



BEECHEN CLIFF

22nd September 2022

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have had our Open Morning and it has been another busy morning with lots of visitors to the school.

Once again I would like to commend our tour guides who were wonderful ambassadors to the school once again. We have received so many positive comments from parents and are really proud of them all.

Over the next few weeks we are running a number of parent information evenings targeted at parents of new pupils in Year 7 and those undertaking GCSE courses in Year 10 and 11. I hope these will provide useful information on how to support your son through the current stage in his education and in addition, a nice opportunity to visit the school site.

For parents who are unable to attend the slides shared during these events will be posted on the School Website and emailed home in due course.

This week in assemblies and tutor sessions we have been thinking about careers, both what pupils will learn about at different stages of their schooling and also the skills and attributes required for different jobs. The 'guess job' activity in particular has produced some interesting responses.

As part of our program this year we are working towards a cross school Bath Hub Careers Day later in the year which will provide a brilliant opportunity for pupils to expand their horizons. More details will follow on this in due course.

*T. D. Markall*

Tim Markall  
Headteacher

## Calendar

**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

**Thursday 6th October**  
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

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

**Saturday 15th October**  
Sixth Form Open Morning 9am – 1pm



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## Key Notices

### Library Book Amnesty

#### The Quest for the Missing Books



Do you have any overdue library books at home?

Have you checked under your bed/behind the fridge/down the back of the sofa?

Rewards (positives) for every overdue library book returned before half term.

We appreciate you taking the time to look and showing respect for the books. No fines, no detentions. Just happy librarians.

**SPECIAL PRIZE:** for the longest overdue book handed in. The winner will be announced after half term.

Mrs Bridge and the library team.

### 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](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 at [sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

### Menu for w/c 26th September

**Monday:** Veggie pasta Bolognese (W), Stuffed Mushroom with goats cheese and red onions (D)

**Tuesday:** BBQ Chicken with peppers, Butternut squash Tagine

**Wednesday:** Honey Roast Ham, Potato spinach and feta filo parcel (W,D)

**Thursday:** Beef and vegetable casserole, Smoked cheddar and leek quiche (W,D)

**Friday:** Breaded Cod (W), Tomato and basil Gnocchi (W)

**Please can I ask that all accounts are topped up at all times to avoid disappointment.**

Thank you

Dan Keal

Chef

W) = contains Wheat products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

### 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](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

***Secondhand Uniform***  
***SALE***

at

Beechen Cliff School  
Club House

on

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
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!!***

# Rewards Week

Date: 16th September

## House results

	House	Points
1st	Shakespeare	855
2nd	Kipling	775
3rd	Byron	772
4th	Milton	742

## Year group results

	Year group	Points
1st	7	742
2nd	8	739
3rd	9	660
4th	10	654
5th	11	345

After the first two weeks congratulations to Shakespeare House, Year 7 and the tutor groups below who have accumulated the most positives in the first few weeks of term. Well done!

## Tutor results

### Positives

Year	Tutor group	Average Points
7	Kipling 7a	16.7
8	Shakespeare 8a	23.9
9	Byron 9a	14.9
10	Byron 10a	12.6
11	Kipling 11a	9.7

Mr P Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare

## Mental Health and Wellbeing



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have attached a brief questionnaire that we would really appreciate it you could take a moment to complete by Thursday 29th September.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fcHDiGj44HC3Ap4K1oP1xYSTHjuNdrOLvtuSIqPhtSY/edit>

We are hoping as mentioned previously to run a parents/carers online session in Term 2.

Where we will share some information on the Wellbeing Provision at Beechen Cliff and about our use of the Solution Focused approach in our counselling provision and across the school.

We wish you all well and we look forward to reading your responses.

Very Best Wishes,

**The Mental Wellbeing Team**

## Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

### **Cover Supervisor**

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/cover-supervisor-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1700462>

Closing date Monday 3rd October

### **Examinations Officer**

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/examinations-officer-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1694408> -

Closing date Monday 26th September

Catherine Capsey

## Extra– Curricular

### Music Taster lessons

In addition to class music lessons, the music department offers the opportunity to learn one of the following instruments:

Piano, drum kit, classical guitar, electric guitar, saxophone, flute, clarinet, trumpet and voice.

Over the next couple of weeks, we would like to offer a free 'taster' lesson, to any pupils who may be interested in learning an instrument.

If you would like your son/daughter to receive a free music taster lesson, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/BExpWWUcPjrdz7hS8> by Monday 26th September.

Please note that there is a cost involved for pupils receiving instrumental lessons (details can be found on the link below) and depending on numbers there may be a waiting list for some instrumental lessons.

Further details on instrumental lessons can be found on this link:

<http://musicbcs.weebly.com/music-contract-and-music-application-form.html>

P E Calvert  
Head of Music

## Homework Support

### In the Library

Monday – Friday after School

3.15 – 4.30pm

**Desktop computers, workspace, books and a staff member on hand to help with homework.**

**Everyone Welcome**

### Christian Union

The Christian Union is on every Monday after school (3:30pm-4:30pm) in the Pavillion. It is a safe space where Christians can gather, have fun and share their faith or questions. We also welcome non-Christians to join as well if they would like to! It is currently led by two Year 13 students, starting with some games before they deliver a short talk for discussion.

Many thanks,  
Rachel Wong

## 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](#)

## Fixtures for week commencing 25th September (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start Time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Wednesday 28th September	1st XV rugby v Gordons (a)	14:00	10:30	Coach (49)	
	U13a&b rugby v Millfield (a)	14:00	12:30	MB x 2	17:00
	U13 football v Selwood (a)	14:30	13:30	MB- hire	16:30
Thursday 29th September	2nd XV, 3rd XV, U16, U15, U14a & U14b rugby v Bryanston (a)	14:30	11:30	Coach (2x60)	17:15

## 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](mailto: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



## Congratulations to Dylan who has been selected for the England Athletics Youth Talent Programme.

This follows much success over the summer including achieving a silver medal in the 1500m steeplechase in the U17 England Athletics Championships held in Bedford in August and participating in the Schools' Games National Finals held at Loughborough University at the start of September.

We wish him all the best with his training, competition and academic studies over the year ahead.

Tim Markall  
Headteacher



## Community Links

**TALK. PLAY CRICKET. MEET NEW PEOPLE.**

# MEN'S LBW

**LITTLE BREAKS FOR WELLBEING**

SUPPORT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
BY CONNECTING WITH OTHERS THROUGH CRICKET



**FRIDAY'S 1-2.30PM**  
**BATH CRICKET CLUB**  
NORTH PARADE, BATH  
**FREE TO ATTEND**  
**16-25 YEAR OLDS**  
TURN UP AND PLAY!  
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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