



BEECHEN CLIFF

13th January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now underway with a sequence of virtual parents evenings which are continuing over the next few weeks. I hope these will provide a good opportunity to talk with subject teachers and get feedback on progress so far this academic year.

Lots of clubs and activities are now up and running again and as ever we encourage all pupils and students to take advantage of the opportunities available to them in school. I am particularly pleased to see some of our Sixth Formers running or supporting clubs for younger pupils including sports coaching and the chess club.

Assemblies this week have focussed on expectations, values (both School Core Values and British Values) and Martin Luther King Day. More information on Martin Luther King Day is provided by Mrs Wilmot later in this newsletter.

Public examinations this week have run smoothly so far and students who completed Public Examinations in the autumn term are now able to collect their results from the Examinations Office. I would like to thank the examinations team for all their efforts and support for students through all the formal assessments in recent months.

Finally, whilst the number of covid cases in school does not currently exceed the threshold in any year group I would like to remind everyone in our community about the importance of regular covid testing and reporting these results online.

T. D. Markall

Mr T. D. Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Thursday 13th January

Year 10 Parents Evening (virtual)

Wednesday 19th January

Year 9 Parents Evening (virtual)

Saturday 22nd January

Ten Tors Mendips

Wednesday 26th January

Iceland Parents Meeting 5.00–5.30pm

Thursday 27th January

Holocaust Memorial Education Day for Year 9
Lower Sixth Parents Evening 4.30–8.00pm

Monday 31st January

Bands Night

Wednesday 16th –Monday 21st February

Iceland Trip

Lateral Flow Test Kits

We have a limited amount of lateral flow test kits available. If you require some for home testing, please ask your son to speak to his tutor who will arrange for him to get a box.

Rule change on confirmation PCR Tests after Positive Lateral flow

From 11 January, people who receive positive lateral flow test results for Covid are required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Mrs C Capsey
Operations Manager

Key Notices

Parent Engagement - INSIGHT

As part of our drive to ensure parents are engaged, informed and can help with learning, please log in regularly to the INSIGHT portal. Remember that there is information here that will give you details about the following for your son:

- Attendance
- Positives, Rewards
- Behaviour
- Timetable
- Reports

Please also remember that you can update your personal details on INSIGHT so that we have up to date records in terms of email and contact numbers.

INSIGHT can be accessed from the popular pages link on the school website or by clicking [here](#)

If you have any questions regarding INSIGHT please let me know

Mr K. Mann
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 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

Contact Information

Please click on the link below to access information on school contact information:

School contact information:
<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/contact/>

Year 9 GCSE Subject Choices

Year 9 parents, please note that the Year 9 Options Booklets, Parent Information Video and Options Form are all now live on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/gcse-option-choices/>

Deadline for completion of the options form:
Monday 7th February.

Ms S Sullivan
Beechen Cliff School
Assistant Headteacher - Teaching and Learning

Student/Pupil Absence Request From

Please find below (and over) link to the MNSP: Absence from School during Term Time request form.

Please remember that this form should be completed no less than 2 weeks before any planned absence.

[Student Absence Request Form - MNSP](#)

Many thanks.

Mrs C Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA



Menu for w/c 17th January

Monday: Chicken Rogan Josh, Lentil and Pepper Curry

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese (G), Veggie Pasta Bolognese (G)

Wednesday: Roast Beef, Aubergine Courgette Tomato and Mozzarella Bake (D)

Thursday: Chicken Wrapped in Bacon with a Tomato and Olive sauce, Potato Spinach and Feta Filo Pie (G,D)

Friday: Fishermans Pie (D,G), Braised Beef with a Mushroom Sauce, Goats Cheese and Red Onion Tart (D,G)

Mr D Keal
Chef

Message from the Deputy Head Teacher

Thank you to parents for ensuring your son has the correct uniform and equipment for school at the start of this term - both are essential expectations we have for pupils to be ready for learning. Tutors have been checking this in the mornings and will contact you if there are any issues with either of these matters. For pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9, we also expect them to have a reading book with them every day.

Over the Christmas holiday, we know pupils often receive new items such as phones, clothes and, for a few this year, e-scooters. In respect of the former, please could you remind your son that his phone should be turned off in school and that he should only use it if directed to do so by a teacher. You will appreciate that phones are both very helpful learning tools, but also a distraction or problem if used inappropriately.

