



BEECHEN CLIFF

20th January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government has announced changes to national guidance and therefore from today pupils, students and staff are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms. For the time being we will still expect face coverings to be worn in communal areas so please continue to provide your son or daughter with a face covering to bring to school. Members of our community who wish to continue to wear face coverings in classrooms are welcome to do so.

We will be continuing with our other mitigations including good ventilation, enhanced cleaning and promoting good hand and respiratory hygiene. We also encourage everyone to continue with regular testing. For the next week at least we will be continuing with remote assemblies and will continue to review this on a regular basis based on the number of cases in the school community and both local and national guidelines. Currently we have 18 positive cases within the school community but are below the threshold in each individual year group.

During the last week Mr Oldham and Mr Mann have been promoting our E-team and Eco Group and we are encouraging pupils and students to get involved, have their voice heard and make a difference to the school.

The final preparations for our bands night on 31st January are taking place and I am grateful to our Sixth Form students, our Lower School Technicians and Mr Harriman for all their hard work on what promises to be an fantastic event.

Several hockey and football fixtures have taken place over the last week and we have a number of students representing BANES in the Avon Schools Cross Country Championships this weekend. It promises to be a busy weekend with our Ten Tors preparation also beginning on the Mendips. As ever I am delighted to see pupils representing the school and wish them every success.

T. D. Marshall

Mr T. D. Markall

Headteacher

Calendar

Saturday 22nd January

Ten Tors Mendips

Wednesday 26th January

Iceland Trip Parents Meeting 5.00–5.30pm

Thursday 27th January

Holocaust Memorial Education Day for Year 9

Lower Sixth Parents Evening 4.30–8.00pm

Saturday 12th February

Ten Tors - Black Mountains

Wednesday 16th –Monday 21st February

Iceland Trip

Monday 21st February –Friday 25th February

Half Term

Monday 28th February

Start of Easter Term

Monday 31st January

Beechen Cliff Bands Night - Main Hall 6pm

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day 2022

Saturday 2nd April– Friday 8th April

School Production -Little Shop of Horrors

Key Notices

Year 9 Options

A reminder that the deadline for Year 9 GCSE subject choices is Monday 7th February 2022.

The options booklet, online form and the parent information video can all be found on the school website, or follow this link:

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

Please encourage your son to discuss option GCSE subjects with his teachers.

Best wishes,

Ms S Sullivan
Assistant Headteacher - Teaching and Learning

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

Parents of Year 11 students

Please be advised that there will be a set of in-class tests around the week commencing February 28th and this will include two formal days of assessments in the Sports Hall and Small Exam Centre covering English Language, Maths, Biology and Chemistry. All other subjects will run tests of approximately 45 minutes each during normal lessons and we will advise students directly in due course.

We have been randomly selected to run National Reference Tests and 30 boys have been selected, again at random, to sit a 60 min English/Maths test. This evidence is used by exam boards when setting grade boundaries in GCSE English language and maths. This evidence is vitally important as it will help Ofqual and schools to understand the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on learning.

Parents will be contacted directly this week with all relevant details.

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer

Menu w/c 24th January

Monday: Spiced Chicken with chickpeas and tomatoes, Stuffed Aubergine with Ratatouille
Tuesday: Meatloaf with onion gravy, Cheese and Tomato Quiche (D,G)
Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Butternut Squash and Parmesan Pearl Barley Risotto (D,G)
Thursday: Cajun Chicken wrap with Minted Sour Cream (D,G), Falafel Wrap (G,D)
Friday: Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta (G), Mixed Bean Chilli

Mr D Keal
Chef

Contact Information

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

School contact information:

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

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

The right to be heard

We are encouraging pupils to get involved in the Beechen Cliff Eco group. We hope that our pupils can educate and encourage, encourage others to work towards a better future for us all, for the wellbeing of our school community and our world.

Please encourage your son to join this group to address issues that affect us in School which will driver change and improve our environmental awareness.

