

#### 18th May 23

# Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 11 and Upper Sixth students have made a positive start to their exams this week and I am impressed with the way they are approaching their assessments.

The Department for Education has recently published a fact sheet for parents of students taking exams this summer including details on grade protection, which is available <u>here</u>.

Beechen Cliff pupils (along with other schools in Bath) performed brilliantly in the School Voices concert at Bath Abbey on Friday evening in what was a fantastic musical celebration. We wish them well for their next performance at the Forum this evening.



This week we have been flying the pride flag at school as our Theme of Week has been IDAHOBIT. Further information is available later in our newsletter.

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Mr T. D Markall Headteacher

# Calendar

**Thursday 18th May** Bath School Voices Concerts at Bath Forum 7.30pm

**Friday 19th May** 3 Cliffs Geography Trip U6th Awards Evening

**Friday 19th – Sunday 21st May** DofE Silver Practise

Friday 19th—Friday 26th May Montpellier Trip

**Monday 22nd May** Written A Level Exams begin

**Tuesday 23rd May** Year 7 Reading Evening

**Friday 26th May** Term Ends

Monday 5th June Term 5–Summer Term begins

**Friday 9th – Saturday 10th June** DoE Bronze Qualifier



# **Staying Safe**

There has been a rise in youth crime and antisocial behaviour in the city centre over recent months, and many of you will be aware of the recent tragedy that occurred in the SouthGate Centre. As a result, many of our students are feeling less secure in going out and enjoying themselves.

Barnados have compiled the following advice which you may wish to go through with your child to help them understand how to keep themselves safe when out in the community.

#### Keep Safe

- 1. Stick with mates a similar age to you a good mate won't ask you to do stuff you're uncomfortable with.
- 2. If you feel you can't say no, ask yourself: 'Am I in a safe situation?'
- 3. If someone offers you something for free, ask what they want in return.
- 4. Listen to your body a fast, pounding heartbeat and churning stomach are signs you feel unsafe.
- 5. Be careful what personal details including photos you give out online, by phone, or in real life.
- 6. Make sure you know where you are going and how to get home. Have credit and charge on your phone.
- 7. Make sure someone you trust always knows where you are.
- 8. Drinking and taking drugs can make you unaware of unsafe situations and you can become a target for people who may hurt you.

# Do you know where you're going and why?

Think carefully about your safety before agreeing to travel anywhere with anyone or accepting an invitation into to someone's car, room, house or party. If someone offers you a lift or to pay your fare, think carefully about why they are doing it and what they may potentially want from you in return.

Plan your journey to and from home. If you get a taxi or minicab, make sure it's licensed. Only flag down black hackney carriage cabs from the street.

Don't accept lifts from someone who has taken drugs or had too much to drink.

Think very carefully before going to a house party, hotel or leaving a pub or club with someone you have just met. If in doubt, don't go!

www.barnardos.org.uk

There's also this useful video aimed at teens.

STAY SWITCHED ON – Barnardos

Mr M Ambrose Deputy Headteacher Pastoral /Designated Safeguarding Lead

# **Key Notices**

#### **Beechen Cliff Multi Faith Prayer Room**

We have set up a dedicated prayer space in school for pupils who are religious and would like to pray during the school day. The space can also be used by non-religious pupils who would like some quiet reflection, meditation or mindfulness time during their free time at school. The room is in the Pavilion, next to the Humanities Office.

We plan to have boxes for each religion who will be using the prayer room, with religious items to aid pupils' prayers and contemplation. If you have religious or mindfulness items at home that you would be willing to donate to our prayer room, please bring them into Reception labelled 'Prayer Room' and they will be gratefully received.

Ms S Sullivan and Ms P Netto

#### Year 11 — Post 16 Destination confirmation

Under the Gatsby Benchmarks for excellent Careers Education in schools, it is our duty as a school to maintain records on the destinations of our students for three years after they finish Year 11.

Throughout Year 11, all students have been offered at least one IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) appointment with our qualified Careers Adviser. Support for decision-making, applications and preparation for further education and training has been given to all students by the Careers Adviser, Form Tutors, Head of House and all associated staff to ensure that all students secure a positive intended destination.

Students completed a survey in October to let us know their intended destinations and this information has been updated to include the applications they have made, interviews and offers of study for post-16 education or training they have received.

