

#### 19th January 2023

#### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently heard from the NEU that they are planning industrial action in the near future and this has also been widely covered in the media.

The dates which impact schools in the area are 1st February, 2nd March and provisionally 15th and 16th March.

We don't yet know what the full impact of strikes on Beechen Cliff will be at this stage but will endeavour to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible and will provide remote learning should we require some pupils to be at home. More details will be provided in due course

T. D. Markall .

T. D. Markall Headteacher

#### Calendar

**Thursday 26th January** Year 9 Parents Evening (4.30-8.00pm)

**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

**Thursday 9th February** Beechen Cliff Bands Night

Friday 10th February End of Term 3

Monday 20th February Start of Term 4

Wednesday 22nd February HPV Vaccination -Year 8

**Thursday 23rd February** Year 7 Parents Evening (4.30-8.00pm)

**Wednesday 1st March** Year 8 Parents Evening (4.30-8.00pm)

**Monday 13th March** HPV Vaccinations -Year 9

#### **REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES**

✓ PLEASE NOTE

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 <u>attendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>.

#### 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 <u>sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

#### **Key Notices**

#### **Stranger Awareness**

We have recently been informed that students were approached after school by a stranger who behaved in a threatening manner and invited boys to go to his home to 'play'. Please speak with your child about the importance of **stranger awareness** and how to keep themselves safe if approached by a stranger.

In line with latest Safeguarding advice, we no longer teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to students. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.

- Never to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- Never leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/ guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member.
- Not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission
- If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

Please reinforce these safety messages without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'. Also be advised that there are always staff in school until at least 6pm and that they can return into the safety of the school if ever approached near to the school.

In addition we have also passed the information to all tutors to discuss with their tutees

Mr Michael Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher

#### 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 recent assemblies.

Mr Michael Ambrose Deputy Headteacher

#### Year 9 Options Process

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to update you on the Year 9 Options Process, Progress Reports and the Year 9 Parents Evening.

#### Year 9 Options

Thank you once again to those who attended the Parents Information Evening regarding the GCSE Options process last week. In case it is helpful, please click here to view the <u>GCSE Options booklet</u> and here to view the <u>GCSE parents information evening presentation</u>.

#### Meetings with Senior Leaders

In order to further support the pupils in making their decisions, this year we are giving all year 9 pupils the opportunity to meet with a member of the senior leadership team in small groups to discuss their thoughts and ask any questions. The meetings will take place during Tuesday 24th (A-side of the year) and Tuesday 31st January (X-side of the year).

#### Year 9 Progress Reports

Please note that the latest progress report for year 9 is now available to view on <u>INSIGHT</u>. I hope that this will keep you informed as to how your son is doing and help you to make choices about options.

#### Year 9 Parents Evening

Finally, a reminder that the Year 9 Parents Evening will take place next Thursday 26th January and will be a good opportunity to discuss any questions you may have with your son's teachers. Booking opens this Friday 20th at 12noon. Please note that some teachers will not be able to see all parents due to having multiple classes in year 9. If you are unable to book an appointment but wish to speak with a teacher, please email <u>headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk</u> and they will be in touch.

In the case of Music, please can we ask that you only book an appointment if your son is considering taking Music or Music Technology and you need to discuss this with your son's teacher.

In the case of Physical Education, Mr Hawkins (Head of PE) will be taking the appointments. Again, please can we ask you to book appointments only if you are considering taking GCSE-PE or Level 2 Sports Studies.

Once again, I hope that this information is useful and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Andrew Seal Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Assessment)



#### C2 Slips

#### Dear Parents and Carers

We have made some slight alterations to our sanctions system, full details of which will be published on our website in due course. However, please be aware that we have replaced the short 'C2 detention' with a C2 reflection slip.

If a student needs a C2 (usually for relatively minor offences such as a second warning for talking, lateness or inadequate work) they need to complete the reflection slip, detailing how this issue can be improved next time. They then return that slip to the member of staff in their own time within 24 hours. If they should fail to do so, this can then be escalated to a 30-minute 'C3' detention.

Mr Michael Ambrose Deputy Headteacher

#### Menu for w/c 23rd January

Monday: Chicken with Chorizo and mixed beans (D), Halloumi and Roasted Vegetable Wrap (D,W) Tuesday: Toad in the Hole (G,W), Potato Spaceships (D) Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Caramelised Onion and Brie Tart (D,W) Thursday: Chicken and Vegetable Hotpot, Potato Kotlet Friday: Pasta Puttanesca (W), Mushroom and Spinach Stroganoff

Thanks

Dan Keal Chef

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

#### **Temporary Footpath Closure**

The footpath between Alexandra Park Viewpoint and Alexandra Road will be temporarily closed to allow essential works to take place between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

We are aware that the footpath is a popular route with Beechen Cliff School students, and would like to inform the school, parents and pupils of the closure and diversion, per the temporary restriction notice which is published with this newsletter.

