

2nd February 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has felt a little disjointed with the industrial action taking place and I hope pupils studying at home on Wednesday had a productive day. Certainly those in school had a positive day, taking the opportunity to continue their studies in small groups.

Over the last week there has been so much to celebrate including both our U13 and U16 football teams reaching the quarter final of the national cup, a strong second place performance by our mathematicians in the local Maths team challenge and some excellent training for the forthcoming Ten Tors event.

We have also received a lovely letter from the charity, Genesis, thanking our students for their fundraising and donations before Christmas. Mr Mann refers to this, and other charity work, in an article later in this newsletter and when reviewing all the volunteering taking place as part of Duke of Edinburgh Award, it is clear that Beechen Cliff pupils are making a really positive contribution to society and we are really proud of them.

Over the last week our Year 11 prefects, in partnership with Year 11 Tutor Reps at Hayesfield, have completed their joint project on tackling sexual harassment. This has involved two forums and then planning and delivering assemblies to Year 8 and Year 9 pupils in both schools on what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate behaviours. This project was one of the things that our

Calendar

Tuesday 7th February

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

Thursday 9th February

Beechen Cliff Bands Night from 5.30pm - Main Hall

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)

Saturday 25th February PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale (10am-12pm) at the Clubhouse

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

Monday 13th March HPV Vaccinations -Year 9

prefects decided that they wanted to achieve this year, particularly helping to educate younger pupils, and they have done a brilliant job.

Given the current high profile of Andrew Tate, we are continuing the theme of challenging inappropriate behaviours with dedicated time in our character tutor sessions looking at challenging misogyny.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and I wish you all a good weekend.

T. D. Markall.

T.D.Markall Headteacher

Key Notices

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

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCES

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>

Menu for w/c 6th February

Monday: Chicken with a Creamy Mushroom Gravy, Veggie Burger with Sweet Chilli Mayo (W)

Tuesday: Chicken Chorizo and Kidney Bean Risotto (D), Quorn Cottage Pie (W)

Wednesday: Roast Pork, Cheesy Celeriac and Potato Bake (D)

Thursday :Creamy Pesto Parmesan and Pea Pasta (W,D) Toasted Spiced Bean and Mozzarella Wrap (D,W)

Friday: TBC

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/

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.

Student Safety

Through our assembly programme this term we have been speaking to all students about keeping themselves safe in a variety of situations including how to keep themselves safe on their journeys to and from school. Road crossings, cycle safety, safe and respectful use of public transport and Please take this opportunity to review with your child the various risks that may occur on their journey and how to minimise those risks. There is further information available on the <u>NSPCC website</u> including how to keep children and young people safe at work, work experience and volunteering.

Substance Misuse

Through our PSHE and tutor time curriculum we have been looking at the risks associated with alcohol and vaping.

Alcohol

Health risks:

Drinking alcohol can damage a child's health, even if they're 15 or older. It can affect the normal development of vital organs and functions, including the brain, liver, bones and hormones. Beginning to drink before age 14 is associated with increased health risks, including alcohol-related injuries, involvement in violence, and suicidal thoughts and attempts.

Drinking at an early age is also associated with risky behaviour, such as violence, having more sexual partners, pregnancy, using drugs, employment problems and drink driving.

Advice for parents:

If children do drink alcohol, they should not do so until they're at least 15 years old. If 15 to 17 year olds drink alcohol, it should be rarely, and never more than once a week. They should always be supervised by a parent or carer.

If 15 to 17 year olds drink alcohol, they should never exceed the recommended adult weekly limit (14 units of alcohol). 1 unit of alcohol is about half a pint of beer (4% ABV) or a single measure (25ml) of spirits. A small glass of wine equals 1.5 units of alcohol. Read more about alcohol units. If your child intends to drink alcohol, using positive practices such as incentives, setting limits, agreeing on specific boundaries and offering advice can help.

More information can be found <u>here</u>.

