



BEECHEN CLIFF

28th April 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome pupils back to school this week after the Easter break.

This week we have been focussing in assemblies on how pupils can live out the school Core Values; in particular Compassion and Respect. In other tutor sessions the theme has been on the health benefits of walking.

Over the holiday the main toilet block has been refurbished and is close to completion. The new facilities will be a significant improvement on the previous ones and we look forward to them being available for use.

Year 11 and Upper Sixth students are continuing their preparation for their GCSE and A Level exams. Arrangements for study leave, which begins later this term, has been communicated with students and parents and will be reinforced through assemblies in the week ahead.

Assessments will be taking place across all year groups in the weeks ahead, beginning with the Lower Sixth summer exams. Teachers are working hard to ensure pupils are as prepared as possible for their exams.

We are working on plans for activities week which will take place during the last week of this academic year (Monday 18th to Thursday 21st July). During this week the normal timetable will be suspended and a variety of different activities will be undertaken. Most Year 10 pupils and Lower Sixth students will be undertaking work experience and those who aren't will be attending school as normal. Pupils in Years 7-9 will be taking part in a variety of activities including a trip for each year group. On the days of trips those not attending will attend school as normal.

Whilst the preparation for work experience has been ongoing and the trips have been promoted for some time, further information on the arrangements for activities week will be shared nearer the time. After Covid prevented us running this programme last year, we are looking forward to the events taking place this year and hope that the students take full advantage of the enrichment opportunities offered.

Wishing you a good weekend ahead.

T. D. Marshall

Mr T.D. Marshall
Headteacher

Calendar

Friday 29th – Saturday 30th April

DoE Bronze practice expedition

Monday 2nd May

Early May Bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd May

Year 10 Careers Trip to Oxford

Friday 6th May – Sunday 8th May

Ten Tors 2022 Event

Monday 16th May

GCSE Examinations begin

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd May

DoE Silver practice expedition

Monday 23rd May

A Level Examinations begin

Wednesday 25th May

CCF Taster Day for current Year 8s

Friday 27th May

End of Spring Term

Friday 27th – 29th May

CCF Skill at Arms Training and Range Day

Saturday 10th – Tuesday 14th July

CCF Summer Camp

April is Autism Awareness Month

2nd April - 2nd May - Ramadan

9th – 14th May Mental Health
Awareness Week

Key Notices

Examinations—Briefing

There will be a special Exams briefing for year 11 boys on Friday 6th May at 8:25am in the Main School Hall. This will cover JCQ examination rules and regulations and our Beechen expectations for conduct during the exams and answer commonly asked questions regarding study leave, equipment and timings of exams.

Mrs K Davison
Examinations Officer & Specialist Assessor
Voicemail: 01225-485235

Menu for Week Commencing Tuesday 3rd May

Tuesday: Spicy Pork and Bean Casserole, Mushroom and Spinach Stroganoff (D)

Wednesday: Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding (W,D), Roasted Vegetable and Cheddar Frittata (D)

Thursday: Cajun Chicken Wrap (W), Halloumi and red onion wrap (W,D)

Friday: Fishermans pie (D,W), Veggie Pasta Bolognese (W)

(W) = Contains Wheat
(D) = Contains Dairy products

Mr D Keal
Chef

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 current timetables were updated 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
Assistant Headteacher

School Contacts

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

[Contacts Link](#)

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.

Beechen Cliff Staff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Head of History and Politics - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-of-history-and-politics-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1619503>

Extra Curricular

Combined Cadet Force

Over the Easter holidays, we had cadets from Beechen involved in a week long music camp and a prestigious national competition.

Otterburn Music Camp:

Cadets from both Beechen and KES attended this excellent military music camp in Northumbria. This was a fantastic opportunity for them where they developed their musical skills on side drum, bass drum, bugle or marching flute, and learnt marching band drill. Whilst there they also shot on the DCCT range and swam.

Cambrian Patrol Competition (Silver Medal Winners):

Organised by 160 Brigade this national competition involved a gruelling 36 hour exercise in very cold conditions across the Sennybridge Military Training Area.

During day one of their patrol, cadets were presented with a range of challenges which tested their endurance, decision making, teamwork, leadership and followership skills. The team were under extreme pressure to make quick decisions in realistic scenarios, sometimes under fire by enemy soldiers. On day two cadets completed the march and shoot. After a fast, tactical march across difficult terrain, cadets arrived at the live firing point where they shot with high accuracy.

Cadets from both Schools performed exceptionally well and were deserved winners of the silver medal.



