



BEECHEN CLIFF

4th May 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another really busy week.

Last weekend 90 Year 9 pupils completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. The pupils were a credit to themselves and the school and we have received a number of emails from members of the public congratulating them on their achievement and conduct.

In addition, six teams of students took on the Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor and all finished which is an exceptional achievement and the culmination of months of training and preparation. A wonderful effort by all who took part.



Many congratulations to our U16 football team who defeated Millfield 4-1 to become Somerset County Champions and to several of our Sixth Form rugby players who have been awarded professional contracts with Bath. These are fantastic achievements and you will find further reports on these later in this newsletter.

Our musicians have been rehearsing for the Bath Schools Voices concert, which is taking place this month. This exciting project will be delivered by Bath Festivals and Bath Philharmonia. The project involves 11 Bath secondary schools and is enabling students to work together to create their own songs, form a choir and perform their songs as part of The Bath Festival. The choir will perform as part of the opening night celebrations at Party in the City, and alongside a professional orchestra at a Concert for the People of Bath.

Yesterday evening our A Level Historians enjoyed a lecture at the University of Bristol with Professor Ronald Hutton on Elizabeth I. Two of our KS3 pupils (Nick and Sebi) also read their poems in the Bath Hub Poetry Slam held at Hayesfield School and performed extremely well.

We have some special assemblies over the next week starting with a visiting speaker from Stand Against Violence talking to pupils in Years 8-10. In addition we will be running our annual mental health testimony assemblies for pupils in Years 7-10 led by our Solution Focussed Counsellors and our students. This is a powerful experience for our boys and serves to further our purpose in normalising the discussion of wellbeing and mental health issues, creating an environment where all our students feel more comfortable in recognising and accepting when things aren't right as well as empowering them to take action and seek support as needed.

The exams season is almost upon us and, in addition to GCSEs and A levels, all year groups will be having end of year assessments over the weeks ahead beginning with L6th Mock Examinations which have just begun. Further information on assessments for years 7-10 will be provided shortly by Mr Seal. Whilst it is a busy period of revision, I have no doubt the hard word will pay off!

The theme of the week this week has been the King's Coronation and I wish you all an enjoyable bank holiday weekend ahead.

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Headteacher

Calendar

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

Removal of RM Unify

A notice to all parents that we are no longer using the platform RM Unify. To access Google Classroom, GMail, Google Drive or any other school program from home, students should follow these instructions:

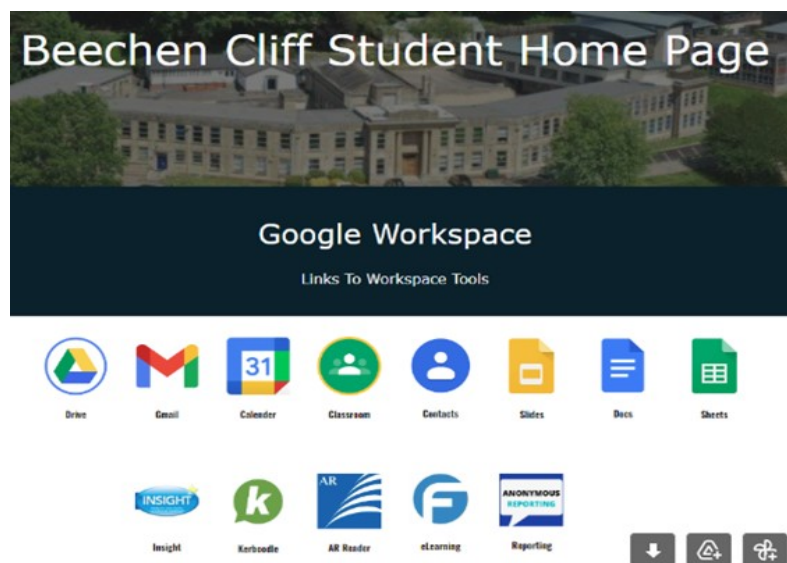
Go to the school website: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page

Click on the 'Student Intranet' link

Use their school email address and password to login

This will take them to our student homepage which looks like this



Reminder of the format of school email addresses:

Year 7 --2surname.firstname@beechencliff.org.uk

Year 8 --1surname.firstname@beechencliff.org.uk

Year 9 --0surname.firstname@beechencliff.org.uk

Year 10 --9surname.firstname@beechencliff.org.uk

Year 11 --8surname.firstname@beechencliff.org.uk

Year 12 --7surname.firstname@beechencliff.org.uk

Year 13 --6surname.firstname@beechencliff.org.uk

Students set their own passwords, so please contact us if they have forgotten it and need it reset.

