



BEECHEN CLIFF

20th April 23

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all members of our school community had a good Easter break and it has been nice to return to school with the good weather this week. Long may it continue!

I am grateful to colleagues who were working during the Easter holidays including the site team who carried out a substantial amount of maintenance and installed new fencing alongside the footpath by our main entrance and along our borders with Alexandra Park and Lyncombe Hill Fields.

In addition, I would like to thank colleagues who were involved with rugby training, revision sessions and Ten Tors training for our students during the break.

At the end of last term we had considerable success in the intermediate Maths Challenge and Maths Feast competition. Our Maths Department has a strong history of success in the Maths Challenges and we are really proud of this continued success. More information is available in Mr Henly's report later in this newsletter.

We have returned to a busy term of examinations with the written GCSE and A Levels beginning in a few weeks and some assessments such as Art, Photography and speaking assessments already underway. After all the hard work of recent months this is the opportunity to shine and we wish them all the best over the coming weeks.

As I'm sure you are aware the NEU has announced further dates for industrial action on Thursday 27th and Tuesday 2nd May. We will be providing a teaching and revision programme in school for Year 11 and Upper Sixth Students on those dates to minimise the impact on students with GCSE and A Level examinations this summer. In addition, there will be the opportunity for students eligible for Free School Meals or who have an EHCP to attend school along with boarders and pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 where there are child care issues. Lower Sixth students will be able to attend the UCAS fair on 27th April as planned. Remote learning will be provided for other students. Further details on the arrangements will be provided prior to these two days.

*T. D. Markall*

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Headteacher

## Calendar

**Monday 1st May**

Bank Holiday

**Monday 8th May**

Bank Holiday

**Monday 15th May**

Written GCSE Exams begin

**Friday 19th May**

U6th Awards Evening

**Monday 22nd May**

Written A Level Exams begin

**Friday 26th May**

Term Ends

**Monday 5th June**

Term 5—Summer Term begins

## Key Notices

### Vaping, children and young people: Free Webinar for parents and carers 24<sup>th</sup> May 19.00 – 20.00 on Zoom

The B&NES Public Health Team are advertising a FREE Zoom webinar for parents and carers on the issue of children, young people and vaping. The session aims to provide an understanding of young people's vaping behaviours and how to support those who are vaping already or who may be tempted to in the future. It draws upon local and national data and explores the impact of vaping on young people's health and wellbeing as well as approaches to support them. Joining the webinar is Hazel Cheeseman, Deputy Chief Executive for Action on Smoking and Health, who will provide a fascinating presentation on everything you need to know about vaping and young people. For more information and to sign up for a free place visit Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vaping-webinar-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-597745632277>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

#### PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please complete an [absence request form](#) found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to [attendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)



### Menu for w/c 24th April 23

**Monday:** Beef and Sweet Potato Curry, Potato and Spinach Curry

**Tuesday:** Chicken Wrapped in Bacon with a Tomato and Basil Sauce, Parmesan and Pesto Gnocchi (D,W)

**Wednesday:** Roast Pork, Red Onion and Roasted Pepper Frittata (D)

**Thursday:** Macaroni Cheese (D,W), Halloumi and Vegetable Kebab with Pitta Bread (D,W)

**Friday:** Breaded Plaice (W), Spiced Vegetable Filo Parcel (W)

Dan Keal  
Chef

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

### Term Dates Reminder

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

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

## This Week's News

### Activities Week - Please sign up asap for the various activities!

The various activities for Year groups were sent to all parents via email just before Easter. If you have not yet signed up, please do as soon as possible as there are still places available. If your son is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please contact [tlayton@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:tlayton@beechencliff.org.uk) for financial assistance.

Here are the Trips and Activities as they stand with links to the letters:

Year 7 - The Big Pit [BIG PIT Year 7 Trip 17th July](#)

Year 7 – Kayaking – details available soon

Year 8 - Natural History Museum [Year 8 Trip to The National History Museum Wednesday 19th July](#)

Year 8 - Mill on the Brue [YR 8 MILL ON THE BRUE](#) Tuesday 18th July/Wednesday 19th July

Year 9 - Wiltshire Outdoor Learning at Monkton Combe School (Residential) [Parent WOLT 2023](#)  
Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th July

Year 9 - Thorpe Park [Year 9 Trip to Thorpe Park Thursday 20th July](#)

Thanks

Mr Kant Mann

### 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 5 and 6.

Mr Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

### School Contacts

We believe that communication between parents and carers and the School is really important. If parents or carers have a concern, query or information to pass on then please do contact us. A list of contact details for senior staff is available on the School Website and via the link below.

#### [Contacts](#)

Alternatively please email [headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

## Extra- Curricular

### Easter Newsletter - Intermediate Maths Challenge 2023

Sixty two pupils from Years 10 and 11 recently took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge.