Mr K Mann

Assistant Head



Beechen Cliff Staff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Deputy Headteacher - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/deputy-headteacher-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1554731>

Science Technician <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/science-technician-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1555457?preview=1>

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>

Mrs C Capsey

Operations Manager and Head's PA

Message from the Deputy Head Teacher

We have noticed a slight increase in pupils using mobile phones whilst they are moving around the site and, on a few occasions, in lessons. With respect to lessons, we would like to remind pupils and parents that phones should be turned off and stored in bags/coats, unless the teacher has explicitly given permission for phones to be used. As we increasingly use technology in school to enable and support learning, pupils are - and will continue to be - allowed to use phones if they have one when teachers determine it appropriate, for example for accessing quizzes or research.

Regarding phones around the school site, our rule is that pupils should not use their phone without permission from a member of staff; we appreciate pupils may, in exceptional circumstances, need to check the time or their timetable for example and in this situation, we ask them to request permission from a member of staff to do so. Otherwise, we expect pupils to store their phones turned off in their bag/coat. Failure to do so may result in the phone being confiscated for the remainder of the school day.

We acknowledge and support the valuable contribution that phones can make to learning and to your communication as a parent with your son/daughter . Our goal is to teach pupils how to use phones appropriately, particularly ensuring they do not cause any disruption to learning or prevent good social behaviour. Examples of where the latter is impeded would include pupils walking along looking at a phone, accessing social media or focussing on their phone instead of holding a conversation. As ever, we thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr J Oldham

Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

PTA News

Independent Account Examiners Required

Due to the phenomenal fundraising success of the PTA during the 2020/21 year, we are required to have our accounts independently examined before they are submitted to the Charities Commission. An independent examiner does not need to be a qualified accountant, but must have enough finance and accounting knowledge to be able to determine whether the PTA have reported the income and expenditure correctly and that the funds have been used in accordance with the purpose of the charity. This should only take a couple of hours at the most.

If you can help, or know someone who can, please contact the PTA Treasurer, Jane Millington at jane_millington@hotmail.com.

PTA

Social Media



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

Extra Curricular

Avon Schools Cross Country Championships

Following their amazing performances in the BANES District Cross Country Championships in November, in which over 600 runners took part, the following boys have been selected to represent BANES this weekend at the Avon Schools Championships:

Joseph M - Senior Boy (finished 1st at the district event)

Laurence M - Senior Boy (finished 2nd)

Charlie L-B - Junior Boy (finished 4th)

The event this weekend is being held at Bristol Grammar Playing Fields, and the race times are as follows:

9.30	Senior Boys	6800m
9.40	Minor Girls	2500m
9.50	Minor Boys	3000m
10.05	Junior Girls	3000m
10.20	Junior Boys	4000m
10.35	Inter and Senior Girls	4000m
10.50	Inter Boys	5470m

We wish the boys the very best of luck in their races and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Mr G Hawkins

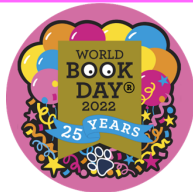
Head of Physical Education

World Book Day 2022

This year marks the 25th anniversary of 'World Book Day'. We would like to make this World Book Day, on Thursday March 3rd 2022, the greatest WBD Beechen Cliff has ever seen!

Throughout the day we plan to have competitions, staff book reads, a book treasure trail and the ability for pupils to win some copies of books! More information will be shared later next month!

Mr M Newell
English Teacher



Bands Night 2022

Dear Students, Pupils and Parents,

We are excited to invite you to Beechen Cliff's Bands Night 2022.

This highlight of the school calendar has always been popular within the school community and we look forward to welcoming you to this event on Monday 31st January for an evening of live music from student bands across the Bath Hub Schools.

Doors to the main hall will open at 6pm, where you will also find Beechen Cliffs PTA bar.

If you wish to attend this event, which is open to both parents and students, tickets can be purchased via ParentPay.

