



BEECHEN CLIFF

3rd February 2022

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been!

Sport is in full swing with large numbers of pupils representing the school at football, netball and hockey. A special mention must go to our girls netball teams, who competed against KES last week in some really competitive matches, and our Year 7 footballers who opened up their season with victories against QEH in the A, B and C team fixtures.

Yesterday some of our Sixth Form and Year 11 Mathematicians took part in the Senior Maths team challenge at Norton Hill School. Our two teams were placed in first and second place in the final standings and achieved an amazing full marks in the first two rounds as part of this competition. An exceptional result and congratulations to all involved.

It has been great to hear of more pupils joining the Eco group and E-team over the last week.. It is a real opportunity to have a voice and we look forward to their contribution to developing aspects of school life in the future.

Finally the bands night on Monday was a resounding success and I would like to thank all the students involved in organising, performing and technical support. It was also an excellent opportunity to host bands from Hayesfield and St Marks as part of our collaboration within the Bath Hub.

In relation to curriculum and assessment both our Year 11 pupils and U6th students are working towards their spring assessments after half term as part of their preparation for GCSE and A Level examinations in the summer. We are expecting Examination Boards to provide more information on the content of the examinations on Monday.

Year 9 pupils are also completing their GCSE option choices and the deadline for submitting these via the online form on the website is 7th February.

World Book Day is only a month away. We place a big emphasis on reading to develop vocabulary and knowledge but also for enjoyment. We aim for all pupils to develop a love of reading and in the build up to World Book Day I urge everyone to read as regularly as possible. Remember there are lots of books available in the school library!

Finally, covid is still impacting on the school and the wider community. Today we have a number of staff absent and pupils will have noticed additional cover lessons taking place. For this reason we have unfortunately had to postpone the Chepstow trip tomorrow. I am also aware that some students are currently self isolating. In School we are continuing to follow the advice of Public Health in relation to mitigations in place. As part of this please can I remind everyone of the importance of regular testing and encourage all pupils and students to test at least twice weekly. Test kits are available for pupils to collect from the school office.

*T. D. Markall*

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

**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

**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

### Year 9 Options

Year 9 Parents/Carers

The deadline for the completion of the Year 9 Options form is Monday 7th February. The form, and all information regarding options, can be found on the school website, or by following this link:

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

### Year 11 Spring Assessments

Year 11 Parents/Carers

Please note my letter sent home Monday 31st January about Year 11 spring assessments. Tutor time revision resources and key content to be revised can be found on the school website, or by following this link:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/exams-assessment/exam-board-info-2/>

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 [attend-ance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

### Contact Information

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

School contact information:

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

### Examinations Update

Summer public exam timetables, for checking purposes, are being given out this week to all boys in year 11, and all students in year 13.

Mock exam timetables are also being given out, at Friday assembly to year 13 for their mock exams in March.

Timetables for the two formal exams for year 11 will be ready next week.

Mrs K Davison  
Examinations Officer

### 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 7th February

**Monday:** Beef and Mushroom Stroganoff (D), Crispy Baguette topped with Goats Cheese and Roasted Peppers (D,G)

**Tuesday:** Soy and Honey Chicken, Stir Fried Vegetables

**Wednesday:** Roast Chicken, Veggie Moussaka (D,G)

**Thursday:** Chinese Pork with Bean Sprouts, Pineapple and egg frised Rice

**Friday:** Sweet and sour Chicken, Tomato and Olive pasta (G)

Mr D Keal  
Chef

G = Gluten Free

D = Dairy Free

## Extra Curricular

### Austria Ski Trip Jan 14-20th 2023



Following the cancellation of the 2021 and 2022 trip to Austria, we are pleased to offer this trip for 2023. This trip is available to current Year 9 and 11 pupils only as they will be in Years 10 and Lower 6th at the time of travel. Places are limited to 58; 25 for the current Year 9 and 33 for the current Year 11. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and a waiting list will be held. The trip details will be available on ParentPay on Friday at 3.30pm.

A copy of the letter to parents is available to view [here](#)

\* Please note that you will not be able to book a place on this trip until Friday 4th February at 3.30pm.

Mr K Mann  
Assistant Head

### 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 Head

### CCF Range Day

What a great day for the Beechen Cliff pupils at the Langport Ranges at the weekend along with King Edwards. Well done to all involved.

C. Greenhalgh  
CCF Liaison

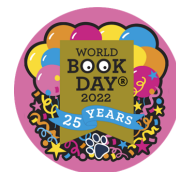


### World Book Day 2022

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 is coming!

Mr M Newell  
English Department



### Social Media



Follow us on twitter - [@beechencliff](#) and Insta - beechencliff1

## Senior Maths Team Challenge

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Beechen Cliff took two teams to the Senior Maths *Team* Challenge, hosted this year by Norton Hill School. Each team consisted of four students, with a maximum of two upper sixth students per team.

I am very pleased to announce that our students secured first and second place amongst the seven teams present. The judges were particularly impressed when our A team scored maximum points in the first two rounds, (of four).

