



BEECHEN CLIFF

29th September 2022

## Message from the Headteacher

There has been a chill in the air this week and it is clear that autumn is now upon us. Fortunately it has not impacted on the enthusiasm of those taking part in the Tir-y-Cwm and Thorpe Park trips and rugby fixtures over the last week. I would like to thank the staff running these activities for our pupils.

I would like to congratulate Wilson and Arthur who performed brilliantly in the Hayesfield Piano Recital on Monday. We look forward to showcasing the talent of all our pianists at the Beechen Cliff Piano Concert at St Luke's Church in a few weeks time.

This week the tutor programme has been based around citizenship and an understanding the British Values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance.

Assemblies have been based around the European Day of Languages (26th September) and these have been impressively led by our Sixth Form students prioritising language learning and linguistic diversity. Our Student leaders are taking every opportunity to contribute to our school community and we are very proud of them.

*T. D. Markall*

T. D. Markall  
Headteacher

## Calendar

**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

**Thursday 13th October**  
Sixth Form – Vera Hobhouse visit 1.15 – 3.15

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

**Sunday 16th – Tuesday 18th October**  
Year 9 Surfing Trip to Cornwall

**Wednesday 19th October**  
ACE Rugby Fixture against Exeter College

**Thursday 20th October**  
Piano Concert at St Luke's Church

**Friday 21st October**  
End of Term 1

**Monday 24th – Friday 28th October**  
Half Term

**Monday 31st October**  
Start of Term 2



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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](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 3rd October

**Monday:** Pork and sweet potato Goulash, Lentil and spinach Dhansak

**Tuesday:** Chilli Beef, Mushroom Stroganoff

**Wednesday:** Roast Beef with yorkshire pudding (W), Veggie hot pot

**Thursday:** Chicken and vegetable pie (W), Butternut squash and parmesan risotto (D)

**Friday:** Pasta Puttanesca (W), Stuffed pepper with coriander and olive couscous (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

### 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?

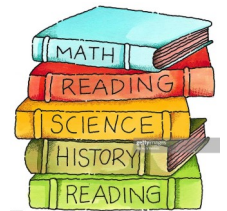
Rewards (positives) for every overdue library book returned before half term.

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.

[Contacts Link](#)

Mrs Bridge and the library team.



### School Contacts

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

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.

## Extra- Curricular

### Music

#### Piano Concert St Lukes's church Thursday 20th October 7.00pm

Thanks to all pupils (and parents) who have expressed an interest in performing at the concert. If any other pupils would be interested in playing, please email [music@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:music@beechencliff.org.uk) or come and see one of the music staff.

#### 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 3rd October

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

#### Oklahoma Auditions

We are excited that auditions for our school production of Oklahoma are taking place over the next few weeks. It has been great to see the numbers taking part in the theatre and drama group rising this year. The partnership with Bath Theatre School (and this year with Hayesfield Girls School too) is going from strength to strength and we look forward to meeting the cast.

If you would like to take part in the group and have not yet joined there is still time. Come along and join in: Fridays 3.30-5.30pm in the Music Centre.

Miss J Wright

**ARE YOU BORN TO PERFORM?**  
**JOIN THE MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP**

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
**BATH THEATRE SCHOOL** **Hayesfield GIRLS SCHOOL**

LEARN STAGE SKILLS  
BE PART OF A PROFESSIONALLY STAGED MUSICAL  
BUILD CONFIDENCE HAVE FUN

FRIDAYS AFTER SCHOOL - BEECHEN CLIFF MUSIC CENTRE

[www.baththeatreschool.com/mtg](http://www.baththeatreschool.com/mtg)  
[staff@baththeatreschool.com](mailto:staff@baththeatreschool.com)

## Solar Panels at Beechen Cliff!



Following the interest expressed by the school's Eco team, the MNSP has supported the school to install 680 solar panels over the summer holidays!

This is a fantastic and efficient step forward for us, with 52,000 tons of carbon being saved a year. Please have a look at the factsheet published alongside this weeks newsletter to see the benefits of this installation.

Watch this space for regular updates from the Eco Team .

Kant Mann  
Assistant Headteacher

## Vacancies



### Cover Supervisor

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

Closing date Monday 3rd October

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

## PTA Notices

### 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!!**

## PTA MEETING

Come and join the  
PTA meeting on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
8pm in the Library  
at  
Beechen Cliff School

## Extra Curricular Clubs

For information on after school clubs, particularly those running in Terms 1 and 2 (22/23), please see the [Extra Curricular page on our website](#) which is regularly updated as next clubs are announced.

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 3rd October (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time / kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct					
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1st XI football v NH (a)	14:30	13:15	MB	tbc
	U12a&b rugby v RA (a)	16:00	15:20	MB	tbc
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1st XV and 2nd XV rugby v Hartpury (h)	14:30	13:00	n/a	tbc
	U14 rugby v Wells Cathedral (a)	14:30	13:00	MB	tbc
	U13b rugby v Downside (a)	14:00	13:00	MB	tbc
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Girls Hockey v RHS (a)	15:30	14:30	MB	tbc
	U16 football v Sheldon (a)				tbc
	U15 football v St Katherines (a)	13:30	12:00	MB	tbc
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct					
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	U13a&b U12a&b rugby v Kingswood (a)	10:30	9:45	n/a	tbc

## 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

## Careers

**Arkwright Engineering Scholarships for Year 11 students.** Arkwright Engineering Scholarships provide financial support, mentoring, exclusive events and work experience opportunities to ambitious students pursuing a career in engineering! The Scholarships support students through their sixth form studies and provide a variety of enrichment opportunities and £600. You need to be nominated by the school by mid-January 2023. For details see: <http://www.arkwright.org.uk/> and if interested please see one of your science teachers.