To support our internal procedure, please could you complete this second survey to confirm your son's intended destination as soon as possible:

#### Year 11 Destinations Survey

If you would like any further information or support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Pascoe Head of Careers

#### **Term Dates Reminder**

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website <u>https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/term-dates/</u>

### **REPORTING PUPIL**

#### **ABSENCES**

It is important that <u>all absences</u> from School including late arrivals and medical appointments be reported to School promptly. Parents and carers please take note of the following correct contact details.

PLEASE NOTE

#### 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

#### 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

# Menu for w/c 22nd May 23

Monday: Chicken with a Tarragon Cream Sauce, Tomato Basil and Black Olive Pasta (W)

Tuesday: Sausage and Bean Casserole, Spanish Chickpea and Spinach Stew Wednesday: Roast Beef, Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Quesadilla (W,D) Thursday: Cajun Chicken Wrap with Herb Mayonnaise (W) Cauliflower Cheese Burger (W,D)Friday: TBC

Dan Keal

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

Chef

# FREE Workshops on Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness

The **Ben Kinsella Trust** are offering free Parents & Carers workshops on Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today's climate.

Join the FREE workshop on the 16th and 23rd of May (7pm) on zoom to learn more about what is regular teenager behaviour or what might be signs that a young person in your care is being groomed or exploited .SIGN UP HERE.

# LET'S STOP KNIFE CRIME. TOGETHER

Knife Crime Awareness Week

May 15th - 21st

Mr M Ambrose Deputy Headteacher Pastoral /Designated Safeguarding Lead

#### **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.

# We need your help!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, a company that was due to host 5 x pupils for work experience in the IT/Software development sector is now unable to have them.

Do you work in this sector? Please could you take one or two pupils during the week commencing Monday 17th July?

If you can, please let me know: workexperience@beechencliff.org.uk

Look forward to hearing from you.

with thanks

Mrs Emma Pascoe Head of Careers

# This Week's News

# SWIMATHON

Congratulations to Ieuan for completing a 1.5km swim in aid of Cancer Research, Marie Curie & Swimathon. A fantastic achievement for very worthy causes.

If you would like to donate, you can do so at the following link.

JUST GIVING PAGE



# LIBRARY NEWS



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

Due to exams, the library has temporarily relocated to the Recital Room. Books can still be returned and reserved from the recital room at break and lunchtime. HOMEWORK CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE IN C3.

# **Book Donations**



We have been lucky to receive a number of quality book donations from parents of pupils at school recently. It is always fantastic to have new books and we are always happy to take more! We are especially looking for books that older children enjoyed when they were in KS3 as well as more challenging books that are suitable for KS4 and sixth form students.

Please check your shelves at

home for any books that you would be willing to donate. We have had specific requests for non-fiction books about cars, sports, chess, politics and philosophy. We are also looking for graphic novels and diverse fiction published in the last five years. Please leave any donations in reception, marked 'Library'.





The library has been looking really smart recently with 12 new computer chairs and some new tables. I have been so impressed to see the number of boys using the space to revise for their exams and there has been a great atmosphere of support across the year groups.

It's lovely to see more boys reading regularly throughout the school day and I was delighted to take this photo of pupils engrossed in their books, discussing homework and sharing comics during break. It's fantastic to see the culture of reading thriving at Beechen Cliff.



Keep Reading! Laura Bridge, Library Lead



# **CENTURION CHALLENGE 2023**

100 miles in 48 hours

16:00 Friday 7<sup>тн</sup> JULY TO 16:00 SUNDAY 9<sup>тн</sup> JULY

YEARS 9, 10, 11 AND THE SIXTH FORM

#### The challenge

To leave the main doors of Beechen Cliff at 16:00 on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> July, follow the route to the Kennet & Avon Canal and walk to Devizes on the towpath, camp overnight, then continue to the Parish Church at Hungerford and return to Devizes camping overnight. Then on Sunday make your way back to Beechen Cliff School by 16:00 to claim to be a Beechen Cliff Centurion.

