



10th March 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to have all pupils back in school after the enforced disruption due to snowfall earlier in the week.

During tutor time Theme of the Week sessions and assemblies this week we are celebrating International Women’s Day with the theme of *Embrace Equity*. We aspire for our pupils to not only understand the difference between equity and equality but to become champions for equity.

I believes this fully aligns with our vision for our pupils:

To enable them to achieve their aspirations and become well-rounded, confident and compassionate individuals who go on to live fulfilled lives and make a positive contribution to society.

Working towards this vision can take place in many ways. Our end of term musical showcases are getting nearer and our pupils are working really hard, including taking part in lots of extra rehearsals to get ready for the School Concert and our joint School Production of Oklahoma with Hayesfield and Bath Theatre School. Watching recent rehearsals has been inspiring. Information about tickets is available later in this newsletter.

This week our Eco Team attended the Sustainability Conference at Hayesfield with Kodi, Finlay and Henry presenting to the group about our progress to date showing remarkable confidence and drive for positive change.

Yesterday afternoon our Coast to Coast Cyclists had their practice ride ready for the 100 mile challenge across Devon in a week’s time and the hope is to raise a significant amount of money for Dorothy House as part of the process. Over the next few weeks we will be completing fundraising for a variety of charities including Comic Relief.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our 1st XI Football Team who yesterday defeated Backwell 5-1 to reach the Final of the Somerset Cup, which is a great achievement.

T. D. Marshall .

T.D. Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Monday 13th March

HPV Vaccinations -Year 9

Wednesday 15th March

Year 12 Work Experience parents information evening (6-7pm)

Friday 17th March

Wear Red for Read Nose Day

Thursday 23rd March

School Concert at St Luke’s Church—7pm

Tuesday 28th—Friday 31st March

Oklahoma—BCS and Hayesfield School
Production at The Roper Theatre Bath @ 7pm
PTA/Riverford Veg Cookery Evening—7-9pm

Friday 31st March

End of Term 4

Monday 16th April

INSET DAY

Tuesday 17th April

Start of Term 5 for pupils



Key Notices

Dropping Off/ Collecting Pupils

Many parents are bringing their children to the main entrance of the school by car and dropping them off and collecting them near the school gates. To ensure the safety of pupils and out of respect to local residents I would be grateful if cars would not stop to drop off in the middle of the road or stop on the zig zag yellow lines outside the school gates. If you do have to drive up to school, please park in the marked bays on the side of the avenues or, if you are able to, please drop off lower down the hill or at Bear Flat (Majestic Wine are happy for their car park to be used as a drop off/ pick up point).

You may also be aware that there is an unofficial one way system in place on the avenues with cars driving up Shakespeare Avenue and down Kipling Avenue. We would appreciate if this is followed.

T.D. Markall
Headteacher

Safeguarding –Online safety at Home

It is of vital importance to protect children from the online sphere whilst in schools. The reality though, is that the majority of dangers posed from this portal to the world's less conducive elements comes from inside the home. Out of the range of school filtering software, mandated software bans and other measures that can be taken in educational establishments. The Internet Watch Foundation has released a checklist to help mitigate the risks at home from the internet. This checklist covers all things related to child protection online at home. Visit their website for numerous resources and a wealth of information and ideas on how to reduce potential vulnerabilities online.

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Mr Michael Ambrose
Deputy Headteacher



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

Wear Red for Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March

We will be taking part and fundraising for people going through the toughest of times in their lives.

All year-round, the money donated to Comic Relief works hard to support some incredible projects making a change to people's lives across the UK and around the world. In fact, over a two year period, Comic Relief funding has helped to support **11.7 million people.**

Pupils will be able to wear red for the day for a donation of £2 via Parentpay. There will be a range of activities that will take place during the day to raise money for this great cause - from cake sales to challenges!

Please encourage your son to wear an item of red clothing alongside his normal uniform and donate £2 via Parentpay.

Thank you!

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher



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

Menu for wc Monday 13th March 23

Monday: Beef Goulash, Lentil and Potato Curry

Tuesday: Pasta Arrabiata with Olives (W), Mushroom and Parmesan Risotto (D)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Tomato and Mozzarella Puff (D,W)

Thursday: Chicken and Ham Pie (W), Homity Pie (W,D)

Friday: Spicy Chicken and Prawn Pasta (W), Tomato Courgette and Aubergine Bake

Dan Keal
Chef

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

Beechen Cliff Vacancies



Maths KS4 Coordinator

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechncliff/job/maths-ks4-coordinator-1315311>

Closing date: Monday 13th March

Invigilators

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechncliff/job/invigilators-1315679>

Closing date: Monday 20th March

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@beechncliff.org.uk and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

LIBRARY NEWS



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!



