

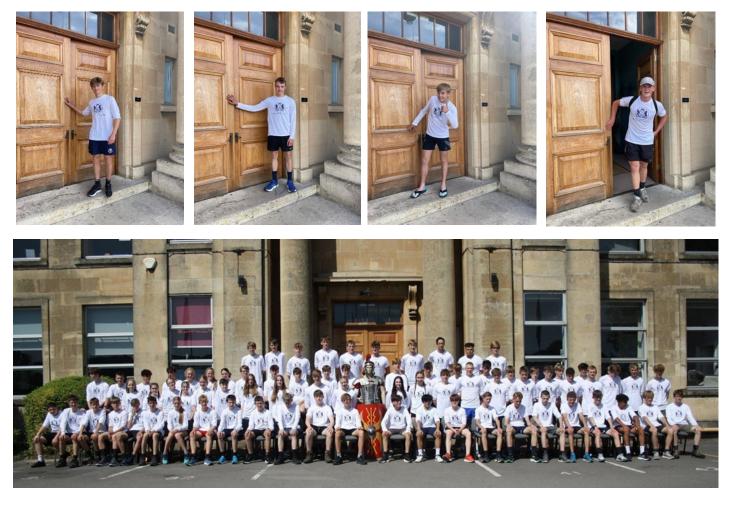
13th July 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last weekend 90 pupils from Beechen Cliff and some guests from Hayesfield took part in our annual Centurion Challenge. I am in awe of everyone who puts themselves forward for this tough endurance challenge and incredibly grateful to the staff team and many parents who gave up their entire weekend to make this amazing event take place. Congratulations to all who took part in the event including our 33 centurions who completed the 100 miles within the 48 hours.

The first four to complete the event Dan E, Jonty G, Finlay M and Will M did so in record time too - running the last 24 miles in 3 ½ hours; an incredible achievement .



Yesterday evening we were delighted to welcome Bath rugby players to the school to run a training session and answer questions as part of a fundraising event. It was great, in particular, to welcome back old boys of the school Ethan, Orlando, Miles and Tom. Over 100 pupils took part in the session and we have raised over £2000 towards replacing digital screens at school.

I am really grateful to the Bath players and Beechen Cliff community for their support in this exciting fundraising event.





In other news this week our Sixth Form students raised over £120 yesterday for the Ukraine appeal through their bake sale with lots of delicious cakes baked and sold.

Thank you to everyone who supported with this student led event.

Also, our musicians have been enjoying their trip to Barcelona along with students from Hayesfield. They have performed in three concerts including in Malgrat de Mar yesterday evening and enjoyed visits to local sites and a water park!



Today we have had sports day...



Next week we move into the last week of this academic year. Most Year 10 pupils and Lower Sixth students will be completing work experience and others will be undertaking structured activities in school.

Pupils in Years 7-9 are completing their activities week with a variety of trips. The overview of the programme for the week can be found <u>here</u>. Individual details have been shared with pupils by their tutors and letters have been sent to parents with the arrangements for trips.

Wishing you a good weekend.

T. D. Marhall .

T.D. Markall Headteacher

Key Notices

PE/Games Kit

We have now moved to a new royal blue (and gold) PE and Games Kit. This is available to purchase through the PTA or online via the Kukri website.

Please note that older versions of school PE/Games kit may still be worn until they need to be replaced.

<u>Games</u>

Royal blue rugby top, royal blue rugby shorts and royal blue rugby socks.

Please note the older format royal blue rugby tops may also still be worn.

<u>PE</u>

Royal blue PE top, royal blue rugby shorts or PE shorts (either can be worn), white socks and trainers.

Please note the older format white PE tops and shorts may also still be worn.

Full details of uniform are available on the school website:

https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/uniform-foryears-7-9/

Expectations

Pupils are expected to wear the correct kit for PE and Games. If pupils are eligible for the Pupil Premium or if there are financial issues please contact the school in confidence for support.

Mr K Mann Assistant Headteacher



term will be donated.

item is there.