Sophie Sullivan

Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning

SUMMER EXAM - FINAL TIMETABLES

Dear Parents and Carers

Please be advised that Year 11 timetables are available from your son's Tutor, remind your son to collect his timetable.

Year 12 and 13 timetables are available from the sixth form office, please encourage your son or daughter to collect their timetable.

NOTE – GCSE History papers are 2 hours and RPE , 1 hour 45mins. Please excuse the error on the timetables.

All exam information is also available on Insight.

Many thanks

Pam Newman

Exams Office

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

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 9th May

Tuesday: Chicken Tagine, Spiced Sweet Potato with Butter Beans

Wednesday: Honey Roast Ham, Tomato Olive and Mozzarella Tart (W,D)

Thursday: Chicken and Vegetable Pie (W), Curried Lentil Cottage Pie (D)

Friday: Chinese Style Pork with Bean Sprouts, Mushroom and Spinach Stroganoff

Dan Keal

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

Chef

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

Term Dates Reminder

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

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

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.



PROFESSIONAL RUGBY CONTRACTS!

We are delighted to announce that four Beechen Cliff year 13s have been granted professional rugby contracts with Bath Rugby. They are among the eight Academy players that will graduate from Bath Under-18s squad this summer. James Short, Rory Cameron, Billy Sela and Raff Weston have earned their opportunity to progress after two strong years in the school 1st XV, playing in the RFU ACE League, as well as excelling in the Blue, Black and White of Bath U18s.



James has been with Beechen Cliff since year 7, like his brother Harry before him. As 1st XV Captain this year 'Shorty' has always led from the front with his no-nonsense leadership style. He is a tough centre who led the 1st XV to the ACE Final this season. He has good acceleration, strong footwork and a great ability on the outside break.

Rory's progression has been impressive. A late comer to the game, but a brilliant all-round sportsman (football, golf), the second row has only played approximately 30 rugby matches in his career to date but his physical dominance makes him an exciting prospect who would have been selected for England Under-18s if not for

injury this season. He is a supreme athlete and dominant lineout jumper.



Tighthead prop Billy Sela's physicality and dominance up front has been a key feature during his time at Beechen and at England Under-18s level. An athletic, ball-carrying prop, Billy's absence from the ACE Final due to injury was a critical factor.

Raff is an attack minded outside half who represented England Under-18s in South Africa last summer. An ever-present in the 1st XV this season, he is a precise passer and has a real ability to bring others into the game, working particularly well with

James Short outside him.. Raff is renowned for his kicking consistency both out of hand and off the tee which at times has been match-winning.



Credit needs to go to all the squad members too. All four players recognise that they have been able to progress to this standard, because they have been surrounded by like-minded young men who have been as committed as they have been to make themselves better.

All four are planning to continue their education at Bath University in September, and the school looks forward to tracking their progress for the University teams and, in time, for Bath Rugby 1st XV alongside established ex-Beechen regulars Miles Reid, Orlando Bailey and Tom de Glanville. The promotion of James, Raff, Billy and Rory takes the Beechen Cliff contingent in the Bath Rugby senior squad to 16 for next season. We are extremely proud of them all!

Sean Turner

Head of Rugby

Walk to School Week - 15th - 19th May

Between **Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023** pupils throughout Britain will be encouraged to travel sustainably to school, whether by walking, scooting, using a wheelchair or cycling. The aim is to encourage healthy exercise and reduce air pollution which is damaging children's lungs as well as the environment.

Please encourage your son/daughter to take part in this national initiative!

Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

First X1 Football team lift the Somerset Cup!

