



BEECHEN CLIFF

6th July 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the last few weeks of term and with assessments completed, pupils are taking full opportunity of the activities available.

Congratulations to our cricketers. Our Year 7 pupils had a really successful tour to Devon returning undefeated and yesterday our 1st XI became T20 champions.



Our Young Musician of the Year competition for 2023 has concluded with some excellent performances. Congratulations to all who took part and well done to our winners.

Year 7 pupils have been enjoying their visit to Normandy this week and learning lots about the history of the area.

Our Sixth Form Prom took place this week and it was a wonderful event to celebrate the achievements of our Upper Sixth and fitting end to their time at Beechen Cliff.



Calendar

Friday 7th July – Sunday 9th
Centurion Challenge

Wednesday 12th July
BCS Cake Sale for Ukraine

Thursday 13th July
Sports Day

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

Monday 17th July
Activities Week

Friday July 21st July
End of Term – at 12.30pm

Tuesday 5th September
First day of Autumn Term

We are all set for our summer bands night this evening and hope many of you will be able to come along and support. I'm sure it will be another fantastic event and I am grateful to our student Tech Team and Mr Harriman for their efforts to organise this.



This weekend our Centurion Challenge is taking place. As ever, I am in awe of all those who put themselves forward for this gruelling challenge of walking 100 miles in 48 hours and I wish all competitors the very best for the event.

Finally, tomorrow is another day of industrial action. The arrangements for the day have already been shared with parents and carers. On Monday we return to a normal school day beginning at 8.25am.

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T.D. Markall

Headteacher

TRAIN LIKE A PRO WITH BATH RUGBY



TRAIN LIKE A PRO
WITH BATH RUGBY STARS
MILES REID, ORLANDO BAILEY &
TOM DE GLANVILLE



WHO: YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10
WHERE: SCHOOL FIELD
WHEN: 330-5PM WEDS 12TH JULY
COST: £20 ON PARENTPAY BY FRI 7TH JULY



Key Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE

REPORTING ALL 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 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 [absence request form](#) found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

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 item is there.



Any items not claimed by the end of Term will be donated.

Menu for w/c 10th July

Monday: Spanish Chicken Chorizo and Butter Bean Casserole, Cauliflower Lentil and Spinach Curry

Tuesday: BBQ Pulled Pork Wrap (W), Roasted Vegetable and Halloumi Wrap (W,D)

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Potato Red Onion and Cheddar Frittata (D)

Thursday: Sports Day: BBQ Food with Wedges

Friday: Pasta Arrabiata (W), Mixed Bean Chilli

Thanks
Dan Keal
Chef

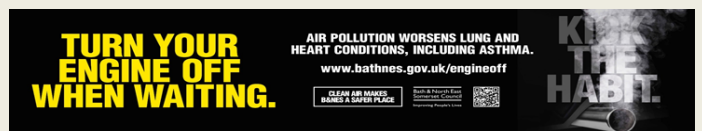
(W) = Contains Wheat Products
(D) = Contains Dairy Products

Anti Idling Campaign

Drivers often idle their engines outside of schools, unaware of the harmful impacts to those around them.

We are inviting you to get involved with an anti-idling campaign, 'Kick the Habit'. The campaign helps tackle toxic emissions by encouraging drivers to switch off their engines while waiting.

We are requesting that if you are in the vicinity of the school, to kindly turn your engine off while waiting. Help us to make a pledge to turn your engine off here www.bathnes.gov.uk/engineoff.



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.

Term Dates Reminder

Term Dates for **2023/2024** are listed on our website

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

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 will be provided with their bespoke timetables for Activities Week on Monday.

Mr O Abbott
Assistant Headteacher

Sports Day - Thursday 13th July

Our annual Sports Day is taking place on Thursday 13th July. On the day pupils should come to school in their normal school PE kit. Registration, tutor time and period one will take place as normal and Sports Day will begin at 10am. Lots of sporting races, activities and competitions are taking place during the day. School will finish around 3pm with pupils dismissed by their tutors at the end of the day.

Mr G Hawkins
Head of Physical Education

HOMEWORK CLUB

**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

LIBRARY NEWS



Reminder — please can all pupils return their library books to the library before next Friday, 14th July.