There was a real buzz in school on Friday as we celebrated World Book Day at Beechen Cliff.

The theme of our World Book Day this year was *Detectives and Villains* and the boys turned detective to work out some criminally tough puzzles in the library. Along with book cover and emoji title quizzes, there was also the case of the stolen cake to solve. This proved tricky, but well done to the boys who worked out not just WHODUNNIT, but also WHY. The fun wasn't contained to the library, as our junior detectives worked their way around the school site, looking for staff members who were wearing book clues.

Winners



At the end of the day, three names were picked at random for the 'hunt the teacher' game and one name from each of the Year 7, 8 and 9 participants were chosen for the library game.

These names were all put into a hat and the overall winner was chosen at random. This was Josh (Kp7a). Josh wins a complete set of Young Sherlock Books. The other five winners were:

Oliver P (Kp7a); Jack R (Sh7b); William D (By7b); Linus R (By8a) and George F (Sh9a). These five boys win a copy of *The Fowl Twins*, by Eoin Colfer.



Well done to everyone who took part!



Read for Good Sponsored Read

In tutor time all pupils were given a sponsor form for our readathon. Money raised will support Read for Good, a charity which gets stories and books to children who are in hospital. The school also receives book vouchers for 20% of the money raised and we plan to improve our class reading sets, so all support is appreciated! To sponsor a pupil visit [THIS SITE](#) or see information on your son's sponsor form (they are bright orange, so should be easy to spot!)

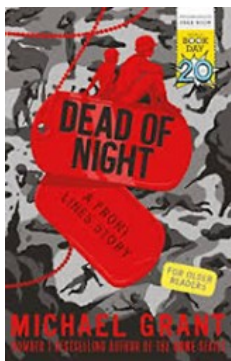
Teachers and support staff did a fantastic job of dressing up and getting everyone talking about books. Every lesson during the day began with an extract of the Sherlock Holmes story 'Silver Blaze'. By the end of the day, the whole school had listened to the short story - although not many of us had managed to solve the case. See if your child remembers who killed the horse's trainer!

The costumes and changes in lessons made a huge difference to the day. Thank you to all staff who dressed up and helped out by being flexible with their plans.



WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS:

In addition to the World Book Day digital vouchers that can be found in tutor Google Classrooms and redeemed at any good bookshop, we also have a wide variety of previous WBD books, suitable for teens, that have been kindly donated by [Harry Wainwright](#) at The Oldfield Park Bookshop on Moorland Road. Harry is a fantastic supporter of Beechen Cliff Library and has donated 500 WBD books to school. Some of these will be going to supplement our class reader sets, but the rest are free to a good home, so get choosing!



Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge

Library lead

Extra- Curricular



For tickets please click [here](#)

BEECHEN CLIFF ANNUAL CONCERT 2023

The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert on Thursday 23rd March 2023 at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, (BA2 2BD).

(Please note that unlike previous years, the concert will be held on one night only this year).

Several Ensembles will be involved, including Concert Band, Swing Band, Folk Group, Guitar Ensemble, Choir and Year 7 Orchestra, presenting a wide range of repertoire.

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 9.20pm including a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

Price of admission is £1 via ParentPay. **Please Note:** this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music



BEECHEN CLIFF MOUNTAINEERING

SNOWDONIA MOUNTAINEERING TRIP
JULY 17TH - JULY 21ST 2023
(ACTIVITIES WEEK)

OPEN TO YEARS 10,11, 12 & 13

Are you the adventurous type
who enjoys a challenge and
do you love the outdoors?

Do you want to advance your camping skills
and learn new skills in the mountains?

If the answer is yes, this trip is for you!

We are taking a small group (15 people) to
the Snowdonia National Park in the summer.

Places are now open. See Mr Murphy,
Mr Brewer, Mr Maxwell or Mr Firth
for more details. Book early!

