



BEECHEN CLIFF

23rd June 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the community has come together superbly to ensure that examinations have been completed smoothly following the fire in the Sports Hall at the weekend.

The final examinations are taking place tomorrow and Monday and I would like to express a big congratulations to all our students for their hard work and dedication over the past few months.

All events planned to take place in the Sports Hall over the next few weeks will be taking place in different venues on the school site. This includes New Parents Evening for our incoming Year 7 pupils for September, Sixth Form Induction and Activities Week. The full Activities Week Programme will shortly be published by Mr Abbott.

Assemblies this week have focussed on School Diversity and British Values and, in particular, mutual respect and tolerance. We believe this is essential in all communities, including our own, and this has also been explored in our Theme of the Week sessions which have looked at School Diversity in the context of Pride Month.

Tomorrow we will be launching a video produced by our Sixth Form Equalities Prefects in partnership with the Charity, Boys in Mind, which we have worked closely with for a few years now which has been part of our student leadership contribution to our work on equalities.

We have continued to enjoy sunny weather this week and I hope this continues into the weekend.

T. D. Markall

Tim Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

26th June – 1st July

Year 10 and 12 France trip (with Hayesfield)

Monday 27th June

New Parents Evening – 6pm

Tuesday 28th June

Centurion Challenge Meeting 6.30 in Refectory

30th June – 2nd July

South Devon Cricket Tour

Friday 1st July – Monday 4th July

Three Peaks challenge 2022

2nd July – 6th July

Year 8 Rhineland Trip

Friday 8th July

Wimbledon Trip

Friday 8th July – Sunday 10th July

Centurion Challenge 2022

Saturday 10th – Thursday 14th July

KS3 9 (Year 8) Spain Trip

Tuesday 12th July

Year 12 Hinkley Point power Station

Friday July 15th

Sports Day

w/c Monday 18th July

Activities week

Year 10 and Lower Sixth Work Experience

June 2022

LGBT+ Pride month

20th – 26th June – Refugee Month

22nd June - Windrush Day

25th June - Armed Forces Day

Key Notices

Literacy and Boys Event with Gary Wilson

Wednesday 6th July, 18:30-20:00 in the main hall

Parents and carers of pupils in Years 7-8 are invited to join Mrs Blair, SENDCo on Wednesday 6th July to hear guest speaker, Gary Wilson give his views on the reasons why some boys underachieve. At the session Gary will also give strategies for supporting literacy at home.

Gary Wilson is one of the country's leading experts on raising boys' achievement. He is a freelance education consultant, speaker, trainer, author and former teacher of twenty-seven years. Gary has advised and delivered training in over a thousand schools and over thirty LAs across the UK. You can find out more about Gary's work on his website: <https://www.garywilsonraisingboysachievement.com/home>

If you would like to attend, please register your interest using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/RvTfjAahFGSf8qjU7>

Kind regards,

Ms Joanna Blair
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
Coordinator and Senior Leader for Pupil Premium

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.

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

It is important that **all absences** from School including late arrivals and medical appointments 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

Menu for w/c Monday 27th June

Monday: Vegetable Moussaka (W,D), Stuffed Pepper with pesto couscous (W)

Tuesday: Chicken and lentil curry, Sweet potato curry

Wednesday: Roast Turkey Spinach and feta filo parcel (D,W)

Thursday: Pasta Carbonara (D,W), Thai butternut squash curry

Friday: Fish finger bap with tartare sauce (D,W), Spicy Bean burger (W)

(D) = Contains Dairy products

(W) = Contains Wheat products

Dan Keal
Chef

LAST CHANCE to claim Lost Property

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

Any items not claimed by the end Term will be donated.



Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Beechen Cliff School, we get an extra £955 (for secondary schools) – these figures are for the 2021/2022 financial year, for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

What does it mean if you are Pupil Premium at Beechen Cliff School?

We reserve a proportion of the top-up received for you and your child to decide how best to spend and can be spent on any of the following:

- School uniform
- Stationery
- School locker
- Music lessons (our usual offer is to pay 50% of 20 minute lessons which means parents pay around £20 per month and the school pay the remainder but this is calculated on an individual basis so do contact the school if you are interested in this)
- Subsidy for school trips
- Duke of Edinburgh and other extracurricular opportunities
- Loan of a personal laptop
- Revision guides
- Other key equipment for school such as a camera for photography GCSE

What is the rest of the money spent on?

The remaining money is spent on in school interventions which include:

- Literacy coordinator & reading programmes
- Additional technician support in science and technology
- Attendance support through the school's attendance officer
- Mentoring and mental health support
- Careers support
- Tutoring
- Other opportunities

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once via B&NES.

