



BEECHEN CLIFF

2nd March 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last week we have been preparing for World Book day which we are holding on Friday. There are lots of exciting activities taking place and staff will be dressing up with the theme of detectives and criminals.

I have been impressed with our Year 11 students and their approach to their second set of mock exams over the last few days. It has been an intense week for them including today when exams have continued despite partial school closure during the second day of industrial action today.

In this week's newsletter you will see a celebration of many of our students achievements including amazing art work, contribution to community litter picking, Ten Tors Training and Mountain Biking success.

T. D. Marshall

T.D Markall
Headteacher

Calendar

Monday 6th March

PTA Meeting 7 –8 pm at The Bear

Wednesday 8th March

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

Monday 13th March

HPV Vaccinations -Year 9

Wednesday 15th March

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

Wednesday 22nd March

School Concert at St Luke's Church—7pm

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

Friday 31st March

End of Term 4

Tuesday 17th April

Start of Term 5 for pupils

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting Monday 6th March

The Bear , Bear Flat - 7pm to 8pm

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

All welcome!

Contact: kattybeechnpta@gmail.com

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

Sixth Form Interviews

Year 11 Students who have applied for Sixth Form will be having their interviews in March, during the school day, in the Sixth Form Common Room.

Dates and times for the interviews will be sent out via Tutors shortly.

L Dobie

Sixth Form Admissions

Term Dates Reminder

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

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

✓ PLEASE NOTE

Menu for wc Monday 6th March 23

Monday: Braised Beef with a peppercorn Sauce, Mixed Bean Chilli

Tuesday: Pork steak with a Mustard Gravy, Roasted Pepper and Halloumi Pizza Baguette (W,D)

Wednesday: Roast Beef, Stuffed Field Mushroom with Spinach and Goats Cheese (D)

Thursday: Sweet Chilli Chicken Pasta (D,W), Tomato and Mozzarella Pinwheel (W,D)

Friday: Squid and Tomato Risotto, Cajun Chicken Breast, Vegetable Moussaka (W,D)

Dan Keal
Chef

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

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

Litter Picking

Well done to our Year 7 pupils making a positive difference to the Local Community this has taken place out in the Avenues and Alexandra Park .

Thanks for your efforts.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headteacher



Rewards Week – 24 February 23

Tutor Results – Positives

Year	Tutor group	Average Points
7	Shakespeare 7b	7.2
8	Byron 8b	3.7
9	Kipling 9b	3.9
10	Milton 10b	4.0
11	Byron 11b	1.5

Congratulations to Shakespeare 7b, the tutor group winners and to Year 7 who had the most points overall

Pat Macdonald
Head of Shakespeare

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.

Extra- Curricular

Ten Tors

Last Friday 29 Sixth form and Year 10 students traveled to Devon to take part in their first Ten Tors training exercise on Dartmoor itself. We had three teams of Year 12 students training to complete the 45 mile challenge, and two Year 10 teams for the 35 miles.

On Friday evening, they worked in their teams to organise their kit and plan their route along the north part of the moor for the following day before sleeping in teams overnight in the village hall.

It was a bright and early start on Saturday morning. By 7am the teams were all up, had eaten breakfast, packed and on the moor! It was a stunning morning, but was also bitterly cold with an easterly wind - at least they had a tailwind helping them along!

All teams completed the route for the day in good time, carrying all of their kit, reading maps, using their navigation skills and teamwork to stay on the correct route.



Well done to all!

Next time they will be camping out on the moorland and walking the next day as well in preparation for the main event.

Mr A Seal
Deputy Headteacher



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY!

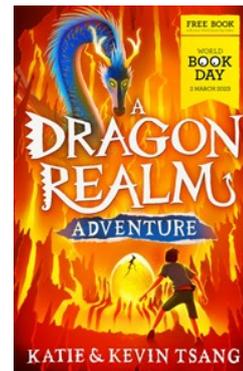
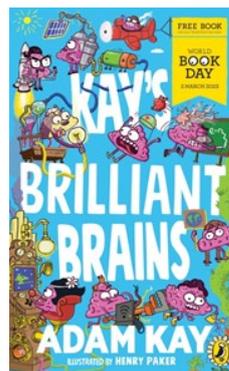
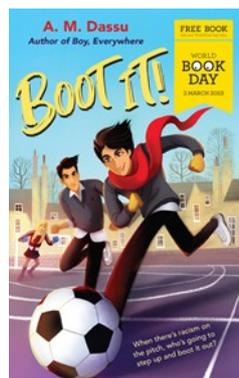
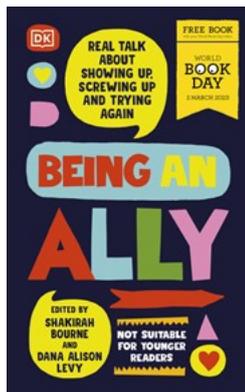
We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday this week. Look out for photos and reports of the day in the next newsletter!



WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS:

This year, the World Book Day Vouchers for secondary schools are going digital.

Please ask your child to check their Tutor Google Classroom for the link to the school's voucher. This can be shown on a mobile device or printed out and exchanged for one of the World Book Day books at any participating bookshop. Some of the choices are shown here:



Sponsored Read

We are 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.



Donating is really easy via the QR code on the sponsor form or at this website: [Sponsor a pupil - First find their school Readathon \(salesforce-sites.com\)](https://salesforce-sites.com). 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!

Look out for a sponsor form (sent home with your child) and a letter via email for further details or visit: [Raising readers since 1984 - Read for Good](https://raisingreaders.com)

Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge, Library Lead

Celebrating Mountain Biking Success

Congratulations to Rudi on his mountain biking success. A statement from Rudi is below:

I ride for FMD canyon factory racing, I'm going into first year Junior World Cups. The team is a UCI elite team with 2 elite female riders and 1 elite male and then myself, a junior rider. The riders currently on the team have achieved wins at world level. This year I hope to build on my achievements at national and European level having won and podiumed at every National and European race I have taken part in and then take that to World Level, which I hope to be able to do as the team will provide me with a masseuse, cook, mechanic, physio and coaches.



This is an amazing achievement and we wish him all the best in his upcoming competitions.

T.D. Markall

Headteacher

USA Ski trip—Update from the States

After sight seeing in New York with an overnight stop taking in the Rockefeller Centre, Statue of Liberty, Statten Island ferry ride and the ground zero memorial, the group moved on to Indian Head Resort to ski Cannon mountain.

After 2 days of skiing that ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous (clear skies, sunshine, perfectly groomed slopes and minus 10 degrees to snowstorms, blizzards, high winds and poor visibility), our pupils have displayed incredible resilience and stuck to the task.

The beginners in particular have made impressive progress in just 2 days skiing - they are coming down tricky blue runs with ease and confidence.

We will now be skiing a different resort, Waterville for the next three days. A full report to come next week after we return on Sunday morning after an evening in Boston.



Mr Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Literacy on the USA Ski Trip



Stopping By Woods

On a Snowy Evening - By Robert Frost from his New Hampshire collection.

*Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

*My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.*

*He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.*

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

Beechen Cliff Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

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

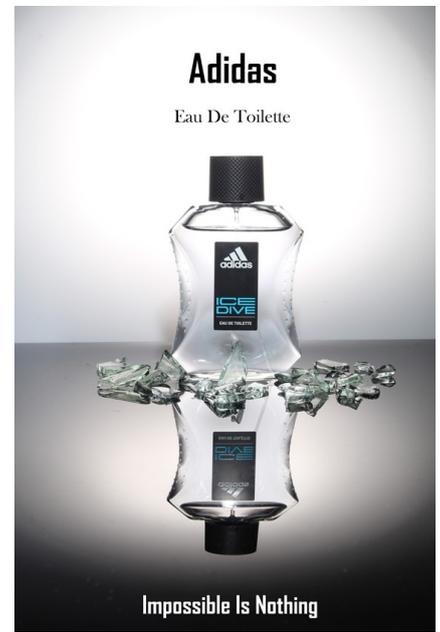
Art & Photography

As we come into spring, we thought it would be nice to share with you some of the work our pupils and students have been creating recently.

The Year 10 Photographers have just completed their second major unit of work, which was a still life project looking at advertising. The objective was to create images that made use of studio lights to create product shots that mimic advertisements you might see in magazines. This developed their skills in studio lighting, and Photoshop work to add text onto the images. Some of the results can be seen below



Max S - Year 10



Elliot H—Year 10



Camron H—Year 10



Rumi S—Year 10



Reuben B—Year 10

The Upper Sixth students are now working towards their exam that they will sit at the end of April. Following that they will be preparing all of their work for the Art show that we will hold in the summer. (Details to follow once dates have been set). It is hoped that we will have a joint show with other schools in the trust again. Below are some samples of the work that we will have on display. This is just a small sample, the show promises to be really exciting!