LAST CHANCE to claim Lost Property

If your son has lost an item of uniform or sports kit, please encourage him to visit the school nurse during a break or lunch time to see if the

Any items not claimed by the end of

Lost property Calendar

Friday 14th July–Sunday 17th July Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition

Monday 17th July Activities Week

Friday July 21st July End of Term—pupils dismissed at 12.30pm

Tuesday 5th September First day of Autumn Term for pupils in *Years 7,10 and 12*

Wednesday 6th September First day of Term for *Years 8, 9 11 and 13*

Tuesday 12th September Prospective Parents Evening - 6pm

Thursday 21st September Prospective Parents Open Morning 9-11.30 am



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

Travelwise Week 2023

Dear Schools of Bath & North East Somerset,

From 16th - 22nd September Modeshift STARS is running a weeklong challenge, 'TravelWise Week 2023' that promotes, 'active travel, public transport, and other cleaner and healthier transport choices, and culminates in **World Car Free Day** when everyone is encouraged to find an alternative mode of travel for just one day.' Please use the link for more information and don't forget these initiatives count toward your Modeshift STARS accreditation: https://modeshift.org.uk/travelwise-week/

For more information World Car Free Day see here: https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/ world-car-free-day-22-september-greatopportunity-reduce-air-pollution

Best regards,

Mr Richard Pitman

School Travel Plan Officer Team & Directorate Active Travel – Sustainable Communities Bath & North East Somerset Council

Essential Support to Learning

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>headteach-</u> <u>er@beechencliff.org.uk</u> and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

Term Dates Reminder

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

Is your Son ready to Learn?

We ask that all parents ensure the following is in place each day for their child:

- ✓ A healthy and substantial breakfast.
- ✓ A filled water bottle
- ✓ A full pencil case which includes the minimum of: a black/black pen, a purple pen, a pencil, a rubber, ruler, a protractor, a highlighter and a calculator
- ✓ A reading book

Work Experience

Good Luck for Year 10 and 12 pupils on Work Experience next week!

Dear Parent/Carer

As the majority of work experience placements are taking place next week, I wanted to thank you very much for the support with this and wanted just to let you know a couple of "housekeeping" points.

If your child is ill/going to be absent from their placement please can you let the company and the school know.

Your child has been given a Barclays Life Skills Log book to complete. The log books have useful information in them about how to identify their skills, personal values, using social media at work and health & safety responsibilities.

They also have a diary page they need to complete every day, plus they need to ask their employer to fill in a section (I have written to the employers so they know about this) and also a section for you to complete please.

The pupils will be discussing their work experience and using the Log book in Tutor time at the beginning of next academic year so they need to remember to bring it in with them! We will be having a celebration of their efforts and handing out certificates.

Thank you again and enjoy the summer.

with kind regards

Emma Pascoe Head of Careers

Important Reminder—Year 10 and Year 12 Activities Week

If your child has already taken part in work experience, or were unable to find a placement, we are looking forward to seeing them in school next week to take part in a bespoke activities week programme

Emma Pascoe Head of Careers

Extra- Curricular

Activities Week

The final week of Term 6 sees pupils and students take part in Activities Week. The aim of our Activities Week is to provide additional opportunities and experiences for pupils that have not been possible at other points during the academic year.

This includes opportunities for team building activities, competitions, skill development, character development, cultural experience and fun.

During the week the regular timetable will be suspended and a variety of activities and trips will take place. The school day will run from 8.25am until 3.15pm each day as normal, with the exception of trips where timings may be different.

Further information on what has been offered to different year groups can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KK2_iLh8TTc28mCEEnZLuhijWh409i0QV_ihJbRdtYc/edit

Pupils have been provided with their bespoke timetables for Activities Week.

Mr O Abbott Assistant Headteacher

HOMEWORK CLUB-from September

Information for young people and parents/carers



Starting September 2023

Homework Club at The Hub

Do you live in Combe Down? Are you 11 years or older?

Introductory session at The Hub Wednesday 13th September 3.30-5pm



Social meeting. FREE refreshments. Meet the adults. Discuss help you need. Come yourself. Bring your parents/carers. Find out more and sign up.



Second session at The Hub Wednesday 20th September 3.30-5pm

Then every Wednesday at The Hub during term time

Contact The Hub with requests and suggestions at enquiries@mphub.co.uk

Use the phrase Homework Club in the email subject line. Phone 01225 436869 for more information. The Hub, Mulberry Park, Mulberry Way, Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5BU

Centurion Challenge 2023 -Hoodies are now available.

Royal Blue with Artic White lining to the hood.

The Centurion Challenge 2023 logo is on the back and the school crest in white stitching is on the front. There are samples in the main reception – small, medium, large and extra-large to try on for

size.

Please state your preference through parent pay and the final day for orders is the 21st July.

Collection will be in the first week of next term.

The cost is £26.50

Mr R Stewart

Centurion



Cookery Course for Families and Children



- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week);

• Summer holiday Cook It: Thurs 3rd - 31st August, 4-5pm, Online.

• More in person dates coming in Sept, please contact us to be added to the waiting list.

