



BEECHEN CLIFF

8th December 22

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas tree at school is up and this week the Christmas activities have begun with trips to Bath on Ice taking place.



The week ahead is also packed full of Christmas events with Christmas Jumper Day, the Santa Run and Christmas market.

Assemblies this week have been based around volunteering and charity and our charity week continues until Wednesday next week. A big thank you to everyone who has been able to donate to our Bath Foodbank appeal and we will be delivering the donations on Wednesday.

Over the last few weeks our catering team have done a brilliant job in providing us with cuisine from all over the world linked to the teams participating in the football world cup. They are now gearing up for Christmas lunch next week, which we are all looking forward to.

Yesterday our U18 Rugby Team competed in the ACE League final against Hartpury College at Cheltenham Tigers RFC Ground. In the match Hartpury made a strong start leading 19-0 after 20 minutes. Beechen Cliff fought back and won the second half of the match 12-5 but despite increasing pressure Hartpury held on for a 24-12 victory. Whilst it was a disappointment on the day, it has been an excellent season and we are really proud of the team.

Upper Sixth students begin their mock exams on Friday and we wish them all the best during this busy week of revision and assessment, and hope it is a positive experience.

Finally, we have received contact from the UK Health Security Agency this week about the increase in cases of Scarlet Fever in recent weeks, which has also been in the local and national news. A letter and information they provided was emailed to parents and carers yesterday and a fact sheet has also been sent out with this newsletter.

T. D. Marshall

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Headteacher

Calendar

Thursday 8th December

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

Friday 9th—Friday 16th December

Upper Sixth Mock Exams

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch
Year 7,8 and 9 Santa Run
Year 7 Christmas Market

Thursday 15th December

Beechen Cliff Carol Service at Bath Abbey

Friday 16th December

End of Term (12.30pm for all pupils)

Monday 2nd January

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January

INSET

Wednesday 4th January

Start of Term for all pupils

Key Notices

End of term Arrangements

Please note that school will finish on Friday 16th December at 12.30pm and reopen for pupils on Wednesday 4th January at 8.25am. (Tuesday 3rd January is a designated INSET day).

Inclement Weather Arrangements

In the case of snow and information about school opening, in the first instance, please go to the school website and Twitter for up to date information.

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/>

Menu for w/c 12th December

Monday: Pepper tomato and Chorizo pasta (D,W),
Bean and mozzarella toasted wrap (D,W)

Tuesday: TBC

Wednesday: Christmas dinner. Turkey with all the trimmings, Roasted vegetable filo parcel with tomato and basil sauce (W)

Thursday: TBC

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

Please can we check all accounts are topped up at all times and especially on Wednesday to avoid disappointment.

Thank you and I hope you all have a great Christmas and new year

Dan Keal
Chef

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

PE and Games kit



Scholars are currently out of stock of Beechen Cliff PE and Games kits. However, the PTA have a large supply of both new and used kit. Please contact them directly on secondhanduniformBC@gmail.com

Cost of Living information on Live Well B&NES

BANES have created a helpful compilation of a range of local information from their Cost of Living section that may be of interest including Benefits, Energy costs, Food, Debt advice, Childcare costs, Help if you're experiencing illness or disability, Careers, Help with prescription and dental treatment charges and Money and Mental Health.

[Cost of Living information on Live Well B&NES](#)



Curriculum information for the New Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

Looking ahead to the new year, for students in years 7-11 you can see what your son will be studying in each subject in each term using the link below.

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/overview/subject-curriculum-information/>

For students in years 7, 8 and 9, we have also broken this down by year group so that you can see what your son will be studying in all of his subjects in each term.

To access the Year 7 Curriculum Booklet, please click [here](#)

To access the Year 8 Curriculum Booklet, please click [here](#)

To access the Year 9 Curriculum Booklet, please click [here](#)

Finally, I would just like to say that in the run up to Christmas, well done to all of our students for all of their hard work for this year. I hope all have a well deserved rest and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum and Assessment

Beechen Cliff Carol Service - Thursday 15th December

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our annual Carol Service will take place in Bath Abbey on Thursday 15th December at 7pm. This is an important event in the school calendar and is always well attended by parents and pupils.

