



BEECHEN CLIFF

27th January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is Holocaust Memorial day and this has been the theme of assemblies and tutor programme throughout the week. Our year 9 pupils have also completed a full day of workshops to gain a greater understanding of the events that took place.

I am really grateful to Mr Tobin, Miss Netto and the whole team for their hard work in putting together and running this event. Clearly learning about the past and the events that occurred is essential to ensure we can shape a positive future.

As of today we are not longer expecting pupils, students and staff to wear face coverings in school following the latest Government guidelines. However, it is important to remember the virus is still with us and to continue with other mitigations to reduce the spread. Mrs Capsey has provided further information in the newsletter.

I would like to congratulate our football and hockey players and cross country runners for their success over the last week.

Finally, the final preparations for bands night on Monday are underway. We are delighted to have bands from Hayesfield and St Marks joining our own bands for what promises to be an excellent evening of musical entertainment.

T. D. Marshall

Mr T D Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Monday 7th February

Year 9 GCSE subject choice deadline

Saturday 12th February

Ten Tors - Black Mountains

Wednesday 16th February

Year 7 Disco at Hayesfield 6 - 830pm

Wednesday 16th –Monday 21st February

Iceland Trip

Friday 18th February

End of Winter Term

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

Wednesday 16th March

Year 7 Parents Evening (remote) 4–8pm

Wednesday 16th–Friday 18th March

Year 12 Geography Residential

Thursday 24th March

Year 8 Parents Evening (remote) 4.30-8pm

Tuesday 29th March

Year 12 Geography –Three Cliffs Bay

Saturday 2nd April – Friday 8th April

School Production -Little Shop of Horrors

Friday 8th April

End of Easter Term

Key Notices

Covid update

From Thursday 27th January it is no longer necessary to wear a face covering in communal areas in schools for either staff or pupils. However, should members of our community feel more comfortable wearing a face covering they are welcome to do so.

We are continuing with other Covid measures such as good ventilation, enhanced cleaning and encouraging regular hand washing and ask that **all staff and pupils test themselves using LFD at least twice a week at home**. We still have a supply of test kits in the office so please ask your son to collect from there if needed.

We still have a number of cases in the school community and whilst national restrictions are easing it is important that other measures are maintained to limit the spread.

Mrs C Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA

Menu w/c 31st January

Monday: Pork Tagine, Roasted Vegetable and Feta Frittata (D)

Tuesday: Lamb and Mint Burger (G), Bean Burger (G)

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Apple sauce, Potato Leek and Cheese Pie (D,G)

Thursday: Spiced Chicken with Kidney Beans and Tomatoes, Toasted Red Pepper and Mozzarella Wrap (G,D)

Friday: Breaded Cod (G,D), Sundried Tomato Risotto

G = Gluten Free

D = Dairy Free

Mr D Keal
Chef

Year 13 Reports

The Year13 reports have now been published and are available to view on INSIGHT.

Once you have logged in, please click on "**Subjects**" at the top of the page. To access Insight, open the school website, then click **Popular Pages**

Your Username for Insight is the email address we store for you at school, if you can't remember your Password, click **Don't know your password?**

Mrs C Russell
Data & SIMS Manager

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

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

Message from Deputy Head

Many of you will recall that the school undertook an equalities review earlier this academic year, which is available on the school website on the Equalities pages. One of the objectives identified in the accompanying action plan was to further improve communication with parents about our stance and response to discrimination and harassment. To this end, for your information, our revised Equalities Incident Protocol can be found at <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Equalities-Incidents-Protocol-2022.pdf>

First produced three years ago, the Protocol has been strengthened following subsequent reviews and now includes detail about what constitutes a 'Serious Equality Incident' according to criteria set by BANES. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents again to take part in a discussion about how we realize the above objective. Following the survey earlier in the year, I had some very productive conversations with parents and would like to hold a virtual forum to discuss ideas further. If you are interested, please email me and I will provide you details of the meeting early next month (joldham@beechencliff.org.uk).

Mr J Oldham
Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

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>

Mrs C Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA

Contact Information

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

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

Social Media



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

Extra Curricular



Beechen Cliff Three Peaks Challenge. FRIDAY JULY 1ST TO MONDAY 4TH JULY 2022



The Beechen Cliff Three Peaks Challenge is one of the many endurance challenges offered to students. It involves the ascent of the three highest mountains in Scotland (Ben Nevis), Wales (Snowdon) and England (Scafell Pike), without undue stopping for rest or sustenance. It takes place over a three and a half day period that includes: one day travel to the first mountain and half a day from the last mountain to home. In all there are over 1200 miles of driving, over 3000 metres of ascent, and the distance walked will exceed an Olympic marathon.