Vaping

Although e-cigarettes are almost certainly less harmful than smoking tobacco, they aren't risk free. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive, as well as other ingredients such as propylene glycol, glycerine and flavourings.

E-cigarettes have been regulated by the government since May 2016. From April 2017 it's illegal to sell e-cigarettes to, or buy them for, under 18s.

Mr Michael Ambrose Deputy Headteacher

Year 11 and Year 13 Draft Examinations Timetables.

All Year 11 and Year 13 students will be receiving their draft timetable this week for the 2023 Summer Exams. Please check that all personal information is correct (DOB and spellings). Also check that the exams entered are correct, if any exams are missing or contain errors please email <u>exams@beechencliff.org.uk</u>.

All language speaking exam times will be advised to the candidates by the language teachers.

Dates and times for Music and Art Assignments will be advised by the subject teachers.

History Exams show length as 0.00 they are 2 hours long.

RPE Exams show length as 0.00 they are 1 hr and 45 minutes long.

Some candidates will have clashes, we are aware of them and they will be resolved and the new times will be on their final timetables which will be issued at the end of March.

Students will receive an email in due course which will include all relevant exam information and rules from JCQ the Exams Governing Body. Please ensure that your child reads this and is aware of their responsibilities.

P Newman

Examinations Officer

Beechen Cliff Vacancies



Examinations Officer https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/examinations-officer-1302581 Closing date: Monday 6th February 2023

Cleaning Supervisor <u>https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/cleaning-supervisor-1302327</u> Closing date: Monday 6th February 2023

Teacher of Languages <u>https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teacher-of-languages-1306606</u> Closing date: Friday 10th Feburary



Year 7 Bikeability Course

This week 12 Year 7 pupils have undertaken the first of two Bikeability courses organised by Banes. The course teaches the boys about the essentials of riding safely on the road and to ensure that they undertake regular checks on their bikes for safety. Another 12 Year 7 boys will undertake the course next week.





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

Healthy Living!

Now that the days are getting longer and we are finally coming out of the dark afternoons, please encourage your son to walk to school whenever possible

What are the benefits of walking to school?

Walking to school has lots of benefits:

- Something as small as walking 20 minutes a day can help you and your child ward off heart disease.
- Walking can help us to maintain a healthy weight, especially when combined with a balanced diet. It makes us fitter because our heart and lungs can work more effectively.
- In addition, it can help our bones stay healthy and improve our balance and coordination.
- Walking can help to increase our sense of wellbeing by making us feel more awake, focused and cheerful. This is great for your child each school morning as it could improve their levels of concentration in class.

•<u>Neuroscientists believe that if we walk regularly</u>,our brains can function more efficiently. In effect, walking acts as a 'superpower'. This means we are more proactive, cheerful and clever!



Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

Wera Hobhouse, Local MP visit

Wera Hobhouse MP visited Beechen Cliff on Friday 27th January to speak with our A Level Politics students, Year 11 prefects and other interested Sixth Form students. Wera shared her experiences working as an MP and Beechen Cliff students asked questions about scrutinising government as an opposition MP, electoral reform and House of Lirds reform, among other issues.



Ms Sullivan Assistant Head Teaching and Learning

Food Technology-Needs your Help!

We have the GCSE 3 hour practical exam coming up and we could do with some nice plates/bowls/ boards for students to present their work on. Think Masterchef style!

If anyone has anything suitable and would be willing to donate it to the cookery room, we would be very grateful.

Thank you the generous donations received so far, but we are in continual need of tupperware/ containers! Please keep us in mind if you have any surplus.

If you think you can help, please bring items to T3 in the D&T block or drop at reception.

Many thanks

C Smith Food Tech Team



Theme of the Week

This weeks Theme of The Week is focusing on first aid.

Tutors are going through basic first aid such as bruises, burns, cuts and nose bleeds.

We will also spend time talking about the recovery position and CPR. The students cover more on First aid during their PSHE lessons.