Thank you

Laura Bridge

Spotlight on Languages at University of Bath

On Friday 30th June, 25 Year 7 linguists attended the 'Spotlight on Languages' event hosted for schools by the University of Bath. During the day, students heard from Professors of Modern Languages about the benefits of learning a foreign language and why further study of a foreign language is so important today.

Some of the reasons outlined were:

- ◆ The ability to make friends and communicate abroad.
- ◆ There is an increasing need for native English speakers who speak a foreign language in government, business, and journalism, especially post Brexit.
- ◆ The average salary for a bilingual employee is higher than that of someone without an extra language.
- ◆ The opportunity to work abroad.
- ◆ Increased understanding of other cultures- you can't fully understand another culture without speaking the language- leading to increased tolerance and collaboration.
- ◆ Benefits for the brain- learning another language slows down the development of conditions such as Alzheimer's and Dementia, and it improves your working memory.
- ◆ Learning a language is a fulfilling and fun experience!



The students' favourite quote from the presentation was:

"There are two disadvantages of global language arrangements: one of them is not knowing English; and the other one is knowing *only* English"

The students also took part in a campus tour and treasure hunt lead by current students during which they learned about university life, and what studying a language at university is like.

In the afternoon, students attended language workshops in Italian, German, Russian, and Mandarin Chinese. During these sessions students learned how to introduce themselves and ask others for basic details in their new language. It was brilliant to see all students taking part and throwing themselves into the opportunity to learn a new language, and all left the campus feeling inspired and lucky to be studying languages at school.

Thank you to Bath University for hosting this event and well done to all the Year 7s who took part- keep up the language learning!



Mrs Costa
Languages



Young Musician Competition 2023

Lower School (Year 7)

Winner: Joseph S (SH7a) ,
Runner up: Max S (ML7a).

Middle school (Years 8 and 9)

Winner: Dan H (ML9b),
Runner up: Nathan M (BY8a)

Upper School (Year 10)

Winner: Wilson Y (KP10b)
Runner up: Jackson M (ML10a)

All the entries were scored and the overall house winner was Milton.

Congratulations to all who took part.



Paul Calvert
Head of Music

Athletics - Dylan wins English Schools Championship and becomes no. 1 in UK

Following on from his fantastic success this year in athletics, having already competed at Loughborough and Chelmsford, we would like to congratulate Dylan Stoneman, a Lower Sixth student, who competed on behalf of Avon Schools in the English Schools Track and Field Championships in Birmingham at the weekend.

Dylan won the gold medal in the Senior Boys 2000m Steeplechase, with a finishing time of 6:02.29, and a new personal best by over 7 seconds. If this was not an achievement in itself, Dylan had to move up this season to compete in the U20M category, where his new time will move him up to #1 in the UK Athletics rankings for this event (he was previously #3).

You can watch the race here on the England Athletics YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/live/EweVk0dIYQ?feature=share> - skip forward to 2hr27.30m into the recording.

An amazing achievement, against a very strong pool of runners.

Well done, Dylan.

Mr G Hawkins
Head of Physical Education



GET YOUR SWEET FIX.

Beechen Cliff bake sale for Ukraine

Raising money for generators in Ukraine
We'd greatly appreciate any donations of
baked goods

Please bring your donations to the refectory
on Wednesday morning

For any enquiries please email
7willers.maria@beechencliff.org.uk

**WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY
IN THE REFECTORY @ BREAKTIME
CASH ONLY!**



Interfaith Youth Weekend September 8th – 10th 2023

Inviting young people from Year 9 to Year 11 of different faiths and beliefs to our Interfaith Youth Weekend

Fun-packed weekend with a range of activities on offer. Opportunity for you to meet new people and share learning and lived experiences. Ten leaders from different faiths and cultures to warmly welcome you to The Ammerdown Centre.

Residential weekend with all meals provided. (All dietary requirements catered for).