Whilst it is a challenge that will test the 'metal' of all participants, it is a group activity and team work is vital if the challenge is to be completed in the true spirit of adventure. Beechen Cliff still remains one of the few schools in the United Kingdom to undertake such an arduous challenge. This only made possible due to Beechen's expertise and experience in successfully organising this type of activity. With our dedicated team willing literally to go the extra mile. This challenge is, as always, an awesome and unforgettable adventure.

To Secure Your Place

There are **NO MEDICAL FORMS AVAILABLE ON LINE** for this activity. If you are interested you will first need to collect a uniquely numbered **Medical Form** from **Mr Stewart in the Science Faculty**.

There are only a maximum of 26 places available. Please return the completed form as soon as you can to either Mr Stewart or Mr Brewer **in person**. The total cost for the adventure is **£375**.

This challenge is only open to years 9, 10, 11 and the sixth form.

Access to pay the **£100 deposit** on Parent Pay will be given to finally secure your place. The remaining **£275** balance will need to be paid before **May 27th 2022** as we have to pay for all accommodation in full before the event.

We will of course comply with any of the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place at this time and should the challenge not be able to be untaken due to COVID restrictions then deposits will be returned in full.

Mr D Brewer and Mr R Stewart

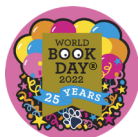
Three Peaks Challenge Organisers 2022

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

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.



Sports Extra Curricular Clubs

For information on after school clubs, please see the [Extra Curricular page on our website](#). This is up to date but please be aware that sometimes there are changes due to unforeseen circumstances. We will notify pupils via google classroom or via the duty boys in the event of any cancellation/ changes.

Sports Class on Google Classrooms/ Sports Fixtures website

Each year group now has a Sports Class on Google Classrooms where details of fixtures and notices will be given. Please encourage your son to check this regularly for information.

You can also find fixtures information and team sheets on our [Sports Fixtures website](#).

Team selection

With so many of our boys engaged and interested in the sports offering at Beechen Cliff, we endeavour to give them all a chance to be a part of the teams. This does mean that not all boys will be selected each week in the interests of being fair and giving a chance to all that wish to compete for the school.

Extra Curricular Sports kit

If your son is involved with our extra-curricular activities and therefore additional kit would be helpful, we do have an online shop with Kukri. This kit is not compulsory and does not replace your son's curriculum kit but is available for after school clubs and fixtures. Kit options include tracksuit bottoms, shorts, training t-shirts and additional mid layers. [Kukri- Beechen Cliff](#)

Mr P Macdonald
Head of Shakespeare/PE

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 [the Sports Fixture website](#) for the most up to date information.

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 31 st January	U12a, b & c football v QEH (a)	14:15	13:00	MB	16:45
Tuesday 1 st February	U14a&b & U15a&b football v QEH (a)	14:15	12:30	Coach- 12:45	16:45
	U16 hockey v Prior (a)	15:00			
Wednesday 2 nd February	U12a&b hockey v Prior (a)	14:30	13:45		
	U13a&b hockey v Prior (a)	15:20	14:30		
	U13a, b & c football v QEH (a)	14:15	12:30	Coach- 12:45	16:45
	U17 rugby v BWCoES (h- Chippenham)	14:30	12:30	Coach- 12:45	16:45
Thursday 3 rd February	2nd XI football v Warminster (a)	15:30	14:00	MB	
	1st & 3rd XI football v QEH (a)	14:15		tbc	tbc
	1st XI hockey v Prior (a)	15:00	14:00	MB	
	U17 rugby v Sherbourne (h)	14:30	13:00	MB (only 1 available)	

Careers

Careers Evenings For Parents This Term



Invitation to Parents – Success Beyond School



We are delighted to announce the first events in our Success Beyond School series for 2022. These are free-of-charge, live online seminars featuring careers experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.

