



BEECHEN CLIFF

15th September 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Shortly after publishing last week's newsletter we heard the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.



On Friday we held a special assembly and provided tutor activities to mark the occasion and to enable pupils to understand the significance of this event. The end of the second Elizabethan era, the start of the reign of a new King and the chance to remember someone who dedicated their life to the service of our country.

Bank Holiday

The period of national mourning runs up until her funeral on Monday 19th September, which has been declared a national bank holiday. School will be closed on Monday and will reopen as normal on Tuesday 20th September,

Prospective Parents Evening

On Tuesday evening we held our Prospective Parents Evening. It was an incredibly busy evening with lots of visitors and despite the rainy weather there was a really positive atmosphere. One of the themes of the evening was the incredible number of positive comments we received about our tutor guides. I would like to thank all pupils and Sixth Form students who were able to support the evening. They were a real credit to themselves and the school and we are incredibly proud of them.

Looking ahead in our newsletter this week you will notice that our clubs and activities list for this term has now been published and there are links to access information on the curriculum the pupils will be studying this year.

Finally, our solution focussed counsellors have produced a short video to introduce themselves and the work they do to support pupil's well-being in school.

Best wishes,

T. D. Marshall

T.D. Markall

Headteacher

Key Stage 3 and 4 Curriculum Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd just like to give a warm welcome to all of our new parents, and to say welcome back to the parents of all students in years 8 and above. I hope that the boys have enjoyed their first few days back. To help you keep abreast of what your son will be studying in each subject, please head to the subject curriculum information page of the website (linked below). Here you find a link to each Subject Curriculum Booklet. Within these you will see the topics studied in each term in years 7-11 as well links to suggested revision websites, further reading and exam information for years 10 and 11.

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/overview/subject-curriculum-information/>

For Years 7-9, we also have a booklet for each year group detailing what will be studied in each term. You can access these from this page:
<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/what-is-studied-at-key-stage-3/>

I hope that you find this information useful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)

Calendar

Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th September
Year 7 Tir Y Cwm Group 7XR

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd September
Year 7 Tir Y Cwm Group 7AU

Thursday 22nd September
Year 7 Parent Information Evening 6.30pm

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th September
Year 7 Tir Y Cwm Group 7AM

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th September
Year 7 Tir Y Cwm Group 7AP

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th October
Year 7 Tir Y Cwm Group 7AH

Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th October
Year 7 Tir Y Cwm Group 7XI

Wednesday 5th October
Year 11 Parent Info Evening 6.30–7.30pm

Tuesday 11th October
Year 10 Parent Information Evening 6.30–7.30pm

Year 7 Parent Information Evening Thursday 22nd September

Year 7 parents - please ensure that you have completed the google reply form sent via parentmail to confirm your attendance for this event.

Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher



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Key Notices

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

Transport to and From School

Wherever possible we recommend pupils walk, cycle or get public transport to school

If you are bringing your children to school by car to ensure the safety of pupils and out of respect to local residents I would be grateful if cars would not stop to drop off in the middle of the road or stop on the zig zag yellow lines outside the school gates. If you do have to drive up to school, please park in the marked bays on the side of the avenues. If you are able to, please drop off lower down the hill or at Bear Flat (Majestic Wine are happy for their car park to be used as a drop off/ pick up point).

You may also be aware that there is an unofficial one way system in place on the avenues with cars driving up Shakespeare Avenue and down Kipling Avenue. We would appreciate if this is followed.

Tim Markall
Headteacher

Homework Support

In the Library

Monday – Friday after School

3.15 – 4.330pm

Desktop computers, workspace, books and a librarian on hand to help with homework.

Everyone Welcome

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ CLUBS FOR TERMS 1 AND 2

Please encourage your son to take part in the clubs and activities offered for terms 1 and 2. The after school activities will take place from 3.20pm to 4.20pm at the latest.

The clubs and activities list for this term can be viewed on the School Website

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/extra-curricular/>

Please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements for your son to get home safely after the activities/clubs.

Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher – Communication and Parental Engagement

Stationery Equipment available from the Library

Pupils and Student can purchase stationery equipment from the Library. **CASH ONLY** please

The library is open from 8 am to 4.30 pm including breaks and lunchtimes.

Laura Bridge
Library Lead



Study Planner for Pupils in Years 7-9

All pupils in Years 7-9 have been given study planners. These must be taken to school every day and put out on the desk in every lesson. They are an organisational tool to help your son to organise himself and take responsibility for his learning. All pupils in Years 7 to 9 should be recorded which subjects have set them homework and when it is due in, to prevent them from missing homeworks (they do not need to record the detail, as this is on Google Classroom, but they should record that they have homework and when it is due in).

Please ask your son to show you his planner, along with the homework he has been set for this week, where he has recorded his reading, and any positives or extra curricular he has started to log in the back of his planner. Your son should also have his timetable either stuck in or copied into the back of his planner so that he knows where he is going in school. Please check this with him and help him to get this in place if it is not already there. Lost planners will incur a £4 charge on Parent Pay, for the planner to be replaced.

Sophie Sullivan
Assistant Headteacher— Teaching and Learning



BEECHEN CLIFF

Vacancies

Cover Supervisor

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/cover-supervisor-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1692530> - Closing date Friday 16th September

Examinations Officer

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/examinations-officer-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1694408> - Closing date Monday 26th September

Catherine Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA
Beechen Cliff School

Reading

A reminder that all pupils in Years 7-9 should be carrying a reading book in their bag every day.

Pupils should log what they are reading and what has happened in their book that week in their study planner. When they complete a reading book, this should be logged in the back of their planner and they should go to the Library to complete their Accelerated Reader quiz on that book. They will earn a sweet for every book they quiz on and will be adding towards their word count with each quiz. There are prizes available for pupils who have read 100,000, 250,000 and 750,000 words, but ultimately we want pupils to be aiming to become millionaire readers!

