

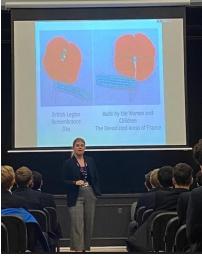
10th November 22

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our assemblies and Theme of the Week tutor sessions have focussed on remembrance in the build up to Armistice Day on Friday. Miss Higgs has led assemblies with all Houses with the opportunity to learn more about the history of conflict since the start of the twentieth century and the significance and importance of remembrance.





As a school we will be holding a 2 minute silence on Friday at 11am to show respect for those who have served their country and to those who have died in conflict.

Next week our Year 11 pupils will be taking their Mock Examinations. This will be an important step in their preparation for GCSE exams next summer and we wish them all the best with their final revision and the week ahead. Further information on the examinations is available on the school website: https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/ curriculum-assessment/exams-assessment/

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T. D. Markall Headteacher



Calendar

14th -18th November

Year 11 Mock Exams

Tuesday 15th November

Riverford Cookery Event

Tuesday 22nd November

Sixth Form Winter Ball

Thursday 24th November

Lower Sixth Parents Evening 4.30—8pm

Saturday 26th November

Bath Hub (with Hayesfield and St Marks) Year 7 Legoland Trip

Friday 2nd December

Bath Hub Careers Day - Achieving Ambitions

Tuesday 6th December

Bath Schools Hub Year 8 trip—Bath on Ice

Wednesday 7th December

Bath Schools Hub Year 9 trip—Bath on Ice

Thursday 8th December

Year 11 Parents Evening 4.30—8pm Bath Schools Hub Year 10 trip Bath on Ice

Thursday 15th December

Beechen Cliff Carol Service at Bath Abbey

Friday 9th—Friday 16th December

Upper Sixth Mock Exams

Friday 16th December

End of Term



Key Notices

<u>Parent Survey (for parents with children</u> in Years 7-11)

All parents with children in Years 7-11 will receive a Parent Survey via parentmail this week. We would be grateful if parents could take the time to complete this survey to give feedback on the school which can feed into our self evaluation and improvement planning.

Please complete this survey either via the link below or via the email sent out.

https://forms.gle/ggayMcyK7r3oxzut7

Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

Term Dates

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are now listed on our website https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/term-dates/

Rewards

This term we are focusing on House Rewards. All pupils in year 7-11 can play their part and contribute towards their House. Included in the competition is attendance, punctuality, house points actioned from positives, inter-house rugby, inter-house cross country, reading and any other subject events.

Each pupil in the winning House will get a free waffle from a Load 'o' Waffle who are visiting the school on Monday 12th December. We're hoping all the pupils will get involved in all activities on offer to help their House.

P Macdonald Head of Shakespeare House

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

It is important that <u>all absences</u> 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

Lower Field parking

We currently have parking in place on our lower field for a small number of staff cars whilst the building works are taking place on the Sports Barn.

Can we please ask that parents **do not** drive onto the field to drop off and pick up their child. It is for staff only and we need to respect our local neighbours by keeping traffic and congestion there to a minimum.

Progress Reports

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7, 11 and U6th progress reports are available for parents to view on INSIGHT. Please note progress reports for years 8, 9, 10 and L6th will be published in the next few weeks

Andrew Seal
Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum and
Assessment

Governor Vacancy

The Local Governing Body are looking to recruit a governor to fill the Equalities Governor role that we currently carry as a vacancy. We are looking for someone who is committed to supporting the school and dedicated to ensure that the young people at Beechen Cliff grow up to value equality and diversity and to respect people from different backgrounds, cultures and gender. We are looking to build on the equalities work undertaken over the last few years and to extend this further. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in this role, please email me helen.eastwood@msnpartnership.com so that we can arrange to meet to discuss it further.

Menu for w/c 14th November

Monday: Chicken and chorizo Casserole, Veggie Chilli

Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, Lentil cottage pie

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Goats cheese and roasted pepper filo parcel (D,W)

Thursday: Spicy Quorn sausage and tomato pasta (W), Vegetable and butterbean goulash

Friday: Breaded Cod (W), Parmesan butternut squash and rosemary risotto (D)

Dan Keal Chef (D) = Contains Dairy Products (W) = Contains Wheat Products

Sixth Form Winter Ball— Tuesday 22nd November



School Contacts

We believe that communication between parents and carers and The School is really important. If parents or carers have a concern, query or information to pass on then please do contact us. A list of contact details for senior staff is available on the School Website and via the link below.

Contacts

Alternatively please email headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

LIBRARY NEWS

On 3rd November, Author Seth Burkett visited KS3





Seth really inspired everyone in school with his life stories of travel, football and writing.