Activities to choose from.....
Hip Hop...Poetry...Art...
Meditation...Walking... Nature Trail... Tai Chi ...Film...Drama...Games...Campfire

The theme of the weekend is...
Living together with difference

Parents/guardians are welcome to call for more information.
Cost is £50.00 per person (Bursaries available)

The Ammerdown Centre
Ammerdown Park
BA3 5SW

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September 8th-10th 2023

Interfaith YOUTH Weekend

www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1015-/Interfaith-Youth-Weekend

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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

Vacancies

School Cleaner

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/school-cleaner-1352767>

Closing date: Monday 17th July

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 [Contacts](#)

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

Wellbeing



Last Friday each Lower School Year had a 'Testimony Assembly'. Year 12's from the Mental Wellbeing Team shared anonymous testimonies from lower school students, as well as sharing their own. The testimony's shared honest accounts of their challenges with their emotional wellbeing and what they did to seek support and overcome them.

The sixth formers also spent some time normalising the way that our brain can cause us to overthink and how we can retrain our brain with some Solution Focused thinking.

They also shared a wonderful clip of Lewis Capaldi performing at Glastonbury Festival 2023. Where he had difficulty performing due to his Tourette's and how the audience supported him through. Highlighting how each of us can support each other through challenges.

In each assembly you could hear a pin drop. They were so moving and powerful. We are so very proud of all of the students.

This Friday teaching staff and the school's Solution Focused Practitioners will be delivering a workshop at the UKASFP (UK Association of Solution Focused Practitioners) Conference in Oxford. The school have been invited to share their story of how they have imbedded the Solution Focused Approach across the school and how it may be applied in other schools across the Country.

[Conference 2023 - United Kingdom Association for Solution Focused Practice \(site-ym.com\)](https://www.site-ym.com)

We look forward to telling you all about it.

Best Wishes,

The Wellbeing Team



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/>

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

HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

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

CREATIVE FEST DAYS
WORKSHOPS, MASTERCLASSES AND MORE...
AT THE FORUM BATH | FOR AGES 6-12 & 13-17

27TH JULY	9AM-4PM	VOCALS	
		ACTING	28TH JULY
29TH JULY	9AM-4PM	DRUMS & PERCUSSION	
		DANCE	29TH JULY

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL BATH BOX OFFICE ON 01225 463362 & FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT - WWW.CLARIONCALLARTSACADEMY.ORG.UK

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





WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC
ALLIANCE

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



Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/3Jgc7FO>



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SUMMER CAMPS!

**SPOTTERS
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2023



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

RECOGNISED REFERRAL ROUTE FOR EHB TA; WORK AT STRETCH, FUEL YOUR AMBITION TO PROGRESS



[BOOK HERE FOR HPC](#)



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

<https://form.jotform.com/210805551045346>

Spotters Hockey High Performing Camp - Booking

<https://form.jotform.com/221645330226346>

Summer Tennis Camps

• Lansdown • Trowbridge Westbourne • Wellow • Bloomfield



For more information contact:
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2023



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The Ace Way

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 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



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INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE COACHING 1 TO 1

Our Individual Performance course offers personalised training sessions for all skill levels. Each session is tailored to the individual's specific goals and needs, whether they are looking to improve their technical skills or physical conditioning. From beginners starting out on their footballing path, to players who want to improve specific aspects of their game taking their performances to the next level.

GROUP SESSIONS GROUPS OF 4, 6 OR 8

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Sessions with: LEWIS DIXON

- FA Level 2 qualified & DBS checked
- Current Larkhall player & former Bath City Academy player

To book a session or for more information please contact Lewis on 07870993631 or email lewis@upandundersports.co.uk



COSTS per session

1-1 Coaching Session £25
2-1 Coaching Session £40

4-1 Group Session £60
6-1 Group Session £60

Sessions will cover: basic passing, dribbling, control, shooting etc.
Progressing onto more advanced training: movement, positioning, fitness & tactics progressing the individual to their highest potential.

Bibi's

Vegetarian Indian Cuisine



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



Menu

Vegetarian samosa	£2 each / 4 for £7
Sweetcorn tikki	£1.80 each
Fenugreek tikki	£1.80 each
Onion bhaji	£1.80 each
Curries:	
Chickpea & spinach	£4.50 small /
Lentil & pepper	£8 large
Garam masala spice	£3 per jar

may contain allergens



Please email bibisindiancuisine@gmail.com for specific requests