



BEECHEN CLIFF

3rd November 22

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have had author Seth Burkett visit and deliver assemblies to all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 and workshops with groups of students throughout the day.

It has been brilliant to hear his story which we hope will inspire our pupils in both their reading and writing.



With the recent wet weather the school field is no longer available as a play space for pupils throughout the winter.

We have therefore designated different zones for different year groups during breaktimes and lunchtimes and moved to separate break times (we already have separate lunchtimes) to ensure all pupils have sufficient space during their breaktimes and lunchtimes.

The only adjustments to the timings of the school day are between 10am and 11.30am and details are available on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/the-school-day/timings-of-the-school-day/>

T. D. Markall

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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
Day

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 Mocks Exams

Friday 16th December

End of Term



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Key Notices

Parent WhatsApp Groups

We are aware many parents and carers are part of WhatsApp Groups with other parents of pupils within the school and these are found to be useful means of communication.

We have, however, recently received concerns from some parents over what is posted on these groups, including comments about individual teachers or pupils, which can be quite upsetting for those involved.

Whilst these groups are set up and run independently from the school, we would ask that there is careful consideration about what is posted.

If you have specific queries or concerns you would like to raise or information you would like to pass on to the school please contact us via using the contact details provided on the school website.

Mr T D Markall
Headteacher

Cycling to school

We encourage greener methods of transport to school, including cycling. However, if your child currently cycles to school, please could you ensure they are aware of the Highway code and cycle responsibly and carefully. We have had a number of reports from the public of near misses recently and need to ensure our pupils are safely travelling to and from school. We have also passed messages to all tutors to discuss with their tutees.

Catherine Capsey
Operations Manager and Heads PA

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

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,

Please note that Year 11 and U6th progress reports are available for parents to view on INSIGHT.

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.

Parents Evening Dates for Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note the following parents evenings will take place during Term 2.

Lower Sixth Parents Evening— 24th November
4:30-8pm

Year 11 Parents Evening - 8th December
4:30-8pm.

All will be held remotely using the parents-booking platform. A letter will be sent out prior to each giving instructions as to how to book and attend the meetings.

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum and Assessment

Menu for w/c 31st October

Monday: Chicken Tagine, Pepper and Tomato Pasta Bake (D,W)

Tuesday: Beef Bourguignon, Tomato and Cheddar Pinwheel (D,W)

Wednesday: Roast Loin of Pork, Vegetable Wellington (W)

Thursday: BBQ Pork Steak, Pepper Red Onion and Potato Frittata (D)

Friday: Mac and Cheese (D,W), Beetroot Falafel (W)

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.

Theme of the Week

Scaling

Theme of the week this week is taking a Solution Focused approach to reflecting on the start of the year.

What and why?

Scaling is a powerful tool in enabling people to map and visualise their changes.

Tutor to draw simple scale from 0 to 10 on the board - or you could do this on paper. 10 is your best, and 0 is the opposite of that. This can also be done at home, and you can be as creative as you like with scales.

This week tutors are going to talk about where you are on the scale and we will complete this exercise again at the end of term.



- On a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being you at your best and 0 being the opposite of that, where are you on the scale today?
- Where would you have put yourself on the scale at the end of last term? Higher or lower?
- Where on the scale relates to how you are feeling about this next term?



What was your main hope for the year ahead that you had set doing this task in September?

Do you feel on track to achieving this hope for the year?

Thinking back to the first term, would your main hope change?

If you could set yourself a goal to achieve this hope, what would it be?

Tutees to update their hopes for the year on post-it notes/paper that was completed in September.

Be ready, be your best, be kind and show respect.

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 Awilmot@beechencliff.org.uk

Thank you,

Mrs A Wilmot (She/Her)

Head of PSHE

Extra- Curricular

TRIPS - DEADLINES FOR SIGNING UP!

We have a number of trips that have recently been promoted with deadline for signing up. If you would like your child to take part please complete the relevant Google Form by the deadline.

