



BEECHEN CLIFF

9th February 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks I have been talking to pupils in Years 7-11 in their assemblies about the pupil survey they completed, their feedback and the schools response. It was great to hear about the things they enjoy in school, what they believe the strengths are and what they would like to see improve.

Through this survey, the Year 11 and Sixth Form Prefect Council, the Eco Team and other Focus Groups, pupils are helping to shape the development of their school.

Some examples include:

- Planning additional charity events
- The recent Year 11 assemblies to younger pupils on tackling sexual harassment
- Duty staff wearing Hi-Vis jackets to improve visibility
- A reminder to pupils of the lanyard system and supervision that is in place to help with site safety
- The organisation of table tennis tournaments and coaching
- Adjustments to the line up times for lunches
- Additional reading opportunities in tutor time
- A new TV screen in the refectory to promote activities, the current winning House, menus and other key messages.
- The use of a grant to invest in LED lighting to reduce energy consumption and cost

It is really pleasing to see the positive pupil contribution to school development.

In addition we have talked about all the upcoming activities and encouraged pupils to get involved. The big event we have before half term is Bands Night this evening, which I'm sure will be a fantastic event.

I wish you all a good half term break over the week ahead.

T. D. Markall

T. D. Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Monday 6th - 12th February

National Apprenticeship Week 2023

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

School Concert—St Luke's Church at 7pm

Thursday 23rd February

Year 7 Parents Evening (4.30—8.00pm)

School Concert—St Luke's Church at 7pm

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

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

Year 7 and 8 Parents Evenings and Progress Reports

Dear Parents,

As you will know, the Year 7 and 8 Parents Evenings will take place on Thursday 23rd February and Wednesday 1st March respectively. These will be held remotely and will take the form of 5 minute appointments with each of your son's teachers. Details on how and when to book your appointments have been sent out via a separate email along with a helpful guide on how to use the parents-booking system. Please look out for these.

In addition, the second set of progress reports will be uploaded to INSIGHT shortly. An email will be sent as soon as they are available. Please look out for this too.

Now that we have reached the midpoint of the year, I hope that these will provide you with a timely update as to how your son is progressing with his studies.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please email headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk

Kind regards

Andrew Seal
Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Assessment)

School Transport Survey – Parent Survey

Dear Parents and Carers

Bath Education Trust are gathering information about how the school community travel to school, and what issues or opportunities they see in school transport.

Please find below the link to the online parental survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BeeClifParSTPSurvey2023>

Mr Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

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

Term Dates Reminder

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

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

Beechen Cliff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Lead Teacher of Food and Nutrition

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/lead-teacher-of-food-and-nutrition-1307328>

Closing Date: Monday 20th February

Cleaning Supervisor

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

Closing Date: Monday 20th February

Teacher of Languages

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teacher-of-languages-1306606>

Closing Date: Monday 20th February

Lead Practitioner Mathematics

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

Closing Date: Friday 24th February

Head of Chemistry

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/head-of-chemistry-1307758>

Closing Date: Monday 20th February



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

TRIPS, FORMS AND PAYMENTS

If you are signing your son on to a trip, visit, you must complete the personal details/permission form which is usually on a Google link on the trip letter. If we do not have this information your son may be refused on the trip even if you have paid.

Just as an example, the recent Year 7 Disco had 119 parents who had paid but only 80 who had completed the form.

I'm sure that you can appreciate the onerous task of chasing up these details on the day of the event causes an administrative burden.

Please work with us to ensure that all forms and payments are completed well before the trip/visit date.

Thank you

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Menu for w/c 20th February

Monday: Chicken with a spicy pepper and tomato sauce, Sweet potato and kidney bean stew

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese (W), Pesto and Roasted Vegetable Risotto

Wednesday: Roast Pork, Tomato Red Onion and Mozzarella Tart (W,D)

Thursday: Beef Stroganoff, Butternut Squash Goulash

Friday: Beef Burger (W), Cauliflower Cheese Burger (W,D)

Dan Keal
Chef

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

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.



LIBRARY NEWS



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

Interested in a career in writing, journalism or publishing or just love reading?

Carnegie Shadowing Club



The Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing is awarded to an outstanding book for young people. Carnegie Shadowing allows young people to read, discuss and review the shortlisted books and share their opinions.

Tens of thousands of students around the world take part.

Starting on Wednesday* 22nd February, **suitable for Year 9,10 and 11 pupils** who have a passion for reading and/or are considering a career in writing, journalism or publishing.

We will look closely at the shortlist of the best books of 2022 and see if we choose the same winner as the judges.

Please email lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk if your son would like to be involved.

Current Overdue

Book Total:

71

Please encourage your son to check when books are due to be returned and remind them to do so.

