

26th January 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been a busy week with the start of Year 9 options interviews, football and netball fixtures, and preparations for bands night next week.

Congratulations to our Year 8 footballers who yesterday reached the quarter finals of the national cup defeating Ivybridge by four goals to one.



The theme of the week has been Holocaust Memorial and today the Humanities department have been running workshops for Year 9 exploring this in more detail.

Year 11 and Upper Sixth students are starting to attend revision sessions and both year groups will be completing a second set of mock exams in lessons after half term.

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

Next week industrial action is planned for Wednesday 1st February. Further information about the arrangements for the day are provided in a separate letter which is included alongside this newsletter.

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T.D. Markall Headteacher

Term Dates Reminder

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

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



PLEASE NOTE 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 30th January

Monday: Thai Green Curry, Sweet Potato and

Chickpea Tagine

Tuesday: Faggot with onion Gravy, Chicken with a Pepper and Tomato Sauce, Roasted Vegetable and Tomato Filo Parcel (W)

Wednesday: Honey Roasted Ham, Smoked

Cheddar and Leek Quiche (W,D)

Thursday: Chilli Nachos (W), Tomato and Basil

Gnocchi (W)

Friday: BBQ Pulled Pork Wrap (W), Cheesy

Scotch Egg (D,W)

Dan Keal Chef

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 23rd January and Friday 3rd 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 was published alongside our newsletter dated 19th January 23.

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

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

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.

Revision Session Schedule for 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the build up to the summer examinations, in order to help your son to revise effectively for his GCSEs, please see the Revision Session Schedule for 2023.

We realise that it will not be possible for him to attend all of the sessions due to the limitations in the calendar. Where two subjects are on at the same time, we advise that he prioritises the subject(s) for which more revision would be useful, or to alternate between the sessions each week.

As well as these revision sessions, tutors will, from next week, be running a weekly mentoring and revision session in morning tutor time which will run from then until the final exams. this will take place in the slot which has until now been devoted to Reading.

Please therefore encourage him to bring revision materials into school to use at this time.

Kind regards

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum and Assessment

Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Beechen Cliff Vacancies

Teacher of Food and Nutrition

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

Closing date: Monday 30th January 2023

Examinations Officer

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/examinations-officer-1302581

Closing date: Monday 6th February 2023

Cleaning Supervisor

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/cleaning-supervisor-1302327

Closing date: Monday 6th February 2023



Theme of The Week

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January



Why do we have a Holocaust Memorial Day?

Ordinary People is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

Genocide is facilitated by ordinary people. Ordinary people turn a blind eye, believe propaganda, join murderous regimes. And those who are persecuted, oppressed and murdered in genocide aren't persecuted because of crimes they've committed – they are persecuted simply because they are ordinary people who belong to a particular group (eg, Roma, Jewish community, Tutsi). Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses - and ordinary people were victims.



We mark Holocaust Memorial Day to bear witness for those who endured genocide, and honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition. As many survivors of the Holocaust have died, it is our responsibility to keep sharing their stories - why do you think this is? What lessons can we learn from their stories?

You can listen to some survivors' stories here: https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/concentration-camp-survivors-share-their-stories

'What is abnormal is that I am normal. That I survived the Holocaust and went on to love beautiful girls, to talk, to write, to have toast and tea and live my life - that is what is abnormal.'

Elie Wiesel, survivor of the Holocaust

We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred and to speak out against identity-based persecution.

LIBRARY NEWS



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

Note from Mr Newell. Missing: Class Readers

We are missing large numbers of books from our class reader sets in the English Department. This is causing issues with classes not being able to read the books that have been chosen for them by their teachers. Please check at home for any of the titles in the list below. The books are stamped with 'ENGLISH DEPARTMENT'. Please return these to the Library or the English Department as soon as possible.

- Saxon Shield Norman Sword Framed
- The Indian in the Cupboard
- Flood Child
- Freak the Mighty
- · Coram Boy
- The Lie tree
- Boy
- Stig of the Dump
- Desirable

- Private Peaceful
- Face
- The Giver
- Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
- Sword in the Stone
- · Ready Player One
- Bloodhunters
- Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror

- Skulduggery Pleasant
- Hive
- 1984
- Hitchhiker's guide to the Galaxy
- Animal Farm
- The wall
- Noughts and crosses
- Hunger Games

Borrowing from the Library.