In previous years, there has been an open invitation to all Year 7 pupils and parents to attend this service. We will continue with this tradition and hope that you will accept the invitation and enjoy the occasion.

If your son will be attending unaccompanied, please make arrangements to ensure that he can return home safely after the service at 8:30pm.

This is a joyous and uplifting occasion that provides the opportunity for all students to join in a school community celebration of Christmas at the start of their festive break. We hope to see you there!

Yours sincerely

Mr K Mann

Assistant Headteacher



Charity Event

Monday 5th - Wednesday 14th December



During this period we will be supporting Bath Foodbank

Founded in 2011, The Bath Foodbank is one of the hundreds of Trussell Trust Foodbanks in the country, and is one of the projects of Genesis Trust Bath.

Over the 8 years of its existence there has been evidence of increasing need.

The Bath Foodbank is run entirely by volunteers who operate the warehouse facility, the three distribution centres and the van for collections and deliveries.

It is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions of food and finance. It is generously supported by individuals, churches, schools, supermarkets and businesses.

Items to bring in....

Chocolate

Sponge Puddings

Instant Mash

Toiletries

Rice Pudding

Custard

UHT Juice

Tinned Fruit

Biscuits

Household Items Eg. Laundry Detergent,

Washing Up Liquid

UHT Milk (Long Life)

Squash

Sugar

Meat (Tinned)

Fish (Tinned)

Biscuits (Large Or Small Packet)

Spaghetti (Tinned)

Breakfast Cereal

Soup

Tomatoes (Tinned)

Tinned Vegetables)

Rice Pudding (Tinned)

Pasta

Cooking Sauces (Tins, Packets Or Jars)

Tea Bags

Baked Beans

Chocolate Bar (Single Bars Or Multipacks)

Coffee (Instant)

Jam

So how can our Beechen Cliff Community help?

- We will be asking those of you that are able to do so to bring in one item that we can deliver to our local Foodbank.
- We will collect the items in school and deliver them to our local collection point

We can make a difference!

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

What is volunteering? Why do it?

This weeks theme of the week is focusing on volunteering. People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.

Can anyone think of an example of where you could volunteer?

How could you give something back to your community?

Is there anyone that could use your help?



Volunteering in community projects and helping others can be very fulfilling.

Students who engage in volunteering can be more responsible with higher self-esteem and resilience.

Volunteering helps the students gain new skills necessary for the job market such as leadership, communication skills, dependability, time management, and decision making.

Students who volunteer build a stronger cv for college and workplace applications.

Volunteering gives students the opportunity to meet people outside of their usual circle, some of whom may have a positive impact on their future.

It's incredibly rewarding to see how your efforts can help improve the lives of others.



Mrs A Wilmot

Head of PSHE

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas



Beechen Cliff Santa Run Challenge 2022



- 3 laps of Alexandra Park - walk/jog
- Raising funds for The Stephen Lawrence Foundation and Extra Curricular clubs and activities in school
- Wear a Santa hat!

Prizes from the PTA for pupils who raise the most money!!

Parentpay link:

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/pta-beechen-cliff-school-2945>

Beechen Cliff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Data Officer

<https://www.eteach.com/job/data-officer-1292924>

Closing date: Wednesday 4th January

Invigilators

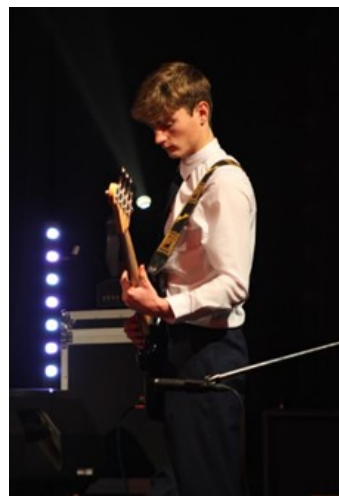
<https://www.eteach.com/job/invigilators-1293062>

Closing date: Wednesday 4th January

Extra- Curricular

Beechen Cliff's Got Talent

Congratulations to all who took part. It was a wonderful evening of musical entertainments with so much talent on display. A big thank you to our Sixth Form students, Tech Team and Mr Harriman for organising and well done to our winner, Max.



