



BEECHEN CLIFF

23rd February 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mock Examinations

This week Upper Sixth students are completing their second round of Mock Examinations and next week Year 11 students will be doing the same. All the assessments are taking place in normal lesson time. These are another important step in the preparation for GCSE and A Levels in the summer. Lots of revision sessions are now taking place in school and we have been impressed with the high levels of attendance. The hard work now will most certainly pay off in the long run!

National Cup Football

This week has seen us host two National Cup Quarter Finals., which is an amazing feat.

Unfortunately the U13 team lost 5-3 to Heathside School and the U16 team lost 2-1 to Weydon School in what were two very close games. The players represented the school admirably. Whilst there will clearly be disappointment in not reaching the semi-finals I hope all those involved will be able to look back with pride on their success, which is a really significant achievement.

T. D. Markall

T D Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Saturday 25th February

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale (10am—12pm) -
at the Clubhouse

Wednesday 1st March

Year 8 Parents Evening (4.30—8.00pm)

Wednesday 8th March

Year 10 Work Experience parents information
evening (6-7pm)

Monday 13th March

HPV Vaccinations -Year 9

Wednesday 22nd March

School Concert at St Luke's Church—7pm

Thursday 23rd March

School Concert at St Luke's Church—7pm

BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL & HAYESFIELD GIRLS' SCHOOL
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BATH THEATRE 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

Hayesfield

The amateur production of OKLAHOMA! is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatrical Ltd. an affiliate of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatrical.com

In order purchase ticket for Oklahoma
please click [here](#)

Key Notices

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 Sixth Form attendance at sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk



Menu for wc Monday 27th February 23

Monday: Chicken Rogan Josh, Bombay Aloo

Tuesday: Ham with Parsley Sauce (D), Quorn and Vegetable Pie (W)

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Roasted Stuffed Pepper with Ratatouille

Thursday: TBC

Friday: Breaded Haddock (W), Spinach Potato and Feta Tortilla (D)

Dan Keal

Chef

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

Term Dates Reminder

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

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

Behaviour in the community

Whilst we often receive praise for the attitudes and behaviours of Beechen students from the local community, a small minority of boys have recently fallen short of our expectations with regards to respect for others. In two locations, the Better Leisure Centre and the Wellsway Co-op, a small number of students have behaved disrespectfully and damaged the good reputation of the school in doing so.

We would like to remind all students that local businesses and residents must be treated with the respect and courtesy that we practice every day whilst in school.

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.

Lyncombe Hill Fields

Lyncombe Hill Fields borders the school site and is a beautiful area of land managed under licence by the Friends of Lyncombe Hill Fields, a Community Interest Company.

Over the last few years significant work has been undertaken to improve this facility for the local community, including the planting of many new saplings, some of which has been supported by members of the school community.

Most Beechen Cliff pupils using the facility do so in an appropriate way, including walking to and from school. Unfortunately, however, in recent weeks there have been reports of vandalism and an increase of littering in the area. Some of this has involved Beechen Cliff pupils.

We ask all members of the school community using the footpaths, field and woodland to do so respectfully to ensure they remain a pleasant environment that can be enjoyed by all.

T. D. Markall
Headteacher

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nathan S for growing his hair to then be cut and donated to the cancer charity Little Princess Trust. Nathan also raised £360 for the charity.

A fantastic effort. Well done Nathan.