First aid education will **increase the number of children and young people able and willing to help in an emergency**. It will also improve their understanding of health issues and how to care for themselves, building a new generation of life-savers."

Green Category: A first aid situation that you can deal with but let a member of staff know what first aid you administered

Green Situations: Blisters Burns Cuts & Bruises Nose Bleed Asthma Mild Exposure Amber Category: A first aid situation that requires help from a member of staff. Call a member of staff and administer first aid

Amber Situations: Head Injuries Asthma Shock Sprains & Strains Fractures, Dislocation Eye Injuries

Levels of First Aid

Red Category:

A life threatening situation or serious injury in a remote location, call the emergency services (999 or 112), administer first aid, call a member of staff to inform them

Red Situations: Severe Cut / Puncture Wounds with substantial blood loss Severe Fractures, Asthma, Head Injuries, Cuts, Exposure Unconsciousness Breathing & Non Breathing Heart Attack Anaphylaxis

A Wilmot

Head of PSHE

Extra- Curricular

Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield production of Oklahoma!

This is a special message going out to anyone that has previously expressed interest in working backstage for Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield's production of *Oklahoma* and people who can help share these opportunities around both schools.

Quick Overview

Backstage Helpers Needed! Rehearsals are well underway for Oklahoma with a 60 strong cast and 20 piece band and it's set to be a brilliant show week but we equally need a backstage team to make the show come to life! If you are interested in being part of this great show by working back stage in a variety of interesting roles alongside our experienced production team, then please come along to find out more. This can also be used as part of work experience and Duke of Edinburgh activities!

Date and Time: Fri 03 February 3.45-4.45pm

Location: Beechen Cliff Music Centre (see the site map here)

Sign Up – If you are interested in being involved and haven't done so already, then please fill out the form here: <u>www.baththeatreschool.com/mtg</u>. If you can't make this meeting, please complete the form and we will include you in future messages.

Further Information

If you would like to find out more about what roles exist, then please visit the link <u>here</u>.

Miss C Moorhead

Teacher of Art



Ten Tors Training 2023



Training has started for this years Ten Tors expedition on Dartmoor, with pupils of year 10 and year 12 walking and navigating routes over the Mendips, Somerset and Black Mountain, mid Wales.

The most recent training took part on the Black Mountain and the pupils were based at Tir y Cwm, the schools cottage. This was an intensive weekend where a range of skills were taught and practiced such as micro-navigation, tent pitching, cooking on stoves and expedition safety. This is all in preparation for spring expedition weekends on Dartmoor where they will be wild camping and are as self sufficient as possible.

Due to the King's coronation the Ten Tors event is the last weekend of April instead of in May. Our groups are shaping up well.



Dave Brewer. Head of Humanities.

BANDSNEHT

Featuring The Dukes TBC The Salt Lakes Overtone Off Piste The Habit And More ...

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023 BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL MAIN HALL - 5:30PM - £5 ENTRY TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY OR ON THE DOOR

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

Holocaust Memorial Day Artwork

Last week our pupils produced some fantastic work as part of our focus on Holocaust Memorial Day.

This brilliant work was a collaboration piece.

Dave Brewer Head of Humanities



Year 8 and 9 Table Tennis

Following the success of the Year 7 table tennis tournament a few weeks ago, events for Year 8 and 9 took place after school on Monday. The pupils played competitively and with great spirit.

Many congratulations to all who took part and well done to our winners: Marley in Year 8 and Hugo in Year 9.



We are also pleased to have some table tennis coaching starting after school with a professional coach for pupils in Years 7-9. This has proved really popular and so we are trying to arrange additional sessions to ensure more pupils can take part.