One teacher commented, 'This morning's speaker was genuinely brilliant - both as a presenter and with the kids.'

Seth started with assemblies to Year 7, 8 and 9.

He spoke about how the biggest challenges in his life led to the greatest opportunities. He told us tales of his time in Brazil and Sri Lanka and the people he met

there. The boys were amazed by how many big names and footballing heroes he had played and worked with. He was honest about his own difficulties with writing in school and explained that he honed his skills by reading. He also writes most of his first drafts on his phone!

Later, Seth worked with groups of children, chosen by their English teachers. Some Year 8 boys created an advertising campaign for a pair of trainers. Later, two groups from across KS3 learned how non-fiction authors write biographies and how ghostwriters help celebrities to write their autobiographies. Read some of the pupils' work below. Seth ended the day with a book signing.

Usain Bolt: The Biggest Race

Sweat trickled down his face and dripped onto the track. The red track seemed stained with the blood and sweat that he had spilt to get to this point. His mouth, ironically, was the only dry part of his body. Already he could taste victory, yet doubt continued to sneak up on him. The world's eyes were on the running man, carrying his country on his shoulders. Crossing his chest and looking up at the sky for a blessing, Usain Bolt pulled the powers of his God towards him and channelled them into his race. Crowds cheering. Heart pounding. Then silence.

All I have to do is run.

Taken from work by:

Harry D. Ben S. Jacob C. Peter C. Hugo D. Gabe C. Sam R. Charlie D. Pip C.

Seth said:

'The Beechen Boys gave me such a warm, polite welcome. They listened well, engaged fully with the workshops and were so friendly. All the year groups impressed, but Year 9 stood out as being one of the best groups of this age I have come across. What a great day! Thank you Beechen Cliff.'

That's all for now. Keep reading!

Laura Bridge

Library Lead

Homework in IT and Computing

We use Google Classroom in all our lessons, so please remember that not all the work that is posted needs to be completed as homework. Any assignments that should be completed at home will be clearly labelled with **homework** in the title.

In year 7, 8 and 9 we set homework projects that should be completed independently from the classroom and will take two to three weeks to complete.

Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

This week all KS3 students and Computer Science/ICT students at KS4 and KS5 have taken part in the Bebras International Computational Thinking Challenge. All the students who take part will get a certificate for participation, merit or distinction.



Students who achieve a score in the top 10% of the UK will also receive a Gold certificate and be invited to take part in the 2023 Oxford University Computing Challenge, which takes place at the end of January 2023.

If you'd like to have a go at some of the challenges from previous years you can find them at https://www.bebras.uk/.

Ms L Jarvis Head of IT and Computing

PSHE Session this Term

This term the students will be covering the following topics in their PSHE lessons.

Year 7 - Friendships and Bullying

Year 8 - Healthy Relationships and Personal Qualities

Year 9 - Relationships, Contraception and staying safe online

Year 10 - Careers

Year 11 - Gender Stereotypes and Positive Relationships.

If you would like any further information please contact <u>Awilmot@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

Thank you,

Mrs A Wilmot (She/Her) Head of PSHE

Extra-Curricular

New Club-YU-Gi-Oh!

Yu-Gi-Oh is a very popular card game in which two opponents 'duel'.

The game involves a lot of literacy and numeracy by reading card texts and lots of quick calculations and demands the use of critical thinking to create strategy.

Wednesdays after school (3.20pm—4.20pm) in S4, starting on 9th November

Mainly for pupils in Years 7-9 but other years are most welcome. to join in as well.



It will be held after school at 3.20pm - 4.20pm in S4 on Wednesdays hosted by me, Mr. Pritchard!

Simon Pritchard Science Teacher

Beechen's Got Talent

This year for Children In Need Beechen Cliff will be hosting 'Beechen's Got Talent'. The event will be taking place on Thursday 1st December from 6pm. We want to give students from across all years the chance to showcase their best talents. Be it Singing, Acting, Football Skills, Magic, Comedy or anything else you can think of, we want to see what you can do!

If you want to take part and raise money for a great cause, please sign up for an audition on either Wednesday 9th or Tuesday 15th November using this <u>link</u>

Mr J Harriman Music Technician



Senior Tennis

The U18 tennis team began their winter season with an away fixture against Bishop Wordsworth in Salisbury yesterday. It was a competitive fixture though the opposition were slightly more 'match sharp' leading to a defeat by 5 matches to 1. The team now looks forward to upcoming fixtures against Exeter and Sherborne.