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgcaregroup.com

Bath & North East Somerset Council

NHS

Improving People's Lives

Ingredients and equipment provided (in person course) or £30 supermarket voucher given to online courses

📞 0300 247 0050 🛛 🖄 bathnes.thehub@hcrgcaregroup.com

All our course information and dates can also be viewed on our website:

Healthy Eating and Wellbeing Courses for Families (bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk)



The Centurion Challenge 2023 is now over and it was another astonishing record-breaking year. Over 100 Challengers entered with 77 actually on the start line at 4:00 pm on Friday. The weather was excellent for the Friday evening leg and the sprint start gave an indication of how committed our challengers are and the speed they were likely to travel at. All but 3 challengers made it to the campsite to feast on Domino's Pizza before retiring as the sun faded.

The next morning they were woken at 5:00 am, breakfasted, had any

blisters tended to and prepared for the longest leg: 55 miles to the church of St. Larwence and back. The early morning mist gave way to overcast sky and intermittent showers. However, our challengers continued with a few losses on the way, being encouraged at every checkpoint by our dedicated centurion marshals.

At Hungerford, the 50 mile mark the centurion team awaited the arrival of the centurion horde. Whilst the temperature was ideal, the showers and leg and foot injuries began to take their toll. The number of challengers remaining diminish over the return leg to the campsite as some struggle with injuries and pain. 37 gallant challenges finally made it back. Some were stopped at the Horton Bridge and Devizes Rugby Club check points as the evening light faded but were allow to restart there the following morning so that they could complete the full challenge. Only 33 restarted on the Sunday morning, with all but a very few requiring medical attention for blisters collected on the way.

The sun did shine on the Sunday and it was to be a record-breaking day. The first 3 challengers back arrived shortly after 9:16 am, with Dan E the first breaking the record for the return leg by almost 45 minutes, Jonty G, and Finlay M were not far behind. After a gap of almost an hour our previous record holding multiple Centurion William M followed. These three will be immortalised on the Centurion Challengers roll of honour!

The surviving challengers then followed with the last challenger Poppy Feasey (Year 9 Hayesfield at 3:58), the only year 9 to finish. The challenge was now officially over. We congratulate all those who took up the challenge and welcome our new Centurions to the elite group of endurance athletes who have completed this the 59th Centurion Challenge.

Many Thanks as ever go out to all those who have assisted in the running of the challenge; my sleep deprived fellow colleagues, parents and the many other support staff.



Sponsorship should now be paid, into the school either via ParentPay or directly to you chosen charity. This year we will again donate monies to Boys in Mind and Dorothy House, Macmillan Cancer Support, the Canals and River Trust and St Lawrence Church, but there are several other charities indicated by our Centurions on their entry forms and we will organise donations to these as well.

Art, maths and geometry

Year 7 pupils who did not go on the recent French Trip had an enjoyable and productive Art/Maths/Geometry session.

The objectives were to draw curves using a ruler, and we achieved exceptional artistics results. Well done boys, very creative!



Mrs A Smart Maths

MNSP Junior Maths Team Challenge

Congratulations go to Tiger T (Yr 8), Harry T (Yr 8), Paddy B (Yr 7), and Nicholas Q-T (Yr 7) who represented the school at the MNSP Junior Maths Team Challenge on Monday 3rd July.

These able mathematicians, representing Shakespeare House, won the inter-tutor heats earlier this term. Subsequently, they went forward to compete against seven other teams from the multi academy trust.

Going into the last round Beechen were in first place but were edged out into third place by the home team Norton Hill and Hayesfield who came second.

Thank you to Mr Wall who drove the minibus and supervised the team at the event.

Mr Henly Maths Challenge Coordinator

Maths Quiz - July 2023

Smarter than a teenager? Here are three maths quiz questions or your perusal! Just for fun. *Answers on the next page*.

Question 1

Years 7 and 8

What is the value of *x*? C 40 D 65 A 25 B 35 E 155 **Question 2** Years 9,10 and 11 Jane has 20 identical cards in the shape of an isosceles right-angled triangle. She uses the cards to make the five shapes below. Which of the shapes has the shortest perimeter? D В С Ε **Question 3** Sixth Form What is the value of the expression: $(1 + \frac{1}{2})(1 + \frac{1}{3})(1 + \frac{1}{4})...(1 + \frac{1}{2004})(1 + \frac{1}{2005})?$ C 1003 D 1004 A 1001 E 1005 B 1002 Justin Henly Maths

Maths Quiz-Answers

Question 1 - C

Triangle *BCD* is isosceles, so $\angle BCD = \angle BDC = 65^{\circ}$. The sum of the interior angles of a triangle is 180° so $\angle CBD = (180 - 2 \times 65)^{\circ} = 50^{\circ}$. Therefore $\angle ABE = 50^{\circ}$ (vertically opposite angles). So $\angle AEB = (180 - 90 - 50)^{\circ} = 40^{\circ}$.

