

8th June 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been a busy first week back after the half term break and, in addition to enjoying the sunny weather, there have been a huge number of activities going on.

Year 11 and Upper Sixth students have completed another week of their exams and Year 9 pupils have also been undertaking their summer assessments.

I have once again been impressed with the approach taken to revision and exams and I hope all are feeling positive about how their exams have gone.

Yesterday we had a visit from author Finbar Hawkins who spoke to many of our Year 7 and 8 pupils. In addition, Year 10 pupils have enjoyed a gallery visit as part of their art course and have completed Geography fieldwork as part of this course.

Pupils are also rehearsing this week for a concert at Bath Abbey this Friday evening in aid of Dorothy House and our Year 9 pupils are undertaking their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition this weekend.

There have also been numerous cricket and tennis fixtures this week Celebration of Achievement Evening I have talked this week in assemblies about the importance of pupils

making the most of their time at Beechen Cliff and the importance of embracing and living out our Core Values of aspiration, compassion, independence and respect. This should be through all aspects of school life and in the local community. I am really pleased that so many pupils are taking advantage of the opportunities available to them and taking pride in both themselves and the school.

Mr T. D Markall Headteacher

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Calendar

Friday 9th-Saturday 10th June

DoE Bronze Qualifier

Thursday 15th June

Year 11 leavers BBQ 11.15—1.15 Headteacher Open House—6pm Main Hall

Saturday 17th June

New Year 7 CATS Assessments

Monday 19th June

Year 10 Summer Exams Week begins

Monday 26th June

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

Art & Photography Show -6.30-8.30in Art Block

Wednesday 28th June

Changes to the Pastoral Department - Headteacher's Open House

Further to the letter sent out this week regarding changes to the Pastoral Department, there will be a Headteacher's Open House on Thursday 15th June at 6pm in the Main Hall where Mr Markall will outline the planned changes in more detail and answer questions. If you would like to attend, please complete the Google Form below by noon on Monday 12th June.

Headteacher's Open House attendance google form

Key Notices

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

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

Menu for w/c 12th June

Monday: Piri piri Chicken with Roasted Peppers and Onions, Squash and Coconut Curry Tuesday: Creamy Tomato and Chorizo Pasta (W), Red Onion Goats Cheese and Potato Frittata (D). Wednesday: Roast Pork, Beetroot and Parmesan Risotto (D)

Thursday: Steak and Kidney Pie (W), Curried Cauliflower and Egg Fried Rice with Pineapple **Friday:** Tikka Chicken with Minted Yogurt (D), Shakshuka

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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.

ANIME—Advice for parents and Carers

Anime is currently one of the most popular form of entertainment in the world.

Please find over the page an information sheet 'What Parents and Carers need to know about ANIME'

Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher Pastoral

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk: 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Yandere eximulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, mos popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hental is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H–Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential fo any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtua reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Camer and Vo247, be has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the post year.



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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: Beechen Welcomes Finbar Hawkins



This Wednesday we had a visit from local author Finbar Hawkins. Finbar presented an assembly to a group of Y7 and Y8 pupils. Finbar talked about his career as a writer, explaining that his novels, *Witch* and *Stone* are just part of what he writes. He also works for Aardman (Wallace and Grommit) and has written content for computer games as well as TV scripts. Finbar asked the boys to come up with some ideas for their own stories and boy, did they have big imaginations! Finbar shared lots of tips for writing stories and answered the interesting and intelligent questions from



the audience. He was very impressed with their engagement with the presentation and said he's never sold so many books at an event. In fact, we had a queue out of the recital room door of pupils who wanted to have their books signed and a chance to chat to Finbar.

Signed Books



If your son would like a copy of one of Finbar's books, they can be ordered via ParentPay. The deadline for orders will be 12 noon, this Friday 9th June and the books will be delivered next week, with signed bookplates.

Find more about Finbar and his work on his Website http://finbarhawkins.com/witch/stone









Carnegie Club







The Carnegie Club members have worked really hard this term, reading the books on the Carnegie Medal shortlist. They put together a powerpoint presentation which introduced each book. This presentation was shared in tutor time on the last Friday of term and all pupils in Y7-10 got to vote. The results are in!

Eternal Return of Clara Hart: 117 votes

When Shadows Fall: 87 votes

The Blue Book of Nebo: 81 votes

I Must Betray You: 79 votes

Needle: 49 votes

Medusa: 38 votes

The Light in Everything: 19 votes.

You can see the powerpoint <u>HERE</u> and you can come and read or reserve the books from the library (currently in the recital room).

Keep Reading! Laura Bridge, Library Lead

Vacancies



BEECHEN CLIFF

IT Technician

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/it-technician-1343190

Closing date: Monday 20th June

Teaching Assistant

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teaching-assistant-1343195

Closing date: Monday 20th June

Term Dates Reminder

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

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

Extra- Curricular

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!

D Murphy Head of Art and Photography



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.

No minimum standard required. It doesn't matter if you have instrumental lessons or you are self taught. It is all about enjoying playing/singing!

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 <u>music@beechencliff.org.uk</u> 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).

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Head of Music

Year 8 Outward Bound Adventurous Activity Wales

With one day Canoeing down the Wye 17th and 18th July 2023

This is an outward bound adventure over 2 days for year 8's only.

