

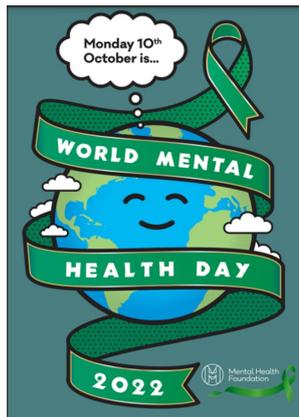


6th October 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been focusing on mental health with assemblies led by Mr Ambrose for Years 7-11 and testimony assemblies for the Sixth Form with contributions from both students and staff. This is in preparation for Mental Health Day but also due to the importance of talking about and supporting mental health, which is an important aspect of our work.



The Year 11 Parent Information Evening took place yesterday evening with input from Mr Seal, Miss Sullivan and Miss Mather. Thank you to all parents who attended. For those who were unable to attend the slides are now available on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/parent-evenings-reporting/>

There has been a lot of information in the press recently about exams returning 'back to normality' in 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/exams-head-back-to-normality-in-2023>

The Department for Education has provided some information for parents and students here and we will provide more detail in our communications with those taking in exams in 2022 in due course.

Finally the PTA are currently collecting second hand uniform for their sale on 22nd October. If you have any uniform to donate it will be gratefully received and it can be dropped off in the reception area at school.

T. D. Markall

T.D.Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

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
6.00 -7.00pm

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

Friday 2nd December

Bath Hub Careers Day



Key Notices

Online Safety

In addition to mental health we have also run assemblies this week on the theme of online safety for all year groups. This has included safe and appropriate use of social media, how to stay in control and how to keep safe from harm. In addition we have been educating students on the way social media sites employ algorithms to target them with extreme viewpoints and the damage this can cause. We are particularly encouraging pupils to report any concerns so they can be effectively dealt with.

We know that the online world is constantly changing and that parents often want more information on how they can advise and support their child. We have arranged for an online safety expert to come and deliver further sessions to all pupils in January and also to run an evening session for parents. More information will be provided in due course.

Clive Hall
Head of Kipling House
Deputy Designated Safeguarding

Uniform Donations!

If you have outgrown items of school uniform at home, please donate them to school. The PTA do a fantastic job of recycling uniform items in their second hand uniform sales.

It would also help us to replenish our stocks for when pupils have forgotten items of uniform. Thank you!

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

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 10th October

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

Tuesday: Sundried tomato and parmesan risotto (D), Vegetable Lasagne (W,D)

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Apple sauce, Cheesy Celeriac and potato bake (D)

Thursday: Madura Chicken, Stir fried Vegetables with Tofu

Friday: Fish Finger Bap with Tartare Sauce (W), Hulloumi and Roasted vegetable Bap (W,D)

Dan Keal
Chef

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

Message from Deputy Headteacher on Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October is World Mental Health Day, and as such, I have been delivering a series of assemblies to all boys in the lower school over the course of this week. Sadly, the number of mental health concerns reported by young people has continued to rise, and there has been a greater than tenfold increase in the number of suicidal teens referred to Childline over the past decade. As many of you may be aware, males are three times more likely to take their lives than females.

Our PSHE curriculum, tutorial programme and assemblies all contribute to our drive to develop understanding of mental health and wellbeing, and my assemblies this week have focussed on how to proactively manage one's own mental health and how best to support a friend or family member who may be struggling.

We have discussed how to use the 'ALEC' model to engage in conversations about wellbeing. You can find out more about this approach here: <https://conversations.movember.com/en-gb/ALEC>

I also shared the following 'Six Healthy Habits to Support Wellbeing';

1. Doing activities that give you purpose and meaning. Remember to take time for yourself and do the things you love to do, and that makes you happy
2. Spend time with people who make you feel positive. We want men to stay connected. Your mates are important and spending time with them is good for you. Catch up regularly, check in and make time
3. Talk to people you trust when times get tough. Confiding in a friend or family member is an opportunity to express our feelings and seek the support we need. Try communicating over a cup of tea or a stroll in the park.
4. Increase physical activity. Frequent exercise can reduce anxiety and stress and improve overall self-esteem and cognitive function. Walking rather than getting a lift. Getting off the bus a stop or two earlier. Cycle, swim or go for a run.
5. Support others in bad times. You don't need to be an expert and you don't have to be the sole solution, but being there for someone, listening and giving your time can be life-saving.
6. Speak to a health professional or supportive adult when you need to. There are a whole range of organisations that are available to offer practical and emotional support.

