



BEECHEN CLIFF

10th February 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week tutor time themes and assemblies have focussed on mental health. Mental Health has been a big focus for us over the last few years, particularly during the pandemic, and it is really important that we continue to have an open dialogue about mental health and that we all know where to turn to if we need support. Mrs Ingram has provided more information about our work with the charity Boys in Mind later in the newsletter.

You will also notice in the newsletter that we are now putting plans in place for Activities Week in the summer. Last year this had to be cancelled when covid case rates resulted in learning moving online for the last week of term. We are very much hopeful that this summer things will go ahead as planned. During the last week of term (18-21 July) the normal timetable will be collapsed. Upper Sixth and Year 11 students will have finished school for the year after their exams. Lower Sixth students and Year 10 pupils will be on Work Experience. Mrs Pascoe has recently written to Lower Sixth Parents to explain the arrangements and Year 10 Work Experience will be launched soon. For pupils in Years 7-9 we are aiming for a range of enrichment activities to take place during the week.

As we move towards the end of this half term it is important that high standards are maintained by all pupils up until the last day. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and equipment with them each day and are punctual to school.

Thank you for your support.

T. D. Markall

Mr T.D. Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Wednesday 16th February

Year 7 Disco at Hayesfield 6 - 830pm

Wednesday 16th – Monday 21st February

Iceland Trip

Friday 18th February

End of Winter Term

Saturday 19th February

PTA–Second Hand Uniform Sale 10am–12pm

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February

Half Term

Monday 28th February

Start of Easter Term

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day 2022

Monday 14th–Friday 18th March

Upper Sixth Mock Exams Week

Wednesday 16th March

Year 7 Parents Evening (remote) 4–8pm

Wednesday 16th–Friday 18th March

Year 12 Geography Residential

Wednesday 23rd March

School Concert at St Luke's Church at 7pm

Thursday 24th March

Year 8 Parents Evening (remote) 4.30-8pm

Friday 25th March

PTA Quiz Evening 7–10pm

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

Monday 25th April

Start of Spring Term

Key Notices

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 sixthattend-ance@beechencliff.org.uk

Core Value Statements Posters - Year 7

Please can you remind your sons about our aspiration to cover the school in year 7 designed posters. All of the information they need is on their tutor group Google Classroom.

The posters need to include our core value statements ; Be ready, Be kind, Be your best and Show respect. We also talked in the assembly about how an anti bullying message would fit perfectly with the sentiments underpinning the statements.

They can be hand drawn or digitally designed, they will then be professionally enlarged and reproduced. Chocolate and positives for every poster and even more for the chosen designs.

Please can the boys email digital versions to me - amilland@beechencliff.org.uk and I will share with all the other Heads of Houses or they can bring hand drawn ones to any of us in the Pastoral area. Please can we have their wonderful posters with us by the last Friday of term.

Thank you

Ms A Milland
Head of Byron

Medication

A reminder that children should not be carrying medication on them in school. If they have something that they need to take in the day, please ask them to take it to the School Nurse at the beginning of the day. Please also provide permission for the nurse to administer the medicine.

Mrs C Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA

Summer Examinations 2022

The exam boards have now published subject specific information for summer 2022. which will be shared with our teachers with the students in due course but for your handy reference please see links below:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/2022-advance-information>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/summer-2022-support.html>

WJEC - not yet published

Students will be able to see the specific exam board for each subject detailed on their public exam timetables which were given out over the last week.

Mrs Kate Davison
Examinations Office
exams@beechencliff.org.uk

Year 11 revision sessions schedule

The dates and times for revision sessions taking place in each subject will be available as a download on the school website later on today.

Please head to [Revision session dates 2022.docx](#) (beechencliff.org.uk) to access the document.

Kind regards

Mr A Seal
Assistant Headteacher

Rewards Week

Date 4th February 2022

Focus: Compassion and Inter-House hockey

Below are the results for Week commencing 4th February. Well Done to KIPLING, Year 8 and Shakespeare 7b. Next fortnight will focus on Respect.