# Why?

The Centurion Challenge has been an honourable tradition of Beechen Cliff School. This year the challenge as ever it raise money for various charities close to the heart of the pupils at Beechen Cliff School and to assist with financing the extracurricular activities offered by the school, Last year we donated monies to Boys in Mind, Dorothy House, Macmillan Cancer Support, Julian House, Cancer Research UK, Forever Friends/Bath RUH. We also donate monies to the Canals and River Trust and St Lawrence Church, Hungerford.

#### What you must do to take part...

#### Complete the online MEDICAL FORM, using this link <u>https://forms.gle/5w64GKk8TL3YacRg8</u>

Only after completing this form will you be able to pay the entrance fee of £85.to secure your place via ParentPay. Entries this year close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June and will be capped at 175. So please enter early to secure your place and avoid disappointment.

*As in previous years we would like pupils participating to raise sponsorship. Details on how to deposit Sponsorship monies raised will follow at a later date.* 

All the Centurion Challengers will receive a **Centurion Challengers 'T' Shirt**, but only the finishers – the **legionnaires** that complete the challenge by 16:00 hours on the Sunday will receive a **Centurion Challengers Tie**. The **names** of the **first three challengers to return** will be immortalised on the **Centurion Challengers roll of honour!** 

So do you have what it takes to become a Beechen Cliff Centurion in 2023?

*In the event that the Challenge is greatly oversubscribed, places will be allocated fairly across the year groups taking part.* 

# SPORTS

# Fixtures for week commencing 22nd May 23 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	U15 a & b cricket v KES (a)	13:30			
	Tag rugby tournament	12:00			
	U15 tennis v Prior Park (a)	14:15			
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	U14a & U15a cricket v Monkton (a)	14:30	13:30		
May	U14 & U15 tennis v Monkton (a)	14:00			
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>					
May	U14a & b cricket v Millfield (a)	14:00			
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1st XI cricket v Monkton (a)				
May	U12 cricket v Winterbourne (h)	14:30	14:00	n/a	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May					
Saturday 27th May					

#### 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.

If your son is absent on the day of his fixture, please can we politely ask that when you contact Attendance to report the absence, you also advise the sports team <u>sport@beechencliff.org.uk</u> as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.

# Careers

# Sixth Form TV Programme on the Graduate Job Market

Please find below the full recording of Graduate Careers Live! – the new TV programme for Year 12 Sixth Form students and their parents on the graduate job market and degree apprenticeships – is available to watch until the end of May:

#### WATCH THE PROGRAMME

Broadcast earlier this term from a TV studio in central London, the 90-minute programme features:

- the very latest research on today's graduate job market and the universities & degree courses that are most-likely to lead to successful graduate employment in the future
- studio guest Zoe Thomas, author of The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide
- especially-recorded interviews with recent graduates & degree apprentices from Dyson, Rolls -Royce and the Royal Navy describing their career path since leaving the Sixth Form
- an in-depth introduction to degree apprenticeships the alternative, debt-free route to the graduate job market and a showcase of employers now offering degree apprenticeships to Sixth Form school-leavers
- expert advice and guidance from senior graduate recruiters from banking & finance, law, accounting & professional services, and the public sector on how to make the most of university and to get ready for the graduate job market

Graduate Careers Live! is essential viewing for all Year 12 students and their parents, just before they begin considering their post-Sixth Form options, visiting universities and researching degree apprenticeships.

The programme is presented by Martin Birchall, Editor of The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers and Levi Jouavel, a BBC presenter and former apprentice, and is produced in partnership with the Department for Education.

Mrs E Pascoe Head of Careers

# **Open Event at Access Creative College for Young Creatives!**

Upcoming open event at Access Creative College for students from years 9 to 13.

Access Creative College is an FE provider specializing in Music, Games, Media, Esports, and Computing courses. Our goal is to inspire and empower young individuals by offering incredible educational opportunities in these creative fields.

Here are the details of our open event:

17 Date: May 30th



🏹 Time: 5pm - 7pm

Location: Access Creative College, All Saints' St, Bristol BS1 2LZ (Maps Link)

During this event, attendees will have the chance to:

- •Engage with our industry expert tutors and current students
- •Witness captivating performances by our talented student artists
- •Explore a showcase of impressive work created by our students

•Gain valuable insights into our courses and the diverse range of job roles in the creative industries

Not only will this open event provide students with a deeper understanding of our courses, but it will also serve as a source of inspiration and a platform for them to discover their creative potential.

