



3rd March 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The events in Ukraine have been at the forefront of our minds this week and this has been discussed in assemblies and tutor time this week. We are acutely aware that it is a worrying time for everyone and believe it is important for pupils to know the facts and talk about things so we can effectively support each other. We are also looking at ways members of our school community can help those affected by the conflict if they would like to do so.

Year 11 pupils have been completing their second set of mock exams this week and I know they have worked very hard during what has been a busy week for them. This is an important part of the build up to GCSE examinations in the summer and lots of revision classes will be running over the next few weeks as part of this exam preparation.

I am delighted with our football success this week. On Monday our Year 9 football team made it through to the semi finals of the national cup with a 2-0 home victory against Samuel Whitbread School. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish them every success in the semi finals.

Progress Reports for Years 7-10 have recently been published on INSIGHT, which will provide an upgrade on recent assessment grades, effort and homework. In addition, our final two Parents Evenings of the year are taking place in the next few weeks for parents of Year 7 and Year 8 and I hope these will provide a useful opportunity to discuss progress with subject teachers.

Today has been World Book Day and I hope the pupils have enjoyed the additional book focussed activities, events and competitions that have taken place. The staff have really embraced the day too by dressing up as characters from some of their favourite reading books. You can see the photo below:



Thanks go to Mr Newell for all his efforts in the organisation of the day and we look forward to the prizes being awarded next week .

T. D. Marshall .

Mr T D Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Sunday 6th March

Bronze DofE Training Walk

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th March

Ten Tors training Dartmoor 1

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

Thursday 31st March

Year 8 Parents’ Evening (4pm -6pm)

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April

Ten Tors–Dartmoor 2

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

Parent Survey 2

Thank you to those parents who have submitted their responses. We will be looking at the feedback and I will share the outcomes and subsequent actions with you shortly.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Progress Reports on INSIGHT

Dear Parents/Carers, I am writing to let you know that the Progress Report 2 for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 are now available to view on INSIGHT. To access these, please go to the main school website, click popular pages followed by INSIGHT or use this link:

<https://insight.beechencliff.org.uk/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.

Kind regards,

Mr A Seal
Assistant Head—Assessment

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)

Menu w/c 7th March

Monday: Pork and Bean casserole, Sweet potato and Spinach Curry

Tuesday: Chicken Curry, Smoked Cheese and Leek quiche (D,G)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Lentil Cottage pie (D)

Thursday: Cottage Pie (D), Cheesy potato Courgette and leek bake (D)

Friday: Curried Fish Risotto, Vegetable Samosa (G)

Mr D Keal
Chef

G =Gluten Free
D = Dairy Free

Activities Week - Trips Year 7 and 9

These trips are now on ParentPay. Please sign up as soon as possible. Our intention is that all pupils will be attending these trips.

The Year 8 trip to the Natural History Museum will be on ParentPay shortly as we await final details.

Year 9 Football - National Cup

Huge congratulations to our Year 9 team who overcame a strong Samuel Whitbread side from Bedfordshire 2-0 with goals from Leo to reach the semi final of this prestigious cup. We now have another home tie against a school from Kent. More details to follow!

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Extra Curricular

Beechen Cliff Annual Concert 2022

The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March 2022 at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, (BA2 2BD).

Several Ensembles will be involved, including Concert Band, Swing Band, Folk Group, String Group, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Year 7 Orchestra, presenting a wide range of repertoire.

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 9.20pm including a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

Price of admission is £1 via ParentPay. **Please Note:** this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

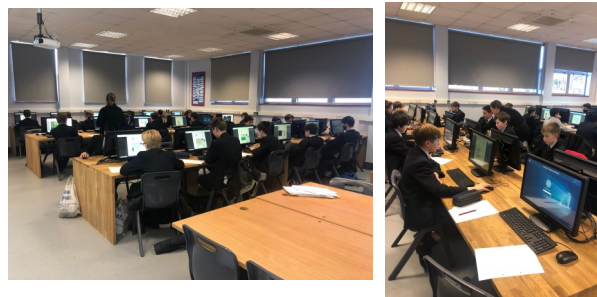
Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Oxford University Computing Challenge 2022



Twenty four year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in this year's Oxford University Computing Challenge on February 10th and will soon be getting their certificates.

