



BEECHEN CLIFF

31st March 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Over the last week our theatre and drama group in partnership with Bath Theatre School have been putting together the final touches for our school production next week. Final rehearsals will be taking place over the next few days before the performances next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at Kingswood Theatre. There are still tickets available if you would like to watch what will be no doubt an wonderful performance. Tickets are available via the following link:

<http://www.baththeatreschool.com/tickets/>

Last week our school concert took place and we had two wonderful evenings of musical entertainment. Many congratulations to all the pupils who took part and thank you to all the parents who came to support. Today some of our musicians have been taking part in the Bath Festival and others are taking part in the Hayesfield Spring concert. I hope they have enjoyed these opportunities.

Also last week our rugby sevens team took part in the Roslyn Park Sevens Tournament for the first time. It was a great learning experience for the students and hopefully is the start of regular participation in the event.

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents who were able to support the PTA in the quiz and curry night last Friday evening it was an excellent evening of entertainment and a significant amount of money was raised for the parent-teacher association.

Finally, please note that Friday next week will be a half day as we begin the Easter break. School will finish at around 12.15pm on 8th April.

T. D. Marshall

Mr T. D. Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Thursday 31st March

Year 8 Parents' Evening (remote) 4pm -6pm

Saturday 2nd April

World Autism Day

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April

Ten Tors—Dartmoor 2

Wednesday 6th April – Friday 8th April

School Production -Little Shop of Horrors

Friday 8th April

End of Easter Term - pupils will be dismissed at approximately 12.15

Saturday 23rd April

St George's Day

Saturday 23rd—Sunday 24th April

Ten Tors—Dartmoor 3

Monday 25th April

Start of Spring Term

Monday 2nd May

May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 6th May—Sunday 8th May

Ten Tors event

April is Autism Awareness Month
2nd April World Autism Day

2nd April - 2nd May - Ramadan

Key Notices

Exam Arrangements

We are pleased to be able to distribute the final exam timetables earlier than expected and as such these will be distributed this week via tutors to year 11, and via subject teachers and in Sixth Form Common Room for year 13.

This includes a detailed information document regarding equipment required, what to do if sick or late on an exam day and with details of how to get remote results in summer.

Timetables for other years (10 and 12) will be printed and handed out via subject teachers in due course.

Parents of year 11 and 13 students can also obtain a copy via INSIGHT, using the menu option: Assessment, then look for Examination Timetable.

I have emailed all students with exam clashes to visit my office so that we may explain the details and arrangements.

It is very common that an examination has two sections, shown separately, these are taken consecutively. Please read the footer note on the exam timetable for more information about these exams.

Please email exams@beechencliff.org.uk with any queries.

Best of luck to all our students for their Easter revision

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer and Specialist Assessor

First Bus—New Timetables w/c 25th April 2022

Please note that despite pressure from ourselves, parents and Banes Transport Service First Bus have not altered the times to the D2 service. This service will continue to arrive in the morning leaving pupils at our school and local schools arriving late to registration.

We are working with Banes Public Transport to address this ongoing issue

First Bus's next set of timetable changes on Sunday April 24:

https://www.firstbus.co.uk/bristol-bath-and-west/plan-journey/timetables/?source_id=3&operator=3&service=&page=2

Mr K Mann
Deputy Head

Year 12 Progress Report 2

Year 12 Progress Report 2 is now available to view on INSIGHT. To access these, please go to the main school website, click popular pages followed by INSIGHT.

Once you have logged in, you will be able to view the most recent report as well as previous reports by clicking on the subject tab at the top of the screen.

Your username is your email address as stored at the school. If you cannot remember your password, please click the link "don't know your password" where you will be able to reset it.

Thank-you

Mrs C Russell
Data and SIMS Manager

Homework

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that homework information for this academic year can be found on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/the-school-day/homework/>

This includes project information for Years 7 and 8, how much time pupils should be spending on homework each week, and suggested weekly homework schedules.