Regarding e-scooters, we do not permit these on the school site for safety reasons. Whilst there is some ambiguity about the law around these devices in Bath due to the city trialing their use, the following information is provided on the government website:

"Micromobility devices – such as electric scooters (e-scooters) – could help to solve the urban transport challenge of poor air quality stemming from increased congestion. However, they are currently banned from UK roads and pavements. Since 4 July, local areas have been able to run e-scooter rental trials, for use on roads, cycle lanes and tracks only, for up to 12 months. The trial end date has been extended to Spring 2022. While it is legal to buy or sell an e-scooter (classed as a battery-powered personal transport device), riding them on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes is against the law. Riders could face a £300 fine and six points on their licence if they use them on public roads or pavements. Riding e-scooters on private land is legal with the landowner's permission."

On a related note, if your son/daughter rides a bike to school, please could you remind him/her about safe cycling, especially on the Avenues. The Police were on Kipling Avenue yesterday and stopped a few pupils riding dangerously down the road, especially not stopping when crossing Chaucer Road.

Finally, I will be inviting pupils to join the school Equalities Team (E-Team) next week in assemblies. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved if they share a strong belief in the importance of equality for all. There are many great opportunities for projects and collaboration across the school and more widely.

Mr J Oldham
Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Beechen Cliff Staff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

ICT Technician - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/ict-technician-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1548872?preview=1>

Creative Design Technician - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/creative-design-technician-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1549558?preview=1>

Events and Communication Administrator - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/events-and-communications-administrator-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1549564?preview=1>

Teacher of English - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teacher-of-english-bath-1549604?preview=1>

Bath Hub-Clerk to Govenors - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/governance-clerk-bath-hub-schools-radstock-1540756>

Mrs C Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA

Extra Curricular

Clubs and Activities Terms 3 and 4

The full clubs and activities list for this term is available on the school website and via the link below

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/extra-curricular/>

Extra Curricular Update

Football

The u/18's successfully negotiated their round of 16 tie in the English Schools Cup v Lord Williams's school from Oxford with a 6-0 victory and now travel to Samuel Whitbread Academy in Bedford for the quarter final next week. This will be a tough tie against a school with a strong sporting tradition.

Our U/14's went through to the last 16 of the same Cup overcoming a very strong Ivybridge School team 6-5. This was the thriller that the scoreline suggests. We were leading 5-1 at half time and it has to be said that we weren't comfortable. Ivybridge came back strongly in the second half scoring the equaliser in the last minute. You can imagine the scenes! However, our resilience showed through as we took a corner with virtually the last kick of the game and Dexter nodded home. No time to restart. We await their opponents as the draw is made next week.

Cricket

The early morning sessions have started in the sports hall and the attendance has been excellent. Let's hope the winter hard work pays off in the fixtures in the summer term.

Chess Club

Chess will restart for all age groups in M5 on Wednesdays after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

The Term 3 and 4 Clubs and Activities page has been updated on the website - please take a look and encourage your son to take part.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Social Media



Follow us on twitter - - [@beechencliff](https://twitter.com/beechencliff) and Insta - beechencliff1

Upcoming Bands Night—31st January 2022



**BCS BAND
NIGHT**

2022

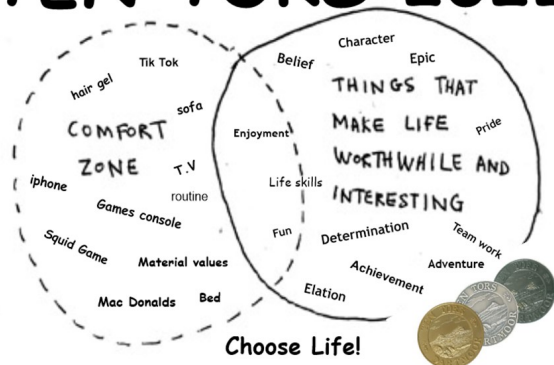
AN EVENING
OF LIVE MUSIC
FROM STUDENTS
FROM ACROSS
THE BATH
HUB SCHOOLS

BEECHEN CLIFF
MAIN HALL

MONDAY 31ST
JANUARY

TICKETS £5

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Open to years 10-13



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
Monday 17 th January					
Tuesday 18 th January	U13 football v Torquay Boys (a)	14:30	tbc	Coach- tbc	
Wednesday 19 th January	U14a, U14b, U15a, U15b & U16a football v Millfield (a)	14:00	12:20	Coach- 12:30	17:30
	U12a & U12b hockey v The Downs (a)	14:00	12:20	MB	16:15
	U12b & U13b hockey v The Downs (h)	15:30/16:00	15:15	n/a	16:30/17:00
	U17 rugby v Bishops (a)	14:30	12:20	Coach- 12:30	17:00
Thursday 20 th January	1st & 2nd netball v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:30	MB	16:00
	2nd & 3rd XI football v Kingswood (h)	15:00	14:15	n/a	16:15
	1st XI football v Samuel Whitbread (a)	14:00	9:15	Coach- 9:30	18:30
	U13 football v Ivybridge (a) TBC	13:00	tbc	Coach- tbc	
Friday 21 st January					
Saturday 22 nd January					

Theme of the Week

This week's Theme of the week is Martin Luther King Day.