**The Future Leaders of the Year Competition 2023 (Years 11 - 13)** Run by leadership trainers/developers Ivy House, students are asked to submit a video pitch telling us about themselves and their leadership story. Prizes, include cash, work experience, mentoring and career support, financial investment and access to the Ivy House coaches and alumni network. See launch video: <https://vimeo.com/723742139?u> and head to <http://www.ivyhouse.co.uk/future-leaders/competition> for more information.



*For students in Year 11-13*

## Are you interested in finance? How would you invest £500+ billion?

On **Wednesday 5th October** from **5:00pm - 6:00pm** Young Professionals UK are hosting an online webinar with global financial services and investment firm Fidelity International to which you're invited.

Fidelity International are an investment management company, responsible for total client assets of £516.9\* billion from over 2.52 million clients across Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, South America and Canada.

Fidelity have a number of offices in the UK and Ireland and have some fantastic school-leaver opportunities. They offer a wide range of financial services to clients all over the world and with that comes a wide variety of roles on offer.

All these opportunities will be discussed throughout the course of the evening.

If you're interested in finding out more about life and careers at one of the biggest financial services / investment companies in the world then this event is for you!

**Sign up using the link below:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Fidelity-International-Event>



Mrs E Pascoe  
Head of Careers

## Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School

*How to coach teenagers towards a successful career*



We are delighted to announce the first events in our *Success Beyond School* series for this academic year. **These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.** The events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

## Career Experience For Ages 12-18



Explore our life-changing, immersive career opportunities for ages 12-18, which take place at UCL and live online. Weekend programmes are available throughout November and December. Our flagship Summer Experiences take place in July and August, and there is currently a 15% discount available for those.

[12th October: Making it in Medicine](#)

Expert advice on how to get into medical school

[16th November: Future-Proofing Students](#)

Preparing students for the jobs of the future

[30th November: Finding a Future in Finance](#)

Gaining the skills for a career in Finance

[Register Now](#)

[View & Register Now](#)

# Mental Health and Wellbeing



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we are already in week 4 of the new school year!

We wanted to invite you to take a moment and consider how the transition into the new school year has gone well so far -

Transition

Change is happening all of the time. Change is an act or process through which something becomes different.

So what is transition? It is the process or a period of changing from one state to another.

Some of the first big transitions for children and young people can be school related. Starting school, moving on in education to the next stage.

This can be for some a daunting period of change.

How do we best work alongside children and young people so that this is a smooth transition?

Children and young people know what they hope for from their new school experience and how they hope to be at their best.

However sometimes they might not notice how remarkable they are already!

Children and young people start new schools with lots of experience of change. With existing strengths and capabilities that will enable them to believe that they can manage this transition too!

Suppose you were to invite a conversation this evening with your child that focused on what they know about themselves that they are proud of in how they have managed starting this new school year and how they have coped well with change in the past?

So what is going and has gone well, no matter how small.

What difference might this make to them and you?

We believe that by inviting a focus on children's strengths, capabilities and what they do well we can support them to build their self-efficacy.

Tara Gretton

Solution Focused Practitioner and Founder of Solution Revolution

[www.solutionrevolution.co.uk](http://www.solutionrevolution.co.uk)

**The Mental Wellbeing Team.**



## Rugby Report

Beechen Cliff followed up on last week's resounding win at Filton College with another dominant performance in Round 2 of this season's ACE League. The Bath Rugby partnership school defeated Truro College 38-14 at home in front of a large crowd. 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. Truro College are affiliated to Exeter Chiefs

Truro started strongly with an extended period of possession that tested the Beechen Cliff defence, but they held firm and set a defensive standard that they maintained for the remainder of the game. Having finally turned the ball over, the Beechen Cliff backs swiftly counter attacked leading to centre Rory Crum out-pacing the defence to open the scoring. Raff Weston converted.

Next it was the forwards turn, with a well-drilled driving maul from a close range lineout. Hooker Max Dorrington was given the touchdown but credit should really go to the entire pack. The third try came soon after with winger Henry Bartlett scoring a stunning individual try from his own half. Catching a missed touch kick, he set off on a mazy run, evading numerous tacklers before scoring under the posts.

Arguably at this point, Beechen were guilty of taking their foot off the pedal and allowed Truro back into the game. A series of needless penalties and some over-expansive play resulted in conceding possession and territory and Truro claimed a converted try of their own.

The half time break allowed the team to re-set and make some personnel changes. The second half performance was more assured and the replacements made a real impact.

Winger Wyatt McLaughlin, fresh off the bench, scored not long after the re-start. Replacement hooker Ben Stouling scored another from close range before McLaughlin scored his second with the final play of the game.

The win puts Beechen Cliff in a buoyant and confident mood, with a maximum of 10 league points from two games, going into next week's game against Gordon's School, the Quins partner school.



Sean Turner  
Director of Rugby

**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**

**DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP**



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CALL 01225 425935**



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