The diversion is across Lyncombe Hill Fields and Via Greenway Lane and Lyncombe Hill.

#### James Nash

Tree Inspector Parks and Greenspaces

Bath & North East Somerset Council

#### WANTED

#### Cake Tins and Containers

The Food Tech team are looking for donations of cake tins or empty plastic sweet/chocolate boxes you may have at home, especially after Christmas .

It is always useful to have some in store in the Food Tech department for any pupil or student who have forgotten theirs.

Please send any donations to Food Tech

Many Thanks

Food Tech Team

#### **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 <u>headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk</u> and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.



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.

#### The month is: Genre-uary!

After amazing efforts by our parent volunteers on 3rd January and Ms Smart's sixth form tutor group, we managed to get all the books in the library sorted into genres and on the correct shelves last week. It was a mammoth task! 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 <u>lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk</u>. Thank you.









Following the reading assemblies last week, we have noticed a

number of new faces coming to the library to complete homework and pick a book. It is lovely to see groups of boys supporting each other with revision and homework tasks and relaxing in the space with a good book. Thank you!



#### **Book Recommendations.**

<u>Agent 21 by Chris Ryan</u> Written by an ex SAS soldier, Agent 21 follows a young orphan who is recruited into a government agency. It is full of adventure and mystery. Hayden in Y7 says, 'It's so exciting! You feel like you are really there with the characters!' (Find it in Action and Adventure).

#### The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick



<u>Ness</u> This is a brilliant dystopian novel set in a

world where all women have been killed by a virus and all men can hear each other's thoughts. And that's just the beginning. A Y9 pupil who wants to remain nameless said: 'It's the weirdest thing I've ever read, but it is brilliant.' (Find it in Speculative).

Keep Reading! Laura Bridge, Library Lead.

#### **Holocaust Education Day**

On Thursday 26th January Year 9 students will be off timetable in order to take part in Holocaust Education Day - this event will launch their Holocaust education taught through both History and RPE lessons this term, and also mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Pupils will have an introduction to the event from Mr Tobin and Ms Netto after tutor time, and then will take part in eight workshops throughout the day to learn



about and reflect upon the Holocaust through different mediums; teachers from across different Faculties will deliver these workshops, which include:

- Following the journey of a Jewish family
- The Holocaust through literature
- An experience of liberation
- The genetics of racism
- Memorials in Berlin
- Art wings and escape
- Migration after the Holocaust
- Global consequences of national conflicts

During period 5 pupils will come together as a year group to reflect on their day and take part in a session with Mr Tobin and Mr Sayers exploring the psychology of bystanders, the moral responsibility we have to uphold the values of equality, inclusion and diversity, and ask the question: the Holocaust - never again? During this session we will also launch a reflective project, more details of which will be shared with pupils via Google Classroom.

We feel it is important to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in this way, and know from previous years how much the pupils benefit from this focused time exploring the Holocaust in different ways. Students will follow the usual timings of the school day, and should wear uniform as usual. They won't need any books for that day, but should bring their pencil case and study planner as usual.

Please also find attached a link to information about a BANES memorial event which is taking place on 26th January at the Guildhall: <u>https://www.visitwest.co.uk/news/read/2023/01/</u> <u>remembering-the-holocaust-in-bath-and-north-east-somerset-b3170</u>

Miss P Netto

**RPE and PSHE Teacher** 

#### Theme of The Week

#### What do we mean by civil rights?

*'the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.'* We know that not everyone in the world has their civil rights upheld - **can you think of any current or historical examples?** 

Can you think of any examples of people fighting for civil rights?

<u>This weeks Theme of the week is Martin Luther King Day</u> this is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday of every January.

The day is designed to encourage people to take action to serve others and improve their communities. Its traditions are rooted in the idea of promoting equal rights for all, regardless of their background.

People are encouraged to rise above their own concerns, and be concerned with the broader concerns of humanity - **what do you think these are in 2023?** 



What lessons can we learn from Martin Luther King Jr? How could we apply these lessons to life today?

Click here to view <u>The King Legacy</u>

What can you offer to make your communities better? This could be small scale (local communities) and/or large scale (worldwide).

A Wilmot Head of PSHE

#### Extra- Curricular

#### Devon Coast to Coast 23



### Please see Mr Brewer



Finish Plymouth - 102 miles later

**Beechen Cliff Bands Night** 

# BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL'S BANDSNGHT

SAVE THE DATE BANDS AND TICKET DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

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

#### Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield production of Oklahoma!