What do we mean by civil rights? 'the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.

'We know that not everyone in the world has their civil rights upheld - can you think of any current or historical examples?

Can you think of any examples of people fighting for civil rights?

Martin Luther King Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday of every January. This year it is the 17th of January.

The day is designed to encourage people to take action to serve others and improve their communities.

People are encouraged to rise above their own concerns, and be concerned with the broader concerns of humanity - what do you think these are in 2022?

What can you offer to make your communities better? This could be small scale (local communities) and/or large scale (worldwide).

Challenge: see if you can think of a news story from the last few weeks where people are serving others either in their local community, or improving the lives of others on a large scale.

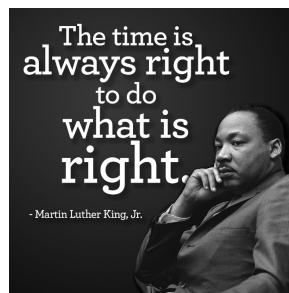
What lessons can we learn from these actions?

What lessons can we learn from Martin Luther King Jr?

How could we apply these lessons to life today?

Watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUdPxEn4vnM>

Mrs A Wilmot
Head of PSHE



Mental Health and Wellbeing



Tara Gretton (our Solution Focused Trainer and Practitioner) has given us some ideas for hopeful conversations we can have at home.

As we start the New Year, we are inviting you, as parents/carers, to think about what your best hopes are for the year ahead with your family. Writing down a list of these hopes together with your family members will provide a starting point and a set of small but achievable goals. Having some insight into what each family member is hoping to work towards is a really useful tool, not least because it enables us to encourage and compliment one another as we try to make these positive changes, however small.

By identifying our hopes, we are inviting our families to think about hopeful change that would make a difference to our family interactions in the months ahead. It is understandable that many of our students and pupils are still anxious about the possibility of another lockdown, with the current rise in Covid infections and the need to wear face masks again in school. As we think about the future for our children, when we hope that normality can resume, how they manage to handle these challenging times will become so important to them and us. We hope to help our young people notice their strengths and resources during these times of extreme uncertainty, so that they can build a toolkit of coping strategies that they can use in other times in their lives, when they hit the inevitable bumps in the road, and most importantly build personal resilience.

The Mental Health Team

Careers

Inside the BBC with BBC Studios' Natural History Unit

The BBC Natural History Unit produces some of the world's most loved and acclaimed nature documentary series, like the forthcoming 'The Green Planet' which follows David Attenborough as he travels around the world looking at plant life - watch it on BBC One from 9 January.

And we've talked to some experts from the NHU team based in Bristol about their careers and the skills involved in bringing some of these innovative and educational documentaries to our TV screens.

Take a look at our new series of 'Inside the BBC' to find out more about presenter, researcher and social media content job roles. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrgxxbk>

There's lots more career-related information and advice on the BBC Bitesize Careers website. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

An awesome audio opportunity

The Young Audio Awards are back, looking to find and celebrate the very best in emerging audio talent. So if you know any 8-18-year-olds involved in a school or college radio station, or produce or present their own podcast spread the word!

Young Audio Awards
BBC Young Reporter is sponsoring one of the categories so we look forward to hearing some of the entries! Applications are open until mid-February. All details are available on the Young Audio Awards website. <https://youngaudioawards.co.uk/>

Classroom inspiration for living a greener life

Want to know what you and the young people that you support can do about climate change, but not sure where to start or how to keep going? The Regenerators website is full of tips and information from young environmentalists across the UK on how we can live a greener life and inspire others to look after the planet. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zppx2v4>

Emma PASCOE

Head of Careers

BEECHEN CLIFF PRESENTS

FUTURE HORIZONS

MAX MILLIGAN

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PRESENTATION
FOR
GEOGRAPHY & PHOTOGRAPHY
STUDENTS
YEARS 10 - 13

TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2022
3.30PM
MAIN HALL

@MAXMILLIGANPHOTO

POST-TALK BOOK PURCHASE & SIGNING AVAILABLE!