House Results

	House	Points	Inter-House Hockey	Total
1st	Kipling	922	100	1022
2nd	Shakespeare	819	200	1019
3rd	Milton	912	50	962
4th	Byron	783	150	933

Year Group Results

	Year group	Points
1st	Year 8	1126
2nd	Year 7	1124
3rd	Year 9	705
4th	Year 10	311
5th	Year 11	310

Tutor Results

Year	Tutor group	Average Points
7	Shakespeare 7b	25.9
8	Kipling 8b	22.9
9	Kipling 9b	15.1
10	Byron 10a	5.7
11	Milton 11b	7.1

Mr P Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare

Contact Information

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

School contact information:

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

Menu w/c 14th February

Monday: Chicken and Chorizo Casserole (D), Butternut Squash and Feta Pearl barley Risotto (D,G)

Tuesday: Chilli Beef with mixed beans, Roasted Vegetable and Tomato Gnocchi (G)

Wednesday: Roast beef, Cheese Potato and Red Onion Filo Parcel (G,D)

Thursday: Spicy Tomato and Pepper Pasta (G), Creamy Pesto Pasta with Peas and Courgettes (D,G)

Friday: TBC

Mr D Keal
Chef

G = Gluten Free

D = Dairy Free

Social Media



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

Extra Curricular

Chess Club

Reminder - this club takes place on Wednesdays 3.25 - 4.15 in M4; open to all year groups and we have new chess boards!



Eco Team

The team have met twice recently with an agreed focus on two areas of interest:

- Raising awareness of local, community environment issues; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Looking at how we can action change in our immediate environment.

The team will be designing posters that will go up around school and follow up with assemblies to trigger action and change on issues in school.

Watch this space!

Parent Engagement Survey 2

The second Parent Engagement Survey will go to parents this week. You will recall that the first survey focused on the following areas:

- Welcome
- Communication and Involvement
- Engagement in Learning

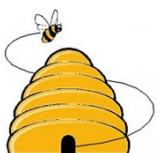
This survey will be exactly the same as the first survey. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey - it will be really useful for us to see the progress we have tried to make since the initial survey and to address your concerns/feedback in areas that we may need further work.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher

World Book Day 2022 25th Anniversary

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 is coming!

Mr M Newell
English Department



Beekeeping Club

The 'Beechen Cliff Beekeeping Club' will be back in force from March 10th. I am holding a meeting in E6 Friday after school at 3.35pm.

If you are interested and new to beekeeping or were part of the club last year, then please come along.

Mr M Newell
Beekeeping Club Leader

Party In the City - Friday 13th May

An exciting opportunity has arisen for schools in Bath to collaborate on workshops including song writing which will result in a performance at Party in the City (Opening night of the Bath Festival) on Friday 13th May.

Pupils will be involved in workshops led by Bath Philharmonia at the forum in March. The workshops will take place during the school day.

At this stage, I would like to involve approximately 10 pupils from years 7, 8 or 9. The main prerequisite is that your son should enjoy singing and would like to be involved in creating the song for the performance.

If you would like your son to be involved or if you have any questions, please email me at music@beechencliff.org.uk



Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Activities Week w/c Monday 18th July 2022

During Activities Week we will have a whole day excursion for Years 7, 8 and 9 (see below). The intention is that **all** pupils will go on the trip as part of their enrichment activities:

Year 7 - "We The Curious" Bristol Wednesday 20th July

Year 8 - Natural History Museum, London Monday 18th July

Year 9 - Thorpe Park Tuesday 19th July

Details will appear shortly on ParentPay for signing up.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher



Board game donations

Peer mentoring has now started, where Sixth Form students have volunteered to support some of our KS3 pupils each week. During the sessions they will sometimes wish to play games together so I am looking for donations of any surplus board or card games suitable for 2 players. Please take any donations to the main office.

Many thanks

Mr J Wall
Teacher of Maths



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.

If your son is unfortunately absent on the day of his fixture, please can we politely ask that when you contact Attendance to report the absence, you also advise the sports team sport@beechencliff.org.uk as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.

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 14 th February	U13 Hockey Tournament @ Monkton Prep			1 x MB	
Tuesday 15 th February	1st XI Hockey v KES (a)			1 x MB	
Wednesday 16 th February	U14 Hockey v Dauntseys (a)	14:30		1 x MB	
	U12b & U13b Football v Ralph Allen (a)	15:30	15:00	1 x MB (2 drops)	
	U17 Rugby v Malmesbury (Chip)	14:30	12:45	1 x MB	
	U18 Basketball v Wellsway (a)	15:30	14:45	9 seater	
Thursday 17 th February	1st & 2nd XI Football v Dauntseys (a)	14:30	13:00	2 x MB	
	1st XI Hockey v Monkton (a)	14:30		1 x MB	

Message from Deputy Headteacher

Parents may recall from an earlier newsletter this year that staff at Beechen Cliff receive a weekly 'Hot Topic' about safeguarding. This is a 1-2 side of A4 summary of key points relating to a topical issue about keeping children safe in education. Recent topics have included self-harm, peer on peer abuse (bullying) and harmful sexual behaviour (there are examples of the documents on the school website on the safeguarding pages).