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 GODDLE FORM SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL OR SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE MUSIC BLOCK

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS CHILDREN IN NEED

BBBC Children in Need

Beechen Cliff Art Competition

We asked pupils to submit designs for this year's Christmas card and for the cover of the Carol Service schedule. Many thanks to all pupils who took part.

The chosen designs were Alex Smith in year 11, and Louis Ficquet in Year 8. The designs can be seen here:



Mr D Murphy
Head of Art



Christian Union

Christian Union (CU) is a club run on Mondays after school in P3. It's a space where anyone can come but is made especially for Christians. Usually we will play a game or two then we will have a short discussion about the Bible - with plenty of snacks dispersed throughout. Everybody is welcome. This week we enjoyed our Christmas Party!



Dan
Sixth Form Prefect

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

Year 7 Christmas Market



CHRISTMAS MARKET
for Year 7 only
Wednesday 14th December, after lunch.

Grown ups.... Ask your boys to bring in as many unwanted gifts/wrapping paper to school from 7th-13th Dec to 6th Form Silent Study Area at 8 -8.25am ONLY (underneath the Refectory). Advance payment of £2 per gift on Parentpay please. Free gift wrapping! Max gifts: 5 per pupil.

Pupils.... Cash/Card payment available on the day. £2 per gift if you'd like to participate! (If you haven't already paid on Parentpay). Includes a chocolate and drink too.

Elf helpers.... Arrive with scissors/ sellotape at 12pm to help set up. Market opens from 1pm.

All proceeds towards PTA Beechen Cliff School registered charity: 1079431

Email: ptabeechen@yahoo.com



PTA News

PTA GREAT NEWS

The PTA would like to announce the new Co Chairs: Snir Benelet and Katty Skardon and the new Treasurer Paul Fleming. They will be running the PTA imminently.

BEECHEN CLIFF SIXTH FORM



Y13 LEAVERS
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SPORTS

It has been fantastic over the past few months to see the high levels of engagement from pupils in sporting activities and team fixtures. We always endeavour to give our boys as many opportunities to get involved as possible and we greatly appreciate the support from parents, carers and the school community in achieving this goal.

In order to provide as many events as possible, we aim to organise our sporting fixtures within distinct blocks throughout the year, and where we can (normally only limited by availability of opposition) we try to offer A, B and C teams, allowing as many pupils as possible the chance to represent the school. There are only a finite number of fixtures that we can put into the academic calendar, but we do aim to create as broad a range of opportunities, across as many disciplines and abilities, as we have staff volunteers and resources for.

In addition, Beechen Cliff are proud to be able to take part in National and Somerset Schools' Cup competitions, which are organised outside of our control and therefore frequently fall outside of these distinct blocks. By the nature of such competitions, success allows progression within the event, and therefore there are occasions when we simply have to field our strongest teams. We will always attempt to be fair in our selection.

We recognise the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm so many of our students put into sports and extra-curricular activities and we will always try to ensure that every student gets their chance to shine and represent Beechen Cliff.

Mr G Hawkins

Head of Physical Education

Fixtures for week commencing 12th December (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 12 th December	U14 football v NH (a)	14:30	13:15	MB	
Tuesday 13 th December	KS3 Indoor Athletics	15:45	14.45	MB	
Wednesday 14 th December	U16 Indoor Hockey v BFS (a)	14:15	13.00	MB	
	2nd & 3rd XV rugby v RWB (Chippenham RFC)	14:30			
Thursday 15 th December	U16 football v St Bedes (a)	13:30	11:45	MB	16:00

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.