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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 14th November (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Tuesday 15 th November	U14 rugby v Reading Blue Coat (h)	14:30	13:45	n/a	
	U15 rugby v Monkton (h)	14:30	13:45		
	Primary school football tournament @ Odd Down	9:30	8:45	1xMB	12:30
Wednesday 16 th November	2nd XV rugby v Ivybridge (Weston Hornets)	14:30	12:00	1x30	
	U12a & U13a rugby v Millfield Prep (a)	13:30	12:00		
Thursday 17 th November	Girls Hockey v Downside (a)	14:00	13:00		
Saturday 19 th November	U12a, b & c rugby v QEH (a)	10:30			
	U13a&b rugby v QEH (h)	10:30			

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.

Pat Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare/PE

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Here at Beechen Cliff we collaborate with Tara Gretton, the solution focused practitioner from Solution Revolution. Tara offers support to many of our students. Here Tara provides some food for thought...

Food for thought on how adults interact with children and young people..

We mostly think we need to be told what to do. Or that we think we know what's best when it comes to children and young people.

Especially in relation to mental well-being. Our negativity bias leads us to belief that by thinking negatively we are keeping ourselves safe, so much so that we can find it difficult to notice and capture what we already do that works that helps us.

We as adults often believe we have wisdom by age and experience. By giving children and young people advice we are missing a trick; we are taking away the opportunity for people to notice themselves; to lean into their raw wonder and ability to self regulate and manage their challenges themselves.

Why focus on people as problems who need to be fixed?

They are not defined by that issue. They are so so much more.

Would it not be more useful to focus on what works? On what people can do already?

People do not arrive into a conversation with an issue that they are not trying to manage already in some way.

Children and young people are no different.

Children and young people are so much more open and full of awareness and wisdom than us adults are. Inviting a conversation on what's' hoped for and how they manage already is like further igniting an already burning furnace. Seeing the heat and power rise and stand tall as the thinking opens up so much that together in that interaction a narrative is co-created of what they hope for and a rich description is told of their existing strengths and capabilities.

This is scientifically proven.

Children philosophically have been seen as a blank slates for many years. A believe that we could not learn from our youth. Alison Gopnik, a professor of psychology and philosophy and her wonderful research has blown this out of the water.

Alison Gopnik describes young people as being at the cutting age of social change and that during adolescence there is a burst of creativity, flexibility and ability to find solutions to problems, that adults can't do so well.

Take a moment

Step back

Observe

Listen

Be curious

Take a not knowing position

And notice the innate ability of children and young people burst into flames



#itstimetobesolutionfocused

#solutionfocused

#giveyoungpeopleavoice

#psychology #change #research #opportunity #creativity #people #experience #power

Tara Gretton

Solution Focused Practitioner and Founder of Solution Revolution www.solutionrevolution.co.uk 07780 711797

Riverford Cookery Evening—15th November



Dear All

The PTA are putting on veg cookery events for parents, very kindly hosted and supported by Riverford's local team—Vicki and Alan Mowat—who are parents at Beechen Cliff

The cookery event is aimed at parents/carers of pupils in all years and will take place in the Refectory on Tuesday 15th November from 7—9pm. It's just £15 for a 2 hours class and a full supper—and all proceeds will go to the PTA. Please 'Bring Your Own Alcohol', if you would like a drink while we cook and eat. Its' a un and relaxed evening which gives you a chance to meet other parents while being inspired to make the most of seasonal organic vegetables and learning a few veg cookery tips. You'll also have the chance to take a look at Riverford's veg boxes and it's an ideal event if you are thinking about getting a box and would like to find out more. If you start a regularly delivery, the PTA will receive a further £25 donation from Riverford once you've had three deliveries.

Spaces are strictly limited to 10 for this event, so log into ParentPay to secure your places/s.

PTA AGM MEETING

Come and join the
PTA meeting on
Wednesday 23rd Nov 2022
7.30pm at The Boat House
BA1 3NB

Beechen Cliff Vacancy

Data Officer

https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/data-officer-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1726284

Closing date: Monday 14th November

Cleaner

https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/cleaner-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1728076

Closing date: Monday 21st November

Careers

Skills Gap



Skills Gap is a career accelerator that runs insightful workshops for young people aged 15-19 — because it's never too soon to think about building your skills for a competitive edge in your future studies and career.

They are offering a range of intensive workshops this winter, all designed specifically for 15-19 year olds and delivered to small groups by experienced industry experts:

AI in Finance

Saturday, 12 Nov 2022

The world of finance has been an early adopter of machine learning, from fraud detection to finance chat bots, yet it's still just touching the surface of AI's potential. Our workshop is led by Chelsea Murray, a data scientist at ING with a Masters in Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence from University of Cambridge. Chelsea will introduce you to the vast range of financial AI applications and give you practical experience training a machine learning algorithm to predict credit card fraud.