There are few events where children are challenged to a level such as is demanded by the Cadet Cambrian Patrol Competition and we are all extremely proud of the team's resilience, perseverance and determination.

Future Events:

- 25th May CCF Taster Day for current Year 8s
- 27th -29th May Skill at Arms Training and Range Day
- 10th -14th July Summer Camp

Captain C Greenhough

CCF



Rowing Club

Beechen Cliff Rowing Club is part of Minerva Rowing Club, located at Newbridge Park. Meeting on Thursdays after school 3.30 -5.00.

For more information please see Mr Glossop or Mr Cooper.

This activity is open to Sixth Form (Years 12-13) only.

Mr M Cooper and Mr Glossop

Rowing Club

SPORTS

The following sports reports were not included in the Easter newsletter.

Post Christmas Rugby

Although the main school rugby season traditionally ends at Christmas, as hockey and football get their fair share of the attention, the post Christmas term still has an important function in what is almost a 12 month season for the senior teams. While many of the boys are actively involved playing for Bath Rugby in the RFU U18 Academy League, others on the fringe of that still need challenging experiences in order to develop their game.

This year we played five U17 Development games against strong opposition. The purpose was to lay the foundations of a team for those boys who will still be here in September for the 2022-23 season. For the most part our Year 13 players were able to focus on their academic programme while the year 12s and a small group of high potential year 11s joined up to form our Development Squad. Progress was huge and the difference in performance between game one and game five was significant in terms of skills, fitness and understanding of the Beechen Cliff way of playing. Games against Bishop Wordsworth, Gordons, Bishop Wand, Malmesbury and Mad Dog Barbarians provided a range of different challenges. With development games such as this, results and scores are not the most important things - more that progress is made. Suffice to say, the coaches Mr Lewis, Mr Cattell and Mr Turner were more than happy with the progress.

On the heels of the U17 season, the short but intense Sevens season proved to be a highly enjoyable end of season diversion. We entered four high profile, prestigious, national Sevens tournaments with the aim of building a squad to go to the Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s Tournament in late March.

With each tournament we learned more valuable lessons and grew an identifiable Beechen way of playing, that drew on our strengths of power and pace. We knew, following an unbeaten day at the Sixways 7s that we were building nicely. The RPNS7s is the world's biggest rugby tournament. In the U18 section alone there were 230 schools entered! We were allocated a spot in the Cup (reserved for the best 50 schools in the UK). In the tough qualifying rounds we beat Llandovery College and Hurstpierpoint School but lost to Glantaf. Frustratingly we were knocked out by Barnard Castle School - we both scored 5 tries apiece, but they kicked more conversions. Barnard Castle went on to the semi finals. Nevertheless, it was a great experience and some fantastic sevens was played. Our squad was comparatively young and the year 12s involved are already thinking about next year!

Mr S Turner
Head of Rugby



The U17 Development Squad following a win in the last game of the season



Beechen Cliff 1st VII at the world famous Rosslyn Park Sevens

U16 Rugby 7s season report.

The u16 sevens season began with a gruelling fitness session as the year eleven players joined the sixth form to push them to their limits. Though a shock to the system, the boys soon started to grasp how tough it is and how it differs from the familiar fifteens game. While valuable warmup tournaments and competitive training sessions were cancelled, the lads continued to learn and improve in the build to Rosslyn Park National Sevens. For most, it was their first experience of a sevens game, let alone the largest tournament in the world. Nevertheless, with two convincing wins to start the day, Beechen Cliff u16s put their hands up as potential group winners. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be as a very talented Haileybury came out on top in the final group match. However, anyone oblivious to the score would not be able to tell who won. The sheer joy of just being able to experience rugby in the sun with their mates was clearly all these players needed. During a trip to remember, they showed a balance of fun and discipline that they will carry with them into u18 7s and beyond.



Year 7 Football Report

It has been a fantastic year for Football at Beechen Cliff. Across the three terms that Football has gone on for the Year 7's, there have been 91 boys attending training. With such an impressive number, it has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and hard work that all involved have put in. With a huge number of players available, teams were regularly rotated to provide all boys the opportunity to represent Beechen Cliff. Some, for the very first time. Across the year we have had 17 fixtures. The 'A' team remained undefeated this year and won the league. Scoring 39 goals and only conceding 9 in 7 matches. Notable games include a strong performance against Millfield, QEH, Wellsway. The 'B' team have also had a very successful year beating Clifton College, QEH and Ralph Allen. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season all round. What an exciting year group this lot are. It's great to watch the progression of these Year 7's and I look forward to seeing how far this group of boys go as the years move on.