This week's Hot Topics is about safeguarding and including pupils who identify as LGBT+ and a copy is attached to the newsletter. It will be of interest to many parents to see our approach during LGBT+ History Month and to find out more about how staff are enabled and supported to be inclusive. We also stress that any form of discrimination or prejudice towards LGBT+ pupils will not be tolerated and that all members of the school community have a duty to 'call this out.'

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Mr J Oldham

Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Help your Child Learn More Effectively



Cognitive Science is now in the forefront of education. But we know it can be tricky for parents to keep up-to-date with the latest research and tools.

That's why we are hosting a free webinar **exclusively** for parents!

Title: **Empowering the Teaching Triangle: Student, Parent, and Teacher.**

Speaker: **Patrice Bain**

Date and Time: **Tuesday, 15th February, 5.30 pm, online**

Cost: **FREE**

Have you watched your child struggle with schoolwork? Would you like to know how best to help your child with learning? Patrice Bain (@PatriceBain1), teacher and parent, has worked with cognitive scientists for over 15 years in identifying principles and strategies that increase learning and decrease anxiety. Author of Powerful Teaching: "Unleash the Science of Learning" and "A Parent's Guide to Powerful Teaching", Patrice will discuss evidence-based tools and strategies that work.
- Link to register: <https://bit.ly/Parents-Webinar-Learning>

Dr Flavia Belham
Chief Scientist
[Seneca Learning](#)

Free Webinar for parents!

Help your child learn more effectively!

A great way for you to understand how learning works, so you can best support your kids.

Free tickets: <https://bit.ly/Parents-Webinar-Learning>

15th Feb

A portrait of Patrice Bain, a woman with short, curly blonde hair, smiling. Below the portrait is her name and Twitter handle.

Patrice Bain
@PatriceBain1

YEAR 9 HOLOCAUST EDUCATION DAY, 27th JANUARY 2022

On 27th January 1945 the Soviet Red Army liberated Auschwitz concentration camp and Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp from the Nazis and their genocidal policies. Seventy seven years later, on Thursday 27th January 2022, Beechen Cliff School Year 9 students worked in a totally different way from the normal school timetable to take part in Holocaust Education Day. This event launched their Holocaust education in History and RPE lessons, and also marked Holocaust Memorial Day.

The students had an hard-hitting introduction to the Holocaust and overview of the cumulative radicalisation of Nazi race policies from Mr Tobin and Ms Netto, and then participated in seven workshops throughout the day led by teachers from many different subjects learning about and reflecting upon the Holocaust through different mediums.

The workshops were;

1. Germany today and the Holocaust with Mr Hall
2. Cats and Mice - 'Maus' The Holocaust in a graphic novel with Mr Morgan
3. The genetics of racism with Miss Milland
4. Expressing the Holocaust artistically with Miss Moorhead
5. My Dad's 'just war' against Nazism with Mr Turner
6. The ghetto starvation diet with Mrs Roberts, and
7. Creative writing about the Holocaust with Mr Newell

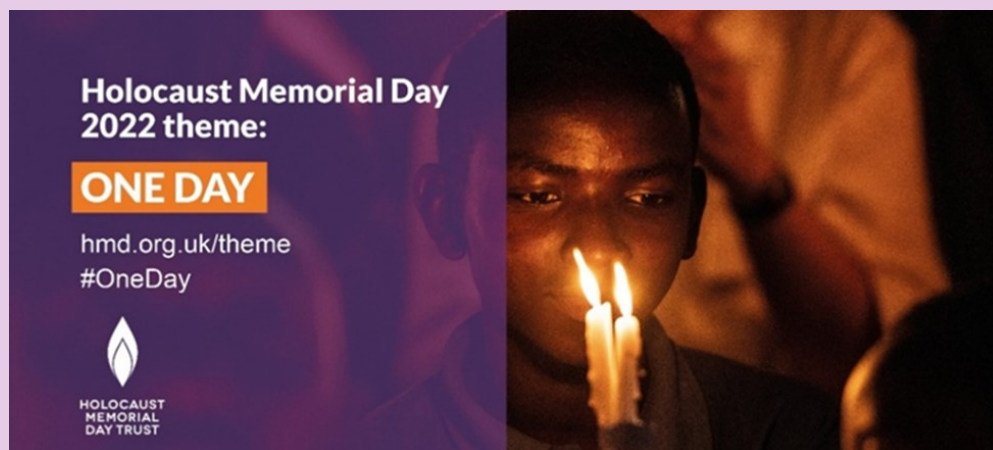
To finish the day the students reflected on the psychology of bystanders, the moral responsibility we have to uphold the values of equality, inclusion and diversity, and the challenge of being heroic enough to ensure that such a genocide doesn't happen again.