Beechen Cliff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Lead Practitioner Mathematics

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechncliff/job/lead-practitioner-mathematics-1306649>

Closing Date: Friday 24th February

Head of Food and Nutrition

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechncliff/job/head-of-food-and-nutrition-1310417>

Closing date: Friday 3rd March

Teacher of Computer Science

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechncliff/job/teacher-of-computer-science-1310756>

Closing date: Monday 6th March

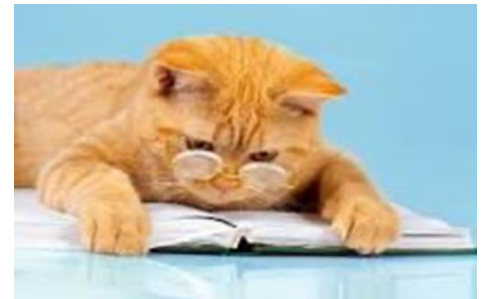
LIBRARY NEWS



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

Current Overdue Book Total: 95

While it is wonderful that pupils are borrowing books, the library will only work if books are returned. If you need more time to finish the book, bring it to the library to be renewed. Please remind and encourage pupils to return their books and look out for any English 'class readers' too.



WORLD BOOK DAY:

We will be celebrating WBD on FRIDAY 3rd March. There will be reading related activities in all lessons and various activities happening in the library and elsewhere. Last year, staff dressed up (see photo) and we hope they will be doing so again this year!



Sponsored Read

We are also holding a readathon in aid of 'Read for Good' a charity that provides books to children in hospitals.

The school will also receive 20% of the money raised as a voucher to be spent on new books for the school. If every pupil raised just £1, we would raise nearly £1000 for charity and £200 of books for school, so every little really does help. It's also a great way to kick-start a reading-for-pleasure habit! **Please look out for a separate letter early next week and the sponsor forms which will come home on World Book Day.**

Carnegie Shadowing Club - a book club for Years 9, 10 and 11.

The club will run on Wednesdays after school in the library. Just come along! For anyone completing bronze Duke of Edinburgh, you are welcome to come on alternate weeks when you are not expected at DofE.

We will look closely at what makes a good book and look at the long- and short-lists of the Yoto Carnegie Awards for the best children's books of 2022.

For more details visit: <https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/>



Keep Reading! Laura Bridge, Library Lead

Extra– Curricular

Year 7 Football

We have had a fantastic turnout for the Year 7 Football training this academic year. Across the 3 terms of Football training 96 boys have attended. This is a phenomenal number with boys regularly attending and developing their sporting ability. Across all extra-curricular sports, we run them for 2 terms. Year 7 Football however is run for 3 terms. This is to provide them with as much Football as possible. Football training has therefore finished and all the league/cup/friendly games now mainly take place this current term.



Team selection is made on a rotational basis to allow all those who attended training an equal opportunity to represent the school. We try to ensure that this process is as fair as possible. Understandably, with the huge number of boys that have attended Football training, rotating 96 players for team sizes of 12 can mean that there is some time before playing a fixture again.

Thank you for the dedication of the students and parents to make the football programme such a success at Beechen Cliff.

Mr Utton
ACE Academic Mentor

Bands Night

At the end of last term we had our annual bands night. There were 20 pupils performing in 5 bands and 15 other students in the Tech Team and helping with the front of House. It was a fantastic evening of music with brilliant performances.

Congratulations to all students involved and thank you to Mr Harriman for his support in organising the event.

Mr P Calvert
Head of Music



SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 27th February 2023 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 27th February	U12 & U14 football v Broadlands (a)	15:45	15:15	MB x 2	
Tuesday 28th February	U14 hockey v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:45	MB	
	U15 & U16 football v Broadlands (h)	15:45	15:15	n/a	
	Primary school tournament @ Odd Down	9:30	8:45	MB	
Wednesday 1st March	U12a&b hockey tournament @ Prior	14:00	13:30	MB	16:00
	U13a&b hockey tournament @ Monkton	14:00	13:30	MB	16:00
	U18 Middlesex 7s			MB	
Thursday 2nd March					
Friday 3rd March	U12 Booker Shield @ BGS	9:30	8:00	MB	16:00 TBC
Saturday 4th March					

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

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

Wellbeing



We very much hope that you have all had a well-deserved half term break.