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](#)

Mental Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team wanted share with you an interview that took place in January 2021. The interview highlights the Solution Focused journey at Beechen Cliff with previous Head of Sixth Form James Oldham, Susie Ingram, a previous Pupil Felix Selwood and Tara Gretton. The interview was conducted by SFiO Solution Focus in Organisations -

"Focus on the 80%"

Case Study - Impact of Solution Focus in a UK school

Jan 10, 2021

Tara Gretton

Introduced by Anna-Julia Szabo

In this interview, we see how the Solution Focus approach has changed the culture of a school. There is a focus on enabling students and staff to have meaningful conversations, concentrating on possibilities and solutions and what is already working.

Tara Gretton introduced the Solution Focus approach in this school and met staff and students were very welcoming, full of energy and had a hunger for new possibilities for useful change. They quickly embraced the new ideas and found their own ways to apply them.

It is impressive to hear how the staff in this school:

- Rate the well-being and the mental health of their students very highly
- Believe that every interaction they have with another person can make a difference to that person's day or even their lives
- Work actively on the culture of their school, not doubting the positive effects this will have.

James Oldham and Susie Ingram talk about the school, the work they do and the impact of solution focused tools and assumptions in such a passionate way, giving their ideas on what is essential when you implement SF in any organisation.

We also hear from Felix Selwood a year 12 student about his thoughts on enabling students to talk together in a solution focused way and how:

- This interaction makes change possible
- You could apply it to any other organisation.

Felix is convinced that it will help people in any situation to do better work and have a more positive outlook on life.

It is refreshing to hear about all the change the staff and students are making possible and the impact it has on everyone in this school. Enjoy!

If you would like to see pupils and staff talk about the personal impact that this initiative has had at Beechen Cliff school, and the role Solution Focus has played in that. To watch this inspiring video [follow this link](#).

<https://youtu.be/UXRNOrICKqM>

We would also like to remind parents and carers of their invitation to an evening to share more about The Solution Focused Approach.

Parent Solution Focused Training

We are so excited to be able to offer this training to any Beechen Cliff parents and carers on Thursday

12th January 2023 from 6.00pm until 7.00p.

If you would like to attend, please can you book your place using the

Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/469035948147>

You will then receive further details and the Zoom link to join us closer to the time. We very much look forward to meeting you all.

Tara Gretton and Susie Ingram

With the medical school interviews in full swing, aspiring medics must have an up-to-date knowledge of medical ethics.

That is why we have put together this document, for students to study over the festive break. It includes the following:

- What does 'Medical Ethics' mean?
- What are the 4 pillars of Medical Ethics?
- Summary of well-known cases that broke the rules of Medical Ethics
- Top healthcare topics of 2022

You can access the document here: [An Introduction to Medical Ethics](#)

I also want to remind your aspiring medics that we still have a few spaces available on our residential medical work experience week in February 2023, which is a part of our Aspiring Medics Programme: [Aspiring Medics Programme](#)

Kind regards,



Mark Williams

Director of Learning

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Emma Pascoe

Head of Careers

Poster Competition

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"TURN OFF THE
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Crowd Funding Campaign for an ex Beechen Cliff School pupil who has gone to Bournemouth Film College?

Ralph Leming is in his final year at Bournemouth University and for his final project he is producing a film. His team have to raise funds to pay for all the scenery and actors they need. They have reached nearly £3.5K, but need a final push to get to £7600. Ralph is the Production Designer on the project.

I am including the Crowd Funding Link here and there is a write up of each team member and what their job entails and a short trailer of the film. There are rewards to be won depending on the amount you'd like to give.

[On My Time - a Film and Theatre crowdfunding project in Bournemouth by Thomas Wright \(crowdfunder.co.uk\)](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk)



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