Our 6th form team have become Somerset Champions after a resounding 4-1 victory over Millfield at Odd Down FC. A hatrick from Joe DK and a goal from Luke M capped off a dominant performance in what was the last game for these boys before they leave the 6th form.



Kant Mann
Assistant Headteacher

Extra- Curricular

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

Musical Theatre Concert: Friday 9th June. Bath Abbey

An exciting project has been launched in which all secondary schools are invited to take part in an evening of 'songs from the shows' in order to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Dorothy House. The invite is open to all pupils and sixth form students who enjoy singing (especially musical theatre repertoire) and the whole event looks set to be a fantastic experience.

The singers will be accompanied by a professional ensemble conducted by Mr M Bradbury (Director of Music, Royal High School). In addition to the massed choir singing, there will also be the opportunity for solos and duets to be performed.

Further details regarding the concert and rehearsals with other schools will be available in due course.

If your son/daughter would like to be involved in this concert would you please let me know by emailing music@beechencliff.org.uk by Tuesday 9th May. I will then organise times in the coming weeks to start rehearsing the repertoire at school.

Mr P E Calvert

Head of Music

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 9th May 23 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 8 th May	BANK HOLIDAY				
Tuesday 9 th May	1st XI cricket v Dauntseys (a)	14:00	12:30	1xMB	19:00
	U14a&b cricket v Dauntseys (a)	14:30	13:00	2xMB	19:00
	U15a&b cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:15	1x30s	19:00
Wednesday 10 th May					
Thursday 11 th May	U12 tennis v Clifton High (a)	14:00	12:30	9s	
	U13a, U12a, b & c cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:35	Coach- tbc	
	U18 & U16 tennis v KW (h)	14:30			
	1st XI cricket v KW (a) TBC				
Friday 12 th 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 sport@beechencliff.org.uk as soon as possible to enable an alternative player to be found.

WELLBEING



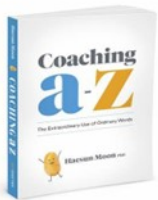
On behalf of the Wellbeing Team we wanted to say a huge thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Solution Focused Parenting Session on Thursday.

Susie and Tara thoroughly enjoyed hosting the session and really valued your participation and contributions.

We will be holding more session in the next academic year! Here is some of the feedforward from those that attended –

“It was refreshing to hear a different way of talking calmly, focusing on positive things and not trying to start an argument”

“Found the concept of not giving them advice, simply listening and asking questions about how they wanted the scenario to be and concentrating on the positives really interesting.”



Haesun Moon a Solution Focused Colleague has written this book which we recommend to parents, carers and families as well as professionals in all fields.

Here is an excerpt that may be a useful exercise for you and your family -

Reflection Guide – Ask your family or close friends one or more of these casual questions, starting with. “I have a question for you” –

- ◆ What was a particularly nice memory today (at work, at home, at school)?
- ◆ What are some things you learned in the last (day, week, month) that you are now able to do but that you didn't know how to do before?
- ◆ What are you most looking forward to?
- ◆ What's becoming clearer about (your values, your situation, your decisions) that's important to you?
- ◆ What keeps you going, even when things get tough?

We hope you find these questions useful. Haesun's book is based on clinical and organisational research and invites the reader to experience the magic and power of the solution focused approach.

With Very Best Wishes

The Wellbeing Team

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	2-1 Coaching Session £40	6-1 Group Session £60

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- 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:

-  07779535580
-  Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk
-  [theaceway2022](https://www.instagram.com/theaceway2022)

SUMMER CAMPS!

SPOTTERS HOCKEY

2023

BATH, SOMERSET

NEW DATES ANNOUNCED!

MAIN CAMP AGES 7-16 25 & 26 JULY, 14 & 15 AUGUST

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 16 AUGUST

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SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADEMY
15 MAY - 29 JUNE YEARS 5-7 AND 8-9

[BOOK HERE FOR SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADEMY](#)




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

Spotters Hockey provide coaching for ages 7-16:

-  Beginners and Improvers (ages 7-10),
-  Developers and Emerging Performers (ages 11-12), and
-  Performers looking to progress (ages 12-16)

Spotters Hockey Main camps—Booking

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Spotters Hockey High Performing Camp - Booking

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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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