



BEECHEN CLIFF

12th January 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carer,

The rain has seemed relentless this week but the pupils have shown resilience to brave the conditions both during the school day and during a number of football fixtures this week.

Some pupils have taken the opportunity to read at lunchtimes, no doubt inspired by Mr Newell's assemblies this week on the power of reading. We encourage all pupils to read widely both for enjoyment and well-being and to support with the development of knowledge and vocabulary.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are expected to have a reading book with them in school at all times and that all pupils in Years 7-11 have dedicated reading sessions as part of their morning tutor programme.

The clubs and activities list for Terms 3 and 4 is now on the website and as you will see in the newsletter, in addition to sports fixtures we are also planning a number of events in the weeks ahead including bands night, the Coast to Coast cycle challenge, Ten Tors and our school production of Oklahoma in partnership with Bath Theatre School and Hayesfield Girls School. We encourage all pupils to get involved with the opportunities available.

Let's hope for a week of more settled weather ahead.

T. D. Markall

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Headteacher

Calendar

Monday 16th January

Online Safety Assemblies for all year groups
Evening—Online Safety Information Sessions for parents

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th January

Year 11—Bristol Harbourside Trip

Thursday 19th January

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 26th January

Year 9 Parents Evening—from 4.30pm

Tuesday 31st January

Super Curricular Lecture—*Why is it so difficult to engineer the immune system to kill tumours*—Main Hall 3.30pm

Tuesday 7th February

Super Curricular Lecture — *How I became an astronomer*—Main Hall 3.30pm

Friday 10th February

End of Term 3

Monday 20th February

Start of Term 4

Thursday 23rd February

Year 7 Parents Evening from 4.30

Wednesday 1st March

Year 8 Parents Evening from 4.30

Safety

At this time of year, we would like to remind all students of the importance of personal safety on the journeys to and from school. With low light and poor visibility it is essential students are careful crossing roads and those cycling to and from school should have lights (as well as helmets!). All students have been reminded about ways to keep themselves safe in assemblies this week.

Mr Michael Ambrose
Deputy Headteacher

Key Notices

Uniform and Equipment Reminder

It is evident that many families have used the Christmas break to ensure all boys are correctly equipped for lessons, with all necessary stationary. If you still need to 'top up' then a full list of what is required can be found [here](#).

Could I please remind all parents of the [school uniform expectations](#), which include the requirement for all boys to wear their blazer every day and for footwear to be the black leather-type shoes but strictly not trainers, canvas shoes or boots. Black leather trainers are not acceptable. We recognise that uniform is expensive, and have taken steps to help reduce the cost for families by reducing the number of branded items required as shown on our website. In addition the PTA also has plenty of second hand uniform available.

Many thanks for your support in ensuring your child is fully equipped and smartly presented for school every day.

Mr Michael Ambrose
Deputy Headteacher

HPV Vaccinations for current Year 8 & 9

HCRG Care Group will be visiting school to administer HPV Vaccinations to Year 8 and 9 on 22nd February and 13th March respectively.

Catherine Capsey
Operations Manager and Head's PA

Term Dates

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are now listed on our website

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Parent Engagement - INSIGHT

As part of our drive to ensure parents are engaged, informed and can help with learning, please log in regularly to the INSIGHT portal. Remember that there is information here that will give you details about the following for your son:

- Attendance
- Positives, Rewards
- Behaviour
- Timetable
- Reports

Please also remember that you can update your personal details on INSIGHT so that we have up to date records in terms of email and contact numbers.

INSIGHT can be accessed from the popular pages link on the school website or by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding INSIGHT please let me know.

Mr K. Mann
Assistant Headteacher

GCSE English and Maths Resits Results

For those pupils who retook English and Maths in November, please be advised that results are available to be collected from the Exams Office.

