



BEECHEN CLIFF

7th January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to welcome our pupils and students back to school yesterday and today to begin the new term.

The testing process has run smoothly and it is good to be back into routines with normal timetables. I am aware that some pupils and staff are off school with Covid or other illnesses at the moment and I wish them all a speedy recovery. For pupils who are isolating at home and well enough to continue with their studies work will be provided on Google Classroom.

Last term we updated the curriculum information for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 on our website. We hope this will be useful for parents to help understand the intent of the curriculum for each subject, the programme of study and information on how to support and recommended revision websites. This can be accessed via the curriculum and assessment section of the website or the following link: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/overview/subject-curriculum-information/>

Key Stage 5 curriculum information will be updated in due course.

Over the next few weeks our Year 9 pupils will be making decisions about GCSE choices for next year. Miss Sullivan has provided an update on the Year 9 Parent Information Evening later in this newsletter. The (virtual) Year 9 and Year 10 Parents Evenings are also taking place over the next few weeks with the Year 7 and Year 8 evenings due to take place after half term.

We expect the weather to be colder over the next few weeks so would recommend that pupils wear additional layers under their school uniform to help keep warm in 'well ventilated' classrooms. However, it is important that these extra layers are not visible and pupils are still wearing full school uniform.

I must finish by congratulating our footballers on their recent success. Four teams (U18, U15, U14 and U13) made it through to the last 16 of the national cup last term. Yesterday the U18 team defeated Lord William School, Oxford and the U13 team defeated Bohunt School, Wokingham to reach the quarter finals. The U15 team unfortunately were defeated by Weydon School, Farnham in the last 16 and the U14 team play next Tuesday in their last 16 fixture. The teams have done brilliantly and the boys should be really proud of their achievements.

T. D. Markall

Mr T. D. Markall

Headteacher

Calendar

Saturday 8th January

Austria Ski Trip for Years 10/12

CANCELLED

Tuesday 11th January

Year 9 Parents Options Evening – (pre-recorded video to be put on the website)

Thursday 13th January

Year 10 Parents Evening (virtual)

Wednesday 19th January

Year 9 Parents Evening (virtual)

Tuesday 27th January

Lower Sixth Parents Evening

Monday 31st January

Bands Night

Key Notices

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 will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Mrs C Capsey

Operations Manager

Year 9 Options Parents' Information Evening Update

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 pupils,

Please note that, in light of the current COVID-19 situation, we have taken the decision to move our planned Year 9 Subject Choices Parent Information Evening online rather than hold it in person. Please look out for email correspondence from me detailing our alternative provision.

A reminder that the GCSE Subject Choices booklet is available on the school website now (select *Popular pages* and then select *GCSE Option Choices 2022*, or follow this link: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GCSE-Options-Booklet-2022.pdf>).

Kind regards,

Ms S Sullivan,
Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning

Menu for w/c 10th January

Monday: BBQ Chicken (G), Sweet potato Goulash (D)

Tuesday: Spicy sausage and tomato pasta (G), Smoked Cheese and red onion Quiche (D,G)

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Apple sauce, Lentil cottage pie (D)

Thursday: Beef and Vegetable pie (G), Sundried Tomato and Parmesan risotto (D)

Friday: Squid and prawn Risotto, Vegetable Lasagne (G,D)

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

Extra Curricular

Happy New Year from the DofE team

Over the past year 45 students have successfully completed their DofE Award and many more are close to completion. To complete the Award during a pandemic took even more initiative and resilience than normally required.

A huge well done to those students and thanks to all the staff and parents that support the Award in so many different ways.

Bronze DofE training sessions started on Tuesday 11th January, 3.20pm-4.30pm and are fortnightly.

Silver DofE training starts on Tuesday 11th January and sessions are fortnightly during lunchtime.