It was a tough challenge, so well done everyone for showing resilience and perseverance in completing it



Have a look at the Oxford University Computing Challenge website oucc.uk to have a go at some of the challenges yourself.

Ms L Jarvis
Head of IT and Computing



RED NOSE DAY IS BACK!!- Friday March 18th

Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become something of a British institution. It's the day when people across the land can get together and raise money at home, school and work. Whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. Because you have the power to change lives, turning the energy of your biggest smiles into something incredible for those who need it most.



At Beechen Cliff we are suggesting that all pupils and students wear an item of red clothing on March 18th and make a £2 donation on ParentPay for this super cause.

Heads of House will be discussing with their pupils activities for the day.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher

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



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Beechen Cliff School Presents.....

This spectacular show is packed full of 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!

With critics praising previous productions as a 'visual spectacle', which gave students 'an excellent opportunity to utilise and showcase their training in a high-quality production', make sure to get your tickets to see this brilliant show.

Show Synopsis:

Meek flower shop assistant Seymour pines for co-worker Audrey. During a total eclipse, he discovers an unusual plant he names Audrey II, which feeds only on human flesh and blood. The growing plant attracts a great deal of business for the previously struggling store. After Seymour feeds Audrey's boyfriend, Orin, to the plant, after Orin's accidental death, he must come up with more bodies for the increasingly bloodthirsty plant.

Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bath-theatre-school>

Online ticket sales freeze at 2 pm on the day of the performance.

Performances: 7pm - 9.30 pm 6th - 8th April 2022

Venue: Kingswood Theatre, Lansdown Road, Bath BA1 5RG

Ticket Prices: £14 Adults, £10 Under 18s and £1 Beechen Cliff Students (including any pupil from our feeder primary schools).

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher

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.



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

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

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 7 th March	u12 Wilts rugby VII @ Chippenham RFC	13:00	12:00	MB	16:30
Tuesday 8 th March	U15 Indoor Cricket @ St Katherine's	15:30	14:00	9 seater	
	U13b football v Writhlington (h)	16:00	15:20	n/a	
	U14a & U15a football v QEH (a)	14:15	12:45	2x MB	
	u13 wilts rugby VII @ Chippenham RFC	13:00	12:00	MB	16:30
Wednesday 9 th March	U18 Surrey 7's			MB	
	U12b football v Writhlington (a)	15:45	15:00	MB	
	U12a & U14a football v St Marks (h)	15:30	15:00	n/a	
Thursday 10 th March	1st & 2nd VII netball v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:45	MB	
	U13 Indoor Cricket @ St Katherine's	15:30	14:00	9 seater	

Careers



Considering university as your next step?



The Universities of Bath, Cardiff, Exeter, Lancaster and Warwick are hosting a series of online conferences aimed at providing information, advice and guidance on what is available and how to apply.

Saturday 12th March 13:00 – 15:30
Conference includes sessions on:
Applying to a competitive university, UCAS Process, Choosing a course, Personal statements & how to stand out to competitive universities

Saturday 26th March 13:00 – 15:30
Conference includes sessions on:
A range of subject specific sessions that will provide an opportunity to learn about the broad range of subjects on offer at university







Register at: exeter.ac.uk/iagconferences

National Careers Week

National Careers Week (NCW) is taking place next week and is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people.

Quality free CEIAG resources are provided and link education with the world of employment to ensure students get an important insight to the future of work and further learning. Better informed students result in better decision making. Our pupils will have access to a number of activities over the next few weeks in various forms including treasure hunts, quizzes, video etc.

Please also find published alongside this newsletter the **Parent and Carers Guide to National Careers Week 22** for you to view.

If you have any Careers related questions or would like any further information please do let me know.