T.D.Markall

SPORTS

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport
Monday 6 th February	13a&b hockey v KW (a)	16:15	15:15	MB
Tuesday 7 th February	U18 hockey @ Millfield	9:30	7:45	MB
Wednesday 8 th February	U13a, b & c football v Clifton Prep (a)	14:00	12:45	MB
	U17 rugby v Glantaff (a)	14:30	11:30	Coach- 11:45
Thursday 9 th February	1st & 2nd XI football v KES (h)	14:30	13:45	n/a
	U16b, U15a & U15b football v Marlbor- ough (a)	14:30	12:15	Coach- 12:30
	U12 County Hockey Tournament @ Monkton	10:00	9:00	MB
	U13 Rugby v Writhlington (a - Cup SF)	15:45	15:00	MB

Fixtures for week commencing 6th February 2023 (correct at time of publication)

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

Charity Donations!

Just wanted to share with you all the donations that have been made in the past 6 weeks from fundraising at Beechen Cliff.



We have donated as a school £7724.00 to national and local charities. Thank you for all your efforts -we have an amazing group of parents, staff and pupils!

Here's a breakdown of this fantastic effort

The Centurion Challenge: Various Charities, as below-£2400

Boys in Mind - £500 Macmillan Cancer Support - £300 Canals & Rivers Trust - £300 Dorothy House - £300 Julian House - £200 Cancer Research UK - £500 Forever Friends/Bath RUH - £300

Show Racism the Red Card:-£700

Brain Tumour Research - £124

General Charity Donations (see below) - **£2500** Bath Foodbank - £900 Genesis Trust Bath - £700 Comic Relief - £900

The Devon Coast to Coast team to Boys in Mind-£2000

Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

CAREERS

Dear Parent/Carer

In support of National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) which runs from Monday 6th to Sunday 12th February, we thought it would be useful to give you some information about the apprenticeship landscape and opportunities available to pupils post 16 and post 18.

NAW brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses, and the wider economy. The theme this year is "Skills for Life"

Please find attached information, advice and guidance about apprenticeships - myths busted, links to events, workshops and resources that I hope you will find useful. The majority of the events will be for pupils from Year 10 upwards but I thought that those of you with younger children may be interested in the resources and information too.

We will be running a number of events at school across the week, please see below:

Monday 6th Feb Year 12/13 Alumni Talk - BT Enterprise Apprenticeship

Tuesday 7th Feb Year 12/13 Multiverse - Online event

Friday 10th Feb Year 10 Apprenticeship Introduction

Apprenticeship Introduction Assembly -Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme (ASK)

Year 11 Drop In for Advice and Guidance - ASK

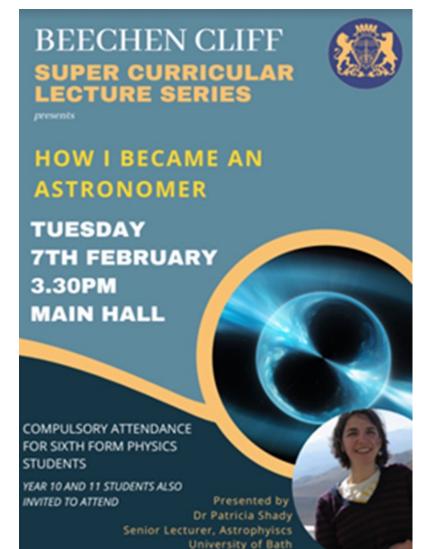
Year 12/13 Search and Application Workshop - ASK

Year 12/13 Alumni Talk - Atkins Global

If you would like any further information or support please let me know <u>epascoe@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

with kind regards

Mrs Emma Pascoe Head of Careers Upcoming Super Curricular Lecture – How I became an astronomer



Exeter University-Virtual Conference



Upcoming Event: Discover University, Year 12 / Lower Sixth Virtual Conference - Your Journey to Higher Education. Saturday 18th February 2023

Are your students considering applying to university? This conference is a great place to start!

By signing up, students will find out more about the application process, get useful tips and guidance from current students on topics such as choosing a course and university life along with having the opportunity to ask their questions to Higher Education professionals and current university students.