Year 7 Normandy (July 2023)

<https://forms.gle/9ZSdpFnMocVm9UFP6>

Deadline - Friday 4th November

Bath Hub Schools' Year 8 Trip to Bath on Ice

Tuesday 6th December 2022 - <https://forms.gle/DucHJSbU8Gf52MgN7>

Deadline - Friday 4th November

Bath Hub Schools' Year 9 Trip to Bath on Ice

Wednesday 7th December 2022 - <https://forms.gle/oMuc2AkYJxWidqp76>

Deadline - Friday 4th November

Bath Hub Schools' Year 10 Trip to Bath on Ice

Thursday 8th December 2022 - <https://forms.gle/9WMxDSs1qrzDdJPx9>

Deadline - Friday 4th November

Year 7 Pantomime Trip (Thursday 5th January 2023) - Monday 7th November 2022.

<https://forms.gle/ZYf3WyJ6yDuWvV9h6>

Deadline - Monday 7th November

Year 10 and Year 12 French Study Trip to Montpellier 19th- 26th May 2023

<https://forms.gle/9UhH4cjYNb9WNO2r7>

Deadline - Monday 7th November

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

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 the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX_vSZLkZLoLnW8zyeQ1vljh0WoG82LTIWkh3yHuOGTc0Vfw/viewform

Mr J Harriman
Music Technician



The poster features a large blue star in the center with the text 'TICKETS £1 ON PARENT PAY OR £2 ON THE DOOR' inside it. Above the star is a white box with '1st DECEMBER 2022 6PM IN THE MAIN HALL'. To the left is a microphone icon and to the right is a blue cube with a question mark. The background is white with blue and yellow geometric shapes.

BEECHEN'S GOT TALENT

**1st DECEMBER 2022
6PM IN THE MAIN HALL**

SHOW OFF YOUR **TALENT** THIS WINTER WHATEVER IT MAY BE!

HAVE A CHANCE TO BECOME THE **CHAMPION** AND WIN A MYSTERY PRIZE

**TICKETS
£1 ON PARENT PAY
OR
£2 ON THE DOOR**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

WANT TO TAKE PART?
FILL IN THE GOOGLE FORM SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL OR SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE MUSIC BLOCK

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS **CHILDREN IN NEED**



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 7th November (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 7th	U15 rugby v Wellsway (a) - cup	1530	14:30	2xMB	
Tuesday 8th	U13a&b, U14a rugby v Malmesbury (h)	15:30	15:15	n/a	
	U12a rugby v Malmesbury (a)	15:30	14:00	MB	17:30
	U14 football v Millfield (Odd Down)	14:30	13:45	MB	16:00
	U16 rugby v Ralph Allen (Sulis Club)	15:30	14:15	MB/9s	17:00
	ACE Presentation Evening	19:00	-	-	
Wednesday 9th	U12 b&c rugby v Downside (a)	14:15	13:15	2xMB	16:00
	1st tennis v Bishops (a)	13:30	12:00	9S	
	1st XV v ??? (H) ACE Stage 2	14:30	14:00		
Thursday 10th	U18 Indoor Hockey Tournament @ Bath Uni	10:00	8:25	MB	
	2nd/3rd XV rugby v Llandaff (a)	14:30	11:15	1x25	
	Primary football tournament @ Odd Down	9:30	8:45	MB	
	U13a rugby v NH (a)	15:45	14:45	MB	17:15
	U16 football v Castle (h- Odd Down)	14:30	13:45	9S	
Friday 11th	U15 Rugby v Hardenhuish Nat Cup (A)	3.00			

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

Piano Concert

The school held the annual piano concert on Thursday 20th October 2022 at St Luke's church.

26 performers were involved, including 3 pupils from Hayesfield and one from St Mark's. A wide range of pieces were performed and the repertoire included music from Beethoven through to Randy Newman!

The standard was very high and all performers contributed to a wonderful evening of music which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Special thanks must go to St Luke's Church for the hire of the building and the Grand Piano and also Marina Beare of the PTA for helping out with front of house and Interval refreshments.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music



Creative Writing Club

Creative Writing Club starts next Thursday (10th November) 3:30-4:30 in E3

Open to all years.

Jess Davies
English Teacher



Sixth Form Inter-house Hockey

Congratulations Kipling House, the winners of the Sixth Form inter-house hockey tournament on the penultimate day of term. There was a fantastic turnout of players and supporters and we are looking forward to the next event. A big thank you to our Sports Captains, Jemima and Kate, along with the PE department.

K Mather
Head of Sixth



PTA Notices

The PTA would like to say a BIG thank you!

Thank you to all the fantastic Volunteer mums; Geri, Jo, Fiona and Naomi, who ran the uniform sale on Saturday 22nd October and to all the parents that donated uniforms and text books for all the sales

We raised a fantastic **£825** on Saturday!!