February is the month when it's Children's Mental Health Week and so it seems poignant to share a 'Boys in Mind/Girls Mind' Too film which focuses on the importance of children's mental health. In the film "How to Start A Conversation", Finn, Jackson and William talk to their dads/step-dads about how to start a conversation when you need some help or when you notice a friend in need. Please *click on the link* below to watch this short, but important film.

<https://boysinmind.co.uk/film-how-to-start-a-conversation/>

Wishing everyone a great start to the Easter Term.

The Wellbeing Team

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting Monday 6th March

Bear Pub, Bear Flat
7pm to 8pm

Come along for a chat and meet the new PTA team, find out about volunteering and share ideas on how to raise funds for the school.

All welcome!

Contact: kattybeechnpta@gmail.com

Secondhand Uniform **SALE**

at

Beechen Cliff School
Club House

on

Saturday 25th Feb
10am - 12pm

**Payments to be made
by card preferably!**

We are also selling
Revision Guides and text books!

**Bring up your uniform donations....
NO trousers please!!**

The Apprenticeship & Technical Education Roadshow (B&NES) 2023

Date & Location

Monday 6th March 5:45pm – 7:00pm

Writhlington School, Knobsbury Lane Writhlington Radstock BA3 3NQ

Apprenticeships have changed dramatically in the last few years and offer such exciting opportunities, but they can seem confusing to understand. These roadshows created for parents and carers, bust myths, inform, inspire and provide the answers you are seeking!

[Monday 6th March at Writhlington School: The Apprenticeship & Technical Education Roadshow \(B&NES\) 2023 #2 | The WTPN](#)

Work Experience Information Sessions

Dear Year 10 and Year 12 parents/carers

We are pleased to invite you to a work experience information session on the following dates:

Year 10 Wednesday 8th March - 6pm - 7pm in the main hall

Year 12 Wednesday 15th March - 6pm - 7pm in the main hall

Miss Mather and Mrs Pascoe will go through the process and answer any questions that you may have.

We have a dedicated page on our website where you will find helpful information and links to support your child in finding their placement. The links to the Google Forms that need to be completed to confirm the placement will be included here too.

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/work-experience-year-10-year-12/>

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers





Online interactive webinars from Goldsmiths, University of London. Goldsmiths (and other universities) are offering free, interactive, subject-based sessions across a range of academic areas via the Channel Talent platform. These include; 'Business: Strategic Direction & Methods' (1 March), 'Politics: The Balance of Power – Government, Media, Markets?' (9 March), 'HE Guidance: Student Money – How Does It Add Up?' (6 March) and 'Sociology: UK Poverty' (28 March). For details and sign-up see: <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/>



Virtual work experience programmes. SpringPod have updated with some some great new virtual work experience programmes including some in Sustainability, Healthcare, TV & Film and even Teaching. For details and sign-up see: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>



On demand university guidance videos. UniTasterdays have a university guidance video hub, where you can watch university guidance webinars ranging from an introduction to university courses in Accounting through to Veterinary Science – and 100 + topics in between! This really fantastic resource can be found at: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand>



Volunteering abroad with International Volunteer HQ (IVHQ). IVHQ provides a range of volunteering abroad experiences across the world including in Africa, Asia, South America and the Pacific. As well as their experiences their website has really useful information including 'how to volunteer abroad for cheap'. See: <https://www.volunteerhq.org/gb/blog/how-to-volunteer-abroad-on-the-cheap/>



Website of the week. Target Careers (<https://targetcareers.co.uk/>) helps school leavers make decisions about their future. Explore options for careers, university or apprenticeships and get help to apply successfully.



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Improving People's Lives

Dear Students

Friday 24th February marks the one-year anniversary since Ukraine was invaded. A year of harsh conditions and living in peril for the citizens of Ukraine. To mark this event and help raise funds to send aid to the people of Oleksandriya we are holding a concert at Bath Abbey on Friday evening. There are still some tickets available at the Bath Box Office if you or your families would like to attend:

<https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on/concert-of-warmth-and-light-for-oleksandriya-ukraine>

We also wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of our campaign to send generators to Oleksandriya in Ukraine. Following the successful delivery of 13 smaller generators in early January we were able to purchase a larger set powerful enough to provide energy to the children's hospital, this arrived in the city last week and now the hospital has a secure power supply.