We have limited tickets available, so we encourage students to book their spots promptly on our website link below to secure their attendance.

#### **Booking Link**

To stay updated on the event and get a glimpse behind the scenes, we invite you and your students to follow us on Instagram at <u>@accesscreativecollege\_bristol</u>

Mrs E Pascoe Head of Careers BIMM INSTITUTE BIMM Institute Summer schools 2023. Aimed at young performers producers, and songwriters, the BIMM Institute runs a range of summer schools for young people aged 11-17 looking to develop their skills, be creative, gain confidence or simply to just

have fun. Whether you love indie, pop, R&B, rock and metal or electronic music, there's a course for you. They run over 5 days and include dedicated tuition, live performance workshops or access to music software/hardware. Cost £299 (Bursaries available). See: <u>https://www.bimm.ac.uk/summer-school/</u>



**TRY IT: 1 day workshops from Ravensbourne University London.** Ravensbourne is offering 1-day workshops in Film & Photography, 3D Sculpture Design, Character Design and Animation, Fashion Communication and Styling during the first week of July for those interested in creative degrees. For details and booking see:

https://www.ravensbourne.ac.uk/connect/events/upcoming-events?event\_type=All&page=1



**Girls into Geoscience event at the University of Glasgow**. Happening on the 16 June (9.30am -3.30pm), it will consist of a series of seminars and workshops given by women working in geoscience professions on a range of exciting geological

topics. The university also has an Open Day on the 15 June. For more information and booking see: <a href="https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/ges/community/girlsintogeoscience/">https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/ges/community/girlsintogeoscience/</a>



**LSE Festival 2023.** The theme of the festival this year is "People and Change"; how does change affect people? There are some amazing public lectures on offer which can be attended either in person or online. Short films and skills sessions around building an

impactful career are also available. All events are free and open to all, but a ticket is required and booking is now open. For details and programme see:

https://www.lse.ac.uk/Events/LSE-Festival/About-the-LSE-Festival

# School Outreach Network National Webinar Series

Just a quick reminder to book your place for the final event in the School Outreach Network National Webinar Series which is for parents/carers and students.

This month we welcome guest speaker **Pete Milsom** from UCAS to talk about apprenticeships and the application process, and **Courtney Beckett** from our employer partner Nestle.

Please book your place here

Mrs E Pascoe Head of Careers



# THEME OF THE WEEK

This week theme of the week is IDAHOBIT. The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia was created in 2004 to draw the attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics.

The date of May 17th was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.

The Day represents a major global annual landmark to draw the attention of decision makers, the media, the public, corporations, opinion leaders, local authorities, etc. to the alarming situation faced by people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics.



Mrs A Wilmot Head of PSHE

# Vacancies



Transphobic hate crimes have quadrupled in the last five years, with 4 out of 5 trans people experiencing a transphobic hate crime, and 1 in 4 experiencing physical assault or the threat of physical assault. Some UK media outlets frequently carry articles by anti-trans hate groups that are active in seeking to undermine trans people's rights.

The number of homophobic attacks is also increasing, with data suggesting that these have risen by <u>22% in London</u> in the space of one year.



Deputy Head of English and Key Stage English Coordinator

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/deputy-head-of-english-and-key-stage-englishcoordinator-1335456

Closing date: Tuesday 23rd May

IT Technician https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/it-technician-1335085

Closing date: Monday 5th June

# Mental Health Awareness Week 2023: Tips to Support your own Family



Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from Monday 15 – Sunday 21 May 2023. The official theme for this year, as set by the Mental Health Foundation, is 'anxiety'. Our 'Just' Anxiety?' campaign aims to help people and organisations to understand the difference between anxiety and anxiety disorders and to confidently seek and signpost each other to the right support.

#### https://youtu.be/1KYC5SsJjx8

Here are some solution focused conversation tips that may help support a conversation with the young people in your families about anxiety –

#### Finding Out What They Hope For -

o Acknowledging – "I can see this is really difficult for you (use their language) ...what would need to change even just a little bit to make this better?

- o "What has helped in the past when you have felt anxious?"
- o "What do you want to happen?"

o "What would need to be different for you to feel safer what could we do differently to support you?"

o "What could be different that might help, that we ands school could help you with?"

