



BEECHEN CLIFF

5th January 2023

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break.

It has been lovely to welcome our pupils and students back to school yesterday to begin the new term. This afternoon has been a busy one with our U15 football team competing in the National Cup and our Year 7s heading to the Theatre Royal to watch Aladdin.

There has been a lot of illness going around recently with the press reporting on high levels of flu, scarlet fever and covid. A number of parents have been asking whether their children should attend school if they are unwell. Clearly, school attendance is really important. However, if they have a fever they should stay off school until they feel better. If children are unwell please keep the school informed daily regarding absence.

The Government has produced the following advice: [Back to school advice Link](#) and an information sheet is also published with this newsletter.

Over the next month Year 9 pupils will be making decisions about their GCSE option choices for Year 10.

I hope many parents and carers of pupils in Year 9 will be able to join us for the Options Evening in school on the evening of 11th January and the virtual Year 9 Parents Evening later this month.

Over the next few months Parents Evenings for parents and carers of pupils in Years 7-10 will also be taking place.

### Online safety

On 16th January, Karl Hopwood (an independent e-safety expert) will be attending school to run online safety sessions for all year groups. In addition, there will be an online session for parents in the evening. Further communication with more details will follow shortly from Mr Hall but I hope many of you will be able to attend what we believe will be a really useful evening for parents.

## Calendar

### Monday 9th January

Year Table Tennis tournament

### Wednesday 11th January

Parents Information Evening for Year 9  
Options

### Monday 16th January

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

### Thursday 19th January

Year 10 Parents Evening

### Thursday 26th January

Year 9 Parents Evening— from 4.30pm

### 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

*T. D. Marshall*

T. D. Markall

Headteacher

## Key Notices

### Menu for w/c 10th January

Monday: BBQ Chicken with Peppers, Cauliflower and leek cheese (W,D)

Tuesday: Beef Chilli, Mixed Bean Chilli

Wednesday: Roast Pork, Goats Cheese Red Onion and Potato Tortilla (D)

Thursday: Roasted Vegetable and tomato pasta Bake (W,D), Quorn Burrito (W)

Friday: Breaded Cod (W), Red Onion Tomato and Mozzarella Tart (W,D)

Dan Keal  
Chef

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

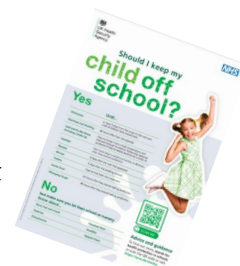
### Term Dates

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

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

### NHS Guidelines – Should I keep my Child Off School?

Please find published alongside this newsletter an NHS information sheet



### 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](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.



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## Curriculum information for the New Year

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](#)

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 Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

### 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

### Invigilators

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

## Extra- Curricular

### Eco Poster Competition

The Eco team have been advertising this competition to all pupils, All the details about the competition and a link to send entries are on the poster. Deadline is the end of the month.

David Murphy

Head of Art and Photography

Win a **£75 prize** & help save the planet!

## ECO POSTER COMPETITION

Have a go  
with the  
family  
over  
Xmas!



### COMPETITION RULES

#### 1. Pick 1 ACTION to SAVE ENERGY

"SHOW YOU CARE.  
PUT ON A LAYER"

"KEEP DOORS AND  
WINDOWS SHUT. MAKE  
YOUR BILLS CUT"

"TURN OFF THE  
HEAT WHEN YOU  
LEAVE YOUR SEAT"

Choose any of these actions or come up with your own!

#### 2. CREATE A POSTER to convince people in Widcombe to do it

##### Categories

KS3 (11-14), KS4 (15-16), 6th form (17-18) & adult

##### Submit

Digital image that looks great in A4  
Go to <https://forms.gle/MSzxiMZpmevkYsq39>

**Deadline:** January 30th 2023

**Scan our QR code to learn more**

**Winning posters will be displayed around Widcombe and beyond**

### Year 7 Table Tennis Tournament

The Year 7 table tennis tournament postponed at the end of last term will now take place on Monday 9th January from 3.30-4.30pm in the Gym. Those who signed up last time have automatically be included.

Others wishing to take part should see Mr Markall.