For more information on reading at Beechen Cliff School and how you can support your child's reading at home, please visit our reading page on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/overview/reading/>

Sophie Sullivan
Assistant Headteacher— Teaching and Learning

Menu for w/c 19th September

Monday: Chicken with a tomato, olive and basil sauce, Spiced Aubergine with chickpeas

Tuesday: Pasta Arrabiata (W), Vegetable Moussaka (D,W)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Lentil cottage pie

Thursday: Pork Stroganoff (D), Mixed Bean Chilli

Friday: Fish Pie (D,W), Braised Beef with a peppercorn sauce, Roasted Pepper red onion and potato frittata (D)

Please can I also ask that all accounts are topped up and in credit at all times to avoid disappointment

Dan Keal
Chef

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

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week is focusing on expectations, this leads on from the work the students did last week regarding goal setting for the year.

'Goals can be considered a form of expectations, since they're something we consciously work to one day achieve through our specific efforts and understanding. One huge benefit to having goals is having fixed starting and ending points, with benchmarks in between—and this creates a mental visual. You can not only see how close you are to the result you want, but more importantly, you can see how far you've come from the beginning. Setting goals (or expectations) motivates us, excites us, and makes us want to push ourselves to grow'



In tutor time this week groups will be discussing the following:

What are the expectations around school?

Is this different from last year?

Do you feel these expectations are fair, are you able to meet them?

Is it good to always have high expectations? Would it be good to set yourself a goal you might find hard to achieve?



Annabel Wilmot
Head of PSHE

Mental Health and Wellbeing

A welcome message and short video introduction from Tara Gretton and Susie Ingram. Tara and Susie provide 1:1 therapeutic support to young people at Beechen Cliff School to support their well-being. Tara and Susie are both IASTI Accredited Solution Focused Practitioners. Tara works mainly with Lower School pupils and Susie works with the Sixth Form students.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and, a special welcome from us both, to parents and carers of new pupils and students who have joined the Beechen Cliff 'family' this year.

We work very closely with pupils and students across the school who are struggling with their well-being and who would like some 1:1 support.

We invite you to take a few minutes to watch this short video about our work at Beechen Cliff School and about the importance of the Solution Focused Approach at the school.

We look forward to supporting your children should they need our help this year.

Best wishes

Tara and Susie



Mental Health Team

Extra– Curricular

Music News

All instrumental lessons are now up and running and I would ask parents to ensure pupils check the timetables displayed in the music centre foyer. A copy of the timetables can also be found online in the music pages <http://musicbcs.weebly.com/music-timetables.html> Timetables are updated each Friday in preparation for the following week.

A reminder about all the extra-curricular music activities that take place. The main ensembles are after school and include Choir on Monday, Concert band/Orchestra on Tuesday, Swing Band and folk group on Wednesday. All rehearsals take place in the music centre between 3.25 and 4.15. There is also a year 7 ensemble which rehearses on Tuesday lunchtime: 12.30-12.55. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved in one of these ensembles.

Piano Concert— Thursday 20th October 7.00pm. St Lukes Church, Bath, BA2 2BD

We will be holding our annual piano concert in the last week of this term. More details will follow in due course, but if you wish your son/daughter to be involved, please ask them to come and see one of the music staff or alternatively e-mail: music@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr P E Calvert

Head of Music

Extra Curricular Clubs

For information on after school clubs, please see the [Extra Curricular page on our website](#) which has been updated for Terms 1 and 2 (22/23) .

Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

SPORTS

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 an alternative player to be found.

Extra Curricular Sports kit

If your son is involved with our extra-curricular activities and therefore additional kit would be helpful, we do have an online shop with Kukri. This kit is not compulsory and does not replace your son's curriculum kit but is available for after school clubs and fixtures. Kit options include tracksuit bottoms, shorts, training t-shirts and additional mid layers. [Kukri- Beechen Cliff](#)

Pat Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare/PE

ACE Rugby Report

Beechen Cliff got their 2022 ACE League season off to flying start, on the road at SGS Filton on Wednesday. The Bath Rugby partnership school scored eight tries in a stunning 56-26 win. The RFU ACE League pits the partner state schools or colleges of all the Premiership clubs against each other in a National League of exceptional quality.

After an impeccable observed minutes silence in honour of HM Queen Elizabeth, England U18 tight head prop Billy Sela opened the scoring early on with a try from close range. His fellow prop Harry Culverhouse produced the champagne moment of the game a few minutes later when he burst through a gap in the midfield, dummied the full back and went under the posts. Filton came back strongly with their own try shortly afterwards but then, after a prolonged period of forward dominance, Sela barged over the line for his second. Right winger and debutante Henry Bartlett scored a rapid brace of tries just before half-time, demonstrating that Beechen Cliff could dominate on the edges just as much as they could upfront.

Beechen Cliff rang the changes at half-time giving vital ACE League experience to the younger members of the squad. They proved to be very much up to the job, creating the opportunities for centre Rory Crum to show his pace on the outside for a fantastic pair of tries. Sela completed his short range hat trick shortly afterwards, before taking a well earned rest.

Fellow England tourist Raf Weston, who controlled the game masterfully from fly half, was immaculate from the tee, converting all eight tries. To their great credit Filton fought back to secure a bonus point of their own in the dying minutes of the game.

Skipper James Short was delighted with his team's disciplined performance, saying "The boys have worked so hard during the pre-season and, for the first game, there were so many positive elements to reflect on as we build towards next Wednesday's tough challenge versus Truro College at home. All support would be most welcome!"

Sean Turner



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