"We suggest ... what do you think? What would you suggest?"

#### Noticing What is Going Well -

- o "I am/was really pleased to notice ... "
- o "How did you do that?"
- o "I noticed the other day you were able to ... What was different then?"
- o Notice the times they do come out of their bedroom, not the times they don't and amplify that.
- o Notice when they seem in a better place. Be gently curious...

Take Care and Best Wishes,

The Wellbeing Team

#### Bath Young Inventor of the Year Award FREE family activities - all half term

**Saturday May 27th** 10:30am to 12pm at Museum of Bath at Work, Julian Road a talk for families about Cross Manufacturing and Stothert and Pitt by Stuart Burroughs Museum Director and also hands on workshop activities to inspire young inventors.

**Monday May 29th and Thursday June 1st** at 11am starting at 44AD on Abbey Green across the square from the side of the Abbey - a guided trail for families around the centre of Bath following the published BYIA Inventor's Trail

Friday June 2nd at Museum of Bath at Work 11am one hour family workshop to support would be inventors

More information at 44ADartspace or Museum of Bath at Work , Julian Road . Pick up a leaflet and an Inventors Trail from 4 Abbey Street Bath

Families can access the dedicated 'helpline/email BathYoungInventors@gmail.com





# Sports and Leisure Gala Day on Weston Rec on Saturday 1 July.

If you'd like to organise any other kind of sport or activity, please let me know.

Peter Heywood Active Weston 07976 241 545 peter@heywood.co



# The AceWay



 07870993631 or email lewis@upandundersports.c

 1-1 Coaching Session £25
 4-1 Group Section £25

 2-1 Coaching Session £40
 6-1 Group Section £40

4-1 Group Session £60 6-1 Group Session £60

Sessions will cover: basic passing, dribbling, control, shooting etc. Progressing onto more advanced training: movement, positioning, fitness & tactics progressing the individual to their highest potential.

COSTS

# By Megan Butterworth

New and exciting tennis opportunities for children of all ages to learn and play tennis together.

We offer groups, private and joint lessons for all ages and abilities and cater to any additional needs.

Junior Group Times:

- 4 8 years olds Thursdays at 4:30pm 5:30pm 9 – 10 year olds Thursdays at 5:30pm – 6:30pm 11 – 14 year olds Thursdays at 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Tots Tennis (under 4s) Fridays at 9:30am 10:30am Junior Club Evening Fridays at 5:30pm – 7:30pm Tots Tennis (under 4s) Saturdays at 9:30am – 10:30am 4 – 8 years olds Saturdays at 10:30am – 11:30am
- 9 10 year olds Saturdays at 11:30am 12:30pm 11 – 14 year olds Saturdays at 12:30pm – 1:30pm Junior Club Afternoon Saturdays at 3:30pm – 5:30pm

For more info and to sign up please don't hesitate to contact Megan:



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#### 07779535580

Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk

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# Kings of the Jungle

The series follows adventurist Ed Stafford as he takes a group of dad, and their children - aged between 11-15 - to live in the jungle for 2 weeks (this would be during the summer holidays). There, they will get the chance to experience back to basic living, take on challenges to-gether, and bond in a once in a lifetime experience to connect with their children without the pressures of the modern world.

Sophie Howard Casting Assistant Producer





# Expert. Fee Free. Mortgage Advice.

We've tearned up with Beechen Cliff School to offer all those connected to the school, an expert, fee free mortgage service, taking away the hassle when getting a new mortgage. We will also pay £50 Cashback to Beechen Cliff for every person that takes a new mortgage out with Lucra Mortgages. You Just need to quote 'Beechen Cliff.'

> 01225 970 830 hello@lucramortgages.co.uk www.lucramortgages.co.uk

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



tennis for all ages + abilities

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#### Menu Bibi's £2 each / 4 for £7 Vegetarian samosa £1.80 each Sweetcorn tikki £1.80 each Fenugreek tikki Vegetarian Indian Cuisine £1.80 each Onion bhaji Curries: £4.50 small / Find us @ Bath Green Park Chickpea & spinach £8 large Farmer's Market every Lentil & pepper Saturday from 9-1pm Garam masala spice £3 per jar \*may contain allergens\*

Please email <u>bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com</u> for specific requests