**The club will run on Wednesdays after school in the library.*

For anyone completing bronze Duke of Edinburgh, they are welcome to come on alternate weeks when they are not expected at DoFE.

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



Technology Food Newsletter

Please find published alongside this weeks newsletter the February Edition of the Beechen Cliff Food Technology Newsletter.

Please take a look, it includes tasty recipes, food trivia and competitions.

Food Technology Team



Extra– Curricular

Bikeability Course 2

A further 12 Year 7 pupils have now completed the Bikeability course led by Banes. A mixture of technique in confined spaces, safety and decision making on the roads has been met with universal praise and enthusiasm by the current pupils on the course.

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher



School Concert: Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March 2023 7pm

Next term, we will be holding our annual school concert over 2 evenings at St Lukes Church, Hatfield Road, BA2 4BD.

Further details regarding the concert will be made available in subsequent newsletters.

Could I ask parents/carers of musicians to encourage pupils/sixth form students to attend rehearsals or to come and speak to me if they have a clash.

The main rehearsals are as follows:

Ensemble	Day	Time	Room	Staff i/c
Choir	Monday	3.20-4.15	Recital Room	Mr Calvert/Mr Hatton
Saxophone	Tuesday	8.25-9.00	Recital Room	Mrs Bolton
Concert Band	Tuesday	3.20-4.15	Recital Room	Mr Calvert
Swing Band	Wednesday	1.30-2.15 (subject to change- please check the weekly timetable)	Recital Room/Band room	Mr Daniels
Folk Group	Wednesday	3.20-4.15	Recital Room	Mr Thompson
Year 7 Orchestra	Thursday	12.30-12.50	Recital Room	Mr Calvert

If you have any questions please email music@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr P E Calvert

Head of Music

Police and AA Talks

We have been incredibly lucky over the last week as we have had Androulla Nicolaou Prevention Officer at BANES TOPAZ Police visit us to talk to our Year 9 and Year 10 students about Staying Safe. This included information on County Lines and Online Safety and Sexual Harassment.

We also had two guest Speakers



from Alcoholics Anonymous talk to our Year 11 students about their road to recovery after being addicted to alcohol from their teenage years.

Both talks were not only incredibly informative but also gave the students a very honest insight into the topics that were discussed.

These talks form part of the PSHE programme that all students complete.

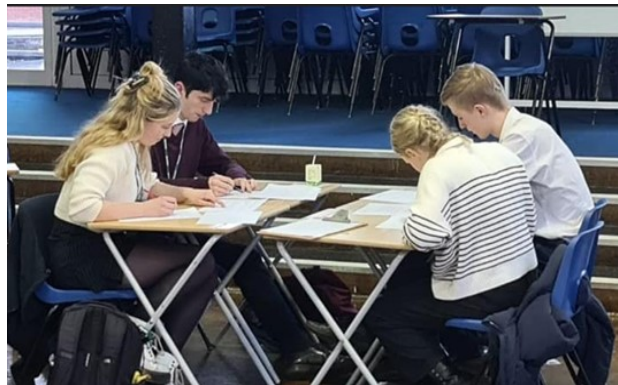
A Wilmot
Head of PSHE

Senior Maths Team Challenge

Congratulations to the four sixth formers who achieved second place in the Senior Maths Team Challenge which took place at the end of January.

The level of Mathematics involved was incredibly high and our students performed exceptionally well.

The hosts, Norton Hill took first place and Hayesfield Girls were placed third.



Well done to the two upper, and two lower sixth students who represented the school so admirably:

R. Ridyard, D. Eggleton, L. McNeil and E. Rorison.

Thank you to Mr Wall who gave up his time accompanying the students on the day.

Mr Henly
Deputy Head of Maths

Extra Curricular This Week!

The draw for the last 8 in the English Schools Football Cup was made live on YouTube this week with both our U/13's and U/16's drawing home ties. This is a prestigious trophy with over 500 schools entering in each age group. Watch this space for the date of the fixtures.

Well done to the boys 1st XI hockey team for making it to the Regional finals. They played really well but lost in the final to Truro on penalty shuffles.

The second Bikeability course was completed this week with another 12 Year 7 boys now ready and equipped with the knowledge and skills to ride to school safely.

Table Tennis Club on a Monday evening is proving to be a big hit with our pupils with strong numbers and from the evidence, there are some talented players!

Year 8 Football - travelled to Clifton College with 3 teams this week and all returned victorious. Great to see so many boys wanting to represent the school!

Keep it up!

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield production of Oklahoma!