Pam Newman
Exams Officer

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](#)

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 16th January

Monday: Chicken with an olive and tomato sauce, Mushroom and spinach Lasagne (D,W)

Tuesday: Pork Steak with a creamy Mustard Sauce, Lentil Cottage pie (D)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Courgette Aubergine and feta bake (D)

Thursday: Cajun Chicken Wrap with Sweet Chilli Mayo (W), Falafel Wrap with Minted Yogurt (W,D)

Friday: Sundried Tomato and Parmesan Risotto (D), Quorn Pasta Bolognese (W)

Please could I ask that all accounts are kept topped up at all times to avoid disappointment

Dan Keal
Chef

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

Curriculum information

Dear Parents and Carers,

For parents of 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](#)

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum and Assessment

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.



Follow us on twitter - [@beechencliff](https://twitter.com/beechencliff) and Insta - beechencliff1

GCSE Options Evening

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 Pupils,

I'd like to say a big thank you to those who were able to attend the Parents Information Evening on the GCSE Options process yesterday. It was a pleasure to see you all.

I hope that the evening was informative and will help you with the decision making process.

If you would like to view the presentation slides, they, along with the GCSE Options Booklet, can be accessed here: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/gcse-option-choices/>

For further details on what is studied in each subject, more information is provided in the Subject Curriculum Booklets which are available here: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/overview/subject-curriculum-information/>

If you have any questions regarding the options process, please contact me via aseal@beechncliff.org.uk.

If you have any questions relating to special educational needs, please contact Mrs Blair at jblair@beechncliff.org.uk

For subject specific questions, please contact headteacher@beechncliff.org.uk and the relevant subject leader will get back to you.

Kind regards

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Assessment)

Beechen Cliff Vacancies

Examinations Officer

<https://www.eteach.com/job/examinations-officer-1298572>

Closing date Monday 23rd January

Teacher of Languages

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teacher-of-languages-1297769>

Closing date: Monday 16th January

Teacher of History

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teacher-of-history-1297755>

Closing date: Monday 16th January

Teacher of Mathematics

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teacher-of-mathematics-1299592>

Closing date: Monday 23rd January 2023

Receptionist/Administrator

<https://www.eteach.com/job/receptionistadministrator-1299864>

Closing date: Friday 20th January

Invigilators

<https://www.eteach.com/job/invigilators-1297975>

Closing date: Monday 16th January

LIBRARY NEWS

PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

#yOurLibrary

We want our library to be a safe and welcoming place for all which supports a love of reading and learning across the school community.



Reading Around the World Cup Competition Results.

We had a fantastic 259 entries in total.

Kipling won as the house with the most entries.

A huge well done to Sam B. –Sh9b– for reading the most texts (27 different texts!). He won a FIFA replica football.

The individual winners, pulled from a hat, were as follows:

Aram B. Kp7a – FIFA replica football.

Nicholas G. By9b – Tickets to Bath City Football & books.

Leo C. Ml 9a – Set of Alex Rider books.

Adam P. Kp8b – Book Bundle

Conrad E. Kp7a – Book Bundle.



Well done to everyone who took part.

Behaviour Update.

The library is a place for reading and work. The school rules apply to the library as they do anywhere else in school. If any pupil or student is not following the rules, they will be given consequences following the school's new behaviour policy. The rules that apply specifically to the library are as follows:

1. No phones; computers for homework only
2. No food or drink
3. Show respect at all times.

Help Needed: Library System Updating.



Thank you so much to the team of parents who came in on the INSET day. It was a lovely way to start the new year and we got almost all the books sorted into genres and given a book level.

The next step is to update the online catalogue. If you haven't already registered your interest to help but could spare an hour or two, please contact lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk. Thank you.

Reading and Literacy in the Library.

If your son is in KS3 (Y7-9), you will recently have received an email from Ms Sullivan with their reading age. It is important that children read books that give the right amount of challenge in order for them to feel confident and enjoy the reading experience.

Books below the ideal range can be enjoyed occasionally but will not challenge the reader. Books above the ideal range could cause frustration, but a pupil may enjoy having the book read to them. Ask your son to come to the library to find a book at the right level of challenge!

What Book Level should I be reading?