AI for Scientists

Saturday, 26 Nov 2022

Genome sequencing, protein-folding, quantum computers... AI is transforming every area of science. Our online workshop, taught by a science expert, introduces you to AI in different scientific fields and valuable tech skills for science professionals. You'll also get practical experience training a machine learning model to predict the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic – a great addition to your CV.

Robotics in Space

Saturday, 3 Dec 2022

From exploring the surface of Mars to sizing-up metallic asteroids, the race is on to unlock the mysteries of the universe and answer our planet's biggest challenges. Taught online by robotics experts, this workshop gives a fascinating insight into today's space industry. Take part in a hands-on exercise to design an autonomous robotic lander to explore Europa and get career tips and advice to get ahead.

If you're looking for a competitive edge for your studies or career, these workshops are the perfect opportunity to arm yourself with valuable skills and knowledge.

For further information and to register for any of the events, please visit <u>www.skillsgap.tech</u>.

Mrs E Pascoe Head of Careers Beechen Cliff School

INVESTIN

STEM & Medicine Summer Experiences: For Ages 12-18

In world-class hospitals and industry sites across London



Architecture I Dentistry I Engineering I Forensic Science I
Investment Banking I Medicine I Psychology I Software
Engineering I Veterinary I Video Game Design

Do your students want to experience life in the fast-lane of a STEM or Medicine-related career next summer?

Our Summer Experiences give teenagers real-life industry experience alongside real-life professionals, empowering them to choose the right career path and gain vital professional skills before leaving school. Highlights include:

Medicine: shadow doctors in a hospital; experience emergency theatre: learn to take blood

<u>Engineering</u>; explore a Boeing jet with aerospace engineers; visit a supercar showroom with F1 engineers; design an aerofoil

Plus 8 other industries with highlights listed below.

All STEM Summer Experiences

Architecture: complete design projects in a real studio

Dentistry: drill teeth on phantom heads

Engineering: take apart a petrol engine with F1 engineers

Forensic Science: explore a simulated crime scene

Investment Banking: trade the markets live in a London skyscraper

Medicine: shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital

Psychology: carry out patient consultations in a simulated clinic

Software Engineering: create your own app from start to finish

Veterinary Medicine: examine and diagnose real animals

Video Game Design: design a game and pitch to industry leaders

View All: Ages 12-14

View All: Ages 15-18

ABBEY ROAD AMPLIFY

Abbey Road Studios Amplify 7, 8 & 12 November 2022

Amplify is back!

Over three days coinciding with our 91st Anniversary, we will once again open our doors to the next generation of artists, producers, composers and creatives for a free festival featuring panel discussions, masterclasses and Q&As. Alongside the Abbey Road team, some of the music industry's leading names will share career insights from their personal journeys, as well as advice for upcoming talent.

If you're a young artist, composer, producer or simply looking to navigate the music industry, you can enter the ballot to be in the room or watch the live stream as the sessions happen!

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Mrs E Pascoe Head of Careers

FREE COMPETITION - Enter for World Antibiotics Awareness



We are excited to announce the launch of the Superbugs: Join the Fight! competition - a creative communication challenge that asks pupils to spread the word about superbugs!

Now in its fifth successful year, reaching over 450,000 pupils across the UK and Ireland, Superbugs: Join the Fight! brings science to life by teaching pupils aged 5-14 how their actions can help combat superbugs and antibiotic resistance (AMR), and challenging them to tell the world by designing a poster.

Enter for World Antibiotics Awareness Week

UNMISSABLE PRIZE

The winning entry from each age category (5-7, 7-11, 11-14) will win a brilliant interactive workshop for them and their friends, to bring their entry to life through the power of video. They'll get hands-on with professional video equipment and take home their very own storyboard and edited advert.



Register today to download this year's competition leaflet - why not encourage your students to design their poster for World Antibiotics Awareness Week (18th-24th November)?

Download the competition leaflet

Sony Work Photography Award

For this year's Youth competition we're asking you to show us Your Everyday. What does your day-to-day look like? What people surround you? What scenes do you see – bustling streets or idyllic landscapes? Whatever the genre, technique or subject matter, we want to embrace your unique view of the world. Enter up to three images for free now!



- Free to enter and open to photographers under 19 year-olds submitting single images taken in 2022
- Competition runs to 6 January 2023
- Photographers can enter up to three images relating to the theme "Your Everyday"
- Judges will select a shortlist of up to 10 photographers
- Shortlist compete to be Youth Photographer of the YearOverall winner receives Youth Photographer of the Year title
- Please see 'Rules' below for full image eligibility criteria
- Deadline for entries is 6 January 2023 at 13:00 (GMT)

For young passionate photographers aged under 19 years-old, first prize is top Sony digital imaging equipment.