Tom M—U6th



Harvey V— U6th



Oliver M—U6th





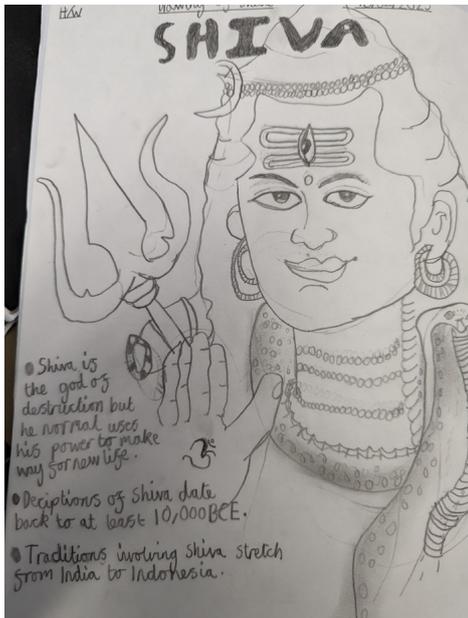
Ella B—U6th



Sonny H—U6th

Our year 7s have been working hard on a cultural project based on Indian Patterns. So far they have created beautiful title pages, mandalas and completed research on some important Indian Deities.

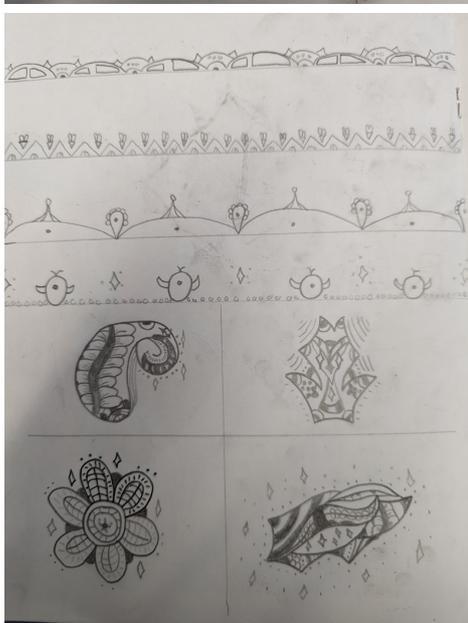
Here are some examples of their work!



Conrad E—Year 7



Dominic P—Year 7

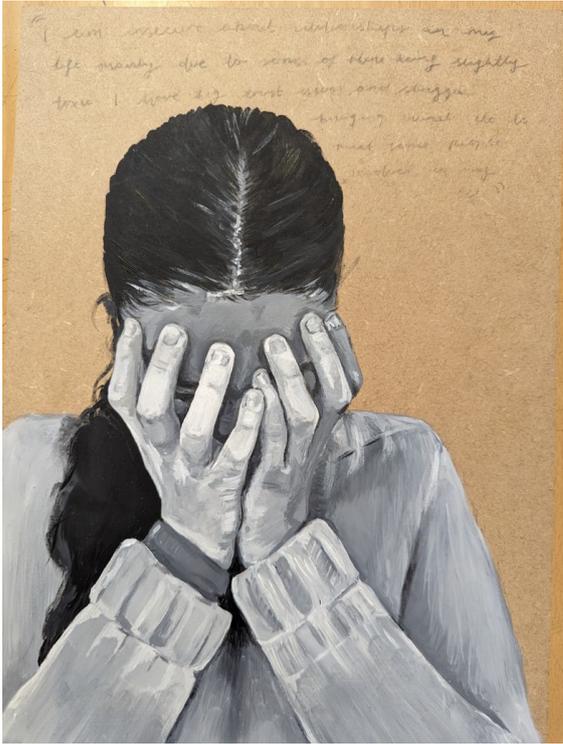


Joseph S—Year 7



Jacob W—Year 7

The year 13s have finished their coursework and have produced lots of really amazing pieces! We cannot wait to showcase all of this at the end of year art show!