A reminder that Homework Support runs Monday-Friday, from 3:30-4:30pm in the Library, where pupils from all years can access workspace, desktop computers and help from Mr Da Silva (Learning Support).

Finally, all parents should be receiving weekly summaries from Google Classroom, detailing work that has been set for your child/children on Google Classroom. Please email sullivan@beechencliff.org.uk if you are not receiving the summaries and would like to.

Best wishes,

Ms S Sullivan
Assistant Head 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 at 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 at sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of un-named lost property which needs to be claimed.

If your son has lost an item of uniform or sports kit please encourage him to visit the school nurse during break or the lunch period to see if their item is there.

Any items not collected by the end of term may be disposed of.

Please can we remind parents to ensure that all uniform is named to enable any mislaid items to be returned to owner.

Mrs K Lothgren
School Nurse

LOST PROPERTY

Ukraine Fundraiser

Students in Mrs Blair's 7AS English group are raising money to support the Ukraine Appeal

Students will be selling ice-lollies and sweets on Monday 4th April at lunch time.

Please allow your son to bring £1 on this day to support this good cause.

Kind Regards,

Ms J Blair

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator and Senior Leader for Pupil Premium Education

Charity Football Match—Raising Funds for Ukraine

Beechen Cliff Sixth Former Azad has arranged a charity fundraiser in aid of Ukraine. You can donate via his JustGiving page by clicking below, where any donations will be sent directly to Action Aid .

The match is taking place on the Beechen Cliff First Team pitch **Tuesday 5th April - 3.30pm kick off.**

JustGiving

Menu w/c 4th April

Monday: Chicken and sweet potato tagine, Asparagus pea and parmesan pasta (D,G)

Tuesday: Lasagne (D,G), Pepper and Mozzarella Quesadilla (D,G)

Wednesday: Roast Chicken wrapped in bacon, Goats cheese and red onion tart (G,D)

Thursday: Beef Burger (G), Veggie Bean Burger (G) **Friday:** TBC

Mr D Keal
Chef

G =Gluten Free
D = Dairy Free

School Contacts

Contact details for senior members of staff are available on the contact page of the school website.

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/website-contact-Nov-21.pdf>

If you wish to get in touch or have a concern please contact the relevant member of staff or your son's tutor. Alternatively please email headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

Extra Curricular

Little House of Horrors production - Next week 6th - 8th April

Tickets are still available for this collaborative Beechen Cliff - Bath Theatre School Production at Kingswood School Theatre.

This spectacular show is packed full of the charm, comedy and supernatural botanical delight, and is one of the world's most iconic and 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 available on the Bath Theatre School Box Office - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bath-theatre-school>