6th Form Netball season report.

This year the girls in 6th form have shown a desire to play netball for the school after having a small period of time off due to Covid-19. Every member of the netball squad has been positive, dedicated and passionate throughout the season. Across 3 teams, 30 girls have represented the school for Netball with some very notable wins, with particular notice to our 2nd and 3rd teams beating KES bath in two very exciting matches at Bath Uni. The 1st team girls have played some amazing netball against some very strong schools with some close loses and a good win vs Hayesfield. Special thanks to Mrs De Glanville and Mrs Merrett for their help organising, umpiring and promoting Netball throughout the season. We have also had the pleasure of inviting an external netball coach to help the girls develop their skills. I look forward to the netball at Beechen Cliff continuing to progress and look to have many more girls involved and more fixtures to play.

There have also been a large number of girls playing in the recreational netball sessions on a Thursday afternoon. This has been an excellent way for the girls to get to know each other and fall back in love with the sport that they may not have played for 2 years.

Player of the season: Maddie A.



Teams of the Year 2022

**Beechen Cliff Football
Team of the Year 2022**

Player Name	Year
Ben P	Year 7
Leo P	Year 9
Max H	Year 9
Harvey V	Year 12
Gacjan B	Year 8
George M	Year 7
Evan S	Year 8
Alex S	Year 10
Kane R	Year 12
Zac B	Year 11
Joe T	Year 10
Luke C	Year 11
Luke M	Year 11
Matt W-P	Year 13
Rory H	Year 7
Louis M	Year 9
Cayden L	Year 8

Beechen Cliff Hockey Team of the Year 2022

The roster is displayed against a background of the school crest, which features two lions holding a shield with a cross and a castle tower. The players are represented by icons of their respective kits: yellow shirts and blue shorts for field players, and a black shirt with a yellow diagonal stripe for the goalkeeper.

Player Name	Year
Otto G	Year 11
James C	Year 13
Ollie R	Year 9
Tom Y	Year 12
Sam B	Year 8
Archie W	Year 7
Jonty G	Year 11
Harry T	Year 7
Will H	Year 10
Will B	Year 8
Ollie B	Year 7

Replacements

Player Name	Year
Deago H	Year 11
Rufus R	Year 10
Cam H	Year 9
Jago B	Year 8
Tom M	Year 12
George D-W	Year 10
Ben C	Year 9

Beechen Cliff Netball Team of the Year 2022

The roster is displayed against a background of the school crest. The players are represented by icons of their respective kits: blue, yellow, and red sleeveless jerseys.

Player Name	Year
Neve J	Year 13
Isla L	Year 13
Julia W	Year 13
Charlotte M	Year 13
Helen T	Year 12
Maddie A	Year 13
Nelly L	Year 13

Replacements

Player Name	Year
Ella B	Year 12
Cissy W	Year 13

Term 5 -Sports Clubs

SPORTS CLUBS TIMETABLE (**TERM 5**)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 7			Tennis Athletics		
YEAR 8	Tennis		Athletics		
YEAR 9			Athletics	Tennis	
YEAR 10			Athletics S & C	Tennis	S & C
YEAR 11		S & C	Athletics	S & C	
6 TH FORM					

S & C – Strength and Conditioning (Sign up on ParentPay)

Senior Tennis

The senior tennis team unfortunately lost in the second round of the National Cup to Sherborne School. After the victory over Bishop Wordsworth last term the team of James, Joe, Freddy and Jack lost 8-4. It was a close match and the boys enjoyed the opportunity of competing on the grass courts at Sherborne.

Well done to all involved.

Mr T. D. Markall/Mr O. Cattell



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 3rd May 2022

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 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY				
Tuesday 3 rd May	U14a&b cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:30	Coach- 12:45	17:45
	U15 cricket v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:45	MB	17:15
	U12 cricket v Millfield Prep (a)	13:30	12:00	MB	17:30
Wednesday 4 th May	U12, U13 & U14 tennis v Colstons (a)	15:00	14:00	MB	18:00
	U14 cricket v Kings (Hinton)	14:30	14:30	13:30	17:30
Thursday 5 th May	2nd XI cricket v Kingswood (Brownsword)	14:30	13:30	MB	17:30
	U17 mixed hockey v KLB (h)	14:30	14:00	n/a	16:00
	U13a cricket v Monkton Prep (a)	16:15	15:20	MB	18:30
	U15a cricket v Clevedon (Hinton)	14:30	13:30	MB	17:30
Friday 6 th May					
Saturday 7 th May					

Theme of the Week

This week's Theme of the Week is focused on tutors discussing the importance of walking.

