

23rd June 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 pupils have now completed their GCSE examinations and the final A Level examinations also finish today. I would like to congratulate all those who have been taking exams over the last few weeks on their achievements. It has been an intense, and possibly stressful time, and I now wish them all a fantastic summer before they embark on the next chapter of their education in September.

This week Year 10 pupils have completed their summer assessments including English and Maths examinations in the Sports Hall or Small Exam Centre as part of experiencing the full exam experience. The feedback on their application and conduct from the invigilation team was really positive which bodes well for Year 11 Mock Examinations in November.

With the warmer weather continuing this week, and expected to continue next week too, we are allowing pupils to remove their blazers in school and will continue to do so to ensure pupils can remain as comfortable as possible.

Following the recent announcement of further industrial action for the 5th and 7th July we know this will bring some uncertainty. We are currently working on the plan for these two days and will update you on the arrangements as soon as possible.

Calendar

Monday 26th June

New Parents Evening PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale (6pm— 8pm) Art & Photography Show - 6.30-8.30 in Art Block

Wednesday 28th June Celebration of Achievement Evening

Tuesday 4th July— **Friday 7th July** Normandy Trip

Friday 7th July—Sunday 9th Centurion Challenge

Thursday 29th June – Saturday 1st July Year 7 Cricket Tour

Thursday 6th July Bands Night - Main Hall from 6pm

Monday 17th July Activities Week

During assemblies this week, our Year 7 and 8 anti-bullying ambassadors have spoken to their peers about their recent training and in particular about how to be an 'upstander' rather than a 'bystander'. The pupils showed tremendous confidence leading the assemblies as well as delivering really important messages.

For Year 9 and 10 pupils assemblies have focussed on knife crime and drug use. The overarching theme has been about making sensible choices, personal safety and how to report concerns. We will continue to deliver these important messages to our pupils and would also encourage parents and carers to do the same.

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 pupils who represented the school in the Bath Schools' Spelling Bee this week and to all who have taken part in the numerous cricket and tennis matches.

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and wish you an enjoyable weekend ahead.

T. D. Markall.

Mr T D Markall Headteacher

ABSENCES

REPORTING PUPIL



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 <u>attendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>.

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</u> <u>request form</u> found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to <u>attendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

Celebration of Achievement Evening - Wednesday 28th June

This is an evening to celebrate the achievements and contributions of pupils in Years 7 -10 both in the House and academic setting as our own "Oscars" event. Pupils have been nominated by their Heads of House and subject staff for their achievement and contribution to school life.

If your son has been nominated, you will receive a letter shortly inviting you to attend the evening.

Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

Sixth Form Induction

We are looking forward to welcoming back some of our Year 11 students next week who have applied for Sixth Form for their two day induction. A copy of the Induction Programme was sent out to students and parents on 23rd May via email, so please check this for the start times and arrangements for next Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss K Mather

Head of Sixth Form

Menu for w/c 26th June

Monday: Chicken Gumbo, Sweet Potato and spinach Rogan Josh Tuesday: Beef Biryani, Veggie Lasagne (W,D) Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Tomato and Basil Gnocchi (W) Thursday: Chicken Pepper and Mozzarella Toasted Wrap (W,D), Spicy Bean and Chickpea Burger with Minted Yogurt (D,W) Friday: Pasta Puttanesca (W), Spinach Potato and Feta Filo Pie (W,D)

Dan Keal Chef (W) = Contains Wheat Products(D) = Contains Dairy Products

Refectory Prices

Due to the increase in food prices, from September 2023, the cost of a meal deal will be **£3.20**.

Other items will also incur a small increase.

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 <u>Contacts</u>

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

Beechen Cliff Prayer Room

Dear all,

Our Beechen Cliff Multifaith Prayer Room is now up and running and some of our religious pupils have been very happy to have a dedicated space in which to pray whilst at school. We received some very kind donations in response to our first request.

We are still after a few more items to make sure that the room is as inclusive as possible to all faiths and also to non-religious pupils who wish to practice mindfulness.