Expedition dates for 2022

Bronze DofE

6th March local walk

29th-30th April Practice Expedition, Chelwood

10th-11th June Qualifying Expedition, Mendips

Silver DofE

20th-22nd May Practice Expedition, Dartmoor

11th-13th July Qualifying Expedition, Brecon Beacons

Year 12 Gold DofE

Support Bronze expeditions

18th-19th June Overnight training, Dartmoor

October half term Practice Expedition, Snowdonia

Year 13 Gold DofE

15th-20th July Qualifying Expedition, Lake District

Ms Fox

DofE Manager jfox@beechencliff.org.uk



Santa Run 2021 an outstanding £3,399 in donations thank you!

Over 700 year 7, 8 and 9 pupils participated in Beechen Cliff's first ever fun Santa Run around the Alexander Park raising £3,399 in donations. These will be used to help improve facilities for our after school clubs. (See the video in link below)

One hopeful pupil wrote on his donation page, which sums it up for many:

'Please sponsor me so that we can get things for fun clubs now that we can finally have more fun with friends after Covid.'

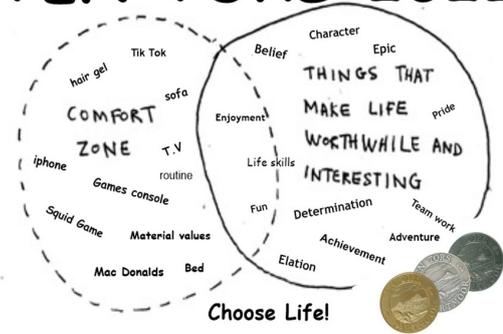
You still have a chance to contribute until 16th January 2022, to help get the LEGO robotics club, along with the climbing wall club reinstated for all pupils at Beechen Cliff School.

Happy New Year and many thanks for all your continued support.

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/pta-beechen-cliff-school-2945>

Beechen Cliff School PTA

TEN TORS 2022



Open to years 10-13

Launching first week back in 2022, Listen out for meeting times when you return in the New Year.



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

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 10th January					
Tuesday 11th January					
Wednesday 12th January					
Thursday 13th January	1st XI football v Lord William's (h)	14:00	13:15	n/a	15:45
	U15 football v Weydon (a)	14:00	10:30	Coach- 10:45	18:15
	U13 football v Bohunt (h)	14:30	14:00	n/a	16:00
Friday 14th January					
Saturday 15th January					

SPORTS CLUBS TIMETABLE (TERM 3/4)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 7		Football	Hockey Cricket (PM)		
YEAR 8	Cricket (PM)		Hockey		Football
YEAR 9			Cricket (AM)	Hockey	
YEAR 10			S & C	Hockey	S & C
YEAR 11	Hockey	Cricket (AM) S & C		S & C	
6 TH FORM	Hockey	Cricket (AM)		Netball (Barn)	Basketball

S & C – Strength and Conditioning (Sign up on ParentPay)

Please be aware that if the club does not have '(AM)' next to the club it will be taking part in the evening from 3:30-4:30.

Mr R Bowett
Teacher of PE

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/>



Social Media

Please stay up to date with what's going on in school by following us on Twitter - [@beechencliff](https://twitter.com/beechencliff) and on Instagram—handle beechencliff 1



Part time/Permanent Vacancy for Governance Clerk – Bath Hub Schools

The Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership Trust is looking for a new member of our central team to play a pivotal role in supporting the Trust with the development of the Bath Hub and School Governance. This is a crucial role, which will work closely with the Chairs of governors, Trust Clerk, Deputy CEO, Bath Headteachers and School Governing Bodies.

22.5 hours Term time plus inset days

Start date ASAP

Apply by 13 Jan 2022

Below is the link to job vacancy and application

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/governance-clerk-bath-hub-schools-radstock-1540756>

Careers

BEECHEN CLIFF PRESENTS

BEECHEN CLIFF

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!

Community Links

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**.

COVID Vaccinations for Young People in Bath Area

You will all be aware that 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.

Below is a screenshot from 4th January 2022





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



**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