



BEECHEN CLIFF

17th February 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week tickets go on sale for our school production, Little Shop of Horrors, which is due to take place next term. The cast have been working hard rehearsing for several months and it promises to be an outstanding show. Please see details on how to support or to purchase tickets later in the newsletter.

Year 11 and Upper Sixth students have recently received provisional copies of their examination timetables for the summer and a full timetable is now available on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Summer-Public-Exams-2022.pdf>

This week has been a time for events to finally take place after postponement. Yesterday our Year 7 pupils got to attend their joint disco with Hayesfield and our Sixth Form Geography trip to Iceland departed. I hope the students have an amazing experience.

Within the school community it is good to see that the number of covid cases is on the decline and we hope this is a trend that continues. After half term we are planning to reintroduce in-person House Assemblies. The Government has proposed that covid self-isolation rules may change again in near future and are expecting an announcement on 21st February. We will provide updates once this information is available.

In preparation for next term please can I ask all parents and carers to check their child's equipment and uniform and to provide any 'top-ups' required to ensure they start next term fully prepared. For those eligible for the Pupil Premium please contact Mr Barros if required.

Further to the parent message that was sent out earlier today, School will be closed tomorrow, Friday 18th February due to the predicted adverse weather condition. All learning will be set on Google Classroom.

May I wish you all a good half term break and we look forward to seeing all our pupils and students back in school on 28th February.

T. D. Marshall

Mr T.D. Marshall
Headteacher

Calendar

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 and Thursday 24th 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

Summer Public exam information

All draft timetables have now been given to students for checking. The full exam timetable has also been uploaded onto the school website for your information:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/FULL-SUMMER-PUBLIC-EXAM-TIMETABLE.pdf>

Year 11 Spring Assessments

All boys in year 11 have been handed a copy of their individual timetable by their tutors over the last week. These are a mixture of in-class tests and 4 formal exams which will be held in the Sports Hall starting on the first day back after half term. These assessments will provide important practice of formal timed exams in preparation for the summer public exams. Please ensure over half term that your son has all the necessary equipment ready including: a clear pencil case or sandwich bag, 2 black BIRO pens (gel pens not permitted), a ruler, pencil and eraser, a Scientific calculator and all necessary Maths equipment. Subject teachers will post the details of in class tests on the Google Classroom.

Year 13 Mocks Exams

The next step in the preparation for our A Level students is this week of formal exams which will be held in the Sports Barn running full length exams. All students have been given their timetables and we wish them great success with their revision and preparation.

As always if you have any queries or concerns please email me on exams@beechencliff.org.uk

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer

Year 11 Revision Sessions schedule

The dates and times for revision sessions taking place in each subject are available to download on the school website.

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

Kind regards

Mr A Seal
Assistant Headteacher

Activities Week Trips - Years 7 - 9

The following trips will be on ParentPay on Friday for Years 7 and 9. The Year 8 trip will be available after half term:

Year 7 - "We The Curious" - Wednesday 20th July
Year 9 - Thorpe Park - Tuesday 19th July.

Please note that we are expecting the whole year group to attend these trips. Payment for pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding will be arranged.

Please complete the forms for personal details that will be in a link on the information letter.

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

Supporting you Child with Exams and Assessments

Dear Parents and Carers,

On 29th March 7 pm - 8 pm, B&NES Public Health Team are hosting a **free** online information evening for local parents and carers on the theme of 'supporting your teenager through exams and assessments'. To register for this free event please see attached flyer or [click here](#).

The session lasts 1 hour with the opportunity to ask questions for a further 30 minutes at the end if you would like to. We very much hope that some of you will find this event interesting and useful.

Mrs J Blair
Special Educational Needs and
Disabilities Coordinator

Ms S Sullivan
Assistant Head Teaching and
Learning

The flyer is for an online event titled "Supporting your teenager with exams and assessments" held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 from 7pm to 8.30pm. It features the Charlie Waller logo and text stating that Julie Turner and Debbie Spens from The Charlie Waller Trust will discuss practical strategies for managing stress and anxiety. A registration link is provided. The event is hosted by Bath & North East Somerset Council, with the tagline "Improving People's Lives".