If you have any of the below items, or indeed can look out for them in charity shops, we would be very grateful to receive them:

Small shoe rack A copy of a Christian bible A copy of a Jewish Torah A copy of a Buddhist Pā@i Tipi@aka A copy of a Sikh Guru Granth Sahib Prayer beads (for any religion) A neutral wall hanging (e.g. sunset/ starry sky/ countryside view) to decorate the space Any other religious items that may be of use Any mindfulness resources

Many thanks in anticipation,

Ms S Sullivan and Ms P Netto

Vacancies



IT Technician

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/it-technician-1347851

Closing date: 3rd July 23

Term Dates Reminder

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

LIBRARY NEWS



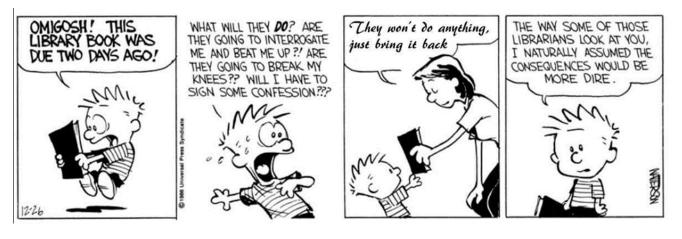
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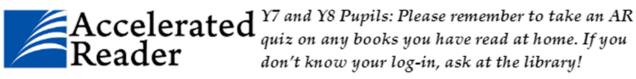
URGENT: BOOK AMNESTY

We have <u>more than 130 overdue books</u> and many books missing from class sets. With the end of the school year on the horizon, I'd appreciate it if you/your children could triple check under beds, on bookshelves and in the fridge for any school books. With the cost of books going up, the missing library books alone will cost around £1000 to replace.

Library books will have a barcode and date page on the inside and class reading books will have a round stamp saying 'Beechen Cliff English Department' inside. Check your emails as I sent out overdue reminders to parents just before the holiday and boys have had repeated reminders via their tutors. We don't have overdue book fines but we would like the books back!







Thank You To The Music Department!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Calvert and the music department for being so accommodating and friendly over the last few weeks. The school library is used as a small exam centre throughout the GCSE and A Level period and it is wonderful that we can relocate to the recital room for the whole six weeks. The fact that the room is air conditioned has been a bonus this year! Thank you, Music Team! We will be back to the library proper on Monday 26th June!



Keep Reading! Laura Bridge, Library Lead

Extra-Curricular

Beechen Cliff Year 7 Tennis Tournament

Tuesday 27th June 3.30-4.30pm on the astroturf

All welcome to take part. Please sign up on the board outside the PE office by break time on Tuesday 27tth June if you would like to take part.



Mr Markall

Summer Bands Night



Inter-School Spelling Bee

On Thursday 22nd June a team of three top spellers from Beechen Cliff eagerly took part in the annual inter-school Spelling Bee. After some exciting and competitive heats earlier in the week, the finalists were ready to take on the challenge of meeting four other schools for the spell-off.

The atmosphere in the Roper Theatre at Hayesfield was tense and focused as Nathan Morris, Monty Young and Chris Norris showed off their spelling power with words such as 'inseparable' 'miniature' and 'hierarchy' to reach the second and third rounds of the competition.

It was fantastic to take part in a competition where the standards were so high and the boys really made us proud. A huge well-done to all.

Mrs Salmon Head of English



A date for your diary!

You are cordially invited to the 2023 Art and Photography Show.

Please note that as we are holding the show in the Art Block this year, the show will be on for just one night. It will open at 6.30pm on Monday June 26th, and will be open until 8.30pm.

This Year's show is titled 'Pick 'n Mix', because the work the students have done is such an eclectic mix of styles.

Please come along, it promises to be a spectacular show!

Dave Murphy Head of Art and Photography



Be Tick aware

At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. These insects are in great abundance this year. They are parasitic and take blood from their host. They are normally easy to remove with a tick remover and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely dehabilitating. The incidence of this disease is on the rise so here is some advice on what to look out for. Further details are available from this website: http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/





The rash is very distinctive and looks like a target or dart board. Please consult your doctor if you see this.