Regardless of the fitness wearable you purchase, 10,000 steps are likely the magical number that will be preprogrammed into your device. But why 10,000 steps?

Well, when you do the math, 10,000 steps works out to approximately five miles. That's a number said to help reduce certain health conditions, such as high blood pressure and heart disease. Your daily step count also contributes to the recommendation of at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week.

Walking genuinely makes us feel good

'This is because firstly, oxygen saturation and blood vessel growth occur in areas of the brain associated with rational thinking as well as social, physical and intellectual performance,'

Hopefully with the sun shining and the longer evenings students will take the opportunity to walk to school, walk the pet dog or just enjoy being active and exploring our beautiful city .

Mrs A Wilmot

Head of PSHE



Careers

Work Experience - Year 10

We very much appreciate the support you are giving your son to find a work placement for our Work Experience week commencing Monday 18th July.

We understand that some companies may not be able to get the required forms filled in before the deadline this Friday and are happy to extend the deadline.

I thought it might be useful to reshare the links to the forms that are required to be filled in to confirm the placement:

Work Experience Confirmation - Pupil Form <https://forms.gle/HZcATTJfnZ1y5zCp6>

Work Experience Confirmation - Parent/Carer Form <https://forms.gle/zLFNkogHFtv1SN6UA>

Work Experience Confirmation - Employer Form <https://forms.gle/LbYgwdHg2R85w2vg6>

Some pupils are being offered dates that are not the same as our preferred week - this should not be an issue as we understand that some companies have set dates of their own. If this is the case for your son, please contact me via workexperience@beechencliff.org.uk and I can make sure the alternative dates are approved at this end.

If you require any further information please contact your son's Tutor or myself.

kind regards

Mrs E Pascoe
Head of Careers

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Parents' Guide for Looking After Ourselves



We hope that you had a lovely Easter break. Before the holiday, we shared tips about talking to your child about how they are feeling as this can inevitably be hard. Hoping that the Easter break enabled more time to have these conversations where needed.

This week, our focus turns to us as parents and carers. Parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch our children grow up, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work. Here are some tips from the mental health charity 'Young Minds' for looking after our children, whilst also looking after ourselves.

If you think your child is unhappy or you are worried about their behaviour, it's easy to be hard on ourselves and think we aren't doing a good job. But we aren't alone

[Parents' Guide to Looking After Yourself | Mental Health Support | YoungMinds](#)

As always, if you feel that you feel your child is struggling with their mental wellbeing, please do get in touch with your tutor or a member of the Pastoral Team.

The Mental Wellbeing Team

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

PTA News

PTA MEETING

Come and join the
PTA meeting on
Wednesday 4th May 2022
7pm at the Cross Keys Pub
Combe Down

A promotional poster for Marsh Fest Battle of the Bands. The top half features a photograph of a band performing on stage with a warm, orange-toned background. The text is overlaid on this image and a purple-to-white gradient background at the bottom. The main title 'Marsh Fest' is in a large, stylized, multi-colored font. Below it, 'Battle of the Bands' is in a bold, black, serif font. The event details, including the date, location, application status, prizes, and submission deadlines, are listed in white and black text on the purple background.

Marsh Fest
Battle of the Bands

SAT 10TH SEPT 2022
MARSHFIELD CRICKET CLUB - SN14 8AB

BAND APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
£300 OF MUSIC EQUIPMENT VOUCHERS
PLAY SET ON MAIN FESTIVAL STAGE

SUBMIT DEMOS BY FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2022
FINALISTS ANNOUNCED 01 JULY 2022

EMAIL BOB@MARSHFEST.CO.UK FOR APPLICATION

FIND OUT MORE:-
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[HTTPS://FACEBOOK.COM/MARSHFIELDFEST](https://FACEBOOK.COM/MARSHFIELDFEST)

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BANDS AND SOLO ACTS CAN APPLY

This video gives a good taster of our festival last year... <https://vimeo.com/608885143>.

This year we are running a battle of the bands competition for schools to give young musicians a chance to perform live at an outdoor event. We are welcoming entrants from across all the local schools and colleges. More details are located on our website, which has been partially opened to support the competition. www.marshfest.co.uk.

We are offering a £300 music equipment voucher to the winner, as well as a 30 min set on the main festival stage on Saturday 10th September.



Badminton group coaching

Professional group
badminton coaching at
Culverhay Leisure Centre
Bath on Thursdays and
Saturdays

Register online with a
two week free pass!



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GEN**

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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

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Combe Down, Bath
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