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 13th March 2023 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start Time/ Kick Off	Meet Time	Transport	Finish / Return time
Monday 13 th March	U15 hockey v KW (a)	14:45	13:45	MB	16:30
	U12b & U13b football v Writhlington (a)	15:45	14:50	MB	17:30
	U12a & U15 v St Greggs (h)	16:00	15:15	N/A	17:00
Tuesday 14 th March	U14a hockey v KES (a)	14:45	14:00	MB	16:30
	U15 rugby final @ Bridgwater RFC	15:00	12:30	MB & 9s	18:00
	U16 football v St Gregs (a)	15:30	15:00	MB	17:00
Wednesday 15 th March	Sixway 7s				
	GCSE golf moderation	9:00	8:30	9S	12:30

Sports Class on Google Classrooms/ Sports Fixtures website

Each year group now has a Sports Class on Google Classrooms where details of fixtures and notices will be given. Please encourage your son to check this regularly for information.

You can also find fixtures information and team sheets on our [Sports Fixtures website](#)

If your son is absent on the day of his fixture, please can we politely ask that when you contact Attendance to report the absence, you also advise the sports team 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



Parent Solution Focused Training

Following the success of our first Parent/Carer Solution Focused Training in January, our feedback questionnaire revealed that parents and carers would be interested in having some follow-up training on how to use the solution focused techniques in conversations with your children.

We are delighted to offer a follow-up training session on **Thursday April 27th 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/beecheen-cliff-parent-solution-focused-information-evening-session-2-tickets-575900673417>

We very much look forward to meeting you all.

Tara Gretton

IASTI Accredited Solution Focused Practitioner and Trainer

Susie Ingram

IASTI Accredited Solution Focused Practitioner

Pastoral Staff Profiles

We are starting a series of staff profiles to give parents a greater knowledge of the Pastoral Staff at Beechen Cliff

Name:

Mr Ambrose

Role:

Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral) and Delegated Safeguarding Lead

How long have I been at Beechen Cliff:

Since September, 2022



My Best Hopes for Beechen Cliff Students:

- Students should leave Beechen ready to embrace the opportunities and face the challenges of adult life. This includes being able to pursue their passions and interests and live healthy, fulfilling lives.

What I notice about Beechen Cliff students that really pleases me?

- Beechen Cliff students can't be categorised: they are all individuals. However, Beechen Cliff students in general are confident and like a challenge!

What I enjoy about my role:

- I love my job. Seeing boys grow into impressive young men is always rewarding. Equally, making a connection or helping someone overcome difficulties makes the hard work worthwhile.

What my friends and family know about me:

- That I am incredibly competitive, and that I love telling bad jokes.



Tickets available now on
ParentPay for



Riverford Veg Cookery Workshop

Tuesday 28th March 7–9pm

**£15 for cookery workshop and supper
(all proceeds to the PTA)**

Riverford will be hosting another veg cookery workshop for parents/carers on Tuesday 28th March.

It's a friendly and relaxed evening of chopping, chatting and cooking. You'll make three teen-friendly, veg-packed recipes and learning a few tips, then sit down for supper (BYOB). The evening is hosted by Vicky Mowat, a parent at Beechen Cliff and part of Riverford's local team in Bath.

You'll also have the chance to take a look at Riverford's veg boxes—it's an ideal event if you are thinking about having a regular organic veg box delivery and would like to find out more. If you start a regular order, the PTA will receive a further £25 donation from Riverford once you've had three deliveries.

Spaces are limited to 10 for this event, so buy your ticket now on ParentPay.

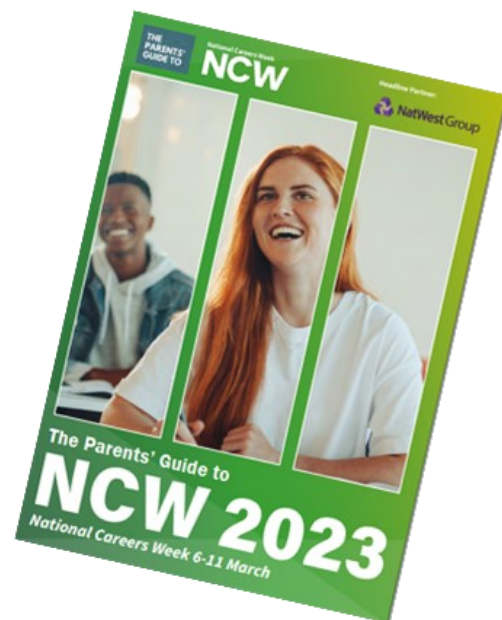


CAREERS

Careers Update

It is National Careers Week next week but also International Women's Day (IWD). Our pupils have been taking part in activities celebrating IWD this week and we will run various Careers activities during the week commencing Monday 13th March.

Please find attached to this newsletter Parents Guide to National Careers Week that should be useful in supporting your child to find out options available, new trends and exciting opportunities.