Please see below the timetable for this session:

- 13:00: Welcome to the conference and choosing the right course & university
- 13:50: How to make a competitive application
- 14:40: Student Life at University
- 15:30: Q&A session

Encourage your students to join us for this free virtual conference taking place from 1pm – 4pm on the 18th of February.

Sign up here

The University of Exeter's Discover University platform provides information, advice and guidance for prospective students, parents/guardians, teachers, and advisers about studying at university.

We understand how important it is for students to be well-equipped with information to support them in their journey to higher education.

Our dedicated <u>Discover University</u> webpages and social media feeds will provide the key information needed at each stage of the journey. This includes details of our upcoming virtual events such as conferences and student experience panels.

Discover University

Biggest Business Event of the Year! Goldman Sachs, PwC, KPMG & more! Monday 6th February, 5pm - 8pm



Please see below a fantastic event we have coming up on 6th February for our biggest Business event yet. Open to all students 14-18 this will be a great session for any aspiring business leaders interested in **finance**, accounting and professional services.

On the 6th of February between 5pm – 8pm we are going to be joined by 8 of the world's biggest finance, accounting, and consulting firms in existence. We have two of the Big 4 Firms PwC and KPMG, world renowned Goldman Sachs, Global Asset Management Firms Legal & General and Fidelity International, Mid-tier Accounting Giants Mazars and Grant Thornton as well as CIMA.

Throughout the evening we will have lots of opportunities for networking where you can go in and out of different exhibition booths, ask questions directly to business, accounting, finance, and asset management professionals whilst hearing all about the different routes into the industry including work experience placements and apprenticeship programs.

This event is going to give any student a wealth of knowledge, a load of connections from the business profession like no other as well as giving you a huge advantage in securing some work experience or a degree apprenticeship opportunity.

If you'd like to secure your place to this virtual one-of-a-kind event, please use the link below to sign up! Registration Link:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-NAW

We hope this sounds exciting and we would love to see you there!

Best Regards

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Wellbeing

Dear Parents and Carer's,

You may have noticed in the Newsletter lately some information about some changes to the 'C2 detention'. That it has now been changed to a 'Reflection Slip'. Where the students are invited to think about what they might do differently nexttime.

This was something that the Wellbeing Team were overjoyed to hear about.

Especially as it has had such a positive impact on students and staff already. In that it reduces escalation in the moment and it highlights to the students that we believe in them, that we see hope and possibility in relation to their ability to take responsibility for their themselves and they experience autonomy in how they chose to explore what they may do differently next time.

The hope is also that this Reflection Slip creates opportunities at home for positive conversations rather than further escalation for being in trouble.

What difference does something like this make to our emotional wellbeing?

When we use more hopeful language with chil-

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.

dren and young people it enables them to learn how to build their own self controls and to build positive relationships.

It builds their self-efficacy, which enables them to have a have a more positive sense of self, which in turn can improve their general emotional wellbeing.

With Best Wishes,

The Wellbeing Team



VALE R.F.

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.





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

YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE



tennis for all ages + abilities



February Half Term Tennis Camps



Venues Available

- Lansdown
- Trowbridge Westbourne
- Wellow
- Bloomfield

All abilities welcome. Learn new skills. Make new friends. HAVE FUN! Ages from 4 - 17years

Parent & Child Session

For ages 4 -9 years, test your tennis skills against mum or dad! Parents and children playing together throughout the session, with a coach leading a variety of ball and racket skills and fun games.

Parent & Child Monday 13th February running at:

- Lansdown
- Trowbridge Westbourne
- Wellow
- Bloomfield

Visit:

https://blueskytennis.co.uk/holiday-courses/ or email genie@blueskytennis.co.uk or call 01225 965754





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



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 <u>https://</u> form.jotform.com/210805551045346

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

Kind regards

Beth Potter

Spotters Hockey Academy