Before you apply to B&NES

You will need to supply the following information **accurately and in full** for us to process your application:

- Dates of birth for you, any other parent and guardian, and **all** of your children (we may use this information to refer you to additional benefits or support that you may be able to get)
- Contact details for you and any other parent or guardian
- Your National Insurance Number
- Your National Asylum Seeker Support Number (for applicants without a National Insurance Number)
- To register, please either visit - [Apply for free school meals | Bath and North East Somerset Council](#)

Or call B&NES on **01225 39 43 17** to make a telephone registration. You will need to supply **all** of the details in the '**Before you apply to B&NES**' section above. If the lines are busy, please leave a message with your telephone number, and they will call you back to complete your registration.

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to the B&NES website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Extra Curricular



Centurion Challenge 2022



Centurion Meeting Marshalling Assistance

The Centurion Challenge meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th June at 6:30 in the Refectory. It is for the Challengers and parents/guardians. There will be a presentation overview of the operation of the event and a check of challenger details and mobile contact numbers

Marshalling Assistance for the Challenge

The marshalling points on the Centurion Challenge play a critical role in the running of the challenge. The Challenge cannot run without your help. If you are able to assist in any way, marshalling or indeed with any other aspect of the challenge then please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/Q6jn8iRZq9i6jnDn8>

Richard Stewart
Centurion Challenge Organiser

ENTRIES FOR THIS YEARS CHALLENGE ARE NOW CLOSED.

Baking Competition

BAKING COMPETITION!
FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

THE GREAT BEECHEN BAKE OFF

- YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT
- YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER/MEMBER OF STAFF
- YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORY OF SCHOOL THIS YEAR

Can you Impress us with your baking skills?

Design and decorate your own Cake, Bread or Pastry to one of the following themes...

To enter, Email a photo of you holding your baked creation to
[**Cmoorhead@beechencliff.org.uk**](mailto:Cmoorhead@beechencliff.org.uk)

By Monday 4th July 2022

TRIPS - FORMS! - URGENT!

If you have signed your son up for forthcoming trips, please complete the personal details (emergency contact details, medical, allergies etc) for him on the google link that is on the original letter that you would have received for the trip via Parentmail. There are several of these details missing for the trips this term. If we do not have the details submitted, your son will not be able to attend the trip.

Bath Hub Arts Festival



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](#)

Pat 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.

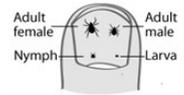
Fixtures

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.

	Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 27th June	U15a&b cricket v KES (a)	13:00	12:20	MB & 9S	16:15
	U12a,b&c cricket v KES (a)	16:00	15:20	2 x MB	18:45
Tuesday 28th June	U15a&b cricket v Prior (a)	11:15	10:45	MB & 9S	14:15
	U14a&b cricket v KES (a)	13:00	12:20	2 x MB	16:15
Wednesday 29th June	U14a&b cricket v Prior (a)	11:15	10:45	2 x MB	14:15
	1st XI cricket v Wycliffe (Bath CC)	12:00	10:45	MB	17:30
Thursday 30th June					
Friday 1st July					

Be Tick Aware



At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many pupils and students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. These minute spider like insects are a parasite and take blood from their host.

Ticks are normally easy to remove with tweezers and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely debilitating.

The incidence of this disease is more common in the warmer months so here is some advice on what to look for.



The rash is very distinctive and more commonly looks like a target/dart board. Please consult your doctor if you see this.



TICK BITE FIRST AID

IF YOU FIND AN ATTACHED TICK...

1. Do NOT DELAY removing the tick.
2. Use a tick remover tool if possible. If not, use long fingernails.
3. Lift straight upwards, pulling firmly and steadily. Do not squeeze the tick's body.
4. Disinfect the bite area and wash your hands with soap.
5. If you don't manage to get the feeding parts out, the bite could go septic but this is not Lyme disease.



LOOK OUT FOR THESE SYMPTOMS FROM 3 DAYS TO 3 MONTHS AFTER THE BITE. PEOPLE USUALLY GET SEVERAL SYMPTOMS BUT NOT ALL OF THEM.

LYME DISEASE

Further details are available by following the links on the Outdoor Education page of the school website or directly from this link (<http://lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks>)

Dave Brewer

Head of Humanities

LYME DISEASE SYMPTOMS

If bitten by a tick carrying lyme bacteria you may get some/all of the following symptoms

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| Fatigue | Dizziness |
| Weakness | Confusion |
| Headache | Buzzing in Nerves |
| Backache | Paralysis |
| Joint Muscle Pain | Trouble with: speaking/Thinking |
| Stiff Sore Neck | Talking, Walking, Concentrating |
| Nausea/Diarrhoea | Trouble Breathing |
| Sore Throat | Mood Swings |
| Swollen Glands | Crying Spells |
| A Rash | |

Former Student Freddie Burns - Gallagher Premiership winner!