Mia A— Year 13



Megan F — Year 13



Theo D—Year 13



Gus D—Year 13



Finn F— Year 13

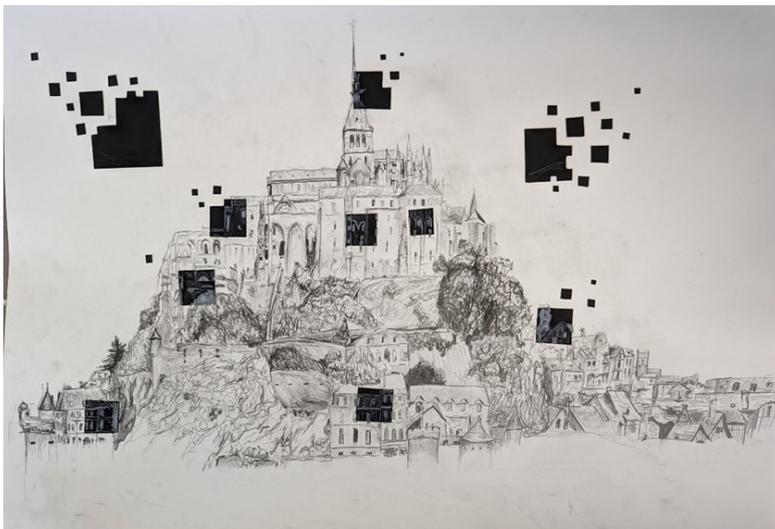
The year 11s have been equally as amazing and completed some fantastic final pieces!



Angelo S B—Year 11



Ollie J—Year 11

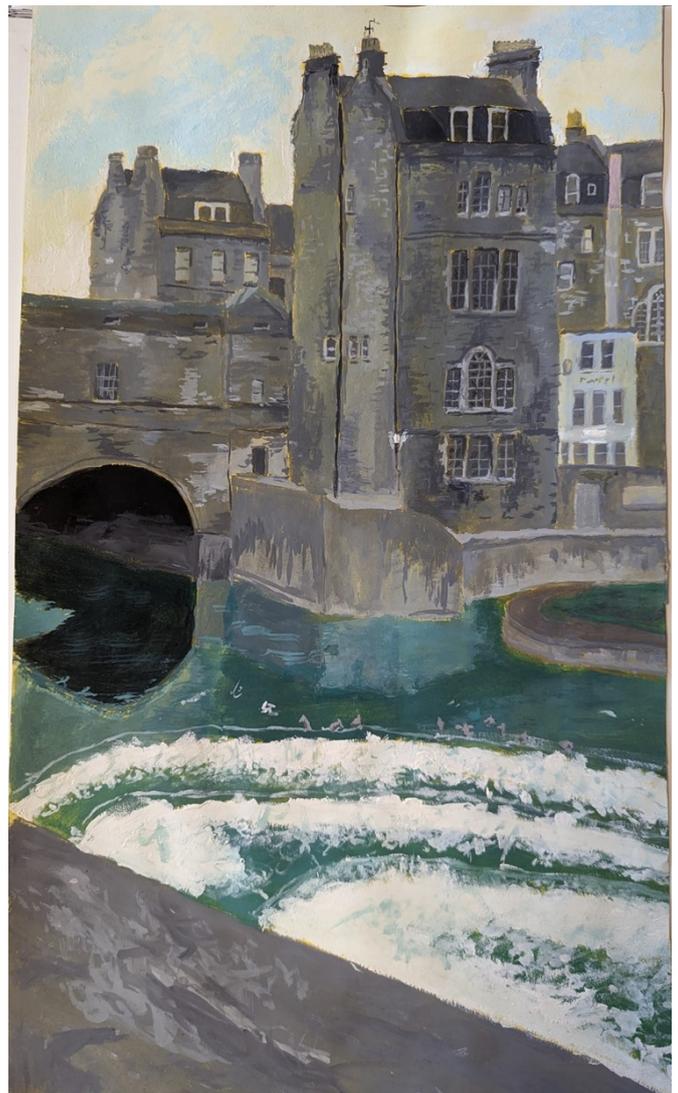


Ambrose J—Year 11

Congratulations to all pupils on their fantastic work.

Mr D Murphy

Head of Art and Photography



Finley D—Year 11

Oklahoma

Last weekend the publicity photos for Oklahoma took place. Students are now into their last few weeks of rehearsals prior to the production. Tickets for 28th to 31st March are selling fast but there are some still available. We hope as many people as possible will come and support what promises to be an exceptional show.

For tickets please click [here](#)



Well done to all the students involved and keep up the hard work!



