



7th September 23

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you have had a good summer, despite the mixed weather. With the return of the sunshine it has been fantastic to see all our pupils and Sixth Form students back in school this week, even if the hot weather has made it feel slightly different to what we are used to at this time of year.

I would like to thank our site and IT teams for all their efforts over the summer to get the school ready for the start of term, which has included new office spaces, upgraded Wifi, new flooring in Food Technology rooms, the installation of new digital screens in maths rooms and new power cables to two of our buildings.

As we start the new academic year I would like to extend a warm welcome to new pupils and staff joining us this term and I hope all will settle in quickly. The programme for the first few days has involved time with tutors and the pupils have had both Year and House assemblies to ease into routines at the start of the term.

### Examination Results

I would also like to congratulate all those who received GCSE and A Level examination results this summer.

At A Level a strong set of results were achieved with 28% of grades at Grade A\*/A and 76% at A\*-C, above the national averages published this summer. For those taking the Level 3 Sport qualification the average grade achieved was a Distinction. This has led to two thirds of students achieving their first choice university place and 80% receiving their first or second choice.

Other students have attained places at university through clearing or have moved on to courses at college, apprenticeships, employment or gap years. We are delighted with our students success and wish them all the very best for their 'next steps' post school

At GCSE Level examinations, results were very strong with 84% achieving a Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths and 49% achieving the English Baccalaureate. For comparison, the national figures were 62% and 27% in 2022.

Overall 33% of grades were Grades 9-7 and 84% grades 9-4, which is also well above the national average.



## Calendar

### Tuesday 12th September

School ends at 12.30pm  
Prospective Parents Evening (6pm-8pm)

### Wednesday 13th September

INSET Day

### Thursday 21st September

Prospective Parents Open Morning (9am -12pm)  
Year 7 Parent Information Evening

### Saturday 14th October

Sixth form Open Morning (9am-1pm)

## Year 7 Tir-Y-Cwm Trips visits during September 23

### Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th

Teaching Group 7XA

### Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th

Teaching Group 7XS

### Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th

Teaching Group 7XP

### Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd

Teaching Group 7AI

### Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th

Teaching Group 7AR

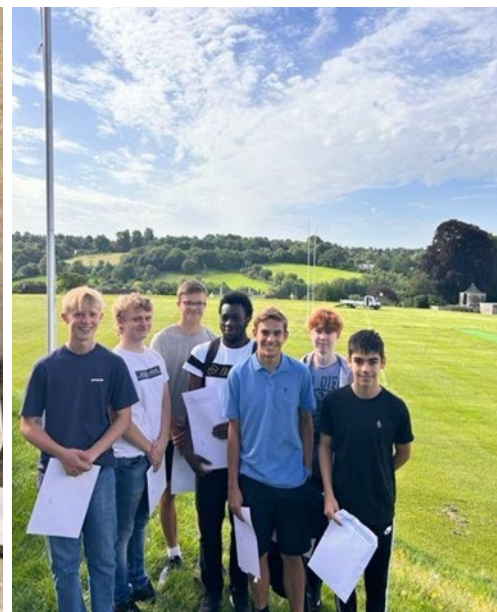
### Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th

Teaching Group 7AE

Against a backdrop of national results falling in 2023, results at Beechen Cliff went up from 2022, which is testament to the hard work of pupils, teachers, support staff and parents alike.

Whilst national progress data will be published in October, early indicators suggest an excellent progress score, possibly the highest the school has achieved, with students from all ability levels achieving an average half a grade or more above the national average for their ability.

The outcomes achieved have set the students up well for the next stage in their education and we wish them all the best for their courses in the Sixth Form, at college, apprenticeship or scholarships.



### **Beechen Cliff Expectations**

Yesterday all pupils undertook a series of sessions with their tutors focussed on pupil expectations and what it means to be a member of the Beechen Cliff community. This has been built around the vision and values of our school and how to 'live these out' in the best possible way.

Our vision is...

*...to enable our pupils to achieve their aspirations and become well-rounded, confident and compassionate individuals who go on to live a fulfilled life and make a positive contribution to society.*

The values we aim to develop in our pupils to help make this possible are the school Core Values of *aspiration, compassion, independence and respect.*

All pupils have, this week, signed the School Charter in their tutor group, where they have committed to embracing these values. Pupils in Year 7 have received a hard copy of this Charter to take home and keep as a reminder.

We ask all parents and carers to support the school and their children in upholding these values as when we work together - school staff, pupils and parents - this is when we get the best for our pupils.

In the coming weeks we will be holding parent information evenings for parents in all year groups and I look forward to meeting you soon and working with you in the year ahead.