Question 2 - A

Let the length of the shorter sides of the cards be 1 unit. Then, by Pythagoras' Theorem, the length of the hypotenuse of each card is $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$. So the lengths of the perimeters of the five figures in order are: $4\sqrt{2}$; $4 + 2\sqrt{2}$; $4 + 2\sqrt{2}$; 6; $4 + 2\sqrt{2}$. Also, as $(\frac{3}{2})^2 = \frac{9}{4} = 2\frac{1}{4} > 2$ we see that $\frac{3}{2} > \sqrt{2}$. Therefore, $4\sqrt{2} < 6 < 4 + 2\sqrt{2}$. So figure A has the shortest perimeter.

Question 3–C

The product is
$$\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{6}{5} \times \dots \times \frac{2005}{2004} \times \frac{2006}{2005} = \frac{2006}{2} = 1003$$

Interfaith Youth Weekend September 8th-10th 2023



For further information, including the bursaries offer, please see or email Ms Netto; pnetto@beechencliff org.uk

Ms P Netto

Head of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics/ Sixth Form PSHE Coordinator

Careers

T Levels

The Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education, Robert Halfon, is writing to parents and carers of pupils in Year 10 and 11 to raise awareness of T Levels.

To see the letter and to find out more information about these new qualifications please see the link below.

Letter for parents / carers of students in Years 10 and 11

T Markall Headteacher



RUH Careers Fair on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 open to pupils in Year 10 - Year 13

Sign up now for tickets!

There will be 2 slots to choose from:

1st slot will be 5.00pm-6.00pm 2nd slot will be 6.30pm-7.30pm

This event offers a fantastic opportunity for students in year 10 or above (who live and/or study in the RUH catchment area) to meet various staff members and talk about different careers in the NHS.

Booking is essential, please note due to capacity only 1 parent/guardian will be able to accompany you. Only 1 ticket per person (this will admit your parent/guardian)

Eventbrite link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/royal-united-hospitals-bath-nhs-ft-careers-fair-3rd-october-2023tickets-676612104017?aff=oddtdtcreator

Mrs E Pascoe Head of Careers **Community Links**

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



Bookings open 22nd July via our website www.flourishatglenavon.co.uk Glenavon Farm, Bath Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3TJ

1 x 20% OFF POTTERY PAINTING VOUCHER VALID UNTIL 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023, bring this voucher with you to redeem (Valid for groups of up to 4)

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: <u>info@cultivatecandt.co.uk</u>

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

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

CLARION CALL ARTS ACADEMY HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR CHILDREN and TEENS

This summer Clarion Call Arts Academy are partnering with the Forum, Bath to provide some exciting performing arts workshops.

CREATIVE FEST DAYS

Three days of workshops and master-classes to develop skills and explore creativity. All courses will be divided into two age groups: 6-12yrs and 13-17years and will run from 9am-4pm.

Day 1 July 27th VOCALS with Melanie Armitstead and Dani Miché

Day 2 July 28th **ACTING** with Janey Mcleod-White and Jessica Whiley

Day 3 July 29th DANCE with Jessica Whiley

Day 3 July 29th **DRUMS** and PERCUSSION with Martin Neil and Dan Bilborough

Each of the sessions will be led by expert practitioners.

Choose to book full three-day course or individual days. Costs:

£45 each day

Special offers

10% discount for additional siblings from Saturday June 24th -£40.50 per additional sibling per day (Full price for first family member)

BOOKING

BATH BOX OFFICE 01225 463362

https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on/creative-fest-2023-vocals/about?fbclid=IwAR1zG9DdRAKFm -Ot_UcpEUNK-AUrdtWejtiEQIoRgXeAxqis8KHxgWJxqXM

SHOW IN 3 DAYS

Show in 3 Days is at the end of August for a theatrical end to the summer holiday! (August 31st -September 2nd) With singing, acting and dance workshops there will be a themed performance to enjoy at the end.

All activities are at The Forum Bath and are facilitated by professional practitioners.

SHOW IN 3 DAYS Thursday August 31st - Saturday September 2nd







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



LEARN - PLAY - GIG



For more information contact: genie@blueskytennis.co.uk

Or visit: https://blueskytennis.co.uk /holiday-courses/





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The AceWay

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 9:30am – 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



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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

> £4.50 small / £8 large

> > £3 per jar

Please email bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com for specific requests