Congratulations to former student Freddie Burns who won the Gallagher Premiership with Leicester Tigers last weekend after kicking a drop goal at the death to beat Saracens 15-12.

Former Student Orlando Bailey – Senior England Debut



Former student and Bath player Orlando Bailey also made his senior England debut in a non capped game v The Barbarians on Sunday at Twickenham.

In other rugby achievements, former students John Stewart and Ethan Staddon have been selected for England U/20's for the international tournament in Italy this summer.

We wish them the best of luck!

Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

Rewards Week

House results

	House	Points
1st	Shakespeare	631
2nd	Milton	594
3rd	Kipling	577
4th	Byron	561

Year group results

	Year group	Points
1st	Year 7	997
2nd	Year 8	625
3rd	Year 10	423
4th	Year 9	312

Tutor results

Positives

Year	Tutor group	Average Points
7	Shakespeare 7b	20.3
8	Shakespeare 8b	12.5
9	Shakespeare 9a	6.7
10	Kipling 10a	9.3

Pat Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare

Beechen Cliff Staff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Administrator - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/administrator-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1661255>

Library Lead - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/library-lead-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1666061>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

As a lead school for local mental health charity 'Boys in Mind (Girls Mind Too)' we are delighted to share this excellent short film where boys and young men start a conversation about how to talk about their feelings.



Boys and young men typically struggle to talk about their emotions and especially with other significant male role models in their lives. This is why we are delighted that so many young boys and men seek counselling support at Beechen Cliff School and get help to learn what works for them at a very early age—gaining an invaluable and personal mental health 'toolkit' for life.

<https://boysinmind.co.uk/film-how-to-start-a-conversation/>

The Mental Well-being Team

Resilient Team Workshop



I am running another Resilient Teen workshop in the woods over the summer. This time it is a one-day workshop which may be of interest to some pupils.

Details are here at <https://www.bathmindfulness.co.uk/resilient-teen-in-the-woods>

Also I am now running my workshops in secondary schools within their woodland areas. There is something about the campfire effect to help people to open up.

Best Wishes

Nicola MacDonald
Mindfulness Coach



Adolescent Behaviour as Communication Event

Kev Long, head of Practice at Mentoring Plus, an award winning youth charity based in Bath is running an event on the 29th of June at Cassia, Bath Riverside - 6pm.

It will be informative, interactive and really useful for anyone that comes into contact with young adults. Key behaviours will be explained and what they mean, how the brain develops and how we can best support the teens in our lives. Tickets are just £3 pounds with proceeds to Mentoring Plus and lots of lovely drinks and refreshments on offer thanks to Cassia. To book a place, please follow this link <https://bit.ly/3zt9PPA>.

Becki Fox

Mentoring Plus Ltd **Community Engagement Officer**

01225 429694



PTA News

Secondhand Uniform

SALE

at

Beechen Cliff School
Club House

on

Saturday 16th July
10am - 12pm

*Payments to be made
by card preferably!*

We are also selling
Revision Guides and text books!

*Bring up your uniform donations....
NO trousers please!!*

ANNOUNCEMENT

Marina and Lesley, Co-Chairs of the PTA at Beechen Cliff, are standing down at the next AGM in November 2022. We encourage you as parents/carers to consider taking over this role and joining a team of other volunteer parents who are helping to run the school charity. It has been a fun 3 years for us and has been great to be involved with the many varied projects at the school.

Please express your interest in the post/ posts to:

secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com.

It would be lovely to carry on these good works that go on at the school. Hopefully the PTA can be kept going and be carried forward.

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

We have been asked to let our school community know.....

Clean Path – Green Bath

Repair the canal path to encourage walking and reduce the number of cars in Bath

I am writing to ask for your support for a campaign to improve the canal towpath between Widcombe Deep Lock and Bathwick Hill.

As you are no doubt aware, this section of the Canal Tow Path is in a poor state, which makes walking and cycling difficult and even dangerous in wet weather, ice etc.

I am sure that your school travel plan encourages staff and pupils to walk and cycle, rather than come to school by car, so I am writing to ask for support in our campaign to have this stretch of the canal paved to make it accessible to everyone, year round.