Fortnum & Mason Platinum Pudding Competition - Invent the Jubilee Pudding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Would you like to see your pudding creation served up at street parties and other celebrations up and down the country? Fortnum & Mason is inviting you to invent the Jubilee Pudding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

The winning pudding will be an important part of the celebrations marking Her Majesty's 70 years as Monarch. And the creator of the winning pudding will be invited to be at the centre of the celebrations. Get cooking, and your creation could be a joyful and delicious part of the first-ever Platinum Jubilee.

ENTER THE COMPETITION

<https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding-entry>

Competition Dates

10th January

The Competition opens for entries

4th February

Final day to submit your entry

Week Commencing 7th February

Round one of judging, overseen by the Fortnum & Mason Chefs

Week Commencing 14th February

30-50 entries are then shared with each Judge who will nominate their top three

Week Commencing 21st February

Round three of judging when the panel selects their top five to go through to the final

Week Commencing 14th March

Five finalists are invited to attend the live final.

#PlatinumPudding

www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding-faqs

Some Things to Think About

A good pudding should be joyful and celebratory, and make people smile. But what else might you want to consider?

It Tastes Just Right

While our judges won't be able to taste your pudding unless it makes it to the 'live bake' of the final round, you do need to ensure the ingredients list is 100% accurate - even a degree of imprecision will affect the flavour. And of course, it should taste, well, delicious.

Perfect for Home Bakers

Your pudding needs to be easy enough for people everywhere to recreate at home! Try to use ingredients and kitchen equipment readily available to people all over the world, rather than fancy gadgets and rare flowers only grown in your back garden.

A Memorable Story

A good pudding is made with passion and pride, so we'd love to hear the story behind your entry. Perhaps the recipe was inspired by Her Majesty The Queen's life has been handed down through the generations of your family or recalls one of your own special memories.

Fit for The Queen

The proof of the pudding may be in the eating, but this one will be served to The Queen, so it needs to look the part. A few final decorative flourishes always help - and make sure your photograph is nice and clear too for our judges to see your masterpiece in all its glory.

Good Luck!

Emma PASCOE

Head of Careers



KPMG World Record Challenge

GREAT NEWS! We made the world record! KPMG have sent huge congratulations out to every school, student and teacher who contributed to this amazing project and thank everyone for taking part!

It took a while for Guinness to confirm the YouTube analytics but they have now finalised the result with KPMG! Everyone is very pleased to have secured the record – here's the official page on the Guinness website:

<https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/677549-most-views-of-a-cloud-technology-lesson-video-on-youtube-in-24-hours>

Who KPMG LLP	What 2964 TOTAL NUMBER
Where UNITED KINGDOM (ONLINE, UNITED KINGDOM)	When 17 NOVEMBER 2021

The most views of a cloud technology lesson video on YouTube in 24 hours is 2,964, and was achieved by KPMG verified on 22 November 2021.

This is the first successful attempt at setting this record.

Please let us know if you'd like more information about the KPMG cloud engineer team that ran the challenge or if you'd like to hear about further opportunities to learn and develop tech skills for the future.

Ms L Jarvis

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of IT and Computing

Head of Careers

National Citizenship Service – NCS

Parents and Students in Years 11 and 12, we are so excited to say that the NCS website is now live for young people to sign up to their Summer 2022 NCS experience!

Benni McCarthy

Recruiter

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Please view this link to sign up <https://wearencs.com/sign-up-to-ncs>



Community Links

COVID Vaccinations for Young People in Bath Area

The [NHS website](#) shows the availability of walk-in centres based on a postcode. For those schools near Bath, there is a twitter account ([@C19VaccineBath](#)) run by the Bath Racecourse Vaccination Centre. Everyday they publish the times young people can attend without an appointment.

See screenshot over from 11th January.



Supporting people with learning disabilities in the Bath area



Bath Half 2022

Thinking about running the Bath Half?
Want to help a local charity raise vital funds?

We have free Charity places available now

For further information please contact info@lifeprojectbath.org.uk

www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk



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



Enquiries:
Email: cdrfcjuniors@gmail.com
Tel: 077 99 33 8405

School Term and Holiday Dates Consultation 2023-24 Academic Year.

For the 2023-24 Academic Year the Council is consulting on a 195 day model where the 5 in service training days will be taken within these dates. The model will be available to view on our web page from 06 January 2022 via the following link.

[School Term and Holiday Dates Consultation 2023/24](#)

As in previous years discussions have taken place with our neighbouring authorities to try and ensure we consult on similar dates.

If you would like to comment on these proposed dates you can either Email to the following address: - Admissions_Transport@bathnes.gov.uk or write to the Admissions & Transport Unit, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JG.

The consultation opens on **Thursday 06 January 2022** and closes on **Friday 18 February 2022**.