In light of the current Covid-19 pandemic, we are ensuring that our event will follow the most up-to-date government guidance to enable us to keep everybody safe.

We look forward to welcoming you on Monday, 31st January.

Louis Bain & Theo McGill



Chess Club

It's back! In M5 Wednesdays after school for all year groups



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/>

Oxford University Computing Challenge

Did you achieve a score in the top 10% of the UK for your age range in the Bebras computational thinking challenge last year?

Have you received an invitation to take part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge in the past?

If you answered yes to either of those questions, please come along to C1 after school on Thursday to have a go at some practice questions for this year's Oxford University Computing Challenge or have a go at home by yourself or with your friends.

Just like in Bebras you will need to have great computational thinking skills but unlike Bebras you will need to prepare. You will find information and tutorials explaining how to prepare at the Oxford University Computing Challenge website: oucc.ox.ac.uk.

The actual challenge will take place in C1 at 15:30 on Thursday 10th February, please let either Miss Wright or Ms Jarvis if you would like to take part.

Have fun preparing for the challenge!

Ms L Jarvis

Head of IT and Computing



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 time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 24th January	U15 hockey v Kingswood (a)	14:45	14:00	MB	16:15
	U12a&b U13a&b hockey v Kingswood (a)	16:30	15:20	2 x MB & 9 seater	17:45
Tuesday 25th January	2nd XI football v Westonbirt (h)	14:30	14:00	n/a	15:45
	U14 hockey v Kingswood (a)	14:45	14:00	MB	16:15
	U15 football v Worle (a)	13:30	11:45	MB	16:15
	U14 football v All Hallows (h)	14:00	13:00	n/a	15:45
Wednesday 26th January	1st XI hockey v Kingswood (a)	15:00	13:45	MB	16:45
	U15 Indoor cricket @ Wellsway	15:30	14:45	MB	17:45
	U17 rugby v Gordons School (Chippenham RFC)	14:30	12:45	MB & 9 seater	16:30
	U13 football v Sexeys (h)	15:00	14:30	n/a	16:30
Thursday 27th January	1st, 2nd & 3rd netball v KES (a)	14:30	13:45	MB x 2	15:45
	U14 Avon Hockey Tournament TBC				
Friday 28th January					
Saturday 29th January					

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THATCHERS

— EARLY CAREERS —

APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY 2022



Join us at Myrtle Farm to learn more about the opportunities and careers we have to offer here at Thatchers.

- Meet and interact with our team of apprentices and managers.
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- Find out about our development and future growth plans.



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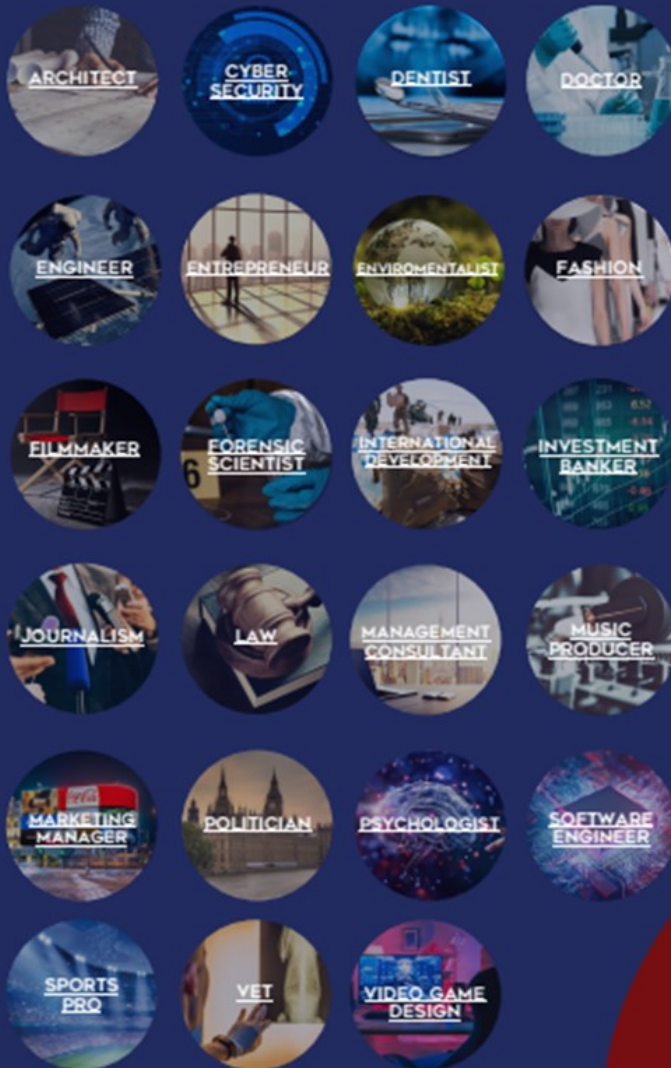
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Theme of the Week—Holocaust Education Day