Many of our staff have undergone training in supporting mental health needs, and staff will be wearing green ribbon badges in school to remind us all of our commitment to supporting mental health and wellbeing."

Mr Michael Ambrose
Deputy Headteacher

School Contacts

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

[Contacts](#)

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.

Extra- Curricular

Music

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

All parents, pupils and friends of the school are warmly invited to the Concert which will involve pianists from all year groups.

Tickets are priced at £1 and are available to purchase via Parentpay or on the door. Please note: this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night.

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 9.15pm including a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Design and Technology food Newsletter

Please find published alongside this week's newsletter the Autumn edition of our Design and Technology Food Newsletter, full of interesting food fact and delicious recipes.

Design and Technology team



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



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

Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Careers Administrator

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/careers-administrator-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1709018>

Closing Date : Monday 17th October

Cleaner

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/cleaner-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1708398>

Closing Date : Monday 17th October

Boarding Housekeeper

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/boarding-housekeeper-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1707336>

Closing date: Monday 17th October

Teacher of Physical Education

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teacher-of-physical-education-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1707752>

Closing date: Monday 17th October

Catherine Capsey

Operations Manager and Head's PA

PTA Notice

Secondhand Uniform

SALE

at

Beechen Cliff School
Club House

on

Saturday 22nd 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!!***

Sixth form Open Morning



**PROSPECTIVE YEAR 12
PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

are warmly invited to attend

**BEECHEN CLIFF
SIXTH FORM
OPEN MORNING**



SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022

9.30am - 12.00pm

Please arrive at the Main Entrance at 8.45am to collect a Programme and ticket allocation for the Head of Sixth talk

Sixth Form Open Morning

Saturday 15th October 2022

Prospective Year 12 Parents and Students are warmly invited to attend the Sixth Form Open Morning.

Parking is available on the field entrance on Greenway Lane.

The timetable for the morning is as follows:

8.45am - 9.30am	Please arrive at Main Reception from 8.45am to collect a Prospectus, Programme and Head of Sixth Form Talk ticket allocation Refreshments will be available in the Refectory for all visitors The Head of Sixth Form talks will take place in the Main Hall Please only attend the Talk you have been issued a ticket allocation for.	
9.30 - 9.50am	Head of Sixth Form Talk 1	Subject Talks - Session 1
10.00 - 10.20am	Head of Sixth Form Talk 2	Subject Talks - Session 2
10.30 - 10.50am	Head of Sixth Form Talk 3	Subject Talks - Session 3
11.00 - 11.20am	Head of Sixth Form Talk 4	Subject Talks - Session 4
11.30 - 11.50am	Subject Talks - Session 5	
<i>Representatives for Boarding, Level 3 Sport and Careers will be located in the Sixth Form Centre</i>		

We hope you enjoy the morning with us at Beechen Cliff.

Kim Mather

Head of Sixth Form

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 10th October (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 10 th October					
Tuesday 11 th October	U14 football v Mangotsfield (a)	14:00	12.30	MB	
	U15 football v Gordano (a)	14:00	12.15	MB	
Wednesday 12 th October	1st & 2nd rugby v Bishop Wands- worth (a)	14:00		Coach	
	1st XI football v Frome (a)	14:00		MB	
Thursday 13 th October	3rd XV & U16 rugby v KES (a)	14:30		X2 MB	
	Girls hockey v Sexeys (h)	14:00	13.30		
	U16 football v Sheldon (h)	14.30	13.30		16.15
	U14a & U14b rugby v Bryanston (h)	14:30	13.45		
Friday 14 th October	2nd XV rugby v KES (h)	19:00	17.30		
Saturday 15 th October	U12a, b & c rugby v KES (a)	10:00	9.15		
	U13a&b rugby v KES (h)	10:00	9.15		
	U14a, U14b & U15a rugby v KES (a)	11:30	10.45		

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

Careers

Dear Parents/Careers

We use Careerpilot to complement the Careers information provided via PSHE, assemblies, workshops and talks. It provides careers information and tools for 11-19 year olds, all in one place and there is a Parent Zone too. Please can you ask your child to register on Careerpilot using their school email address and please have a look at the information below which gives further details and links to the site for your reference.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Emma Pascoe,

Head of Careers

epascoe@beechencliff.org.uk

[Watch the Careerpilot video which explains what your child can be doing to manage their career.](#)



Careerpilot for 11-19 year olds

[Careerpilot](#) is for 11-19 year olds, it will help your child find out about all their options when they are 14, 16 and 18, including [apprenticeships](#), [college](#), [higher level study](#), etc.