Mr K Mann
Assistant Head

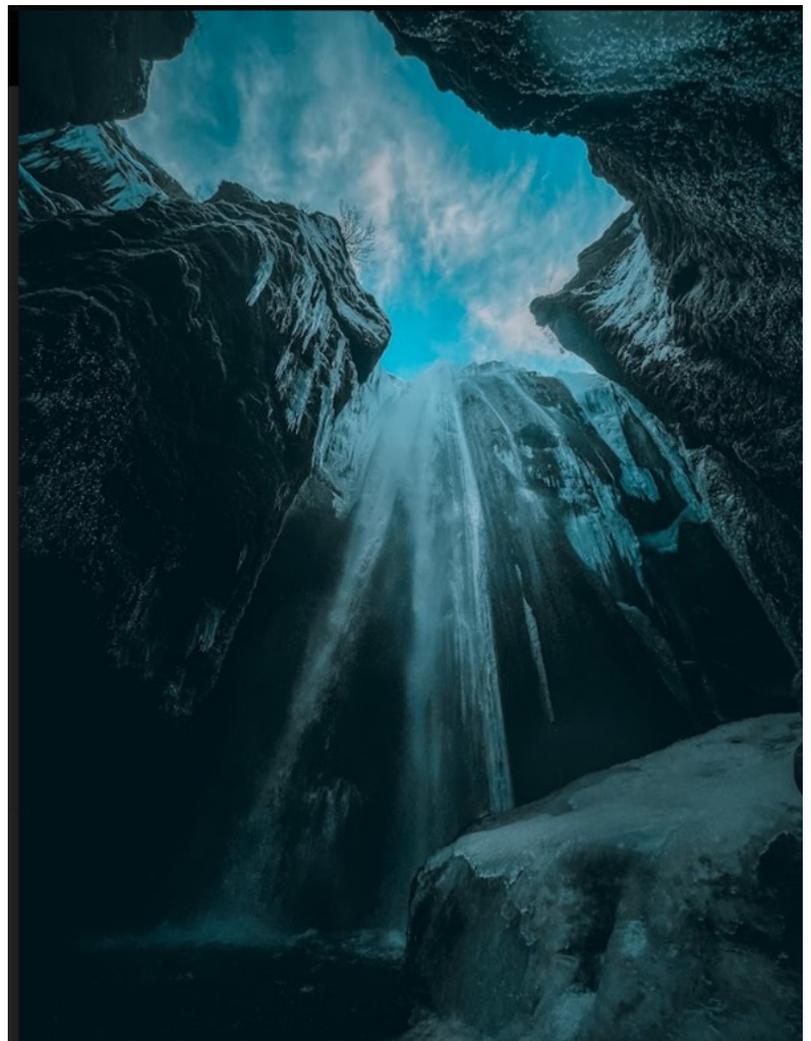


Iceland Photo Competition

Congratulations to Harvey V, Year 12, for winning the Iceland photo competition with this stunning shot of the Gljúfrabúi waterfall which translates as 'dweller of the gorge'. Gljúfrabúi is a hidden waterfall near its more famous neighbour Seljalandsfoss in Southern Iceland. It is only accessible by scrambling through narrow gorge. As Harvey's photo shows, the intrepid traveller is rewarded for their efforts with a stunning panorama when the chasm the waterfall plunges into opens up.

The prize is a signed copy of Max Milligan's latest book 'Birth of a volcano' which documents the eruption of the Fagradalsfjall volcano that erupted from March to September 2021. Max visited Beechen Cliff recently to give a talk to GCSE and A'Level Geographers and photographers as part of the school's 'super-curricula lecture series'."

Mr R Anstey
Head of Geography



U18 Tennis Team

Congratulations to our U18 tennis team who made it through to the second round of the national cup yesterday with a 7-6 victory over Bishop Wordsworth School at Salisbury Tennis Club. James, Joe, Freddy and Jack held their nerve in a really competitive fixture to progress. We look forward to the next round.

Mr T D Markall
Headteacher



FA County Cup Success

Sharing the good news that Luke M and Lucas B (pictured) were part of the Melksham Town Youth FC Under 16 team that won the FA County Cup on Friday night. The team beat Ferndale Rodborne 2-0.

Well done boys, great achievement!



SPORTS

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

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@beechencliff.org.uk as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.

Fixtures for Week Commencing 4th April

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 4th April					
Tuesday 5th April					
Wednesday 6th April	1st XI football v Wellsway (h)	16:00	15:20	n/a	17:15
Thursday 7th April	1st VII netball v St Gregs (a)	14:45	14:00	MB	16:00
Friday 8th April					

Beechen Cliff Staff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Food Technician - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/food-technician-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1603441>

Teaching Assistant - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teaching-assistant-bath-1595979>

Social Media



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

Careers

Allied Healthcare – NHS Allied Work Experience Session

This information has been advertised on the Careers Google Classrooms but a quick reminder that students who wish to participate in the NHS Allied Work Experience session on Sunday 3rd April have until Friday 1st April to register.

The programme is available for year groups 10-12

Register for a place via this link:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

All students will be awarded a Work Experience Certificate for participating in the day - a great addition to their Work Experience, UCAS and Apprenticeship Applications.