Menu w/c 28th February

Monday: BBQ Chicken with peppers, Veggie Chilli (G)

Tuesday: Spicy Chorizo and Tomato Pasta (G), Goats Cheese and Roasted Vegetable Frittata (D)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Homity pie (D,G)

Thursday: Hot Dog (G), Veggie Hot Dog (G)
(World Book day, there is a thee to this)

Friday: Spicy Tomato Pasta with Prawns (G), Pea Parmesan and Pesto Risotto (D)

Please can everyone make sure their accounts are topped up for the new term.

Thanks and have a great break

G = Gluten Free

D = Dairy Free

Mr D Keal
Chef

Don't Forget

Parental Engagement Survey 2

This survey is still live and accepting responses. The link was sent via ParentPay recently. We welcome your feedback!

Thanks

Mr K Mann

Assistant Headteacher

Food and Nutrition Newsletter - February

Please find attached the February edition of the Beechen Cliff Food and Nutrition newsletter. It contains some fabulous recipes for you to try during the holidays.

Enjoy

BCS Food Technology Team



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](#) and Insta - [beechencliff1](#)

Extra Curricular

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Our hugely talented students are working with the multi award winning Bath Theatre School to bring a professionally staged version of Little Shop of Horrors to Bath audiences at Kingswood Theatre.

This spectacular show is packed full of the charm, comedy and supernatural botanical delight, and is one of the world's most iconic cult movies and features the brilliant songs Feed Me, Mean Green Mother From Outer Space, The Meek Shall Inherit, Skidrow, Somewhere that's Green and many more ... and of course a dentist from your worst nightmare!

Tickets for the shows on 6th, 7th and 8th April are due to go live later this week on the Bath Theatre School Box Office -<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bath-theatre-school>

Little Shop of Horrors needs you!

There is opportunity for Beechen Cliff students to get involved off stage and behind the scenes at our upcoming performance of The Little Shop of Horrors.

We will need help from Saturday 2nd to Friday 8th April, and make use of any help offered, but as a minimum for help with shows themselves it would need to be the Mon-Fri (after school times, but scope for during the day if commitments allow).

We are also in need of two follow spot operators (must be able to help with all shows and tech/dress i.e. Mon-Fri).

Please get in touch if you need any further info. You can email Miss Moorhead at cmoorhead@beechencliff.org.uk (it would be good for any student helpers to have their parents enrol them: www.baththeatreschool.com/bcs so that we have emergency contacts and can send out emails directly to them).

Any help with regard to props would also be much appreciated. The latest version can be found [here](#). If anyone can source an item please let Tom know staff@baththeatreschool.com

Thank you

Mr K Mann – Assistant Headteacher

Miss C Moorhead—Teacher of Art



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

THE
BATH
FESTIVAL

PARTY IN THE
CITY

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 28 th February	U14 Football v Samuel Whitbread (h)	14:00	13:15	n/a	15:30
Tuesday 1 st March	U12a, U13a & U16a football v St Gregs (h)	16:00	15:20	n/a	17:00
Wednesday 2 nd March	U13a&b Hockey v Dauntseys (a)	14:45	13:20	MB	17:00
	U13c Hockey v Dauntseys (h)	15:15	15:00	n/a	16:15
	1st VII @ Middlesex 7s	12:00	9:00	MB	19:00
	U14a Football v St Gregs (a)	15:30	14:45	MB	17:00
	U15a Football v St Gregs (h)	16:00	15:20	n/a	17:15
Thursday 3 rd March	1st XI Hockey v Dauntseys (a)	14:15	12:45	MB	16:45
	U15 Hockey v Dauntseys (a)	15:15	13:45	MB	17:30
	1st XI Football v St Gregs (h)	16:00	15:15	n/a	17:15
	U12b Football v St Marks (a)	15:15	14:30	MB	16:45
Friday 4 th March	U12a Hockey Booker Shield @ BGS	10:00		MB	
Saturday 5 th March					

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 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@beecheycliff.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](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing

HOPE



As we come to the end of Term 3, we thought it would be a perfect time to focus on 'Hope' this week. We would like to invite all Beechen Cliff parents and carers to think about what you hope for over half term; remembering that having Hope has been possible during the past 2 years of Covid times, even when what we were able to do had to be severely restricted. And thinking how we can support our children to be hopeful at this time, looking back at how well they coped. What small things they might be able to hope for over the half term, that may make it more fun and useful and enabling them to recharge their mental batteries. And to think about what difference does it make when we share our own hopes for ourselves and for our children with them?