The new computer system is working well and it is much easier to keep track of books going in and out. Books are loaned out for three weeks, with the date they are due back stamped inside the front cover. We currently have 54 overdue books that have been issued this school year. *Please encourage your son to check when books are due to be returned and remind them to do so. Perhaps a note in their homework planner would be helpful.*

Do you know all these library words?

- Do you have Agent 19 available?
- Let me check the **catalogue** ... oh, unfortunately, our copy is **on loan**.
- When is it **due back**?
- It is **overdue**. Shall I **reserve** it for you when it is **returned**?
- Yes please!
- Can **I issue** you with another book while you are waiting?
- Yes please, I will read The Recruit.

Useful words:

Issue - to stamp a book ready to be taken out.

Return - to bring a book back

Overdue - a book that is late to be returned.

Available - a book that can be taken out.

On loan - a book that is not currently available. the computer.



Catalogue - a list of books on

Reserve - keep a book to one side for a person. **Barcode** - the unique number of each book.

Laura Bridge, Library Lead

Rewards Week 20th January 2023

House results

	House	Points		
1st	Byron	1237		
2nd	Kipling	1219		
3rd	Shakespeare	1161		
4th	Milton	1061		

Year group results

	Year group	Points	
1st	7	1237	
2nd	8	1170	
3rd	9	1075	
4th	10	490	
5th	11	289	

Tutor results

Positives

Year	Tutor group	Average Points		
7	Byron 7b	11.9		
8	Byron 8b	10.4		
9	Kipling 9a	10.6		
10	Shakespeare 10b	4		
11	Milton 11b	2		

Congratulations to Byron House, Year 7 and Tutor Group Byron 7a

Well Done

Pat Macdonald

Head of Shakespeare

Extra- Curricular

ESFA CUP SUCCESS!

An amazing week of football as both our U/16's and U/13 teams progress to the last 8 of this prestigious tournament that over 500 schools enter each year. The U/13's travelled to Plymouth to beat Ivybridge College 4-1 and the U/16's have made a similar journey to Devonport School near Plymouth to edge a 2-1 win. This is an amazing achievement and let's get a home draw in the quarter final!





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!



SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 30th January 2023 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 30th					
January	U12a, b & c football v QEH (a)	14:15	12:45	MB	16:30
Tuesday 31st January	U14a&b, U15a&b football v QEH (a) U13 indoor cricket @ Wellsway	14:15 15:30	12:35 15:00	Coach- 12:45 9S	
Wednesday 1st February	U13a, b & c football v QEH (a)	14:15			
Thursday 2 nd February	U13 County Hockey tournament @ Monkton Prep			MB	
	1st, 2nd & 3rd XI football v QEH (a)	14:15	12:35	Coach- 12:45	
	1st & 2nd VII netball v Kingswood (a)	14:30	13:45	MB	
Friday 3 rd February	U16 football v Taunton Academy (a)	12:30			

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.

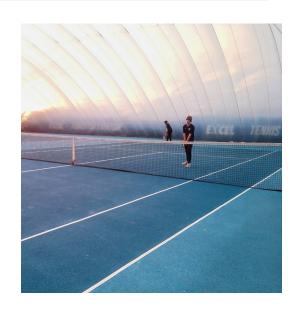
You can also find fixtures information and team sheets on our **Sports Fixtures website**

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 sport@beechencliff.org.uk as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.

Senior Tennis

The senior tennis team concluded their winter season with a 4-2 victory over Sherborne in the bubble in Victoria Park. On a very chilly afternoon Freddy and Milo recovered from 5-1 in the final match to win 7-5 and secure victory.

Congratulations to the whole team of Freddy, Milo, Edward and Luke who, along with Jack and Matthew, who played in other fixtures, came second in their division.



T.D. Markall

CAREERS

Year 10 STEM Work Experience at the University of Bristol 2023 - Places filling fast

University of Bristol Life Sciences Yr10 STEM work experience programmes 2023 are now open. Please fill in this form <u>Yr10 WEX application form</u> to apply.

These placements are all in-person at the University of Bristol Clifton Campus and unfortunately due to the volume of students on the programmes, they are unable to offer accommodation, catering or travel for the week.