We have 5 fantastic seminars this terms, including topics such as ‘how to help your child choose their career’ and ‘how to inspire young women to become entrepreneurs’ **These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.**

[Register Now](#)

About InvestIN

Over 50,00 students from 100+ countries have already taken advantage of InvestIN’s once-in-lifetime career programmes designed to help students make confident choices about their futures. Learn from expert Professional, gain top career coaching and experience unparalleled industry simulations not normally available to school students. Find out more below



[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

[Wednesday 9th February: Making it in Medical Science](#)

Expert Advice on breaking into medicine, dentistry and veterinary science

[Wednesday 9th March: Women in Business](#)

Inspiring entrepreneurship in our young women

[Wednesday 23rd March : The Ultimate Career Experience](#)

Everything you need to know about InvestIN’s life-changing summer Experiences

[Wednesday 6th April The Career Workshop](#)

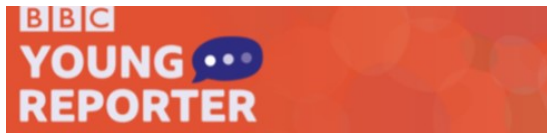
Helping your child to choose their future with confidence

[Wednesday 4th May: Through the Magnifying Glass](#)

Uncover your child’s future in forensic science

[Register Now](#)

BBC Young Reporter competition is back and open for entries



Do you young people with stories to tell? The BBC Young Reporter Competition 2022 has now launched so we want to hear from them!

This is our annual opportunity for 11-18 year olds to share a story about what matters to them and which they think the BBC should be reporting .

Its open to young people across the UK and the winners will get to work with teams like Newsround, BBC Breakfast or The One Show to produce their story for TV, radio, online or social Media with the help of BBC journalists, producers and programme- makers

[Find out more](#)

Story Ideas

This is the fourth time we've run the competition and the theme for entries is simply: Me and My World.

Story ideals can reflect a personal insight or experience or be issue-based. We also want to know why the entrant (s) think it is a story BBC audiences should see, hear or read. We are looking for original idea outlines, not fully finished or features.

Young people can enter individually or as a group. The judging will take in two age categories –11-15 and 16-18 year olds - and there will a national and regional winners and we will announce them all in June.

Judges include Huw Edwards, Naga Munchety, Greg James and Alex Jones from The One Show!

All the details including more about the categories and how to enter are available on www.bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition and the closing date is 27 March 2022.

[Enter BBC Young Reporter](#)

Rolls-Royce Apprentice Open Evening Thursday 10th February 2022 17.00-20.00pm (3 sessions 17.00, 18.00 or 19.00pm)

This is an Invitation Only Apprentice Open Evening to share information about our future employment opportunities.

The Open Evening will provide students and parents with the opportunity to explore the schemes we have here at Rolls-Royce, including a chance to talk with representatives from the Apprentice Development team, current apprentices and Recruitment Team who will be available to answer any questions you may have.

As a reminder this invite is open to Year 11 - 13 students only who are currently either completing GCSEs or A-LEVELS/BTEC subjects at school or college.

We look forward to meeting you on the day!

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY BOOK MAXIMUM 3 TICKETS PER HOUSEHOLD- MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

LINKS:

5:00pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-apprentice-open-evening-derby-uk-tickets-251845585927>

6:00pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-apprentice-open-evening-derby-uk-tickets-251843630077>

7:00pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-apprentice-open-evening-derby-uk-tickets-251841874827>

Many Thanks,
Stella

Stella Mosley
Campus Recruiter
Talent Acquisition - GBS People Services
stella.mosley@rolls-royce.com
Mobile: 07468758113

Mental Health and Wellbeing



Solution Focused Approach (SF)

At Beechen Cliff, staff are trained in the Solution Focused Approach and we use this approach in our conversations with our students and pupils in the school. At the end of last year, Tara Gretton and Susie Ingram (Accredited Solution Focused Practitioners) held a Saturday morning SF workshop for Beechen Cliff parents and were asked to give some tips on how to have a SF conversation with your children at home. In response to this request, we are delighted to be able to share some SF tips and questions that you can try out with your own families when you or your children are facing times of difficulty..

SF Conversation Guidance and Questions

- ◆ At difficult times we are often understandably consumed by the problem, and this can make it difficult to notice what we are doing to cope and manage.
- ◆ When we invite ourselves to focus on what is working and what we are doing well, no matter how small, it can bring about a sense of hope and therefore possibility.
- ◆ We would like you to invite your children to notice their strengths, resources and capabilities during times of difficulties no matter how small. We would invite you to do the same for yourself.
- ◆ Sometimes this can be a difficult question to answer; we would invite you to trust in the process, giving your children and yourselves time to think and formulate responses. We should emphasise how small it can be and maybe give our own examples.
- ◆ It is often so tempting to give advice in these situations; we would invite you to resist this and believe that in the process we are encouraging our children and ourselves to be agents of our own change. By doing this, we are enabling ourselves to have coping mechanisms to hand not only for now, but for the future.

