

23rd November 23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been preparing for a lot of upcoming events.

In assemblies we have been explaining the arrangements for our Ignite Day next week with our Bath Hub partners, Hayesfield and St Marks. Separate communication has also gone to parents today.

On Friday we have our PowerUp/Power Down day where we will be turning down the heating by a few degrees to see what energy can be saved. This is an Energy Sparks Challenge supported by our Eco-Team so just a reminder to wear additional underlayers on Friday.

Also on Friday we have odd socks day to raise money for Child Relief organized by out anti-bullying ambassadors. We encourage pupils to join in and wear warm odd socks which also fits in with our 'Layering Up'.

On Saturday many Year 7 pupils are off to Legoland for our joint Bath Hub trip and joint Ice Skating Trips are taking place for years 8–11 in the weeks ahead.

Finally lots of sporting fixtures are taking place at the moment. This afternoon our U18 Football team take on Millfield in the last 64 of the national cup and yesterday our U13 A and B rugby teams had some competitive games against QEH.



Thanks you to all the staff who make these happen and to parents and carers for their support.

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Headteacher

Calendar

Friday 24th November

Layer Up Power Down Day/Odd Socks Day

Saturday 25th November

Year 7 LegoLand Trip

Wednesday 29th November

Beechen's Got Talent-6pm

Thursday 30th November

Ignite Day—Careers/Personal Safety (Bath Hub)

PTA AGM - 7.30-pm @ The Bear

Monday 4th December

Year 11 Ice skating

Tuesday 5th December

Year 8 Ice skating

Wednesday 6th December

Year 9 Ice Skating

Thursday 7th December

Year 10 Ice Skating

Friday 8th December

Year 11 Mock Results Assembly

Monday 11th - Friday 15th December

Year 13 Mock Examinations Week

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Santa Run (periods 1,2,3)

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December

GCSE Certificate collection day

Carol Service at Bath Abbey - 7pm

Friday 15th - 21st December

Austria Ski Trip

Tuesday 19th December

End of Term

4th January 24

Start of Winter Term (Term 3)

A Level Certificate collection

REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

All absences from School including late arrivals and medical appointments are to be reported to School promptly.

Please take note of the following correct direct contact details.

Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the School direct on 01225 485222 OR 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 request form</u> found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Layer Up—Power Down and Odd **Socks Day**

Beechen Cliff has been working with Energy Sparks to reduce the amount of energy we use. This involves pupils and adults across the school taking actions to identify, understand and tackle energy waste.

On the 24th November, we will be turning down the school's heating and seeing how much energy we can save.

Also, to minimise disruption, on Layer Up Power Down Day on Friday 24th November, we are also holding our Odd Socks Day to emphasises our commitment to Anti Bullying, which has been our Theme of the Week and reiterates the message of our Pledge of Respect and school values.



Take charge of the heating at your school this winter Many schools waste heating energy and money warming their buildings to excessive temperatures or when they're empty

PLEASE READ

Energy Sparks challenges you to



Before November 24th

- Tell your whole school community about Layer Up Power Down Day (you can use our press release if you want to)
- Share our Power Down guidance with your Facilities staff
- · Record your pledge to take part

On Friday November 24th

- Turn off/ down your school heating for the day
- Wear your warm clothes to school
- Watch our video assembly to understand the importance of not wasting energy for heating
- · Why not keep the heating turned off/down until Monday morning to really maximise the impact of your Layer Up Power Down Day?



- · Check your Energy Sparks dashboard one week later to see how much energy/greenhouse emissions/ money you saved by switching off on Layer **Up Power Down Day**
- Keep an eye on Energy Sparks communications to find out how much Energy Sparks schools across the country saved by switching off - we're all in this together and our individual school actions really do add up!
- . Keep up the good work make sure to wear warm clothes to school and keep your heating turned off/down on all weekends and holidays from now



Energy Sparks Find more heating related activities at Helping schools fight climate change https://energysparks.uk/activities_categories

Bath Hub Ignite Day - Thursday 30th November

As you may be aware, next Thursday 30th November we have the first Bath Hub Ignite Day this year. The normal timetable is collapsed for the day giving us the opportunity to spend the day with each year group focusing on a particular theme.