The Work Experience day on Sunday 3rd April will cover the following healthcare careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- Pharmacy

Feel free to download the full size flyer here: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Screenshot-2022-03-24-at-11.53.44.png>

This will take place through an online portal and run LIVE from 10am-5pm, following 2 patients from accident to recovery.

Students will see these patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals listed above. This will help them develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary team and provide insight into their chosen careers.

Students will also have the opportunity to interact with the healthcare professionals via a LIVE Chat and polls throughout the day!

The cost to attend is £10/student per session. This is an administrative cost to cover the set-up of individual portals, personalised certificates, safeguarding, and technology on the day, such as our servers and chat functions.

We look forward to welcoming all potential healthcare students onto this national virtual work experience programme!

Best wishes

The Allied Healthcare Team

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers

epascoe@beechencliff.org.uk



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Supporting your child with Anxiety



Anxiety is a feeling of worry or fear that is experienced as a combination of physical sensations, thoughts and feelings.

All children and young people feel worried sometimes, and this is a normal part of growing up. At certain points, such as on their first day of school or before an exam, young people may become more worried, but will soon be able to calm down and feel better.

Anxiety can become a problem when a young person feels stuck in it, or when it feels like an overwhelming, distressing or unmanageable experience. If this kind of worrying goes on for a long time, it can leave a young person feeling exhausted and isolated, and limit the things they feel able to do.

If your child is struggling with anxiety, there are things you can do to help them – including providing emotional support, working on practical strategies together and finding the right professional help if they need it.

The mental health charity 'Young Minds' has developed a really helpful guide for parents and carers to help them support their children with anxiety. We hope that you find this helpful.

[Supporting A Child With Anxiety | Tips & Advice | YoungMinds](#)

As always, if you feel that you feel your child is experiencing stress, anxiety or even burnout ahead of the exams, please do get in touch with your tutor or a member of the Pastoral Team.

The Mental Wellbeing Team

Hello from Career Days

For students aged 14-18 we have several online career days they can take part in, designed to help them choose a future career and to give them some work experience to use in their applications.

Every student obtains a personalised certificate they can use in their applications and interviews to university.

The courses are designed for your students aged 14-18 and all take place online together with students from all over the world.

The schedule is as follows:

Future Lawyer Month - Every Tuesday evening in April 2022

Psychology Career Day- Saturday April 16th 2022

Business Career Day - Saturday April 23rd 2022

Architecture Career Day - Saturday April 30th 2022

Law Career Day - Saturday May 7th 2022

Vet Career Day - Saturday May 14th 2022

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday May 28th 2022

Performing Arts Career Day - Saturday June 5th 2022

Dentistry Career Day- Saturday October 1st 2022

Medicine Career Day- Saturday October 8th 2022

Midwifery Career Day- Saturday October 15th 2022



Students just need to visit www.careerdays.co.uk to enrol on any course.

Regards,

Katherine Kennedy

The **Career Days** Team
15 Queen Square

Bath

Mrs E Pascoe
Head of Careers
epascoe@beechencliff.org.uk

Access Creative College—FREE SESSIONS

Access Creative College will be hosting the following free sessions during half term.

Computing

Access the flag
Experience Artificial Intelligence
Intro to Python

VFX and Animation

Create a Star Wars scene
Intro to compositing
How to use a Green Screen

Esports

Shoutcasting workshop
How to be a better content creator
How to start an Esports team

Computing
Esports
VFX + Animation

NEW FOR 22

Computing
ACTIVITIES
[ACCESS THE FLAG]
[EXPERIENCE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE]
[INTRO TO PYTHON]

Esports
ACTIVITIES
[SHOUTCASTING WORKSHOP]
[HOW TO BE A BETTER CONTENT CREATOR]
[HOW TO START AN ESPORTS TEAM]

VFX + Animation
ACTIVITIES
[CREATE A STAR WARS SCENE]
[INTRO TO COMPOSITING]
[HOW TO USE A GREENSCREEN]

MANCHESTER	4	APRIL
LONDON	6	APRIL
NORWICH	8	APRIL
BIRMINGHAM	11	APRIL
BRISTOL	13	APRIL

SIGN UP ONLINE OR SCAN HERE - 
ACCESSCREATIVE.AC.UK

[TASTER DAYS] 

Virtual Work Experience with BT

We invite students to join us to gain virtual work experience with BT in April and May 2022.