WE BELIEVE THAT in difficult situations even a tiny bit of hope can make a real difference. How we all coped with lockdown certainly showed us that and yet we do not often take the time to reflect on how we did that.

What does hope mean to you and your family? What difference has hope made to you and your family in difficult situations in the past?

We invite you to share a moment of hope with your family members. We wish you all the very best possible break this half term holiday.

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-1572986?preview=1>

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

Teacher of Mathematics - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teacher-of-mathematics-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1571675?preview=1>

Languages Teacher - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/languages-teacher-bath-1570653?preview=1>

**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....

**PTA
MEETING**

Come and join the
PTA meeting on
Thursday 3rd March 2022
at 7pm at the Cross Keys Pub
Combe Down

Careers



Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership
The Sixth Form



T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



OPEN EVENING!

We are delighted to have been chosen as a provider
of this qualification! Be inspired at our open evening.

"T Levels are an exciting development in education,
they're college style, industry focused courses
with the support of a school environment."
Mrs K Ward, Director of Sixth Form

Tuesday 1st March
6-7pm
Mendip Studio School Campus
1 Knobsbury Ln, Radstock BA3 3NQ

sixthformadmin@msnsixth.com



SPEAKERS
for schools

Virtual Work Experience - South West

WHY DO WORK EXPERIENCE?

Our Experience programme connects you to leading employers who can give you an insight into their industry; teach you valuable professional skills; and guide you on your career journey.

WHAT IS VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE?

Virtual Work Experience (VWEX) is an online placement which gives you the opportunity to experience the world of work remotely, without having to travel to an employer's base.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

You must be a registered user on our system to apply for an 'insight session' or work experience opportunity.

You can register as a young person using the button below. Choose the opportunity that interests you and submit your application.

> REGISTER NOW



Here is a selection of our work experience opportunities, designed to let you see what an industry is like. Our placements can help build your skills, CV and network, for future jobs or apprenticeships. You will find lots more on our [portal](#), so register today to discover what else is coming up.

[Apply Here!](#) 4th March 2022
10:00am-1:00pm

Climate Change



Met Office

Interested in Climate Change?
Learn about climate research, an
investigative supercomputer, &
global communication.

[Apply Here!](#) 9th March 2022
6:00pm-8:00pm

Healthcare

**Royal Cornwall
Hospitals NHS Trust**

Gain insights into various NHS
roles: nurses, doctors, therapists,
care workers; and even
accountants, chefs, plumbers,
electricians or engineers.

[Apply Here!](#) 10th March 2022
4:00pm-5:00pm

Healthcare



**Yeovil District Hospital
& Somerset NHS Trust**

Explore the opportunities
available within this NHS trust
including entry level and
apprenticeship opportunities.

[Apply Here!](#) 24th March 2022
9:30am-3:00pm

Digital Forensics



Systems Technology

Delve into the world of digital
forensics and be a digital detective!
Explore various career paths
available.

[Apply Here!](#) 31st March 2022
4:00-5:30pm

Construction



Winvic Construction

Explore the breadth and variety
of roles available within
the construction and
built environment.

[Apply Here!](#) 7th April 2022
9:30-11:30am

Sustainability



Catalyse Change

Empowering young women for
sustainable futures.
Learn how green careers can help
you work towards a fair, peaceful
and sustainable world by 2030.

Quarrying Industry Careers Fair

Somerset Earth Science Centre
8th March | 2pm - 8pm

Featuring a variety of businesses and activities, the event offers attendees the opportunity to find out more about the world of quarrying.