Reading Age Range	Book Sticker	AR Book Level
6 to 7	White	0 – 2.9
7 to 9	Orange	3.0 – 3.9
8 to 11	Green	4.0 – 4.9
9 to 13	Blue	5.0 – 5.9
10 to 17+	Red	6.0+

Library – and their colour codes!*

**We will also be adding letter codes for anyone who finds colour differentiation difficult.*

Action and Adventure – edge-of-the-seat excitement. Never a dull moment!	Fantasy – <u>magic and wonder</u> in these stories set in different worlds.	Speculative – science fiction and dystopia, set in a world that could be ours.	Real Life – <u>books with heart</u> about real life issues, set in a recognisable world.
Funny – a huge genre that includes slapstick, parody and plenty of laughs.	Thriller – <u>not for the faint of heart</u> , these books will send a shiver down your spine!	Magical Realism – a <u>mystical genre</u> where real life and fantasy combine.	Crime/Mystery – can you solve the mystery before the characters do?
Historical – set in history, these books are full of adventure, mystery and fun	Graphic Novels – manga, graphic versions of classics and beautiful artwork.	Picture Books – some of the best art and crafted stories <u>can be found</u> in PBs!	Classics – <u>books that have touched the hearts</u> of readers for years.

What will your son read next?

Laura Bridge

Librarian

Extra- Curricular

Bee Keeping Club



Our bees are now wintering off site at a farm in Newton St-Loe until the first week of March. They were very productive this summer but we couldn't harvest any honey as I had to move them due to the sports barn renovations. They are now wintering very well and have enough stores to see them through until early spring.



The beekeeping club from the first week of February and we will be meeting in E6 on Friday 27th January after school for a quick meeting. I will send a reminder closer the time.

Thanking you in advance.



Mike Newell
Bee Keeping



Football – National and County Cup News!

A brilliant week for our U/13's and U/14 football teams! Our Year 8 team blitzed Brighton Hill from Basingstoke in the last 32 of the English Schools cup with a 8-0 victory, Our boys relished the atmosphere of a home crowd supporting their game during the lunch hour. We will now face Ivybridge School away in the last 16. This will be a tough test for the boys.

The Year 9 team edged into the last 8 of the County Cup after a nail biting encounter against a good Wells Blue school team. After leading 2-0 Beechen let Wells back into it with the scores level at 2-2 at full time. An edgy extra time led to a last gasp winner for Beechen.

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Year 7 Football v Millfield

In their first outing our Year 7 teams played in terrible weather conditions displaying amazing resilience and determination!

Year 7 A team - lost 5-4

Year 7 B team - won 7-0

Year 7 C team - won 2-0

Table Tennis Tournament

Well done to all pupils who took part in the Year 7 table tennis tournament on Monday evening. There was lots of healthy competition and over 40 matches taking place over 5 tables.

The final standings 4th place: Lucas R

3rd place: Jack R

2nd place: Henry M

1st place: Hugh T

The last few matches were incredibly close with Hugh defeating Henry 11-10 in the final.

I hope all the boys enjoyed taking part.

T D Markall



Extra Curricular Clubs

For information on after school clubs, (2022/23), please see the [Extra Curricular page on our website](#) which is regularly updated as next clubs are announced. The listing has been updated for Terms 3 and 4.

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield production of Oklahoma!

BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL & HAYESFIELD GIRLS' SCHOOL

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BATH THEATRE SCHOOL



BEECHEN
CLIFF



Hayesfield
GIRLS' SCHOOL

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

Oklahoma!

Music by RICHARD RODGERS Book and Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs Original Choreography by Agnes de Mille

28-31 March 2023

7pm Tickets £14 / £12 (U18s)

£3 Beechen Cliff & Hayesfield Students



The Roper Theatre, Bath

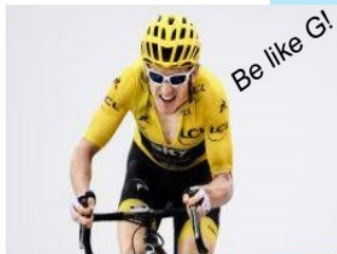
Box Office: 01225 640046

www.baththeatreschool.com/tickets

This amateur production of OKLAHOMA! is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



Mr. Brewer will post meeting dates via tutors this week.



BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL'S

BANDS NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE
BANDS AND
TICKET DETAILS
TO BE
ANNOUNCED
SOON

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023
BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL
MAIN HALL - 6PM - £5 ENTRY

Oxford University Computing Challenge



Did you achieve a score in the top 10% of the UK for your age range in the Bebras computational thinking challenge last year?