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



NCW NatWest Group

[Click here to view](#)

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KS4 Oxbridge Information Event - Wednesday 9th March

For the attention of Year 10, 11 and 12 parents and Carers

Hayesfield GIRLS' | MIXED SCHOOL | SIXTH

2nd March 2022

Ref: PW/CLT/JC



Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership



Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Information Session – Oxbridge Entrance Wednesday 9th March

Hayesfield School runs an Oxbridge Preparation Programme which commences in Year 10. As part of this we are hosting the BANES Oxbridge Conference on Wednesday 9th March. This year we are delighted to have also organised for the Admissions tutors from Merton College, Oxford, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge to offer a Parental Information Session at **4pm** in the **Upper Oldfield Park Hall** so that you can find out about the teaching and application arrangements for these Universities.

To be able to make a strong application in Year 13 students need to focus on achieving excellent grades in their GCSEs as well as A Levels. In addition, students benefit from exploring learning beyond their syllabuses, so it is useful to understand what makes Oxbridge distinctive early on.

We are opening this opportunity to all state Secondary's across BANES so it would be helpful for us to plan/anticipate numbers. If you are interested in attending please complete this short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPD6ZMJ> by **Tuesday 8th March**.

Kind regards

Miss C Trueman
Director of Sixth Form

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Message from Deputy Headteacher: Talking to children about the conflict in Ukraine

The following advice is adapted from an article produced by Ane Lemche, a psychologist and child counsellor, for Save the Children.

As hostilities in Ukraine escalate, children may see and hear things about the crisis in the news, leading to feelings of uncertainty, anxiety and fear. Parents and caregivers need to address these. Children might not fully understand what is happening in Ukraine and may have questions about the images, stories and conversations they are exposed to.

Previous Save the Children [research](#) in conflicts such as Iraq and Syria has revealed heartbreaking accounts of children terrified by the shelling and airstrikes, anxious about the future, and distraught at not being able to go to school. The majority of children showed signs of severe emotional distress.

“What is happening in Ukraine can be frightening for both children and adults. Ignoring or avoiding the topic can lead to children feeling lost, alone and more scared, which can affect their health and wellbeing. It is essential to have open and honest conversations with children to help them process what is happening,” Anne Lemche.

Experts at Save the Children share five tools and tips that caregivers can use to approach the conversation with children:

1. MAKE TIME AND LISTEN WHEN YOUR CHILD WANTS TO TALK

Give children the space to tell you what they know, how they feel and to ask you questions. They may have formed a completely different picture of the situation than you have. Take the time to listen to what they think, and what they have seen or heard.

2. TAILOR THE CONVERSATION TO THE CHILD

Be mindful of the child's age as you approach the conversation with them. Young children may not understand what conflict or war means and require an age-appropriate explanation. Be careful not to over-explain the situation or go into too much detail as this can make children unnecessarily anxious. Younger children may be satisfied just by understanding that sometimes countries fight. Older children are more likely to understand what war means but may still benefit from talking with you about the situation. In fact, older children will often be more concerned by talk of war because they tend to understand the dangers better than younger children do.

3. VALIDATE THEIR FEELINGS

It is important that children feel supported in the conversation. They should not feel judged or have their concerns dismissed. When children have the chance to have an open and honest conversation about things upsetting them, it can create a sense of relief and safety.

4. REASSURE THEM THAT ADULTS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE WORKING HARD TO RESOLVE THIS

Remind children that this is not their problem to solve. They should not feel guilty about playing, seeing their friends, and doing the things that make them happy. Stay calm when you approach the conversation. Children often copy the sentiments of their caregivers – if you are uneasy about the situation, chances are your child will be uneasy as well.

5. GIVE THEM A PRACTICAL WAY TO HELP

Support children who want to help. Children who have the opportunity to help those affected by the conflict can feel like they are part of the solution. Children can create fundraisers, send letters to local decision-makers or create drawings calling for peace.

Adapted from <https://www.savethechildren.net/news/ukraine-5-ways-talk-children-about-conflict-0>

Mr J Oldham

Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Tips on dealing with Ukraine anxiety in children



Over the past week, the sad events unfolding in Ukraine have left so many of us feeling fearful in these extremely uncertain times. We have only just come through the uncertainty of Covid and we know how much that affected the mental wellbeing for so many – children and adults alike. How we talk to our children about this crisis can be worrying for many parents, carers and teachers.