T.D. Markall  
Headteacher



### 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.

Kant Mann  
Assistant Headteacher

## Sixth Form Students—a Date for your Diary



BEECHEN CLIFF  
UPPER SIXTH  
SIXTH FORM PROM  
TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023  
FROM 7PM-11PM  
BATH RACECOURSE

Buffet  
AWARDS  
BAR  
DJ  
£44



*More details will follow in due course*

## Sixth Form Hoodies

**BEECHEN CLIFF SIXTH FORM**



**Y13 LEAVERS**



**HOODIES 2023**

**ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE**  
<http://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/beecheen-cliff-school-leavers-hoodies>


**COST IS JUST UNDER £20**  
**EXTRA IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NICKNAME**  
**ADDED**

**IN SIZES XS-XXXL**

**BCS SCHOOL LOGO ON FRONT OF HOODIE**

**IN A CHOICE OF COLOURS:**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR ORDERING IS**  
**31ST MARCH 2023**



# SPORTS

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 9th January

Day	Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	U14 football v The Blue School (h)	14:15	13:30	n/a	
	U13 football v Brighton Hill (h) TBC	13:00	12:30	n/a	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	U13a, U12a, U12b & U12c football v Millfield Prep (a)	14:30	12:30	Coach-12:45	17:00
	U17 rugby v Whitchurch (Chip RFC)	14:30			
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	U15 rugby v Gordano (tbc)	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc

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](mailto: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

## Our 'Best Hopes' for 2023

Happy New Year from us both and welcome to the first term of 2023. If you, like us, are still wondering what day of the week it is, then please know that you aren't alone!

We sincerely hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The New Year often comes with a set of reflections about the past year and we think about our hopes for the year ahead. Many of you have signed up for the free Parent Solution Focused Training course that we are running next week on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January (Please see sign up details below to join us if you have not already done so)

'Best Hopes' are very much at the centre of every solution focused conversation that we have with young people and we look forward to sharing this with you in our parent training. When we work with your children, we always focus on what they would like to be different and we help them to notice that no problem or difficulty exists all the time; that there will always be exceptions, however small or rare. We encourage young people to notice these exceptions so that they might find the strength and resources to build on these; together we co-create change and a preferred future where the focus is not on the problem but on finding solutions. As we assume that all young people are the experts in their own lives, this approach is incredibly powerful at helping young people to regain control of situations where they may be having difficulties or struggling.

Below are just a few examples of very powerful Solution Focused questions that staff have been trained to use at Beechen Cliff with the young people we work with on a daily basis. If you would like to learn how to use these, and other tools, in your everyday conversations with your children, then we really do encourage you to sign up for the parent training below. We are very excited to meet with you next Thursday evening online.

### Parent Solution Focused Training - Reminder

Last term, we sent out a Parent Questionnaire asking you if you would be interested in receiving some free Parent Solution Focused Training for how to have conversations with your own children. We are delighted to have had responses from over 100 families. Most families have said that their preferred time for the training would be in the evening. 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 7.00pm.

If you would like to attend, please can you book your place using the Eventbrite link below. You will then receive further details and the Zoom link to join us closer to the time.

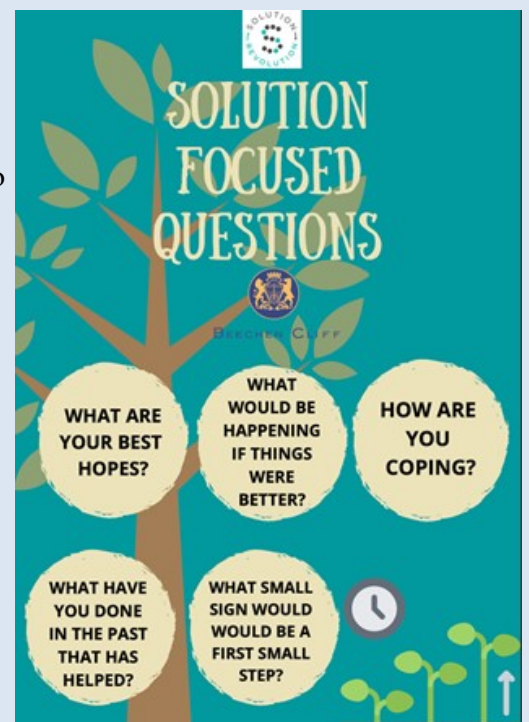
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beechen-cliff-parent-solution-focused-information-evening-tickets-469035948147>

We very much look forward to meeting you all.

May we both take this opportunity to wish all our Beechen Cliff families a great year ahead.

**Susie Ingram and Tara Gretton**

IASTI Accredited Solution Focused Practitioners





Royal United Hospitals Bath  
NHS Foundation Trust

# RUH Evening

## Careers event

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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/3Vlka23](https://bit.ly/3Vlka23) 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:

[ruh-tr.careersengage@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.careersengage@nhs.net)

Or call on 01225 826041



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Aseptic Services  
Therapies Pathology  
Administration





## 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>



# Work experience Building the future through STEM

We're a global engineering, management and development consultancy working on some of the world's biggest and most important infrastructure projects.

**Our 2023 work experience placements in Bristol are now open to pupils in years 10-13.**

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**Apply now using the QR code below!**

For more information and questions please contact: [workexperience@mottmac.com](mailto:workexperience@mottmac.com)



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

We have three 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.