Our next target is to purchase a larger generator for the general hospital in the city and continue with the supply of smaller units for schools, kindergartens and apartment blocks. The funds raised from our concert will help towards providing this.

We want to thank you for your efforts so far and encourage you to keep up your efforts.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dine Romero'.

Cllr Dine Romero on behalf Friends of Oleksandriya

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People, & Communities

CONCERT OF WARMTH AND LIGHT FOR OLEKSANDRIYA, UKRAINE

Bath Abbey, 24th February 7pm



Join us to show unity and friendship for the people of Ukraine, a year on since the invasion, at a concert featuring Ukrainian singer Nicole Medin, a crystal voice telling a story which evokes the desperate plight of the Ukrainian people, joined by the well-known children's choir, Voices for life Bath Children's Choir, with two other local choirs, Canzona and the Trowbridge Philharmonic Choir.



Tickets on sale at **BATH BOX OFFICE**
priced from £10, £20 and £30.
www.bathboxoffice.org.uk
Phone: 01225 463 362

All proceeds going to
Generators for Ukraine appeal, raising funds
to send emergency generators to Oleksandriya
for their hospitals, schools and homes.

For enquiries email:
generatorsforukraine@outlook.com
Organised by Friends of Oleksandriya,
supported by Rotary Club of Bath,
B&NES Council and Bath Abbey.

GENERATORS FOR UKRAINE

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Youth Pride Event

WHAT IS THE EVENT?

- A pride event for LGBTQ+ young people and allies who live, work or study in Bath and North East Somerset for 13-18 year olds (13-21 with additional needs)
- Completely FREE event with a prize draw for anyone who attends (vouchers!)
- Celebratory event with workshops, stalls, craft activities and performances
- Free food and drink



Youth Pride Event

Saturday
4th March 2023
2pm - 5pm

OTR

A pride event for LGBTQ+ young people and allies who live, work or study in Bath and North East Somerset

For 13-18 year-olds (13-21 with additional needs)

Event info

- Completely free event
- Prize draw (£25+ One4All and Etsy vouchers)
- Food and drink
- Workshops and stalls
- Craft activities
- Performances
- Chance to meet other LGBTQ+ young people and allies

Sign up (and venue)

Please sign up to the Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/banes-youth-pride-tickets-484326592877>

Or scan the QR code <

The venue is in central Bath. The exact location will be sent to you a week before.

Contact

Email
oweneverett@offtherecord-banes.co.uk

Text/call
07508841070

Instagram
youthforumbanes

Other info

- Accessible venue
- Off The Record can help pay your travel costs if needed

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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:	
Chickpea & spinach	£4.50 small /
Lentil & pepper	£8 large
Garam masala spice	£3 per jar

may contain allergens



Please email bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com for specific requests

Spotters Hockey 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 Hockey Talent 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
England Hockey Level 1 Coach
BA(Hons) Business and Management



DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

SPOTTERS HOCKEY CAMPS 2023 DATES

 **BOOK HERE FOR MAIN CAMP**
Kingswood School Bath
Royal High School Bath

 **BOOK HERE FOR HPC**

MAIN CAMP AGES 7-16
16 & 17 FEBRUARY, 3 & 4 APRIL, 13 & 14 APRIL
PERFORMANCE CAMP AGES 12-16, DEVELOPERS AND PERFORMERS AGES 11-12, BEGINNERS, IMPROVERS AGES 7-10

HPC AGES 14-18
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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.
Training/matches restart Sunday 8th January at 10am.

Free Trial
Period



Bathford Playing Fields, Bathford, Bath, BA1 7SN

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

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 !