During this session we also launched a creative reflective project, details of which have been shared with students via Google Classroom.

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

Mr R Tobin

Head of History



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Boys in Mind (Girls Mind Too)



This week in assemblies, pupils and students will be introduced to the incredible work of local mental health and suicide prevention charity, Boys in Mind (Girls Mind Too). We are immensely proud to be a Lead Secondary School for Boys in Mind and the video below shows Youth Advisors and Mental Health Ambassadors talk about the work they do for Boys in Mind/Girls Mind Too. Many of our current and ex-Beechen Cliff students (*Charlie and Will in this video*) have gone on to become Youth Advisors for Boys in Mind and they are looking for more young people from Beechen Cliff to get involved.

Please do take a few minutes to watch this video. <https://boysinmind.co.uk/film-what-we-do/>

The Mental Health Team

Beechen Cliff Staff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Food Technician - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/food-technician-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1563220?preview=1>

Science Technician - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/science-technician-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1569520?preview=1>

Teaching Assistant - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teaching-assistant-bath-1562725?preview=1>

Mrs C Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA

PTA Updates

PTA School Quiz

The PTA School Quiz has been re-scheduled for Friday 25th March. Hope you can all make the date.

However, if you are unable to make this date, please email the Finance department at Beechen Cliff for a refund, and your tickets can then be resold as soon as possible, thank you.

PTA



Secondhand Uniform **SALE**

at

Beechen Cliff School
Club House

on

Saturday 19th February
10am - 12pm

**Payments to be made
by card preferably!**

We are also selling
Revision Guides and text books!

Bring up your uniform donations....

Community Links

February Half -Term Tennis Camps at Bloomfield Tennis Club



Feb Half-Term Tennis Camps - Bloomfield TC, Bath
21st-22nd February

2 days - flexible bookings

Explorers 5-8yrs 10am - 1pm
Hot shots 9-12yrs 10am - 1pm
Evolution 13-17yrs 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Coaching, Competitions, Games and Fun!

Book Now
blueskytennis.co.uk/holidays/

For more information email genie@blueskytennis.co.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: cdrcjuniors@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



Expert. Fee Free. Mortgage Advice.

We've teamed up with Beechen Cliff School to offer all those connected to the school, an expert, fee free mortgage service, taking away the hassle when getting a new mortgage. We will also pay £50 Cashback to Beechen Cliff for every person that takes a new mortgage out with Lucra Mortgages. You Just need to quote 'Beechen Cliff.'

01225 970 830
hello@lucramortgages.co.uk
www.lucramortgages.co.uk

YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE

COVID Vaccinations for Young People in Bath Area

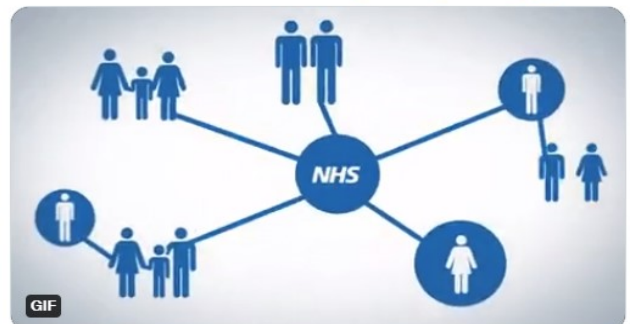
The [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk) shows the availability of walk-in centres based on a postcode. For those schools near Bath, there is a twitter account ([@C19VaccineBath](https://twitter.com/C19VaccineBath)) run by the Bath Racecourse Vaccination Centre. Everyday they publish the times young people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



Bath Racecourse Vaccination Centre @C19Vaccin... · 20 Jan ...

Walk-in [#CovidVaccination](https://twitter.com/C19VaccineBath) available all week, 8am until 7.30pm for ages 12+ at [#BathRacecourse](https://twitter.com/BathRacecourse)

1st, 2nd, 3rd Primary & Booster doses available
[@Rachael_A_W](https://twitter.com/Rachael_A_W)
[@FollettHolt](https://twitter.com/FollettHolt) [@RUHBath](https://twitter.com/RUHBath) [@NHSBSWCCG](https://twitter.com/NHSBSWCCG) [@bathnes](https://twitter.com/bathnes) [@banes3sg](https://twitter.com/banes3sg) ❤️



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