*T. D. Markall .*

T.D. Markall  
Headteacher



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# Key Notices

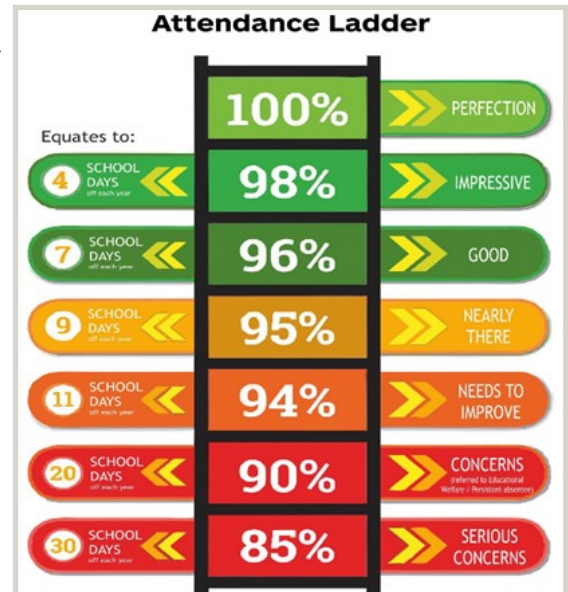
## How to support your child's attendance

Good attendance in school is one of the most crucial factors in ensuring your son makes the most of his opportunities in school and fulfils his potential.

Starting a new school year can be challenging at times, for students and parents alike. After a long summer break, it can be hard to re-establish routines, especially when this requires getting a teenaged boy up and out of bed in the morning!

Whilst every young person and family is different, here are 10 ideas for ways to support your son with the return to school.

1. Speak positively about the progression into a new year, with more maturity and greater opportunities. Encourage them to look forward to events in the [school calendar](#).
2. Encourage good routines in the evening that can be the same every weekday, including allocated time for homework, leisure activities, TV, etc.
3. Display a copy of their timetable somewhere, either in their room or on the fridge. This helps avoid the inevitable "I haven't got my P.E. kit and it's still in the wash" moment!
4. Help them to be prepared for school. This may mean a gentle reminder to pack their bag the night before, but for some boys a checklist of items needed each day may help this routine run smoothly. Wanting to avoid a conflict over forgotten equipment items may make a young person reluctant to come into school.
5. Celebrate their achievements, whether they be large or small. Make sure they know you are proud of their academic progress and recognise their hard work.
6. Check in with them and discuss how school is going regularly. If any concerns arise, it's helpful to address these at the earliest opportunity. Contact their tutor if you have any worries.
7. Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
8. Be honest with the school about any absences and help us to work together to resolve problems and support with any medical issues that may arise.
9. Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
10. If you have serious concerns about their physical or mental health, consult with a medical professional.



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher

## Prospective Parents Evening Tuesday 12th September 2023

In order to prepare for prospective Parents Evening, school will end at 12.30pm on Tuesday 12th September 2023. There will be no hot lunches that day, but alternative food will be available during the morning breaks.

Year 7 and 8 pupils will be asked to act as guides for this event. Please respond via the letter and google form that you will receive shortly via Parentmail. In addition Year 11 prefects and Sixth form Students will also be supporting on the evening. All helping at the evening need to return to school at 5.15pm and will be able to depart at 8pm. Beechen Cliff students always act as fantastic ambassadors for the school and I am grateful for their support once again.

## INSET Day Wednesday 13th September

Wednesday 13th September is a designated INSET day. All pupils should return to school on Thursday 14th September for 8.25am registration.

Thank you!

Kant Mann  
Assistant Headteacher

## CYCLE SEPTEMBER

Banes have organised a number of events this month to encourage sustainability - see below. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved in these events.

'Love to Ride' have organised 'Cycle September'. Open to adults and children aged 13 and above, simply log on to their website, download their app, start cycling and there are prizes to be won. There are also tips for planning cycle trips with children. Please use the links below for more information on how to register:  
[https://www.lovetoride.net/england/pages/info?locale=en-GB&page=1\\_challenge#takepart](https://www.lovetoride.net/england/pages/info?locale=en-GB&page=1_challenge#takepart)  
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## WORLD CAR FREE DAY 16th to 22nd September

A reminder of 'Travelwise' week, the 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, where everyone is encouraged to use a more active and sustainable way to get to and from school, with the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September being 'World Car Free Day'. There is a 5-day travel challenge, where you need to download, complete, and submit a 'Travelwise' Awards Action Plan' for the chance to win an award for your school. Use the following link for more information and to download resources: [https://modeshift.org.uk/travelwise-week/#link\\_acc-1-2-d](https://modeshift.org.uk/travelwise-week/#link_acc-1-2-d)

World Car Free Day is being promoted by Living Streets: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/our-work-in-action/world-car-free-day> and the UN <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/world-car-free-day-22-september-great-opportunity-reduce-air-pollution>

## CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK 25th to 29th September

From the 25-29 September it's also Cycle to School Week, more information to follow.



## Extra- Curricular

### Musical Theatre Group



Following the sell out production of *Oklahoma* earlier this year, we are excited to be continuing the award-winning partnership with Bath Theatre School and Hayesfield Girls School to stage *West Side Story* at the Hayesfield Roper Theatre, 25-28 Mar 2024.

Students will get the opportunity to work on the three core disciplines of drama, singing and dance with the show featuring professionally hired set, costumes, lighting and sound. Whether students are looking to explore something new, continuing their performing journey, or looking for that extra edge with a Higher Education application or future CV, there is something for everyone. Lessons will develop a range of life skills with confidence building and self-awareness, whilst supporting public speaking, team work, communication, resilience, interpersonal skills, creativity and imagination.