Going into the final round, Beechen-B were in third position but then they pulled out all the stops, to knock Norton-A into third spot!

Congratulations to all concerned and thank you to Norton Hill for being such excellent hosts.

Staff organisers: Mr Mayor and Ms Hedger plus accompanying teacher and minibus driver, Mrs de Glanville.

Super achievements, by a super talented bunch of students:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Beechen-A: W. Prynne Y13 (Captain), J. Morris Y13, D. Eggleston Y12 and R. Ridyard Y12.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Beechen-B: T. Delves-Broughton Y13 (Captain), K. Honeyman, E. Chen Y12 and P. Kumar Y11.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Norton Hill-A

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Haysfield-A

Mr J Henly

Second in Maths



## Mathematics GCSE Revision Guides for Year 10 and 11

The Maths department are selling maths GCSE revision guides at a reduced price. We can provide a Revision and Practice guide, with GCSE exam questions and answers for £6.00 (retail price £10.99). It covers all the material needed by the students for their GCSE and is ideal for test and mock revision.

The books are suitable for our Higher and Foundation GCSE course.

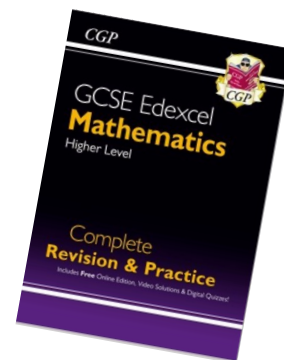
We thoroughly recommend the books to supplement the course they are doing and the GCSE exams they will be taking at the end of year 11.

If you would like a revision guide for your child, please complete the details on parent pay with the level they are taking (Higher or Foundation). If unsure, please ask your son to speak to the class teacher.

The deadline for orders is **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Mrs Y Deglanville

Mathematics Department



## Bands Night

What a fantastic event on Monday 31st January, with fantastic performances from bands from Beechen Cliff, Hayesfield and St Marks.

Well done to all involved!





## 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.

If your son is unfortunately absent on the day of his fixture, please can we ask that when you contact Attendance, you also advise them that he sports team [sport@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sport@beechencliff.org.uk) as soon as possible so that an alternative player can be found.

## 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 7th February	U13 football v Gordano (h)	14:30	13:45	n/a	15:45
	Girls hockey v Wellsway (a)	15:15	14:15	MB	
Tuesday 8th February	U14 hockey v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:45	MB	16:15
	U16 regional hockey @ Millfield	All day	07:45	MB	
Wednesday 9th February	U13b & U12b football v Clifton Prep (a)	14:00	12:45	MB x 2	16:30
	U17 rugby v RWB (a)	14:30	12:45	MB & 9 seater	
Thursday 10th February	1st & 2nd XI football v KES (a)	14:30	13:30	MB	
	1st VII netball v RA (a)	16:00	15:00	MB	
Friday 11th February	U12 hockey Avon Hockey @Monkton Prep	09-Dec	08:25	MB	
Saturday 12th February					

## Message from Deputy Headteacher

In the last week of this term, we will be giving out Character Awards to pupils who have demonstrated the school's core values - Aspiration, Balance, Compassion and Respect - particularly well so far this year. As a reminder to parents, pupils are able to earn positives for each of the core values and we celebrate all of the values as part of our vision for pupils at the school. You can see how many positives your son has been awarded on Insight and we encourage you to talk to them about this. The weekly delivery of taught Character sessions continues in tutor time; students are taught one value per week in support of the Core Value of the School. A high number of students have completed the Character Reflections that were set in Terms 1 and 2 to a good standard. This places many students on course to be invited to their end of year celebrations in Term 6 (Term 5 for Year 11), where completion of all Character Reflections is compulsory. Thank you for your ongoing support for this programme alongside their academic studies.

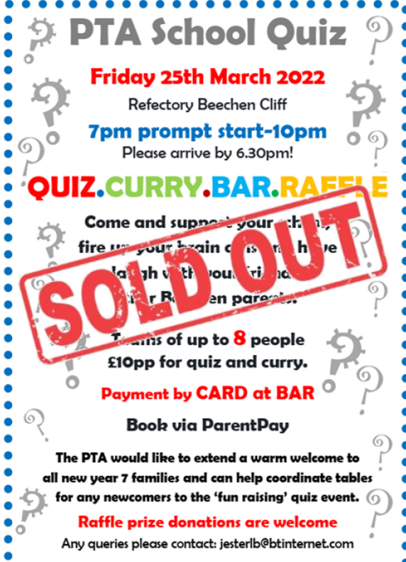
Mr J Oldham  
Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## PTA Re-scheduled 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



**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 child!  
fire up your brain as you hope  
to laugh with your friends  
for Beechen parents.

**SOLD OUT**

Teams 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](mailto:jesterlb@btinternet.com)

## Beechen Cliff Staff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

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

Mrs C Capsey  
Operations Manager and Head's PA

# Careers

## National Apprenticeship Week 2022

National Apprenticeship Week 2022 is the annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships.