BT is one of the world's leading communications services companies, connecting customers in 180 countries.

Their purpose is simple: they connect for good. Through the power of technology, they're supporting customers to live, work and play together better.

Their fixed broadband and mobile networks are connecting the nation and their cyber security experts are helping to keep the country safe.

As data becomes increasingly important to their business and to our everyday lives, we're excited to be working in partnership with BT.

They want to give your students the opportunity to help them solve some real life business problems using data, gain virtual work experience and certification.

All our events are free to attend, hosted on MS Teams and for the duration of 45 minutes.

See Poster for more information and to sign up.

Join our BT live online career challenge

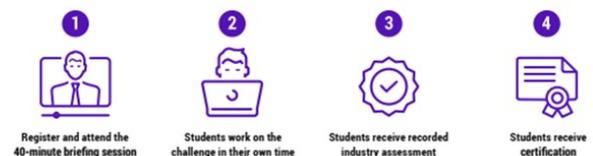
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Gain FREE virtual work experience

First Step & Next Step Newsletter

The Digdata programme has been created to **inspire young minds** and offers **free virtual work experience** opportunities to students from age 12 with leading organisations across the UK. We are excited to announce our live online career challenges with BT.

What's involved?



Register now to meet the BT team, solve a **real business problem** and receive a **virtual work experience certificate**.

Please ensure you complete the appropriate form below for your year group.

FIRST STEP
YEAR GROUPS 7-9 [Awareness]
Wednesday 27th April at 4.30pm
[REGISTER NOW](#)

NEXT STEP
YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE [Knowledge]
Wednesday 4th May at 5pm
[REGISTER NOW](#)

A real benefit of virtual work experience is that it gives visibility to career paths you may not have considered before whilst giving you the opportunity to take existing skills, learn a range of new ones, and blend them together!

So, if you are a creative, a problem solver, a storyteller, an inventor, or a number cruncher give the Digdata programme a go.



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE!

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers

epascoe@beechencliff.org.uk

Find out more: www.digdata.online/partner-events-bt-live-online-career-challenge

Homestay Families Required

Hayesfield

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Homestay Families Required

Do you have a spare room?

We are looking for caring and welcoming families to host Norwegian Sixth Form students for the whole duration of the Autumn Term 2022 (including Half Term).

The male and female students are looking for individual accommodation in Bath, within walking distance or a short bus ride to our school, whilst they study here to experience British culture and improve their English.

We ask host to provide a home from home environment, daily home cooked meals, a bedroom with a study area and en-suite, if possible.

Generous living expenses allowance of £220 per week to provide for all their needs. Hosting to subject to a home visit and DBS checks.

If you would like to register your interest, please email international@hayesfield.com

Community Links



A date for your diary....

On Saturday 2nd April at 10.30am in Alexandra Park

*Help us to scatter the seeds on the wild flower beds.
Sow the seeds and watch them grow!*

*Everyone welcome,
but especially families
with children.*



*Tea, coffee, squash, cakes
and biscuits for all our
helpers.*

We are sorry to announce that we will not be organising a Picnic in the Park this year, because of the ongoing uncertainties of the Covid pandemic, and because we are short of personnel to undertake the event organisation.

If you'd like to see it happen next year, why not join the Friends and help us to make next year's Picnic the best ever!

Alexandra Park Friends: www.alexandraparkbath.org

Life Project

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



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



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BlueSky Tennis Easter Camps

5th-21st April

Explorers 5-8yrs 10am - 1pm

Hot shots 9-12yrs 10am -1pm

Evolution 13-17yrs 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Coaching, Competitions, Games and Fun!



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For more information email genie@blueskytennis.co.uk

