

25th May 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers.

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Upper Sixth pupils on the completion of another week of GCSE and A level exams. Also, well done to our Year 7 pupils who also completed their summer exam week last week and Year 8 pupils who are completing their assessments this week. Year 9 and 10 exams are taking place after half term.

Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions in recent weeks. We have received lots of positive feedback from members of the public who encountered our pupils who commented how they were a credit to the school. It has been great to see the learning taking place and building of confidence during these events and I am grateful to staff for all their organisation.



Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition

Today we have begun our training for our anti bullying ambassadors with Year 7 and look forward to rolling out to Year 8 pupils next term.

Calendar

Friday 26th May

Term Ends

Monday 5th June

Term 6—Summer Term begins Year 9 Summer Exams week begins

Friday 9th—Saturday 10th June

DoE Bronze Qualifier

Thursday 15th June

Year 11 leavers BBQ 11.15-1.15

Monday 19th June

Year 10 Summer Exams Week begins

Monday 26th June

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale (6pm-8pm)



Anti bullying ambassadors

I wish you all a good half term break and look forward to seeing our pupils and students back in school on 5th June.

Headteacher

Term Dates Reminder

T. D. Marball.

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

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

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.



Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the School direct on 01225 485222 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 485221** OR you can email Sixth Form attendance at

sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk

PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please complete an <u>absence request form</u> found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Menu for w/c 5th June

Monday: Chippolatas with Spicy Tomato Sauce, Roasted Vegetable and Hummus Pita Bread (W)

Tuesday: Chicken Korma, Spiced Sweet

Potato and Kidney Bean HotPot Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Creamy

Mushroom and Spring Onion Pancake (W,) Thursday: Pork Stroganoff, Pesto Gnocchi

with Parmesan (W,D)

Friday: Squid and Prawn Risotto, Veggie

Pasta Bolognese (W)

Thank you

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

Dan Keal Chef

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

School Contacts

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

Contacts

Alternatively please email headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

LIBRARY NEWS



PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

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.

Author Visit



Mr B's bookshop approached the school with the offer of a visit from local author, Finbar Hawkins. Finbar's second novel, 'Stone' draws on his interest in mythology and magic and explores the relationship between fathers and sons. He also creates the beautiful line drawings in his books.

We will be inviting a group of boys from Year 7 and 8 to join Finbar in a talk about his work where he will also share tips for wrting stories. The selection of boys will include pupil librarians, boys who are regular book borrowers and those who have been nominated by their reading teachers for their engagement in lessons throughout the year. Thank you for being excellent

reading ambassadors, lads! Look out for reports on the event after half term!

Signed Books

For *all* boys in Y7 and Y8, there is the opportunity to buy a signed copy of one of Finbar's books. **These will be available to purchase via ParentPay** and will be delivered after half term. A small percentage from each sale will go to the school for purchasing more books for class reading or the library. Find more about the books below on Finbar's Website:











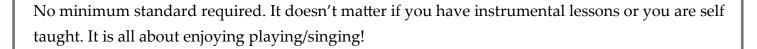
Extra-Curricular

BEECHEN CLIFF YOUNG MUSICIAN 2023

CALLING anyone who enjoys playing an instrument in years 7-10.

You are invited to take part in the

Beechen Cliff Young Musician House competition.



It could be a piece that you have made up yourself, a grade piece, a piece you are studying at present OR a piece you enjoy performing.

If you wish to enter please email music@beechencliff.org.uk with your name, tutor group, name and composer of your piece and your instrument.

The deadline for entries is Friday 9th June at 4.00pm.

First round auditions will take place from Monday 12th June.

The final will be held towards the end of term 6 (Date TBC).









Food Technology Food Newsletter—May 2023

The Beechen Cliff's Food Newsletter is put together by the Food Technology team.

May's edition is packed full of fresh seasonal recipes, inspirational BBQ food and home made ices for you to enjoy this holiday. Please click the newsletter image to access.