The website also includes tools to help you know more about yourself, explore your options and plan your next steps

- A '[job sector quiz](#)' to help you decide what's important to you
- A '[start with subject](#)' tool that will show you where a subject you love could lead.
- A '[Skills Profile](#)' so you know your skills ready for applications.
- Information on lots of [job sectors](#), with 100s of job profiles, showing salary, what's involved, will this job grow, live vacancies, etc.
- A tool where you can search for [courses and apprenticeships](#).
- Career Tools (you have to register to use this) where you can save your choices, skills and plans and create a great report which will move up with you every year..

Over 470,000 young people use the Careerpilot site every year.

97% of users surveyed say the site was useful and 95% said they would use it again and recommend it to a friend.

www.careerpilot.org.uk

The Parent Zone

The Careerpilot Parent Zone can help you as a parent/carer get answers to the career questions you want to ask, about:

- Choices at 14, 16 and 18;
- Further Education College;
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships;
- Higher Education (including HE provided at local colleges);
- Job sectors and growth;
- Funding and support.

Answers are clearly written and link to additional information in the Careerpilot website or to other websites.

Access the Parent Zone from the [Careerpilot home page](#) or by clicking on this link [Parent Zone](#)

The site is managed by the Western Vocational Progression Consortium based at the University of Bath and funded through a partnership of 13 universities and 5 Uni Connects.

www.careerpilot.org.uk

Online Work Experience Sessions

Hosted live from the UK and watched across the world, Year 10 - Year 13 students are able to learn about their future careers and take part in interactive sessions where they can gain some experience of careers that they would like to find more about.

The schedule is as follows:

Medicine Career Day - Saturday 8th October 2022

Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 9th October 2022

Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 15th October 2022

Psychology Career Day - Saturday 5th November 2022

Business Career Day - Saturday 12th November 2022

Architect Career Day - Saturday 19th November 2022

Vet Career Day - Saturday 26th November 2022

Law Career Day - Saturday 3rd December 2022

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 10th December 2022

Performing Arts Career Day - Saturday 17th December 2022

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to choose a session and sign up and each session costs £59 for the day

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers



Students in Year 10 -13

Are you interested in law? Would you like to learn more about the various pathways into the industry?

On **Tuesday 11th October from 5:00pm - 6:00pm** we're hosting an online event with international law firm Charles Russell Speechlys. Charles Russell Speechlys are a top 30 law firm headquartered in London with offices across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East with revenues of £120 million.

We know how rare Solicitor Apprenticeships are as well as Mentoring and Work Experience placements within the legal profession. This is your chance to hear from global law firm Charles Russell Speechlys and discover how you can join their exciting school leaver programs open to Y12 & Y13 students across the U.K.

You will get some incredible insights from top lawyers at the firm, take part in some fantastic workshops and get a really great understanding of the alternative routes into the legal profession.

This gives students just like you such a leg up into the industry straight from school with no university debt, a salary from day one and you become a fully qualified solicitor!



To sign up to this **online event click here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73Z9QJN>

Law & Finance Career Opportunities

Summer Career Experiences in London



Summer Experiences: Ages 15-18

Summer Experiences: Ages 12-14

For the ultimate experience in Law & Finance-related careers, students should register for our Summer Experiences. Trade the stock market in a City skyscraper, argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court, value a FTSE 100 company and much much more.

Students can register for these now at a 15% discount.

INVESTIN

**Law & Finance Career Opportunities
For Ages 12-18**

At UCL or Live Online in November & December



[Law](#) / [Investment Banking](#) / [Politics](#) /

[Entrepreneurship](#) / [International Development](#)

We are delighted to offer your students opportunities in 5 Law & Finance-related industries at UCL this term. The programmes provide **an opportunity for students to learn from top professionals, including barristers, MPs, corporate lawyers, investment bankers and hedge fund managers.** Highlights include:

- Participate in a mock murder trial
- Public speaking coaching by barristers
 - Negotiate in an M&A deal
- Learn how to value stocks & shares

Plus, Q&A time with all the professionals and guidance on university choices, interviews and applications.