Have you received an invitation to take part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge?

Just like in Bebras you will need to have great computational thinking skills but unlike Bebras you will need to prepare. You will find information and tutorials explaining how to prepare at the Oxford University Computing Challenge website: <https://bebras.uk/> - OUCC tab.

The actual challenge will take place in C1 during P5 on Thursday 19th January for KS3 and after school on Wednesday 18th January for KS4 and KS5, please let either Miss Wright or Ms Jarvis if you would like to take part.

Have fun preparing for the challenge!

Ms L Jarvis
Head of IT and Computing



SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 16th January 2023

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 16th January					
Tuesday 17th January	1st XI football v NH (h)	14:30	13:30	MB	16:30
	Year 7 cricket coaching @ Bath CC	7:00	7:00	MB	8:00
	U14 football v Churchdown (h)	13:00	12:15	n/a	14:45
Wednesday 18th January	U14b&c, U15a&b, U16a&b football v Millfield (a)	14:30	12:30	Coach-12:45	17:00
	U17 rugby v Bishops (a)	14:30	11:30	Coach-11:45	17:15
	Senior cricket coaching @ Bath CC	7:00	7:00	MB	8:00
Thursday 19th January	2nd & 3rd XI football v Kingswood (h)	14:45	14:15	n/a	16:00
	U16 hockey tournament @ Clifton	10:00	7:45	MB	
	1st XI hockey v KES (a)	14:45	13:30	MB	16:30
	1st VII netball v Wellsway (a)	15:30	14:45	MB	17:00
Friday 20th January	Year 7 cricket coaching @ Bath CC	7:00	7:00	MB	8:00

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](#)

Theme of the Week

This week Theme of the week is looking at The Power Of Reading.

Why is reading good for you? Reading is good for you because it **improves your focus, memory, empathy, and communication skills**. It can reduce stress, improve your mental health, and help you live longer. Reading also allows you to learn new things to help you succeed in your work and relationships.

How is the school promoting reading?

Library - come and see us for book recommendations. Mrs Bridge and Mr Hackett are our book reading experts!

- New books
- Special events Competitions
- Reading lessons

Reading changes your brain, let me explain!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUw7laSlcbo>



Beechen Cliff - Library



We have an array of different genres and titles that now have been catalogued for you. It is now so easy to find what you're looking for much easier!

We want to instill a love of reading for everyone!

A Wilmot

PSHE

Mental Wellbeing



The Solution Focused Approach

Solution focused practice is a great technique to use when having a conversation with your family, as it's all about focusing on what people are doing well, rather than on what they aren't doing well, and looking for the strengths within family, rather than focusing on the weaknesses.

It's about using hopeful language, asking each other what we want, rather than analysing problems, and listening to understand rather than listening to respond. It is a particularly effective when used with children and young people, and is endorsed by the NSPCC.

You can try the solution focused technique at home with your own family. Focus on asking questions, highlighting each other's strengths and talking about what your family member can do, rather than what they can't.

The solution focused approach makes several positive assumptions:

- Every person is unique
- Every person has existing strengths and capabilities
- Every person is an expert for themselves (including children).
- A person is not defined by their problems
- Change is possible - and it is happening all the time!

Here are some tips for holding a positive, solution focused conversation with your family member:

- Don't occupy yourself with prejudgements or existing problems
- Listen out for strengths and reinforce these by highlighting the resources and competence of your children
- Avoid asking 'why?' - young people don't always know why!
- Try to ask 'what?' instead - 'what would you like to be happening instead?'
- Do not give advice, ask questions instead
- Remember to see them as experts for themselves

As you know we The Wellbeing Team will be hosting an Online Parent Session this evening at 6pm. If you would like to join us here is the Eventbrite Link –