CENTURION CHALLENGE 2023

100 miles in 48 hours

16:00 Friday 7TH JULY TO 16:00 SUNDAY 9TH 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 8th 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 will 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 https://forms.gle/5w64GKk8TL3YacRg8

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^{th} 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.

65 Challengers have already signed up!

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.

Richard Stewart

Centurion Challenge Co-ordinator

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 5th June 23 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 5 th June	U12a,b&c cricket v Dauntseys (a)	14:30	12:30	Coach (13:00)	
Tuesday 6 th June	U12 tennis v KES (a)	16:15	15:15	MB	
	L3 cricket festival	9:00		MB	
	U13 & U15 tennis v QEH (a)	14:00	12:45	MB	
Wednesday 7 th June	U15a cricket v Trinity (h- Lansdown)	14:00	13:00	MB x 2	
	U13a&b cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:45	MB & 9S	
Thursday 8 th June	U18 tennis v KES (a)	14:00	13:30	9S drop	
	U13 tennis v KES (a)	16:15	15:15	9S drop	
	U12a cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	13:00	MB	
	1st XI cricket v Downside (a)	14:30	13:00	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 as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.

Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

Teaching Assistant

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teaching-assistant-1338151

Closing date: Monday 5th June

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The PTA would like all donations of good quality second hand school uniform for our next sale please. We would like; blazers: all sized blazers desperately needed, shirts, ties, cricket whites.

No trousers please. Please recycle those!

By donating it back to school we can sell it on to raise much needed funds for the school.

Please drop off your unwanted school uniform in to the blue plastic container by reception, at anytime. Thank you.

We are on the lookout for some new volunteers to help support the uniform team.

We can not run this much needed service without the generosity of eager volunteers please get involved!

Email: secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com

Thankyou for your support.

PTA

Secondhand Uniform SALE

at

Beechen Cliff School Club House

on

Monday 26th June 6pm - 8pm

Payments to be made by card preferably!

We are also selling Revision Guides and text books!

Bring up your uniform donations....
NO trousers please!!



BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY T 0117 9221 440

E recruitment@nextlevel-training.co.uk
W www.nextleveltraining.uk.com

Mental Wellbeing



As we continue to remember that May is Mental Health Awareness month, we are absolutely delighted to be able to share with parents and carers the attached the guide for parents "Supporting the mental health of children". This guide contains videos which students from Beechen Cliff School have been involved in, in their roles as Youth Advisors for the local charity 'Boys in Mind/Girls Mind Too'. As you may know, Beechen Cliff is a proud Lead School for this important Mental Health charity. We are very pleased with the final version of the accompanying guide, written by the Charlie Waller Trust, which is being sent out locally and nationally during Mental Health Awareness Week.

https://charliewaller.org/what-we-offer/projects-in-partnerships/in-our-own-words/

This is a package of resources for parents, carers, teachers, and others who want to support the mental health of children and young people. It is the result of a collaboration between the Charlie Waller Trust, The Charlie Watkins Foundation, and Boys In Mind.

It comprises:

- **Two video scenarios** of adults interacting with young people. They show common responses to distress which don't go so well, followed by 'better' responses.
- A set of videos of children and young people describing what they find helpful from adults when they're feeling sad, angry, or frightened; how they know when adults are listening to them; and how adults can encourage children and young people to talk to them.
- **A written guide** to accompany the videos.

Trigger warning: the written guide and one of the video scenarios include content related to supporting a young person experiencing thoughts of suicide.

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



HERE FOR SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADE

15 MAY - 29 JUNE YEARS

Spotters Hockey Camps will run in the Summer holidays:-

Main camps:

25 & 26 July 2023

14 & 25 August 2023

High Performing Camp

16 August 2023

Spotter Hockey provide coaching for ages 7-16:

Beginners and Improvers (ages 7-10),

Developers and Emerging Performers (ages 11-12),

Performers looking to progress (ages 12-16)

Spotters Hockey Main camps—Booking https://form.jotform.com/210805551045346

Spotters Hockey High Performing Camp - Booking https://form.jotform.com/221645330226346



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







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 together, 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









Please email bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com for specific requests