It was a great amount that will go straight back to the school. If any parents would like to volunteer to help with future sales or the PTA in general, you are always welcome! Please get in touch with me on the email below. The next sale will be in the Winter term at the Club House.

Thank you again for keeping uniform supplies coming in, we are very grateful. To date we have raised approximately **£11,265** to go towards school.

Any enquiries about Second Hand Uniform please contact :

Lesley Leeming: secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com

Waterstations

The PTA donated £3,600 in conjunction with a grant from Wessex Water towards the cost of two new water bottle refill stations to reduce the use of single use plastic. These are now located within school grounds near the rugby pitch and outside the art block.

Please let your son/ daughter know about them.

PTA



PTA AGM MEETING

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

RIVERFORD ORGANIC FARMERS



"Last term we welcomed parents to two fun and sociable cookery workshops in the refectory. My cookery workshops are informative and friendly, giving you ideas for teen-friendly recipes that are packed with veg. I'll be holding more events this year and look forward to seeing you there!"

Vicki



Beechen Cliff PTA: Tuesday 15th November, Riverford Cookery Evening event £15 per person.

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 hour 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. It's a fun 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're thinking about getting a box and would like to find out more. If you start a regular delivery, the PTA will receive a further £25 donation from Riverford once you've had 3 deliveries.

Spaces are strictly limited to 10 for this event, so log into ParentPay to secure your place/s. We will be running a waiting list so do email Lesley Leming at jesterlb@btinternet.com to add your name to the waiting list if you miss out.

Best wishes

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Careers

Rolls-Royce Apprentice & School Leaver Open Evening

Thursday 17th November 2022 – 17:30pm-19:30pm

Location: Rolls-Royce, Horizon Hall - Whittle House Customer Centre Reception, Gate 7 - PO Box 3, Gypsy Patch Lane, Filton, Bristol, BS34 6QA

This is an Invitation Only Apprentice Open Evening to share information about our future employment opportunities

The Open Evening will provide students and parents with the opportunity to explore the schemes we have here at Rolls-Royce, including a chance to talk with representatives from the Apprentice Development team, University of Bristol and Weston College, current apprentices and Recruitment Team who will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-apprentice-open-evening-bristol-uk-tickets-451665843697>

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY BOOK MAXIMUM 3 TICKETS PER HOUSEHOLD

We look forward to meeting you on the day!

The Early Career Team
Rolls-Royce



Super Curricular Lecture Series

Dear all,

Super Curricular talks, delivered by a couple of sixth form parent are taking place in the Main Hall this November

The expectation is that attendance should be compulsory to Sixth Form students studying the relevant subjects associated with the talk and that Years 10 and 11 with a particular interest or studying the related GCSEs are also invited to attend.

On Tuesday 1st November we enjoyed 'The Mathematics of 5G' which presented an introduction to signal processing for mobile telecommunications, and next Tuesday, 8th November the lecture, presented by Professor Andrew Heath from University of Bath is titled 'How can we travel more sustainably and safely?'

Marina Watts
Sixth Form

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8th NOVEMBER
3.30PM
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Presented by
Professor Andrew Heath
Department of Architecture and
Civil Engineering, University of Bath

YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND

The poster features a dark blue background with a circular inset showing a globe, an airplane, and a truck. The University of Bath crest is in the top right corner.

Creative College November Open Day invitation for Beechen Cliff School students

We would like to invite any Beechen Cliff School students who may be interested in finding out more about our Creative courses or jobs within the Creative Industries to come along and meet our staff team and explore our facilities.

Attendees are free to arrive and look around at any time during the event, but please note that there will be presentations starting at 10am and 12pm with lots of information on our current courses.

[Applications for September 2023](#) are now open for all of our Music, Media, Games, Computing & Esports courses with spaces filling up faster than ever

Students can book their places on our Open Day online at [Access Creative College - Open Day Saturday 26th November](#) - it would be appreciated if you could forward the attached artwork to any young creatives that may be interested (Year 10's - Y13's).



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Software Engineering Apprenticeship

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BRITISH PANTOMIME ACADEMY

PANTOMIME BPA TOURS

Cinderella

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BATH, BA2 3LA

SATURDAY
17th DECEMBER
11 AM, 1 PM and 3 PM

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Venue: The Roper Theatre

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