The Challenge is aimed at enriching the Mathematics of the most able students throughout the UK, targeting year 11 and below. Nationally the challenges attract entries from about 200,000 students. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions. The top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze

certificate in the ratio 1:2:3.

As usual the school performed extremely well, with an outstanding haul of certificates:

11 Gold, 22 Silver and 15 Bronze.

Gold Certificates were awarded to:

B. Weldon, W. Yang (Yr 10), R. Vallis, R. Gallagher, J. Hargreaves, T. Reece (Yr 10), A. Lea-Williams, J. Vernalls, S. Talbot, S. Wilby and O. Fishwick

Silver Certificates were awarded to:

J. Abu-Hassan (Yr 10), H. Plowright, E. Thorman (Yr 10), T. Kingston, J. Young (Yr 10), M. Clark (Yr 10), I. Powell (Yr 10), T. Manaton, D. Barton (Yr 10), A. Rix (Yr 10), J. Smith, C. Hudson (Yr 10), I. Pearcey (Yr 10), F. Renison, M. Costello, V. Lee (Yr 10), T. Corp, N. Norris, O. Richards, J. Aikman (Yr 10), F. Moor and B. Walker (Yr 10).

The best eight performing students qualified for the European round of the competition (or Kangaroo Paper). Of these, R. Vallis and T. Reece (Yr 10), should be given special mention for achieving Merit Awards.

Congratulations to everyone who participated.

The Junior Maths Challenge will take place on Wednesday 26 th April 2023. The School enters the top sets in year 8 and the most able year 7s by invitation. Further information plus past papers and solutions can be found online at: <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/solo/junior-mathematical-challenge/archive>

### Year 10 win the local Maths Feast competition

Congratulations to T Reece, B. Walker, W. Yang and M. Clark who comprised the Year 10 winning team in this annual competition. The boys were commended on their near perfect scores during the opening rounds.

The event took place at Hayesfield School at the end of term 4, where fourteen teams of the most able mathematicians took part. Many of the local Bath schools were present including KES, Oldfield, St Gregory's, Norton Hill, to name but a few.

The Feast is a national competition which combines mathematical communication and teamwork skills and offers students another way to express and develop their enjoyment of mathematics.

The second team of J. Young, A. Rix, J Abu-Hassan and D. Barton were also well placed in this very strong field.

Thanks go to Mr Westoby who accompanied the teams.



Mr J Henly

Maths Challenge Coordinator

## Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is focusing on Mental Health and Stress.

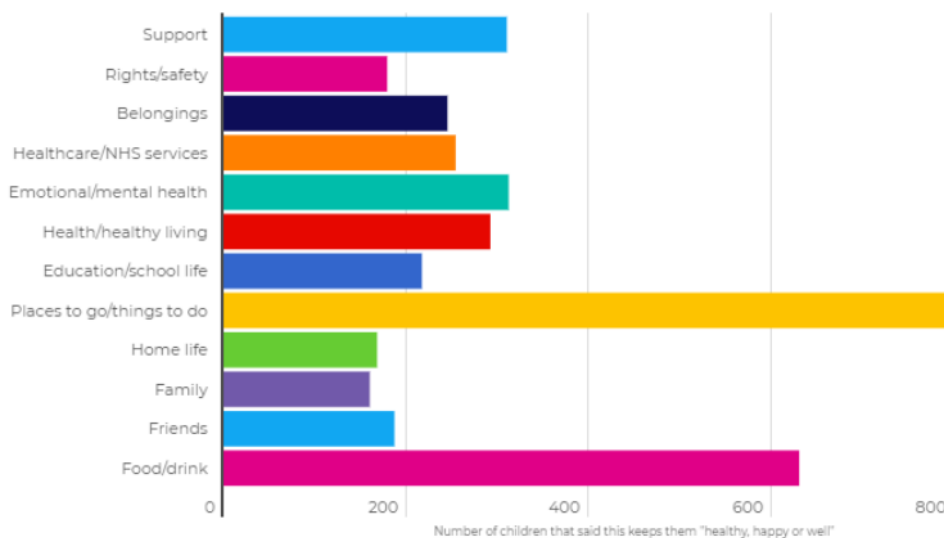
In the last three years, the likelihood of young people having a mental health problem has increased by 50%.

Now, five children in a classroom of 30 are likely to have a mental health problem.

**Everyday** stress is **normal** and **useful** and part of being **mentally healthy**. It signals that we need to do something differently.

Many stressors cause us short-term distress or problems but this is to be expected and is a common experience that can, ultimately, lead to learning, adaptation and success.