Amelia Hill (*The Guardian*) has written an interesting article sharing how Psychologists and teachers suggest ways to give reassurance – and say strategies are age-dependent

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/feb/26/ukraine-anxiety-children-psychologists-teachers>

“In a modern society, it’s so difficult to shield children from anything,” she said. “Today’s children are more aware of the conflict in Ukraine than any previous generation’s children would have been because of 24-hour rolling news and social media.

“Even if parents try to shield their children at home, they’ll see it on their smartphones or hear about it in playground from other kids,” she said. “But whatever children are hearing outside the home, parents need to make sure they’re also getting accurate information and that it’s in context.

“There is, however, a delicate balance between informing children, and feeding into their anxieties by talking about it too much.”

If you have any immediate concerns about your child in relation to the Ukraine conflict, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s tutor.

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-1579965?preview=1>

Business Teacher - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/business-teacher-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1579950?preview=1>

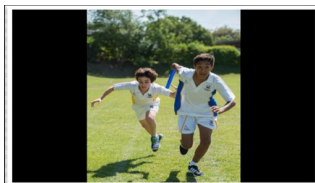
Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprentice - <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1825111>

Mrs C Capsey

Operations Manager and Head’s PA

PTA— Supporting Beechen Cliff School - Charity Number 1079431

If you are time short and would still like to help Beechen Cliff school PTA charity, we have the following fundraising initiatives:



Second hand uniform donations

Uniform donations – To be dropped off at school during opening hours

Main entrance foyer into the labelled container behind the door.

All items need to be in good condition, laundered, with size labels and clearly listed in labelled bags please. All rugby/football boots to be cleaned please.

Good quality second hand ‘New Style’ uniform including blazers, shirts, trousers, sports kit, foot wear, shin pads, hockey sticks all gratefully accepted.

School uniform sales help raise almost £4000 annually. Thank you!

Second hand uniform enquiries please email Lesley Leming secondhanduniformBC@gmail.com

Crowdfunding campaign

Please donate what you can afford.

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/fundraise/pta-beechen-cliff-school-2688>

Currently focusing on:

Supporting all sports activities within our school

Regular monthly donations from as little as £3 a month can all really help the school charity.

50:50 Monthly school lottery

Gives everyone a chance to win 3 monthly cash prizes. 50% cash prize and 50% to the PTA Charity. Last year the 50:50 School lottery raised £2000 for funding school projects and £2000 was paid out to the 50:50 parent / guardian members.

Set up your standing order between £1-£10

A number is allocated for every £1 paid which goes into the monthly draw

You can cancel at any time . Wish to sign up?

Contact Rebecca: beechen5050@gmail.com

Give As You Live

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beecheen-cliff-school-parent-teacher-association>

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It's free to join and costs you no extra when shopping.

In exchange for sending customers to a store's site, the store pays a commission to 'Give as You Live' which is shared with our PTA charity. Simple!

If you would like to know more about the school PTA or get involved?

Email ptabeechen@yahoo.co.uk

Rewards Week

Date- 18th February 2022 **Focus-** Respect

Below are the result for week commencing 18th February.

Well done to Shakespeare, Year 7 and Shakespeare 7a.

	House	Points
1st	Shakespeare	727
2nd	Milton	725
3rd	Kipling	679
4th	Byron	669

	Year group	Points
1st	Year 7	887
2nd	Year 8	645
3rd	Year 9	558
4th	Year 10	480
5th	Year 11	232

Year	Tutor group	Average Points
7	Shakespeare 7a	21.7
8	Kipling 8b	13.9
9	Byron 9a	11.2
10	Milton 10b	9.2
11	Shakespeare 11a	4.3

Aspiration -1031

Compassion - 49

Independence-439

Respect-1273

Mr P Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare



Prize Bingo Night
NO CASH PRIZES

£10 per adult all in
£5 per child all in
Smaller bundles will be available
Raffle and refreshments also available

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Supporting people with learning disabilities in the Bath area

Bath Half 2022

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



COMBE DOWN R.F.C.

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,
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