*The Canal & River Trust [CRT] has the resurfacing of the Bathwick Hill to Widcombe stretch of the Tow Path in its business plan for the current year [2022-2023]. Some funding for the project has been made available by B&NES and the CRT. **However, more funding is required for the project to be started.** There are compelling reasons why it is so important to Bath!*

We are hoping that a strong swathe of support from local residents and especially schools, would encourage the council and the canal and river trust to find more funding to enable everyone to be able to enjoy the canal and all it has to offer. For schools, our children are the future, so walking or cycling this route will be a legacy they will remember forever. Not only does it encourage healthy, green living, but it means that they will continue to enjoy walking and cycling along a beautiful route, away from the fumes of the main road.

Please support us by asking parents and children to join the campaign by writing in to say why they love the canal and why they want the towpath to be a better, cleaner, safer, green route to school, to work and for leisure.

Letters can be addressed to Paula Spiers: paula.spiers@bristol.gov.uk

Many thanks

David Quine [Canal Tow Path Support Group]



Community Links

Participate in the 'BUGGY BLOC' at Bath Carnival 2022

After a two-year hiatus from the streets of Bath, the Carnival returns to our city centre on **Saturday 9th July** to bring together people across B&NES for a FREE celebration of culture, creativity and diversity

- Local families are invited to join the 'Buggy Bloc' in the carnival procession which will follow a route throughout the city centre
- A super easy and informal way for parents and young children to take part in the fun on the day.
- Theme: **Mother Earth and Natural Habitats**, so get into the spirit by dressing up - think jungles, oceans, mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, gardens, bugs, anything goes! (see photos below for inspiration).

ABOUT THE EVENT

- Carnival procession from 15.00 to 17.30/18.00
- Festival at Sydney Gardens from 10.00 to 22.00, with fun themed activities for children, adults and families
- After-party at the Komedia in the earlier hours

So, don't forget to save the date in your diary and come join the fun!

HOW TO JOIN THE 'BUGGY BLOC'

- Complete the sign-up form called 'Join our Family Buggy Bloc' through this link: <https://www.bathcarnival.co.uk/join-the-parade-1>
- Arrive at Bath Rec Ground on Saturday 9th July between 13:30 – 14:30, and you'll be directed to the starting point with all the other families.

If you have any questions please email info@bathcarnival.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
Tel: 077 99 33 8405



HOSTS REQUIRED IN BATH FOR JULY
Receive £185 per week hosting our international students

**TO HOST STUDENTS AGED 12 - 17
IN SINGLE OR TWIN ROOMS**

HALF BOARD (WEEKDAY LUNCHES PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL)

Please contact Sarah for more details
sarah.wringer@kaplan.com

Kaplan International Bath
5 Trim Street, Bath, BA1 1HB



Spotters Hockey

For the summer we are running two coaching activities - one in term time and camps in the holidays. Here are the details:

New Summer term Spotters Hockey Academy sessions - these started on **16 May** and will run from 6-730pm for 6 weeks be at the Royal High Senior School astro.

These sessions are designed to give young hockey players' more insight into their performance on the hockey pitch and how they can enhance their contribution to the team's performance through recognising the phases of the game and enacting strategies that will achieve better outcomes. We will work on individual skills and how to utilise these in the game and combine with the team to optimise their performance. We have also ensured that we are offering good value for money and a discount is provided for multiple session bookings, and our high quality coaching is offered at a price much lower than other providers!

Aimed at Years 6-8, (high performing Year 5's also welcome - and any Year 9's interested and we will put on an extra coaching group) these sessions will help to ensure that players benefit from this time in the off season and continue their progression, ready to impress when the season resumes in September. We will also run these pre-season in September, as we did last year and include the option to select additional athlete development and mentoring if this is of interest.

To book these please follow this link: <https://form.jotform.com/202084948864365>

We also have our **Spotters Hockey Summer Hockey Camps running on 25th and 26th July 2022, and 18th and 19th August 2022**, suitable for ages 7-15 and providing lots of fun hockey skills and game play, with specialised effective coaching provided by our qualified and experienced coaches, and booking can be made via this link for those:

<https://form.jotform.com/210805551045346>

Many thanks indeed, do get back to me if any questions!

Sally Potter

Spotters Hockey Academy Director
England Hockey Level 2 Coach
BSc(Hons)Sports Performance



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We've teamed up with Beechen Cliff School to offer all those connected to the school, an expert, fee free mortgage service, taking away the hassle when getting a new mortgage. We will also pay £50 Cashback to Beechen Cliff for every person that takes a new mortgage out with Lucra Mortgages. You just need to quote 'Beechen Cliff.'

01225 970 830

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