Starting on the Monday the 17th of July, 20 Year 8s will travel to Tir Y Cwm, the school outward-bound facility in Wales. The adventure will consist of one day trekking across the Brecon Beacons with team building activities followed by an overnight stay at the hostel. The next day will be a canoeing adventure down the river Wye in open Canadian canoes from Glasbury, before returning to school later that evening.

If your son is interest then please complete the google form by following the link. https://forms.gle/dYEGpsid6PNeFT]A6

The closing date for applications is Friday 23rd June.

Parent Pay will then be activated to take payments

If the adventure is oversubscribed, names will be selected randomly by the Headteacher and successful applicants will be informed.

The cost is £125 and further information regarding itrnery and clothing clothing required will be released nearer the time.

Richard Stewart Outward Bound Activity Organiser

Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions in recent weeks. It has been fabulous to witness the pupils' hard work paying off and their confidence growing.

Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition on the Mendips takes place this week (9th and 10th June) .



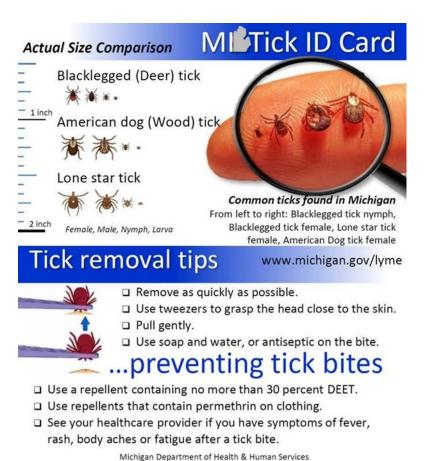




Be Tick aware

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.

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





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.

What you must do to take part...

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

Only on completion of this form will you be able to pay the entrance fee of £85 via ParentPay to secure your place Entries close on Friday 9th June.

Only 25 Places remaining . . .

We would also like challengers 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!

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 12th June 23 (correct at time of publication)

Day	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 12th					
June	U15 a&b cricket v KW (a)	14:45	14:00	MB	
Tuesday 13 th	U14a&b cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:45	MB	
June	U12, U14 & U15 tennis v Collegiate (h)	14:30	14:00	n/a	
Wednesday 14 th June	U13a, U13b, U12a & U12b cricket v Millfield Prep (a)	13:30		Coach & MB	
Thursday 15 th June	L3 cricket festival	9:45	9:00		
	U15 tennis v Clifton (a)	14:00	12:45	MB	
10 june	Minor Athletics @ Bath Uni	12:45	11:45	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.

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—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.

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!!

Maths Problem of the Week

Smarter than a teenager? Here are three maths quiz questions for your perusal! Just for fun.

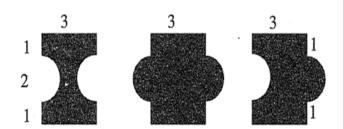
Q1 - Years 7 and 8

Tommy Thomas's tankard holds 480ml when it is one quarter empty. How much does it hold when it is one quarter full?

Q2 - Years 9, 10 and 11

The perimeters of the three shapes shown are made up of straight lines and semi-circular arcs of diameter 2. They will fit snugly together as in a jigsaw.

What is the difference between the total perimeter of the three separate pieces and the perimeter of the shape formed when the three pieces fit together?



Q3 - Sixth Form

The first two scales shown are perfectly balanced. How many squares will be needed on the right of the third scales so that the scales balance?



Answers on the next page.

Justin Henly Maths

Maths Quiz ANSWERS

Q 1 160 ml

The 480 ml in Tommy's tankard represents three quarters of its capacity. So, one quarter of the capacity must be 480 ml \div 3 = 160 ml.

$Q = 8 + 4\pi$

The difference in perimeters is the total length of the edges which are hidden when the pieces are fitted together. These are eight straight edges of length 1 and four semicircular arcs of radius 1.

So the required difference is $8 \times 1 + 4(\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times \pi \times 1) = 8 + 4\pi$.

Q3 10 squares

Let the weights of squares, triangles and circles be s, t, c respectively. Then c + 3t = 6s; and 4c + 2t = 8s, so 2c + t = 4s. Hence (c + 3t) + (2c + t) = 10s.

Happy Pride Month!

Pride has a long history, rooted in the **political activism** of LGBT+ communities around the world.

Through the 1950s & 60s, LGBT+ people faced **legal discrimation** and were sometimes raided by police in their community spaces.

- June is Pride month, a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBT+ communities around the world.
- Pride is usually celebrated with parades and marches, and sometimes when people use the term 'Pride', they are referring to one of these events

In 1969, **The Stonewall Inn**, a bar in New York, had been repeatedly **targeted for raids** by police as it was known to be a meeting place for **trans women and other LGBT+ people of colour**.

On the night of June 28th 1969, police raided the bar again. However, that night the people at the Stonewall Inn decided to stand up to the police which sparked days of protests by LGBT+ activists across the city.

As rights and freedoms for LGBT+ people have improved over time, **Pride has** increasingly become about celebrating the LGBT+ community, their lives and their achievements.

Alongside this, Pride is also a key time for local LGBT+ communities and organisations to come together and push for further change to improve the lives of LGBT+ people in the UK



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14 & 25 August 2023

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Spotters Hockey High Performing Camp - Book-

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







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By Megan Butterworth

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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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