The **deadline for applications is Sunday 5th March 2023** and they will inform the student within a week if we have been able to offer them a place (or before if they have multiple widening participation characteristics).

Year10 programmes topics include:

Biochemistry (Mon 3rd - Fri 7th July 2023 - 30 places)

Biological Sciences - Animal Minds: evolution and behaviour (Mon 3rd - Fri 7th July 2023 - 20 places)

Biological Sciences - Green Planet: Plants and ecosystems (Mon 3rd - Fri 7th July 2023 - 20 places)

Biological Sciences - Life in the Lab (exact dates tbc - 5 places)

Earth Sciences (Mon 3rd - Fri 7th July 2023 - 12 places)

Engineering (Mon 3rd - Fri 7th July 2023 - 30 places)

Please see poster below for more information.



Chartered accountancy apprenticeship at NAO



The National Audit Office's (NAO) Apprentice Accountancy Scheme is open for applications until 27th March 2023 (23:59).

Register and apply

The NAO has a unique position, and its work is highly influential. Totally and distinctively independent, they scrutinise public spending for Parliament and investigate major government projects and programmes. That means they work for, and for the good of, everyone in the country. Their people have a great reputation among their clients, Parliament, other international audit institutions and the wider accountancy profession.

For you, this means challenging and varied work that makes a visible impact and has real value for the nation. A career here will equip you with the skills you need for an impactful and rewarding career.

If you're looking for a career where you can make a difference, the National Audit Office is for you. If you're ready to begin your journey with the NAO, register and apply today.

Why you should apply...

- Achieve a fully funded ACA qualification, setting you up with the expertise and knowledge you need for a successful career
- Have a nationwide influence as you work on key financial audits that support the improvements to vital public services
- Earn while you learn no student debt! Enjoy a competitive salary and other brilliant benefits

Register and apply

BABCOCK INTERNATIONAL—APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

Babcock International is a **British aerospace**, **defence**, **and nuclear engineering services company** – specialising in managing complex assets and infrastructure. **Founded in 1891**, operating in the UK, Australasia, Canada, France, and South Africa, with exports to additional markets **and employing c.28,000 employees**, Babcock International is the **world's leading**, engineering services company. And they have lots of exciting school leaver opportunities to share with you.

Do you like the idea of working on the engine parts for a huge megaton submarine, or perhaps fitting on the armoury for a tank! Babcock's mission is to create a safe and secure world through defence capabilities that they build. If you're interested in gaining a further understanding of Babcock as

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK EVENT

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY | 17:00 - 18:30

a business and have the creativity, curiosity, and the passion to learn then look no further.

In return you'll hear everything about the company and the exciting opportunities they have on offer that are making a global impact.

Date - Thursday 9th February

Time - 5pm - 6.30pm

Registration link - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Babcock-NAW

Mrs E Pascoe Head of Careers

BBC Studios & BBC Bristol - National Apprenticeship Week Careers Event



9 Feb 2023 14:00-16:00

We are delighted to invite your students (17+) to join us at BBC Studios new creative headquarters in Bristol city centre to learn about the apprenticeships schemes the BBC has on offer.

The BBC runs a range of apprenticeships in production, design and technology, journalism, and business. Applications are currently open to start in September 2023.

This careers event is your chance to hear all about how you can start your apprenticeship journey at the BBC.

Places are limited – please sign up <u>here</u> ASAP:

You'll be able to meet current and former apprentices, put your questions to BBC managers and get application advice.

NOTES:

This event is for people aged 17+ and tickets are limited. Please do not come if you have not signed up and please bring proof of ID with you when attending.

Please note this is at BBC Studios in Bristol City Centre NOT at Whiteladies Road:

BBC Studios Bridgewater House Counterslip Finzels Reach Bristol BS1 6BX



INVES

IMMERSIVE CAREER EXPERIENCES



Trustpilot 4.9/5 from 1,200+
Trustpilot Reviews



SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

Expert advice for parents in how to guide teenagers towards a successful career

We are delighted to announce the first events in our Success Beyond School series for 2023. These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. The events are for parents and are free to attend.

1st Februrary

COMMUNICATING WITH CONFIDENCE

How to develop children to become strong communicators

15th March

ENGINEER YOUR FUTURE

How to help your child into a career in Engineering

VIEW & REGISTER

SUMMER CAREER EXPERIENCES IN LONDON

We are now more than 50% full for our flagship summer career experiences in London so interested students should book their places as soon as possible.