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

Warmest Wishes,

The Wellbeing Team

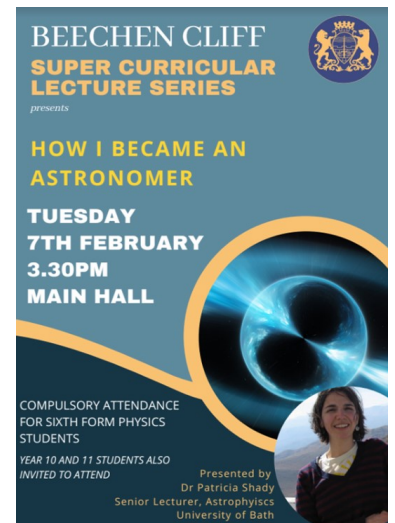
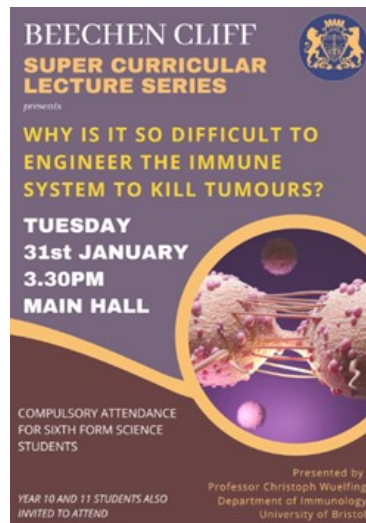
Careers

Super Curricular Talks in January/February for Science/Medicine students in Years 10–13

Super Curricular talks coming up this Term aimed at Science/Medicine students.

Professionals are giving up their free time to travel to Beechen and deliver these lectures.

For those in Years 12 and 13, these talks are compulsory for students studying Science.



Burgess Salmon – Bright Sparks Programme

For those looking to study law at university, Burgess Salmon's Business work experience applications (Bright Sparks Programme) close at the end of January.

<https://www.burgess-salmon.com/careers/work-experience>

The NHS logo is located in the top right corner of the poster.

Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust

RUH Evening Careers event

Thursday 9th March 2023, 5 – 7:30pm

This event offers a fantastic opportunity for students in **Year 10 or above** who **live or study in the RUH catchment area** (shorturl.at/oyBZ6) to meet various staff members and talk about different careers in the NHS.

Booking now open

To book a time slot (5-6pm or 6:30-7:30pm) visit Eventbrite: bit.ly/3VIka23 or see QR code below.

This booking is open until 10th Feb 2023 but may close earlier if places are all filled before this date.

If you have any queries please contact:
ruh-tr.careersengage@nhs.net
Or call on 01225 826041

A QR code is located at the bottom left of the poster, which links to the event booking page.

Audiology Nursing
Speech & Language
Project Search
Medical Physics
Estates **Aseptic Services**
Therapies **Pathology**
Administration

A photograph at the bottom right shows a group of people, including staff and students, interacting in a professional setting.

The RUH, where you matter

Instagram: @RUHBath
Twitter: @RUHBath
Facebook: /RoyalUnitedHospitalBath

Emma Pascoe

Head of Careers

Family Music Day

Sunday 22 January

11am – 5pm at Hayesfield School
(Upper Oldfield Park)

Music
workshop
for ages 7+

All music
provided,
arranged to
suit every
level

All welcome! Adults and children
– any age (7+), any instrument,
any level of experience

Premiere
performance
for friends and
family in The
Roper Theatre
at 4.45pm

The theme for the day is

Pirates of the Caribbean

(Dress the part!)



To sign up, email Orchestra Of Everything
conductor Jon – JonLGore@gmail.com

Happiness is making music together

AVONVALE R.F.C.



Avonvale RFC Minis & Junior Rugby 2022/23

Junior Rugby at U12 and Minis rugby at U11 to U5.
New players are always welcome at this family friendly club.

Free Trial
Period

Training/matches restart Sunday 8th January at 10am.



Bathford Playing Fields, Bathford, Bath, BA1 7SN

Visit our club website for this season's fixtures, enquiries and loads more - AvonvaleRFC.co.uk



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Menu

Vegetarian samosa	£2 each / 4 for £7
Sweetcorn tikki	£1.80 each
Fenugreek tikki	£1.80 each
Onion bhaji	£1.80 each

Curries:	
Chickpea & spinach	£4.50 small /
Lentil & pepper	£8 large

Garam masala spice	£3 per jar
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may contain allergens



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