If we notice the strengths and capabilities we have to cope with adversity and uncertainty then we will be able to cope with further challenges in our lives!

Questions you could ask –

- 1.What did you notice during the Covid lockdowns that you are pleased to notice about yourself?
- 2.What did you do to get through?

Follow up Questions –

- 1.What is it about you that enables you to do these things?
- 2.What difference are they making to you?

The Mental Health Team

Rewards Week

Date- 21/1/22

Focus- Independence

Below are the results for w/c 21 January 22. Well done to MILTON, Year 7 and Shakespeare 7a. Next fortnight our focus will be on Compassion

House results

	House	Points
1st	Milton	1456
2nd	Kipling	1389
3rd	Shakespeare	1363
4th	Byron	1317

Year group results

	Year group	Points
1st	Year 7	1477
2nd	Year 8	1421
3rd	Year 9	1108
4th	Year 11	823
5th	Year 10	695

Tutor results

Year	Tutor group	Average
7	Shakespeare 7a	33.2
8	Byron 8a	32.6
9	Byron 9a	20.5
10	Milton 10b	13.4
11	Shakespeare 11a	16.5

Mr P Macdonald

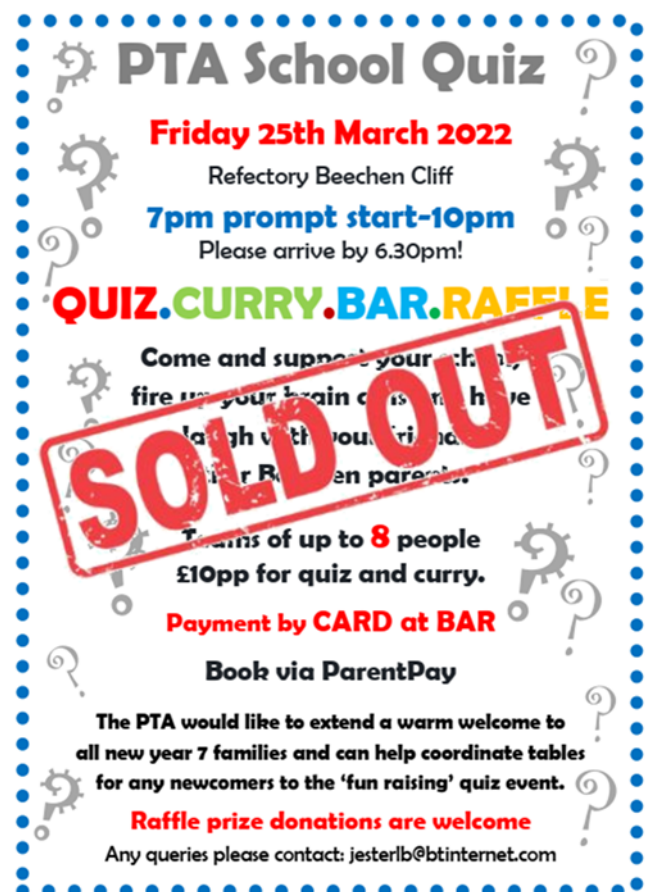
Head of Shakespeare

PTA School Quiz

The PTA would like to hope you can all still make the new rescheduled date of the Quiz Night!

However, if you can **not** can you please email the Finance department at Beechen Cliff for a refund, your tickets can then be resold as soon as possible, thank you.

PTA



PTA School Quiz
Friday 25th March 2022
Refectory Beechen Cliff
7pm prompt start-10pm
Please arrive by 6.30pm!

QUIZ.CURRY.BAR.RAFFLE

Come and support your school, fire up your brain and have a laugh with your friends and family. Raffle prizes for all your friends and family.

SOLD OUT

Tickets of up to **8** people
£10pp for quiz and curry.

Payment by **CARD at BAR**

Book via **ParentPay**

The PTA would like to extend a warm welcome to all new year 7 families and can help coordinate tables for any newcomers to the 'fun raising' quiz event.

Raffle prize donations are welcome

Any queries please contact: jesterlb@btinternet.com

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



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Life Project

Supporting people with learning disabilities in the Bath area



Bath Half 2022

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