View & Register: Ages 15-18

View & Register: Ages 12-14

Seminars, Open Days and Opportunities



Free Oxbridge preparation webinars. Varsity Scholars are offering a series of webinars to guide Oxbridge candidates at this important stage of the admissions process. These are on admissions tests and interviews. See their website for details and booking: <https://www.varsityscholars.co.uk/webinars>



Interested in Apprenticeships, Flying Start Degrees or Degree Apprenticeships? Whether you want to become a Chartered Accountant, a specialist in Tax, a Technology expert or a Management Consultant, Professional Services firm PwC have got a programme that may suit you. They have a number of school and college leaver roles available. For more information and applications see: <https://www.pwc.co.uk/schools>



The Royal Institution 2022 Christmas Lectures. This year, Dame Sue Black will share the secrets of the real-life scientific detective process of forensic science used to identify both the dead and the living. The lectures will be filmed on the 13, 15 & 17 December and the ballot for tickets for 11–17 year olds and an accompanying parent is now open. You do have to be a member of the RI (£30 annual membership fee) to enter the ballot. For more information see: <https://www.rigb.org/>



Get into Springpod! Springpod is a free careers network for young people aged 13-18. It can help you explore your options in the world of work and build connections. Find out about a huge range of career paths, discover what you'll earn, what subjects you need to study and other key information. Springpod is currently promoting virtual work experience opportunities with several major companies including BT and Airbus as well as the NHS. Find out more from <https://www.springpod.co.uk/work-experience/>



The JCA | London Fashion Academy Virtual Open day. Taking place on 12 October 12:30pm BST. World-renowned shoe designer and Founder of JCA, Prof. Jimmy Choo OBE will be welcoming attendees virtually to give them a further insight into the courses they have on offer. A unique opportunity to not only explore the JCA | London Fashion Academy, but a chance to connect and learn from one of the leading voices in the fashion industry for those just starting their careers within it. For more details and booking see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/october-wednesday-12th-open-day-virtual-tickets-372719262347>

Mental Health and Wellbeing



This week, the Sixth Form Mental Health Team of Sixth Form students, led a truly remarkable Testimony assembly to both Year 12 and Year 13 students. This was the first time, since Covid times, that we have been able to run the assembly where young people bravely gave honest testimonies to their peers about times when they had struggled and how they got through this.

There is no doubt that these assemblies were the most powerful yet in terms of the reaction from the students and staff in the room. The impact that Covid has had on the mental health of young people was shared with statistics in a quiz, but was most evident by the reaction of the students during and immediately after the assemblies; the atmosphere in the hall was palpable. This year, we also were so grateful to some of our amazing staff who and Solution Focused Practitioners, who also shared their own experiences with poor mental health and how they got through this. When we are able to express our vulnerability to others, we are breaking down the stigma surrounding mental health concerns. We are inviting young people to seek the counselling support that Beechen Cliff School is proud to provide, due to the importance of this for their future happiness and success in life. We hope that these personal testimonies will encourage students to seek the support they need, whilst they are still at school and to be able to leave us with a toolkit to cope with life's inevitable challenges.

Beechen Cliff School places huge importance on the mental wellbeing of its pupils and students and our Mental Health Mission Statement is all about "Feeling good and functioning well"

"We want all Beechen Cliff students to leave us knowing how to talk about their mental health as part of their all round wellbeing and with the resilience to be successful in life"

The Sixth Form Student Mental Health team, after a well-deserved break, will soon be planning Mental Health testimony assemblies for the Lower School Year pupils. We look forward to bringing you details of when these will be happening in due course.

If you son or daughter is struggling with their mental wellbeing we would encourage them or you to make the Pastoral Teams aware, both in the Sixth Form and the Lower School. We are here to help.

Susie Ingram
Mental Health



Rewards Week

Date : 30 September 22

House results

	House	Points
1st	Shakespeare	836
2nd	Byron	821
3rd	Kipling	805
4th	Milton	700

Year group results

	Year group	Points
1st	8	907
2nd	7	737
3rd	9	721
4th	10	527
5th	11	270

Tutor results

Positives

Year	Tutor group	Average Points
7	Kipling 7a	9.05
8	Shakespeare 8a	10.64
9	Shakespeare 9a	9.38
10	Shakespeare 10b	7.78
11	Kipling 11a	4.4

Congratulations to Shakespeare House, Year 8 and the tutor groups above who have accumulated the most positives in the first few weeks of term. Well done!

Pat Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare

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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CALL 01225 425935**



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