The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

Apprenticeships have changed a huge amount in the past few years, and now offer access to more than 1500 different job roles. If your child has a particular job sector or career in mind, then an apprenticeship could be a choice worth considering. You can start an apprenticeship at any age, so your son/daughter might want to do this after school, sixth form or college, after university, or after a postgraduate qualification.

You can find more information at: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

### Amazing Apprenticeships Guidance for Parents and Carers

As a parent or carer, you want to be able to guide and advise your child towards the best opportunity for them. So, where do you start?

There are so many options available to your child on leaving school. They could join the sixth form, begin an apprenticeship, commence a T Level, develop their confidence through a traineeship, apply for full-time university, consider a gap year or even move into volunteering!

Being open-minded about the range of opportunities, and equipping yourself with knowledge and information is the best way to build your confidence, and ultimately to support your child to make the best decision for them.

Through this [Parent Zone](#), we aim to help you to explore those options and you will be able to access this handy guide for parents by Amazing Apprenticeships (also published on the Beechen Cliff webpage alongside this week's newsletter).

### The Parent Perspective Podcast

Listen to "The Parent Perspective", an exciting new podcast series for parents and carers, helping you to support your child with career advice and guidance. Click on the icon to access the podcasts.



At Beechen Cliff we are going to be having apprenticeship talks on Wednesday 9th February (next week) for Year 10 and 12 pupils as part of the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge (ASK) programme

9.00am - Year 10

9.50am - Year 12

Apprenticeships have changed hugely over the past 5 years and there are very many amazing opportunities in a wide range of industries/sectors. I hope you find the information here useful.



### HINTS & TIPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Click above to access the MNPS Apprenticeship Website

Mrs E Pascoe  
Head of Careers

## INVESTIN

### 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

[Register Now](#)

### 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](#)

### 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](mailto:stella.mosley@rolls-royce.com)

Mobile: 07468758113



## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Tara Gretton (one of our school's Accredited Solution Focused Practitioners) shares with us some really useful information about the teenage brain. She invites us to read a copy of 'Inventing Ourselves - The Secret Life of the Teenage Brain' written by the acclaimed author and neuroscientist. Sarah-Jayne Blackmore.

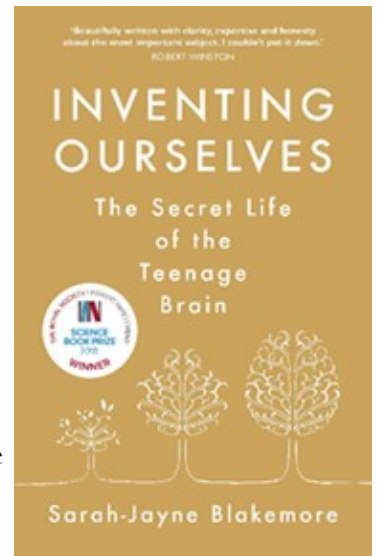
As we see our young people continuing to experience such a lot of post lockdown anxieties, now more than ever, it is the perfect time to learn about and help us understand what is happening to our teenagers neurologically. Sarah-Jayne really invites us to notice how our interactions with our teenagers differs with us as they go through adolescence.

She also talks about how and why young people are more vulnerable to risk taking and mental health issues during adolescence. She talks a lot about how exciting the teenage years are for young people and that this is a time of creativity, hope and possibility - an opportunity, a time where young people are inventing themselves and deciding who they want to be as they transition from teenager to adult.

As a Solution Focused (SF) School community. Tara explains how she works with young people using SF practice and how she explains this neurology of the teenage brain to them to help them to identify their own strengths and resources, as they are the true experts of themselves. In lockdown, we have witnessed some remarkable strengths and resources in our young people and these need to be celebrated.

Please take a few minutes to watch Tara as she talks about the Teenage Brain and Solution Focused Practice.

[VIDEO-2021-03-08-10-43-15.mp4](#)

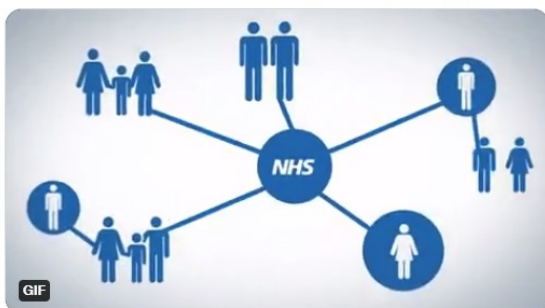


The Mental Health Team

## 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.



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### 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](mailto: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**.

# 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/](http://blueskytennis.co.uk/holidays/)

For more information email [genie@blueskytennis.co.uk](mailto: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: [cdrfcjuniors@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@lifeprojectbath.org.uk)  
[www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk](http://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.'

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[www.lucramortgages.co.uk](http://www.lucramortgages.co.uk)

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