Work Experience Information Sessions

Dear Year 12 parents/carers

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

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/>

[Work Experience **Employer** Consent Form](#)

[Work Experience **Parent/Guardian** Consent Form](#)



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It is National Careers Week)! There are lots of activities and resources being highlighted this week to help you investigate your future career. National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. For information and some resources, news and blogs see: <https://nationalcareersweek.com/>



Virtual Insight Programme at PwC. Gain insight into PwC and professional services whilst enhancing your employability skills. The Virtual Insight programme will give you a glimpse into the different business areas within PwC and you will hear from employees who joined through a range of pathways and programmes. For more information and booking see: <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/our-programmes/insight-weeks.html>



Financial Times (FT) Schools: The World of Work Digital Event. On 27 March, led by FT senior journalists, alongside leading recruiters and employers to give you expert insights and practical advice on skill building, career planning and future personal development. From CVs to interview tips to dress codes, this event will help with making decisions about further study and entering the world of work. For more info and booking see: <https://ftforschools-worldofwork.live.ft.com/>



Free (Y12 and Y13) on-campus and online Subject Tasters. Throughout spring and summer the University of Sheffield are offering tasters in different subjects across the sciences, arts & humanities and social sciences. All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide you with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university. See: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/subject-tasters>



'Make it Ravensbourne' for those interested in creative careers. The programme supports people aged 14+ to access creative education and careers. Ravensbourne, University of London has a number of free workshops in creative and digital skills, holiday schools and 1-1 opportunities. Coming up at Easter are a photography workshop and a drawing skills workshop amongst lots of other exciting opportunities.

INVESTIN

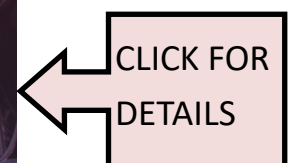
FREE STUDENT WEBINARS

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Coming up this month:

LAW | MEDICINE | FINANCE

National Careers Week 2023



VIRGIN MEDIA O2 WORK EXPERIENCE



Virgin Media O2 is launching work experience week from 3rd – 6th April 2023!



Students of this event will be able to gain valuable insight into our industry, Virgin Media O2 as an organisation, and what our early career programme opportunities look like for graduates, internships and apprenticeships as well as building skills to support education through to employment.

Over the course of four days, we'll be giving students the opportunity to gain experience of what it's like to work in the highly dynamic telecoms industry and gain an insight into Virgin Media O2's mission to upgrade the UK. We want to help young people develop skills, knowledge and experience to take control of their futures and change the world around them.

This event is running virtually from the 3rd – 6th April 2023 and this allows students to have the flexibility to access this work experience from wherever is best for the student.

Who's this for

Students aged 14-16, who have a strong interest in finding out more about STEM based careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).

What to expect

- You'll get to delve into the importance of key skills that are critical to STEM careers, including problem-solving and critical thinking
- You'll gain exposure to career coaching activities and get hands-on practice using innovative recruitment tools such as Match Me, situational judgement tests or career alignment quizzes.
- Hear from our people, including those on our early in career programmes to gain valuable insight into our industry, STEM careers and how our sustainability plan has a powerful impact on what we do as a business and in society
- The knowledge, skills and experience gained over the week will help students achieve the Bronze Industrial Cadets accreditation

How to apply

Scan / Click the QR code to apply!

So we know it's you, use the Work Experience Reference Code on the application form.



VMO2C2



DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

SPOTTERS HOCKEY

BATH, SOMERSET

2023



NEW SESSIONS!

MAIN CAMP AGES 7-16 3 & 4 APRIL, 13 & 14 APRIL

PERFORMANCE CAMP AGES 12-16, DEVELOPERS AND PERFORMERS AGES 11-12, BEGINNERS, IMPROVERS AGES 7-10

[BOOK HERE FOR MAIN CAMP](#)



HPC AGES 14-18 5 APRIL & 12 APRIL

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



[BOOK HERE FOR HPC](#)



NEW SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

15 MAY - 29 JUNE YEARS 5-7 AND 8-9

[BOOK HERE FOR SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADEMY](#)



BOOK NOW!

YEARS 5-9

SPOTTERS HOCKEY ACADEMY

PERFORMANCE COACHING SUMMER 2023

- 15/5-26/6
- RHS BATH ASTRO
- TWO COHORTS
- INCREASE YOUR HOCKEY PERFORMANCE
- RECOGNISED REFERRAL ROUTE
- TBBHC TA



tennis for all ages + abilities





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

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SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:

applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

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



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