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www.investin.org

Work experience placement is open for students to apply - placements available in February, April and June.

What you will do:

The five-day placement aims to give you the broadest possible experience in the shortest possible time.



- You'll spend on the shop floor shadowing operators and discovering exactly what their jobs involve.
- You will also spend two days looking at things from more of an engineering perspective how the products are designed and why we manufacture them the way we do.
- Finally, depending on the specific placement you're offered, you'll spend a day focusing on one department or aspect of that process.

By the end of your placement, you'll hopefully have a clearer idea of where your interests lie and an insight into the potential opportunities for you at Rolls-Royce in the future.

- You must be currently studying and aged 14-19
- Live within twenty miles of the location you apply for
- Able to join us on-site for five consecutive days, Monday-Friday

All work experience placements must complete the on-line application.

https://rollsroyce.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WorkExperience/job/Rolls-Royce-Work-Experience---Bristol--UK JR6103891



The Subject Matters: The importance of Your Post-16 Choices. This webinar on 31 January (17.00) by Christ's College Cambridge offers guidance to Year 10 and Year 11 students (or equivalent) who are considering university and want

advice on which subjects to study at Sixth Form or college. The session will cover subject advice, careers and super-curricular suggestions and an opportunity to ask current Cambridge students and admissions staff questions. For more details and booking see: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-mattersimportance-of-your-post-16-choices-2



The Debate Chamber Summer Schools 2023. These offer students aged 11-18 the opportunity to find out more about some subjects, prepare for university applications, meet like-minded peers and get to grips with some tough intellectual challenges. Held online again this year, these courses take place in July and

August 2023. Details of schedules, dates, costs, student reviews and tutors can be found at www.debatechamber.com/summerschools.



Website of the week: Apply to Uni (www.applytouni.com) is an all-round useful website. It has a course search facility, a good guide to writing personal statements and a section on student finance. It also has various university league tables and a

very useful open day calendar. Easy to use and has all the information you need.



Online courses for smart, altruistic Y12 students. Leaf are offering two online programmes from 27 Feb to 31 March which involve 2-3 hours per week over the course of the 5 weeks. You can choose from 'How to choose a degree that helps you help others' and 'How to save 10 lives by age 20'. They are open to students studying any subjects at A Level, you just need to be curious and

want to help other people! For more information and booking see: www.leaf.courses

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 workexperience@beechencliff.org.uk 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.



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



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







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.



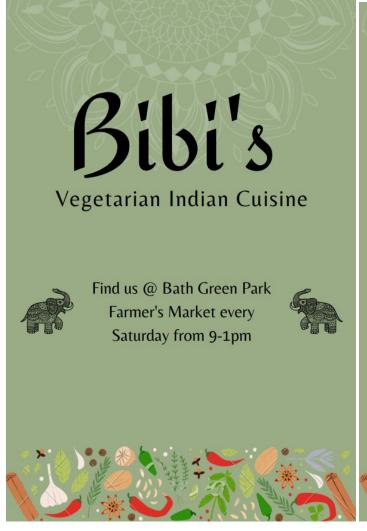
We see a real opportunity to develop the facilities at Weston Rec, for as many types of activity as possible, so that it can be used by a wide and diverse range of groups, encouraging leisure activities and sports for teams and for individuals.

If you live or work in the Weston and Newbridge area, please help us by completing this very simple survey. Go to www.activeweston.org.uk 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!



Menu Vegetarian samosa £2 each / 4 for £7 Sweetcorn tikki £1.80 each Fenugreek tikki £1.80 each Onion bhaji £1.80 each **Curries:** £4.50 small / Chickpea & spinach £8 large Lentil & pepper Garam masala spice £3 per jar *may contain allergens*

Spotters Hockey February Half term dates and Easter dates

We are always pleased to see pupils from school at our camps and help them to improve their hockey and bring that back to your school. We are especially pleased to be working together with Team Bath Buccaneers and provide a direct referral route to the England HockeyTalent Academy

for those attending our High Performing camp.

Booking form https://
form.jotform.com/210805551045346

If you have any questions please do get back to me.

Kind regards

Beth Potter

Spotters Hockey Academy