## What keeps children healthy, happy and well?



**50% of all mental health problems start by the age of 14**

## What do you know about young people's mental health?

## Where have you learnt about mental health?

## Where can you go for help?



A Wilmott

Head of PHSE





# SPORTS

## Fixtures for week commencing 30th January 2023 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Primary School Tag Rugby	12:30	11:45	MB	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	U15 cricket v Churchill (a)	14:00	12:30	MB	18:00
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	U12b, U13a & U13b cricket v Prior (a)	14:15	13:30	MB	
	U12a cricket v Prior (h)	14:30	14:00		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1st XI cricket v KW (a)	14:30	13:15	MB	
	U13 cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:45	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 [sport@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sport@beechencliff.org.uk) as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.*

### SPORTS CLUBS TIMETABLE (TERM 5 AND 6) - 15.30 – 16.30

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 7		Tennis (Astro)	Athletics		
YEAR 8			Athletics	Tennis (Astro)	
YEAR 9			Tennis (Astro) Athletics		
YEAR 10			Tennis (Astro) Athletics S&C		S&C
YEAR 11		S&C	Athletics	Tennis (HC) S&C	
6 <sup>TH</sup> FORM				Tennis (HC)	

S & C – Strength and Conditioning (Sign up on ParentPay)

## CAREERS



**Graduate Careers Live!** is at 2pm on Thursday 27th April for Year 12 pupils and their parents/ carers and will provide invaluable inspiration, information, and practical guidance about how university – or one of the growing number of degree apprenticeships – can lead to aspirational, rewarding careers in areas like technology, law, banking & finance, and engineering.

Please register below to be able to watch live or catch up afterwards:

[Register to watch Programme](#)

The programme features employers, recent graduates, degree apprentices, recruitment experts and special guests – including **Robert Halfon**, Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships & Higher Education – plus the very latest research and insight on what it takes to be successful in the graduate job market.

**Graduate Careers Live!** will be essential viewing for all Year 12 students and their parents, just before you begin considering your post-sixth form options, visiting universities and researching degree apprenticeship opportunities.

The programme is being presented by **Levi Jouavel**, a BBC Three presenter who began her career as a BBC apprentice and **Martin Birchall**, Editor of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers*.



It is being produced by **High Fliers Research**, in partnership with the **Department for Education**.

Please also find published alongside this weeks parents newsletter , our **Careers Newsletter**.

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers

# 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.

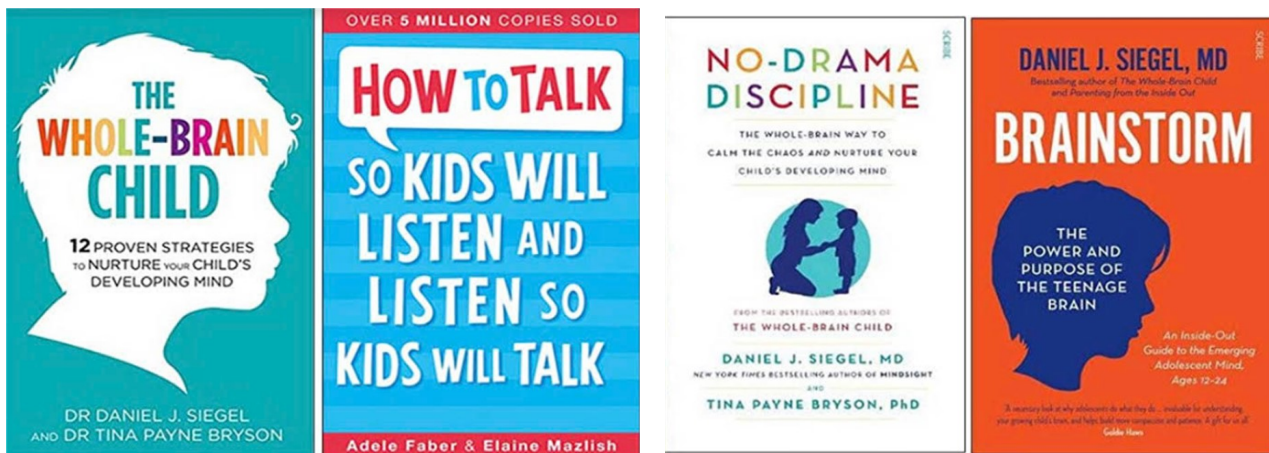
If you would like to attend, please can you book your place using the Eventbrite link below.

[Beechen Cliff Parent Solution Focused Information Evening - Session 2 Tickets, Thu 27 Apr 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

You will then receive further details and the Zoom link to join us closer to the time.

We very much look forward to meeting you all.

## Book Recommendations for Parents and Carers



Tara Gretton  
IASTI Accredited Solution Focused  
Practitioner and Trainer

Susie Ingram  
IASTI Accredited Solution Focused  
Practitioner



# Community Links

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**YEARS 5-9**

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- RECOGNISED REFERRAL ROUTE
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**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

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# 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](mailto:bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com) for specific requests