#### **Extra Curricular Clubs**

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

Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

#### **Mental Wellbeing**



#### **Solution Focused Parent Training**

Last Thursday evening we were thrilled to welcome so many parents to our online training where we gave an introduction to the Solution Focused (SF) approach that we use in 1:1 sessions with students at Beechen Cliff and huge numbers of trained Beechen Cliff staff volunteers also use too.

It was so lovely to meet parents of students from every year group and to hear how much you would like to have further training about how to use the Solution Focused approach in conversations with your own children.

A really interesting range of questions were raised for future training from: How to use SF if your child is feeling anxious to how to use SF to de-escalate a situation where emotions are running high.

Even if you did not manage to attend this training session, we would be interested to know from all parents/carers if you would be keen to attend further sessions and, if so, what topics you would be interested in learning about, using the SF approach.

If you would be happy to take a couple of minutes to complete this short <u>questionnaire</u>, we can then look at future parent training provision.



#### **Beechen Cliff Vacancies**

#### Administrator/Receptionist

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

Closing date: Friday 20th January

#### **Examinations Officer**

https://www.eteach.com/job/examinationsofficer-1298572

Closing date: Monday 23rd January

#### **Teacher of Food and Nutrition**

https://www.eteach.com/job/teacher-of-food -preparation-and-nutrition-1299548

Closing date: Monday 30th January

#### Maths KS4 Co-ordinator

https://www.eteach.com/job/teacher-ofmathematics-1299592

Closing date: Monday 23rd January

#### **Exams Invigilators**

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

Closing date: Monday 23rd January

Susie and Tara SF practitioners

#### SPORTS

#### Fixtures for week commencing 23rd January 2023 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	U12a&b hockey v Kingswood (a)	16:15	15:15	MB	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	U15 indoor cricket @ Wellsway	15:30	15:00	9S	
	Year 7 cricket coaching @ Bath CC	7:00	7:00	MB	8:00
	U14 hockey v Kingswood (a)	15:00	14:15	MB	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	U18 hockey v Kingswood (a)	16:30	15:20	MB	
	U13 football v Ivybridge (a)	12:00	8:00	Coach	16:45
	Senior cricket coaching @ Bath CC	7:00	7:00	MB	8:00
	U17 rugby v Gordons (Chip RFC)	14:30	12:10	Coach- 12:15	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	1st & 2nd netball v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:45	MB	
	U14 hockey tournament @ Clifton College	10:00	8:00	MB	
	U16 football v Devonport High School	12:45	7:45 (Bear Flat)	Coach	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7 cricket coaching @ Bath CC	7:00	7:00	MB	8:00

#### 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

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 <a href="mailto:sport@beechencliff.org.uk">sport@beechencliff.org.uk</a> as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.

**Term Dates Reminder** 

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

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

#### Careers

#### Work Experience

#### Year 10 & Year 12 - Monday 17th to Friday 21st July 2023

We would like to confirm that our Work Experience dates for both Year 10 and Year 12 is the week commencing Monday 17th July (during the last week of the academic year). In discussion with Hayesfield School, we have chosen different dates so that pupils from both schools are not competing for the same placements.

We understand that pupils may be offered a placement for different dates than above - if this is the case then please contact Mrs Pascoe at <u>workexperience@beechencliff.org.uk</u> so that these dates can be approved by the school. If your child has a placement on alternative dates then they will be expected to be in school during the week commencing Monday 17th July.

Year 10 students spent the day on Friday 2nd December working on their CVs, cover letters and researching what they might like to do and which companies may be able to take them for a week. We hope that this has prepared them to be able to find a suitable placement.

Year 12 students have begun thinking about work experience placements this term in tutor time, and will be getting further support via their tutor, along with resources shared with them over the next term.

We will be sending out further correspondence shortly including the Google Forms that will need to be filled in by the pupil, their parent/carer and the employer; this information will enable us to confirm the placement.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pascoe, Head of Careers.

Emma Pascoe

Head of 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, Burges Salmon's Business work experience applications (Bright Sparks Programme) close at the end of January.



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https://www.burges-salmon.com/careers/work-experience

## Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust 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 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 but may close earlier if places are all filled before this date.