On Thursday 27th January Year 9 students will be off timetable in order to take part in Holocaust Education Day - this event will launch their Holocaust education taught through both History and RPE lessons this term, and also mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Pupils will have an introduction to the event from Mr Tobin and Ms Netto after tutor time, and then will take part in seven workshops throughout the day to learn about and reflect upon the Holocaust through different mediums; teachers from across different Faculties will deliver these workshops, which include:

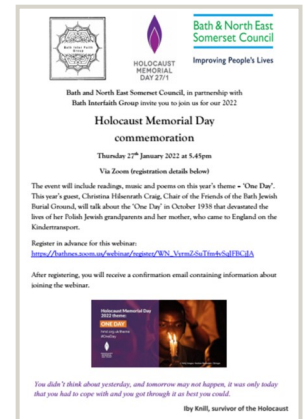
- Starvation in the ghettos
- The Holocaust through literature
- An experience of liberation
- The genetics of racism
- Memorials in Berlin
- Art - wings and escape
- The Holocaust through graphic art (Maus)

During period 5 pupils will come together as a year group to reflect on their day and take part in a session exploring the psychology of bystanders, the moral responsibility we have to uphold the values of equality, inclusion and diversity, and ask the question: the Holocaust - never again? During this session we will also launch a reflective project, more details of which will be shared with pupils via Google Classroom.

We feel it is important to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in this way, and know from previous years how much the pupils benefit from this focused time exploring the Holocaust in different ways.

Please also find attached to this newsletter an invitation to a BANES virtual memorial event.

Ms P Netto
PSHE and Mental Health Team



Mental Health and Wellbeing



Following on from last week, Tara Gretton (our Solution Focused Trainer and Practitioner) has given a new idea for a hopeful conversation we can have at home. Each week, Tara will give us a topic to think about with our families in the new year.

This week Tara says: WE BELIEVE THAT our everyday interactions shape our realities and relationships. And how we interact with each other can deliberately be changed.

Observe your family interactions this week. Take a step back and just watch. What did you notice that pleased you about your family interactions?

Share with your family members what you liked about your family interactions this week.

Better Health - Every Mind Matters

Make Inside Feel Better - Looking after your mental health

There are little things we can all do to help look after our mental health. Having good mental health helps us relax more, achieve more and enjoy our lives more.

The NHS **Every Mind Matters** has been continuously updated to support people during the COVID-19 outbreak, lockdowns and with the uncertainty we continue to face. The website includes many valuable tips and support on how to deal with change, cope with money worries and job uncertainty and how to look after your mental wellbeing during these uncertain times. It also includes practical tips and videos from experts on dealing with [stress](#) and [anxiety](#), boosting your [mood](#), [sleeping](#) better and what you can do to help others - including advice for [parents](#) and for [children and young people](#).

[Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The Mental Health Team

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.



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**.



Combe Down R.F.C.

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,
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