**No previous experience is necessary and students can enjoy a trial session before committing.** If a student would then like to continue, there is a fee of £75 per term, with a total of four terms payable for the production (Financial support is available for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium).

If you are interested in finding out more, you can sign up here: [www.baththeatreschool.com/mtg](http://www.baththeatreschool.com/mtg), with lessons running on Fridays 3.30-5.30pm at the Music Centre at Beechen Cliff School.

**Alternatively all are welcome to attend our taster session this Friday (8th September) from 3.30 - 5.30pm in the Recital Room at Beechen Cliff School.**

The production will also need a sizeable production team to assist with a variety of tasks, including lighting, sound, costumes, props, backstage, scenery construction, front of house, publicity and much more. If you are interested in being part of one of these important off-stage roles then please complete the online form above.

For further information please see Miss Moorhead or Mr Morris.



## SPORTS CLUBS TIMETABLE FOR TERMS 1 AND 2 (15.30 – 16.30)

*Starting w/c 11th September*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 7			Rugby		
YEAR 8		Rugby			
YEAR 9		Rugby			
YEAR 10			S&C	Rugby	S&C
YEAR 11		S&C		Rugby S&C	
6 <sup>TH</sup> FORM	Rugby			Netball TBC	Rugby

S & C – Strength and Conditioning (Sign up on ParentPay)

A full list of all Clubs and Activities for Terms 1 and 2 is currently being produced and will be published next week .

### Beechen Cliff Vacancies

#### Data Manager

Closing date: Monday 11th September

#### Conduct Support Officer

Closing date: Monday 18th September 2023

#### IT Technician

Closing date: Monday 18th September 2023

#### Invigilators

Closing date: Monday 18th September 2023

#### School Cleaner (two vacancies)

Closing date: Monday 18th September 2023

### 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](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

Welcome back to a new school year in the library! We have lots of exciting and interesting events planned for the coming months, including competitions, author visits, trips, clubs and of course, new books.

The Beechen Canon is being officially launched over the next few weeks. This is a list of 50 books (ten for each year group from 7-11) that will entertain, inspire and educate. Anyone reading all the books on the list during their time at Beechen will have opened their minds to a range of ideas and worlds which will be a great springboard to their future reading journey. Look out for more information about the books on the Beechen Canon and how your son can get involved.

This year, we really hope to see as many boys as possible respectfully using the library to borrow books, complete homework and take advantage of the activities and information on offer.

The library is for everyone. Keep Reading!



## RECOMMENDATION

There's a Boy  
in the Girls'  
Bathroom  
by Louis Sachar.



Bradley Chalker is a troubled boy, known for his misbehaviour.

When a new counsellor, Carla, arrives at school, she helps him confront his issues, transforming him into a caring individual. The heart-warming tale explores friendship, self-discovery and the power of compassion and is great for anyone wondering if this September really is the chance for a 'fresh start'. (Beechen Canon Y7+)

**Can You Help?** *We're always happy to receive donations of good quality, second-hand books. To ensure we get the right books we ask our pupils to tell us what they'd like to read.*

### **This month, we are looking for:**

- Books about playing sports and sports personalities (especially rugby, cricket and extreme sports such as skiing, climbing, skateboarding, motor-cross and auto/biographies). Ultimate Football Hero Books.
- Graphic novels (including manga and graphic versions of fiction books).

*Please leave donations outside the main office, marked 'library'.*

Laura Bridge, Library Lead

## Encouraging boys to read.

Did you know that many of our Y7-9s still regularly share a book with an adult in the evening? While bedtime stories might be a thing of the past, there are ways you can enjoy books together:

Tip 1: Family Book Club. We have multiple copies of some books in our library. Ask your son to check out more than one copy so you can both read the books in your own time. Then discuss the chapters that you've read over dinner!

More tips in the coming weeks!



### 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-2023-tickets-676612104017?aff=oddtcreator>

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.*

### Interfaith Youth Weekend September 8th – 10th 2023



The poster features the Ammerdown logo at the top left with the tagline 'HOSPITALITY • PEACE • RECONCILIATION'. The main title is 'Interfaith YOUTH Weekend' with 'YOUTH' in large, colorful letters. It includes symbols for various religions: Om, a cross, a Star of David, a crescent moon, and a wheel. The dates 'September 8th-10th 2023' are in an orange box. At the bottom, there is a URL: [www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1015-/Interfaith-Youth-Weekend](http://www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1015-/Interfaith-Youth-Weekend) and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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

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admin@ammerdown.org  
www.ammerdown.org

For further information, including the bursaries offer, please see or email Ms Netto;  
[pnetto@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:pnetto@beechencliff.org.uk)

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

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By Megan Butterworth

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- 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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### COSTS per session

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

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

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# Menu

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Onion bhaji	£1.80 each

Curries:	£4.50 small /
Chickpea & spinach	£8 large
Lentil & pepper	

Garam masala spice	£3 per jar
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\*may contain allergens\*



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