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



The RUH, where you matter



**Discover University - Year 12 virtual conference from the University of Exeter.** Entitled 'Your Journey to Higher Education' it will provide an opportunity to find out more about how to choose a course, the application process, student life and more. It is FREE to attend and takes place on 18 February 13:00-1600 on Zoom. For details and

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bookings see: https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/21FO00k0rfkkfn007z5gj7gc6n

#### Year 11, 12 and 13

Please find the link to industry guides with information about apprenticeship in these sectors: <u>https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/industries</u>

#### Year 13

There are 319 Higher & Degree Apprenticeships open for application now - please see link to their website where you can filter your search for job type, location etc <u>https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/search?od=most\_relevant&page=1&programme=5,20&show=jobs</u>



**Virtual Routes into STEM course from the Engineering Development Trust (EDT).** Designed for students aged 13-16 (Year 9 and 10) to explore the various routes you can take towards a STEM career. It will give you an insight into pathways following GCSEs. Approximately 20 hours of study are required to be completed over 3 weeks

(9 Feb – 7 Mar 2023) and it leads to a Bronze Industrial Cadets award. For details see: <u>https://www.etrust.org.uk/routes-into-stem-read-more</u>

## INVESTIN

**Weekend Career Experiences.** InvestIN are offering Spring Term career opportunities in 18 cutting-edge industries either live, at UCL, or online. You will learn directly from some of the UK's best professionals - doctors, forensic scientists,

architects, MPs, filmmakers, engineers and more - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made, professional experience to ages 12-18. As a partner, we have a discount code (see Careers), for more details and booking see: <u>https://investin.org/collections/our-programmes</u>

# sкillsgap

**Skills Gap Intensive workshops in digital and tech skills.** Designed for 15-19 year olds, these small-group online workshops are 3.5 hours long and cover everything from the basics of AI, coding, or blockchain for example, to the unique job opportunities in each sector. You will also get a chance to try a hands-on practical exercise and put questions to a panel of industry experts.

For more information and booking see: <u>https://www.skillsgap.tech/</u>



**Website of the week**. Planet Possibility (<u>https://www.planetpossibility.co.uk/</u>) is a new physics careers website, funded by the Institute of Physics, run by a team of consortium partners, including The Universities of Southampton and Birmingham and Future First. It focuses on building a diverse community of future physicists through inspiration,

opportunities and careers guidance! It has: interactive activities, quizzes and challenges, information on mentoring opportunities and programmes focused on widening participation in physics and much, much more.

**FIRST STEP CAREER CHALLENGE** – Monday 30th January at 4.30pm: YEAR GROUPS 7-9



Who should be the main sponsor of Britain's Got Talent in 2023?

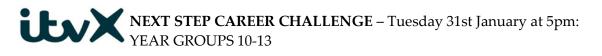
#### **Overview:**

Britain's Got Talent is a family favourite that sees members of the public show off their unique talents! Each episode sees millions of viewers tune in every weekend, so is valuable advertising time for leading brands to be the shows main sponsor.

#### First Step Challenge:

Vodafone, Aunt Bessie, and Cadburys are all interested in being the sponsor for 2023, looking at our data which brand would benefit the most and why?

#### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



ITVX – Ads or No Ad's that is the question!

#### **Overview:**

ITVX is a new platform that launched in November 2022 that offers our viewers the opportunity to watch the channel free, but with regular adverts. We also offer our viewers the opportunity to pay a premium subscription and remove all of the adverts giving you more viewing time..

Next Step Challenge:

It is important for us to give our viewers the best experience, and need your help to answer the following questions using our data;

What does the viewer profile of an ITVX premium subscriber look like? Is there anything we can tell from how they watch programmes on ITVX to help identify them? ITV can advertise specifically to these viewers, so who should ITV target and how?

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER** 

#### **Community Links**



LUCRA MORTGAGES

#### Expert. Fee Free. Mortgage Advice.

We've teamed up with Beechen Cliff School to offer all those connected to the school, an expert, fee free mortgage service, taking away the hassle when getting a new mortgage. We will also pay £50 Cashback to Beechen Cliff for every person that takes a new mortgage out with Lucra Mortgages. You Just need to quote 'Beechen Cliff.'

> 01225 970 830 hello@lucramortgages.co.uk www.lucramortgages.co.uk

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## 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. Training/matches restart Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10am.

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#### ACTIVE WESTON needs your help please

ACTIVE WESTON is a new organisation encouraging active participation in sport and leisure activities by people of all ages and abilities in the Weston and Newbridge area of Bath.

We see a real opportunity to develop the facilities at Weston Rec, for as many types of activity as possible, so that it can be used by a wide and diverse range of groups, encouraging leisure activities and sports for teams and for individuals.

**If you live or work in the Weston and Newbridge area**, please help us by completing this very simple **survey**. Go to <u>www.activeweston.org.uk</u> It'll take you two minutes.

When we have enough replies, we will then know what to include in a plan for developing the Rec for more sports and leisure activities.

**The survey is for everyone** – whether you are young, old, sporty, in a wheelchair, with small children, keen on fitness, crazy about football, would love to play boules, or just push your buggy, or sit on a bench and smell the flowers, go for a jog, or run along the top of a log, play table tennis, play cricket, practice basketball, or just go on taking your dog for a walk.

#### Thanks for taking part !



Please email bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com for specific requests

