kipling 11a	6.38

Next fortnightly focus - **Punctuality**

Mr P Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare/PE

Character Development Years 7-11

Pupils in Years 7-11 continue 'taught' lessons in tutor time on values which support our Core Values as part of the Character Programme. The values delivered are linked to the Theme of the Week and Assemblies. This term, pupils will cover Reflection, Service, Courage, Community awareness, Volunteering and Courage.

Each half term, students complete a Character Reflection which gives students the opportunity to reflect on their actions and experiences. The Term 2 Character Reflection has been set on Google Classroom and is due on Thursday 9th December.

Mr O Abbott
Head of Boarding and Character
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Extra Curricular

Variety Night

Congratulations to all pupils and students who took part in the auditions this week.

We look forwards to the show on Monday, 6th December after school

Mr J Harriman
Music Technician



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 6 th December	U14a rugby v Colstons (a)	15:30	13:45	Coach- 14:00	
Tues 7 th December	2nd & 3rd XV rugby v Colstons (a)	14:30	12:30	Coach- 12:45	
	U13 football v Sheldon or Hanham (h)	14:00/14:30			
	U15 football v Marling or Sheldon (a)	14:00		MB	
Weds 8 th December	U13a & U13b rugby v Colstons (a)	15:15	14:00	Coach- tbc	
	U12a & U12b rugby v Colstons (h)	15:15	14:45	n/a	
	1st XI football v Torquay Boys Grammar (h)	12:00	11:15	1 x MB	
	ACE finals (a)	10:30	6:00	Coach- tbc	
	U14 football v St Peters (h- Odd Down)	14:00	13:00	1 x MB	15.30
Thurs 9 th December	U14 football v Wadham (a)	14:15		MB	

PSHE – Theme of the Week - Volunteering

Next Weeks theme of the week is focusing on volunteering. People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.

Can anyone think of an example of where you could volunteer?

How could you give something back to your community?

Is there anyone that could use your help?



Volunteering in community projects and helping others can be very fulfilling.

Students who engage in volunteering can be more responsible with higher self-esteem and resilience.

Volunteering helps the students gain new skills necessary for the job market such as leadership, communication skills, dependability, time management, and decision making.

Students who volunteer build a stronger cv for college and workplace applications.

Volunteering gives students the opportunity to meet people outside of their usual circle, some of whom may have a positive impact on their future.

It's incredibly rewarding to see how your efforts can help improve the lives of others.

Mrs A Wilmot
Head of PHSE



SECOND HAND KIT DROP

Joe in Year 10 is looking for help in supporting charity Pranav, a charity associated with an upcoming tour he is part of. If you have any second hand outgrown kit or sports clothing, be it cricket, football, rugby or hockey, Joe will happily take it off your hands. Just drop it in at the PE office and he' will get it to charity Pranav.

Charity Pranav will ensure all kit collected by Joe will be donated directly to underprivileged children in Sri Lanka giving them the opportunity to play sports with the confidence that having the correct kit will offer, kit they would otherwise not have access to.

For more information on Charity Pranav go to <https://lionssportstravel.com/charity-pranav/#1578849876687-c325b3f8-bff6>



Careers

Seasonal Vacancies

We have seasonal vacancies which some students may be interested in.

We also have a new recruitment video for our F&B department, <https://youtu.be/0wE2xI24kVE>

Thank you very much.

Karra Rothery

HR Officer

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Community Links

Dear Colleagues

Bath & North East Somerset Council is consulting on the proposed schemes for co-ordination of admissions for the 2023/24 school year.

All of the consultation documents are available by clicking on the link [Admissions Consultation 2023/24](#)

The consultation started on 22 November 2021 and will end on 17 January 2022.

To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to: admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk

Alternatively you can write to The Admissions & Transport Unit, Bath & North East Somerset Council, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG

We would like to reach as wide an audience as possible and therefore, it would be appreciated if schools could make mention of the consultations in their newsletter.

Charon Smith

Group Leader

People & Communities Department, Admissions & Transport

Bath & North East Somerset Council

www.bathnes.gov.uk

www.twitter.com/bathnes



Opportunity to join B&NES Fostering and Fostering Families panels

Dear colleagues

We are currently recruiting for:

our monthly Fostering Panel, which takes place on the first Thursday of every month;

and our new Fostering Panel, which will take place up to once a month on the third Thursday of every month.

We are looking for independent members to join each panel, and would value those with a background in education. It is excellent experience in terms of quality assurance, providing scrutiny regarding what children and families need, as well as in multi-agency working. Our current panel are experienced and skilled, and most panel days are rigorous and thought provoking. Please find attached a job description and person specification.

We would not expect panel members to necessarily be available every month, but rather be part of a rotation of independent members, depending on their own caseload and availability. We carefully consider any conflicts of interest, in the event that a member is involved in a case as a practitioner. Panel members would need time to read the papers prior to panel, and quality assure the minutes.

We particularly welcome expressions of interest from:

applicants who have a lived experience of the issues affecting the families that we work with, either personally or within their networks;

applicants from black and minority ethnic backgrounds;

applicants with experience of disability, either personally or within their networks.

If you are interested, please discuss with your line manager to confirm they are in agreement, and then contact me via email.

Kind regards

Toni Mayo

Team Manager – Family Placement Team

Children, Young People and Families Service/Bath and North East Somerset Council

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HELP PLANT 100s of TREES IN NATIONAL TREE WEEK!

Your Park Bristol & Bath is working with BANES Council to transform Brickfields Park for nature. As part of this exciting programme, they are calling on local people to help plant 100s of trees and shrubs selected specifically for their biodiversity value during National Tree Week! Once the dust has settled from COP26, this provides a local and practical action to respond to the climate crisis with your family.

Drop in for free to any/all of the following sessions:

- Thursday 2 December, 10-12 (dog friendly sessions) & 1-3 (everyone welcome)
- Sunday 5 December, 11-2 (family friendly tree planting & nature trail)

All the tools and equipment will be provided, you just need to show up ready for the weather!

If you have any questions, please email mali@yourpark.org.uk.

Midsomer Norton and Radstock Rotary Talent Show

Any students wishing to enter the Competition please contact us.

For details of auditions dates and venues call can use the contact details on the poster or email rotartmsn@gmail.com

John Dando

Rotary Club of Midsomer Norton and Radstock
Tel: 07592 393420
Club Talent Competition



BRICKFIELDS TREE PLANTING

FREE DROP IN SESSIONS!

HELP US PLANT HUNDREDS OF TREES FOR NATIONAL TREE WEEK!

Wednesday 1 December 10.30 - 12 & 1-2.30 - everyone welcome	Sunday 5 December 11-2 Family tree planting & nature trail
Thursday 2 December 10-12 Dog friendly tree planting! 1-3 - everyone welcome	

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Rotary

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Date : Saturday 19th March 2022

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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
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Enquiries:

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Spotters Hockey Coaching Camps



20 and 21 December

Beginners and Improvers Coaching for those aged 7 and upwards.

High Performance Camp for those aged 12 -16 looking to get ahead on the England Hockey Player pathway.

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Spotters Hockey Academy Director:
Sally Potter,
EFL Level 2 coach,
BSc (Hons) Sport Performance