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

BEECHEN CLIFF **BATH THEATRE SCHOOL** **Hayesfield**

Box Office: 01225 640046
www.baththeatreschool.com/tickets

This amateur production of OKLAHOMA! is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

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

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 20th February 2023 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport
Monday 20 th February				
Tuesday 21 st February	U15 football v Oldfield (Lansdown)	15:00	14:15	MB
	U14 football v NH (a)	14:30	13:40	MB
	U13 indoor cricket	15:30	14:15	9s
Wednesday 22 nd February	U13 & U14 football v Oldfield (Lansdown)	15:00	14:15	MB
	BCS 7s			
Thursday 23 rd February	1st & 2nd XI football v Dauntseys (h)	14:45	14:00	n/a
	U12b football v Broadlands (a)	15:30	14:45	MB
	U12a football v Oldfield (Lansdown)	15:00	14:15	MB

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.

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!!**

Wellbeing

Dear Parent's and Carer's,

As half term approaches, we wanted to wish you all a restful break and let you know that next term in the Newsletter each week we will be introducing you to a member of the Pastoral Team. This will enable you to get to know the team and find out some fun facts about us!

Next term we will also share the date for our next online parenting session and the theme for this based on what parents have asked for.

We really enjoyed meeting with you all and look forward to meeting with you all again.

Something that we often share with the students is an easy breathing exercise that they can use in school or anywhere to reduce their worries.

We thought we would share it with you and perhaps you would like to try it or practice it with your family. This was taken from the NHS Website –



Breathing Exercise for managing worries

This calming breathing technique for stress, anxiety and panic takes just a few minutes and can be done anywhere.

You will get the most benefit if you do it regularly, as part of your daily routine.

You can do it standing up, sitting in a chair that supports your back, or lying on a bed or yoga mat on the floor.

Make yourself as comfortable as you can. If you can, loosen any clothes that restrict your breathing.

If you're lying down, place your arms a little bit away from your sides, with the palms up. Let your legs be straight, or bend your knees so your feet are flat on the floor.

If you're sitting, place your arms on the chair arms.

If you're sitting or standing, place both feet flat on the ground. Whatever position you're in, place your feet roughly hip-width apart.

- Let your breath flow as deep down into your belly as is comfortable, without forcing it.
- Try breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth.
- Breathe in gently and regularly. Some people find it helpful to count steadily from 1 to 5. You may not be able to reach 5 at first.
- Then let it flow out gently, counting from 1 to 5 again, if you find this helpful.
- Keep doing this for at least 5 minutes.

The Wellbeing Team

CAREERS

Residential Summer visits to University of Bath

Can I draw your attention to various opportunities, listed below, for students to apply for residential visits to University of Bath this Summer.



For Year 12 students

Discover Bath: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/discover-bath>

Sports Summer School: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/sports-summer-school/>

For Year 11 students (and their parents/carers)

Autism Summer School: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/autism-summer-school/>

Best wishes

Penny Bradley – WIN Together Coordinator: BANES and Wiltshire

Theme of the Week

Tutors this week are spending time discussing **National Apprenticeship Week 2023, 6th - 12th February 2023**

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2023 is the 16th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships.

The week 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.

Skills For Life

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2023 is "Skills for Life"; reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

There are activities happening across the school this week to highlight the celebration.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/naw2023-3-minute-explainer-film/>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeship-arcade>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/the-apprenticeship-quiz-2023/>

A Wilmot

Head of PSHE



JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 12

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Enquiries:

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Avonvale RFC

Minis & Junior Rugby 2022/23

Junior Rugby at U12 and Minis rugby at U11 to U5.
New players are always welcome at this family friendly club.

Training/matches restart Sunday 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 !

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

 **Blue Sky**
TENNIS

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 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

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
15 FEBRUARY, 5 APRIL, 12 APRIL

JOHN MOORE SPORT

RECOGNISED REFERRAL ROUTE FOR EHB TA; WORK AT STRETCH, FUEL YOUR AMBITION TO PROGRESS

SPOTTERS HOCKEY HIGH PERFORMING CAMP

AGES 14-18
15 FEB

AMBITION TO TRAIN AT HIGH LEVEL

- WORK IN THE STRETCH ZONE
- OPTIMISE PROGRESSION
- PATHWAY TO EHB TALENT ACADEMY
- LED BY LIAM KING - GREAT BRITAIN ADVANCED COACHING PROGRAMME GRADUATE, LEAD COACH OF EHB TALENT ACADEMY, TB BUCCS MEN'S 1ST XI PLAYER,

VENUE: KINGSWOOD SCHOOL BATH
LIMITED SPACES - DON'T DELAY!

Spotters Hockey HPC
- England Hockey Board
Talent Academy recognised
referral route

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Book: <https://form.jotform.com/221645330226346>

16 & 17 FEB
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- Performers

PLACES FROM £18.75*

AGES 7-15
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WHEN BOOKING ALL SESSIONS

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 for specific requests