- Use a repellent containing no more than 30 percent DEET.
- Use repellents that contain permethrin on clothing.
- See your healthcare provider if you have symptoms of fever, rash, body aches or fatigue after a tick bite.

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

If you remove a tick please keep an eye on the area and any of the symptoms below.

General Early Lyme disease Symptoms and Signs <u>may</u> include: Erythema Migrans (EM rash), the Bull's Eye rash (a subset of EM rash), or no rash. The EM rash may appear on other places on your body than the bite site (Disseminated disease). It may begin as a single circular red mark that spreads outwards. As it disseminates over the skin, sometimes it becomes lighter in the area nearer to the center of the bite--this central clearing is what distinguishes a Bull's eye rash from other EM rashes. In people of color, the rash may appear more like a bruise. The rash is usually not itchy. Since Lyme disease is a multi-systemic illness there are a multitude of Lyme disease symptoms including:

- Flu-like illness
- Fever
- History of Tick Bite (Not all patients recall a bite)
- Headache
- **Extreme Fatigue**
- EM Rash, Other Rashes (Only found in 50% of patients)
- Malar Flush, Red Ear Lobes
- TMJ/TMJD Jaw Pain (Temporomandibular joint dysfunction)
- Neck and Back Pain

1Km Sponsored River Swim

Elliot P (Year 7) and his sister Pearl (Year 5 at Oldfield Park Junior School) will be swimming 1km along the River Avon in South Devon on 8th July in aid of Level Water – a charity helping children with disabilities learn to swim.

If you feel able to contribute to Eliot and his sisters fundraising efforts <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cpswimsalot</u>

Thank you!

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 26th June 23 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 26 th June	U15a&b cricket v KES (a)	13:30	12:45		
	U13a&b cricket v KES (a)	15:00			
Tuesday 27 th June	U15a & U15b cricket v Prior (a)	11:15	10:30		
	U12a&b cricket v KW (a)	16:00	15:15		
Wednesday 28 th June	U14a&b cricket v Prior (a)	11:15	10:30		
	1st XI cricket v Wycliffe @ Bath CC	12:00	10:30		
Thursday 29th June	1st XI cricket v Maggsy XI (Hinton CC)	11:30	10:15		
Friday					
Saturday					

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.





PTA NEWS

PTA Co-Chair Vacancy

The PTA needs your support. We are looking to recruit a second PTA co chair with immediate effect. We're also in need of volunteer parents to help support the school and in turn help fundraise with the following:

- Second hand uniform sales
- Cafe during open days or parent evenings/ running the bar on bands night/ quiz nights etc
- Raffle prizes (seeking out)
- Crowdfunding: help run the campaign with copy writing etc
- Event planning

Interested in helping support your school charity? Please email: <u>snir.bene@yahoo.com</u>

The PTA is a charity that supports Beechen Cliff boys' education, providing enriching activities, resources and programmes which enhance their learning journey and foster a thriving school community.

Snir Benedek

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

Wellbeing



Understanding Anxiety through films and guides

Boys in Mind has worked in collaboration with the Charlie Watkins Foundation and the Charlie Waller Trust to produce a series of videos in which children and young people talk about what there need from the adults when they are experiencing emotional distress. Students from Beechen Cliff, Mendip Studio school, St Martin's Garden Primary School and Combe Down Primary School have been involved in the development of these short films, which are intended for parents, carers, teachers and any adult working with young people. You can also access and download an

accompanying guide which is for parents, carers, teachers and any other adults who support children and young people.

We hope to increase young peoples awareness and understanding of anxiety through the films and the guide.

With thanks to Combe Down Primary School, St Martin's Garden Primary School, Beechen Cliff School Mendip Studio School

Please follow this link to see the films and to access the Guide – Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. Some of our Beechen Cliff pupils and students appear in these videos. We are immensely proud of them all.

https://boysinmind.co.uk/mental-health-awareness-23/





The Solution Focused Approach in Response to Trauma -



The solution focused (SF) approach is compassionate, powerful, hopeful and effective. It works with people to achieve their hoped-for change. It places people as experts in their own lives, whilst allowing them to build on their existing strengths and capabilities. It helps them to achieve their desired outcomes.