**BEECHEN CLIFF**  
**SUPER CURRICULAR LECTURE SERIES**  
*presents*

**SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES**  
*and the galaxies they live in*  
*How to feed them - what happens when you do*

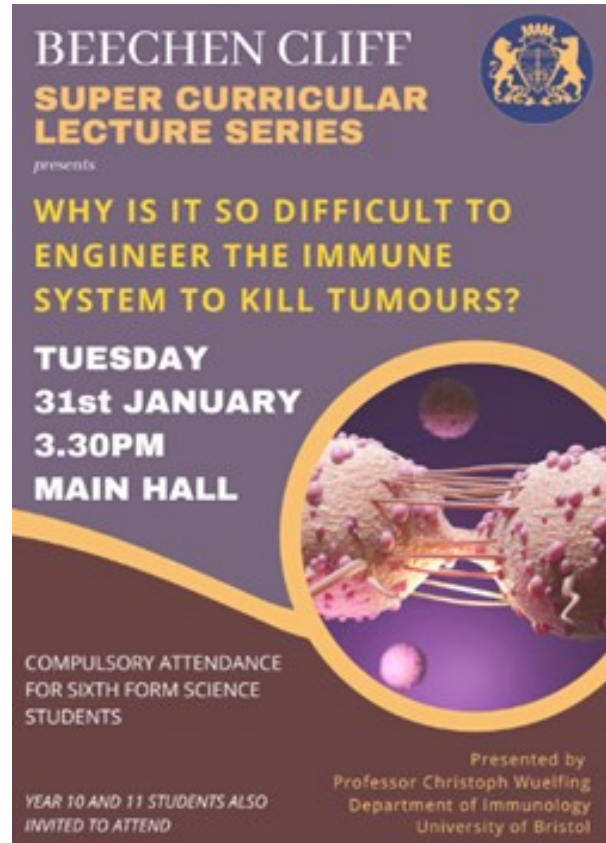
**TUESDAY**  
**10th JANUARY**  
**3.30PM**  
**MAIN HALL**

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE  
FOR SIXTH FORM PHYSICS  
STUDENTS

Presented by  
Dr Carolin Villforth  
Senior Lecturer, Astrophysics  
University of Bath

YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS ALSO  
INVITED TO ATTEND

The poster features a dark space background with a bright, glowing black hole at the center, surrounded by distant stars. A circular inset on the right shows a close-up of the black hole's event horizon. The Beechen Cliff crest is in the top right corner.



**BEECHEN CLIFF**  
**SUPER CURRICULAR LECTURE SERIES**  
*presents*

**WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO  
ENGINEER THE IMMUNE  
SYSTEM TO KILL TUMOURS?**

**TUESDAY**  
**31st JANUARY**  
**3.30PM**  
**MAIN HALL**

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE  
FOR SIXTH FORM SCIENCE  
STUDENTS

Presented by  
Professor Christoph Wuefling  
Department of Immunology  
University of Bristol

YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS ALSO  
INVITED TO ATTEND

The poster features a purple background with a circular inset showing a 3D model of a cell with internal structures and a glowing orange line representing a pathway. The Beechen Cliff crest is in the top right corner.



**BEECHEN CLIFF**  
**SUPER CURRICULAR LECTURE SERIES**  
*presents*

**HOW I BECAME AN  
ASTRONOMER**

**TUESDAY**  
**7TH FEBRUARY**  
**3.30PM**  
**MAIN HALL**

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE  
FOR SIXTH FORM PHYSICS  
STUDENTS

Presented by  
Dr Patricia Shady  
Senior Lecturer, Astrophysics  
University of Bath

YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS ALSO  
INVITED TO ATTEND

The poster features a blue background with a circular inset showing a glowing blue sphere with a dark spot, possibly representing a planet or a star. A circular inset at the bottom right shows a portrait of Dr. Patricia Shady. The Beechen Cliff crest is in the top right corner.

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](mailto:JonLGore@gmail.com)

Happiness is making music together

# Bibi's

Vegetarian Indian Cuisine



Find us @ Bath Green Park  
Farmer's Market every  
Saturday from 9-1pm



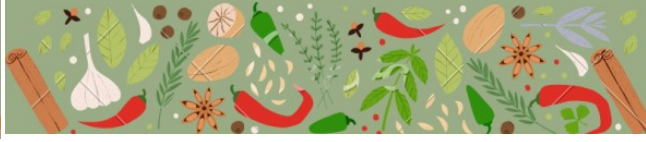
## Menu

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
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\*may contain allergens\*



Please email [bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com](mailto:bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com) for specific requests



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