Activities include:

- A range of industry experts present to answer any burning questions regarding careers in the industry
- A variety of companies exhibiting and showcasing the different aspects of the industry
- Heavy plant vehicles and machinery to explore and walk around on site
- A mobile plant simulator, an immersive experience for a taster of what it's like to work on a live-site
- Quarry site tours throughout the day of the event
- Refreshments available on-site throughout the event



To register your attendance to the event
and to book your space on a quarry site tour,
scan the QR code or visit sesc-careers.eventbrite.co.uk

National Careers Week
NCW

Somerset Earth Science Centre,
Moons Hill Quarry, Stoke St Michael,
Radstock, Somerset BA3 5JU

IQ The Institute
of Quarrying





Summer 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with your teen's school/college this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in year 11 and 12. And this year, it's your teen's turn!

The NCS programme offers young people, aged 16-17, a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer break, as well as a chance to develop new skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life. They'll also do something good for their local community, carrying out a social action project to support a cause they care about. We've seen first-hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings, and over 600,000 young people have already taken part in the experience since it began.

Over a period of 2 weeks, they will:

- Meet new people
- Stay away from home for 5 days
- Give back to their local community through voluntary action
- Take on new challenges
- Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps
- Generate experience for their university application, job/apprenticeship interview or CV and more!

What does the NCS experience look like?

Week 1

- 4 night residential (at Adventure Bristol from Monday – Friday)
- 2 days of exhilarating outdoor activities
- 3 days of skills workshops designed to set teens up for future life.

Week 2

- Non-residential (meeting up in local area Monday – Friday)
- 5 days of planning and delivering a social action project to benefit the local community

Start Dates

This summer, we've got a few dates that you can choose from:

4th July – 15th July

18th July - 29th July

1st August - 12th August

15th August - 26th August



Cost

Each place on NCS is worth around £1200. Thanks to government funding, we only ask for a contribution of £50, which covers everything for their 2 week experience. However, we want to ensure that everyone can access an NCS experience and so there are bursaries available if you need some help to cover the cost. Bursaries are available to those who are young carers, eligible for free school meals, on an EHCP, pupil premium, or are in/have recently left care. With a bursary, the total cost of NCS is reduced to just £10.

How to sign up

To sign up online and make your £50 contribution, please go to wearencs.com and follow the 'register now' button. Please call 0800 197 8010 if you would like to access a bursary or would like to sign up over the phone.

More Information

More information can be found on our website, and frequently asked questions can be found at wearencs.com/faqs. Alternatively, if you have any other questions, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out 0800 197 8010.

Virtual Information Evenings

We will be running virtual information evenings, where you can find out more about NCS and the experience that we can offer to your young person. If you would like to attend, please register at [EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). This will provide you with a Google Meet link, for your preferred date of Monday 7th February 6:30pm or Thursday 14th April 6:30pm.

If your young person chooses to express their interest in one of our programmes after we speak to them at school/college, we will ask them to share your contact details. This is so that we can complete the administrative process required to get them signed up to a programme date. When they let us know they're interested, we'll be in touch with you by email or phone to run through the steps we need to complete their booking.

We look forward to welcoming your teen on NCS this summer!

Warm wishes,
The Bristol & Bath NCS Team

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: cdrcfjuniors@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

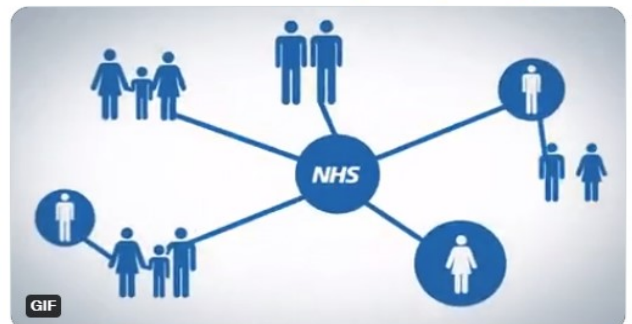
For further information please contact
info@lifeprojectbath.org.uk
www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk

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 available all week, 8am until 7.30pm for ages 12+ at #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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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