The SF approach works with people to enable them to have a clear vision of how they hope to cope with challenges in their life; how they would like to recover. It's about noticing the presence of what's wanted, rather than the absence of what's not wanted. The SF approach also encourages people to notice how they are managing already, even if it's just small bit

SF has been used to support people through trauma in various settings all over the world. The SF approach provides a compassionate and effective alternative to traditional de-briefing and other therapies and can be tailored to address specific client needs and settings.

It works well with children and young people who have experienced trauma, as it gives them a space to share their worries, share their story and then invites them to start to describe what's hoped for instead of their worries, which can calm them almost instantly and can help them to see beyond their worries, it can also support them to replace flashbacks with more hopeful images and enables them to be able to regulate themselves when they are on their own.

Community Links

We are happy to promote local businesses and community events. Please note these are not the responsibility of Beechen Cliff School.

Coaching skills for Parents Course

Have you had a conversation with your son or daughter that you would have liked to have ended differently?



Having a coaching approach can open up a conversation and elicit a response

which will give insights. It promotes self reflection and self awareness. A coaching style allows you to support decision making as your young person becomes increasingly independent and heads towards adulthood.

Do I need a whistle and trainers?

No, this is not sports coaching. Our focus will be on listening skills and asking effective questions which promote exploration of a topic and clarity of mind to allow for decision making.

Is this a parenting course by another name?

No. Coaching is used in many sectors including business, education and self improvement. The ethos of coaching is that the person doing the thinking is robust enough to make progress and that the coach will listen and ask questions in order to support that thinking. This is not a parenting course but it can ease family life and allow for better conversations with your offspring.

Course details

- * This is a 9 hour course delivered in two sessions. 9.00am 1.30 pm.
- * It will take place in person, in Bath.
- * There is a maximum of 24 places available on each course.
- * There are three courses available this summer each taking place on two consecutive Saturday mornings.
- * The price is £95 for the 9 hours of training plus a one to one coaching session to be booked following the completion of the course.

Course dates

Summer 2023 Course 1: 29th July and 5th August

Summer 2023 Course 2: 12th August and 19th August

Summer 2023 Course 3: 26th August and 2nd September

Who is running the course?

Deborah Ross has been delivering coaching training to teachers for the past 5 years. She soon realised that the techniques and tools gained on this course were also hugely beneficial to parents and therefore developed a course with a parent focus. She is a licence holder for facilitation of the coaching courses for Graydin - a coaching training provider accredited by the International Coaching Federation. Deborah is also a trained coach and has coached people in a variety of roles including leaders in education, Mums, mid life career changers and her own teenagers. Deborah has worked in the education sector for over 20 years and has therefore come across a variety of children and young people, all unique and all capable of a fruitful conversation given the right environment.

To book your place or to ask further questions, please email: info@cultivatecandt.co.uk

For further information on Deborah Ross and Cultivate coaching and tutoring:

https://www.cultivatecandt.co.uk/

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SPORTS AND LEISURE GALA DAY SATURDAY 1 JULY SATURDAY 1 JULY MESTON REC ME

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





Folk Music Workshop

A Sunday Session with Bath Youth Folk Band tutors Rachel Barrett and John Sandford

This session is open to all players of 'C' instruments and percussionists. An opportunity to try your hand at playing folk music if it is new to you but also suitable for existing folk players.

Where: St John's RC Primary, Bath When: Sunday 16th July, 1.30pm - 4.30pm Course fee: £10 / free for students on FSM





Spotters Hockey Camps will run in the

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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), and

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







Dates: 10th July - 31st August 2023



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



07779535580

Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk



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Bibi's Vegetarian Indian Cuisine



Find us @ Bath Green Park Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9-1pm



Menu

may contain allergens

Vegetarian samosa Sweetcorn tikki Fenugreek tikki Onion bhaji

Curries: Chickpea & spinach Lentil & pepper

Garam masala spice

£2 each / 4 for £7 £1.80 each £1.80 each £1.80 each

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