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 6th March 2023 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 6th March	U16 football v Writhlington (a)	15:45	15:00	MB	17:45
	U12a&b hockey v KES (a)	16:15	15:20	MB&9S	17:30
Tuesday 7th March	U15 indoor cricket @ Backwell	15:30	14:15	9S	19:00
	U12b & U16 football v Oldfield (h)	15:30	15:00	n/a	16:45
	1st XI & U13a football v Writhlington (a)	15:30	14:45	MB	17:30
Wednesday 8th March	U13b football v Oldfield (a)	15:30	14:45	MB	17:30
	Surrey 7s				
	U15, U14 & U12 football v Writhlington (h)	15:45	15:15	n/a	17:00
Thursday 9th March	1st & 2nd VII netball v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:45	MB&9S	16:30
	1st XI football v Backwell (a- Almondsbury)	13:00	11:00	MB	16:00
	1st XI hockey v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:30	MB	16:00

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

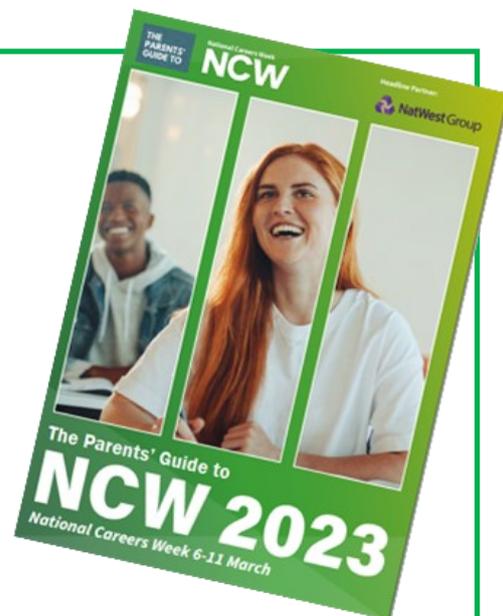
CAREERS

Careers Update

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

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

Mrs E Pascoe
Head of Careers



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/>

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

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



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Calling all aspiring Doctors, Health Care Professionals and Vets in Year 10 and Year 11

Dear Parent/Carer

I have been contacted by two young people - one is studying at the Royal Veterinary College in London and the other is studying Medicine at University of Bristol.

They are ambassadors for the fantastic charity, Medic Mentor and are coming to school next Monday 6th March at 3.30pm to talk about their experiences and also let our pupils know more about the opportunities available through the Medic Mentor programme.

If your son would like to attend, please can you fill in the following form so that we have an idea of numbers:

[Med/Vet Talk sign up](#)

Look forward to hearing from you.

with kind regards

Mrs Pascoe
Head of Careers

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

Date and 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](#)

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



Youth Pride Event



Youth Pride Event

Saturday
4th March 2023
2pm - 5pm



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)

<h3>Event info</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<h3>Sign up (and venue)</h3> <p>Please sign up to the Eventbrite:</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/banes-youth-pride-tickets-484326592877</p> <p>Or scan the QR code <</p> <p>The venue is in central Bath. The exact location will be sent to you a week before.</p>	<h3>Contact</h3> <p>Email oweneverett@offtherecord-banes.co.uk</p> <p>Text/call 07508841070</p> <p>Instagram youthforumbanes</p> <h3>Other info</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessible venue• Off The Record can help pay your travel costs if needed
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...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S
BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 12

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
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:	
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



Poster for Spotters Hockey Camps 2023 Dates. The poster is yellow and features the text 'DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY' at the top. The main title is 'SPOTTERS HOCKEY CAMPS 2023 DATES' in large, bold, black and white letters. A QR code is located on the left side. Below the QR code, there are two links: 'BOOK HERE FOR MAIN CAMP' and 'BOOK HERE FOR HPC'. The main camp dates are '16 & 17 FEBRUARY, 3 & 4 APRIL, 13 & 14 APRIL'. The HPC dates are '15 FEBRUARY, 5 APRIL, 12 APRIL'. The poster also mentions 'Kingswood School Bath' and 'Royal High school Bath'. Logos for 'JOHN MOORE SPORTS', 'TA', and 'TBB' are visible. A small logo for 'JOHN MOORE SPORTS' is also present in the bottom right corner.



Advertisement for Blue Sky Tennis. It features a young boy in a dark blue shirt holding a tennis racket. The text reads 'tennis for all ages + abilities' in white and blue. The Blue Sky Tennis logo is at the bottom right.



Advertisement for Lucra Mortgages. It features the Lucra Mortgages logo (a house icon) and the text 'LUCRA MORTGAGES'. Below the logo, it says 'Expert. Fee Free. Mortgage Advice.' and provides contact information: '01225 970 830', 'hello@lucramortgages.co.uk', and 'www.lucramortgages.co.uk'. At the bottom, it states 'YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE'.



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 !