Sign up here: https://www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards/youth

Deloitte. Deloitte BrightStart Apprenticeships 2023-24. Applications for Deloitte's programme are now open. A range of programmes are available across the UK including roles in Cyber, Audit & Assurance, Consulting, Business & Financial Advisory, Consulting, Governance, Risk & Regulation and Deloitte Digital. These are earn-while-you-learn apprenticeships, with the chance to gain professional and degree level qualifications. For details and applications see: https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/

BRITISH AIRWAYS

British Airways Insight Event. From pilots to cabin crew, project management or business, to engineering and digital careers, British Airways, one of the U.K's most iconic brands has a range of careers available. On Monday 14 November from 5:00pm - 6:00pm Young Professionals will be hosting an online event with British Airways to showcase the range of career opportunities they offer. Registration Link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BA-Insight-Evening

Letzlive Gap Year Placements. Letzlive specialise in the recruitment of overseas Gap Assistants in schools across Australia, New Zealand and Thailand. All positions offered include board and lodging in addition to a weekly stipend during your time abroad. Depending on the country of destination, placements are either six or eleven months in duration. Letzlive are now taking applications for July 2023 and January 2024 (the start of the academic year in Australia and NZ). For more details and applications see: www.letzlive.org

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers



ST JOHN AMBULANCE CADET UNIT IS OPENING IN JANUARY

COME AND SEE US ON OUR OPEN EVENING

WHAT YOU WILL FIND OUT:

- > MEET OUR YOUTH LEADERS
- > THE TRAINING AND OTHER THINGS YOU WILL DO
- > MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CADETS

WHEN: Thursday December 1st 18.45 - 20.15 WHERE: St John Ambulance, Weirside Court, Lower Bristol Road, Bath BA2 1AZ CONTACT: ruth.foreman@sja.org.uk





Family Christmas prize bingo. All ages are welcome to come along and join us for a night of fun, singing and bingo. Raffle and Refreshments available. No need to book just turn up on the night.

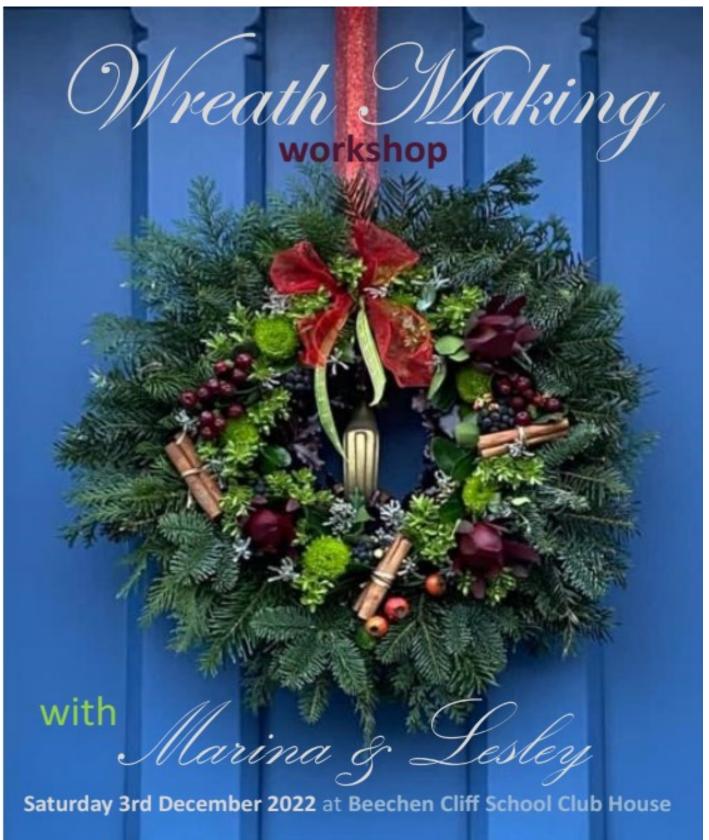
If anyone or any local businesses are able to donate towards the raffle or prizes we would be extremely grateful. For more information please contact kirstie on kirstiecardoza@ymail.com





Tickets are available from the following link www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayesfield





£45 p/p to secure your booking payment required by 26th Nov. 9am-10.30am, 11.30am-1pm, 1.30-3pm (max 8 per session). Select and pay your preferred time via marinaroyles@yahoo.co.uk