Year 7 will be based at Beechen Cliff working with their peers from Hayesfield Girls School and St. Marks focusing on Sustainable Careers.

Year 8 will be based at Hayesfield Girls School at the Brougham Hayes Campus, working with their peers from Hayesfield and St. Marks focusing on Personal Safety and Wellbeing.

Year 9 pupils will be based at Beechen Cliff and will spend the day looking at their future aspirations, as well as receiving taster sessions for the different subjects they can choose from in the options process which will take place in the coming months.

Year 10 pupils will be based at Beechen Cliff and will spend the day focussing on Employability. They will hear from a keynote speaker before working through a carousel of activities focussing on work experience, applying for jobs and C.V writing.

Year 11 pupils will be based at Hayesfield Girls School, working with their peers from across the Bath Hub focussing on Employability, Interview skills and taking part in a careers fair.

Year 12 students will be based at Beechen Cliff School, working with their peers from Hayesfield Girls School taking part in a graduate showcase, an assessment centre and focusing on study skills.

Year 13 students will spend the day working on their UCAS applications and revising for the upcoming Mock Examinations taking place later this term.

We are really looking forward to the day. It was a real success last year and we hope to build upon that to provide the pupils and students with a useful and enjoyable experience. For further details, please see the letters which have been emailed on Thursday 23rd November.

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum and Assessment.

Term Dates Reminder

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

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



Dentalcare Bradford on Avon-Taking NHS **Patients**

We are reaching out to you to offer an NHS Dental care to your students due to temporary increase of NHS dental capacity. This is a one off chance to have an NHS Dentist.

Please note, that we will be able to offer NHS appointments to students only, adults are welcome to join privately.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Dentalcare Bradford on Avon



Monday: Spicy Pork with Peppers and

Tomatoes, Mixed Bean Chilli

Tuesday: Chicken and Leek Pie (W),

Veggie Moussaka (W,D,V)

Wednesday: Honey Roast Ham, Tomato

red onion and pesto Tart (W)

Thursday: Pasta Arrabiata with Chorizo

(W), Ratatouille Stuffed Pepper

Friday: Fish Finger Bap with Tartare Sauce,

Cheese Potato and Onion Filo parcel

(W,D,V)

Mr D Keal Chef

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

(V) = Vegan alternative



As you may be aware Dentistry is going through crisis in the UK and therefore we ask you that once you register with our Practice, you do keep up with your regular dental appointments to remain your eligibility for NHS Dental care. To improve access to your NHS Dental services we have recruited Dental Therapist who sees patients for Dental examination under the Direct Access Law, they are registered and skilled Dental Professionals who supports Dentist, just like senior nurses and paramedics do in GP practices, so we will most likely book you with one of them initially. Dental Therapists are able to carry our all types fillings and they specialise in treating children, however there are treatments such as extractions, root canal treatments or prosthetics that they will not be able to provide for adults in which case patients are booked with senior dentist to carry out the

Please could you email us with required information on info@dentalcarebradfordonavon.co.u and arrange an appointment in November as there is temporary and very limited availability this onth. It is important, that you arrange your appointment and attend to fulfil the NHS registration ease note, that we will not be able to register any other patients outside of your setting on the +S due to limited capacity.

- Full name, Sex, title Date of Birth
- Home address
- **NHS Number**
- Email address
- How did you hear about us
 - Are you aware of the wide range of services we offer? Exclusive Home Teeth Whitening Boutique OPEN DAY SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER at price on the day for teeth whitening, only £299 instead of £425)
- Teeth straightening currently offering fixed price of £2999 for clear aligners or braces
- valid for first 10 patients only)

 We work with UK's leading laboratory for top quality dentures (Valplast and chrome)
- Saturday appointments available for children
- Implants and restoration with
- Hygiene and Airflow polish available throughout the week
- General and cosmetic dentistry including composite bonding
- Membership Plan Finance option on 0% APR









The Big Ambition

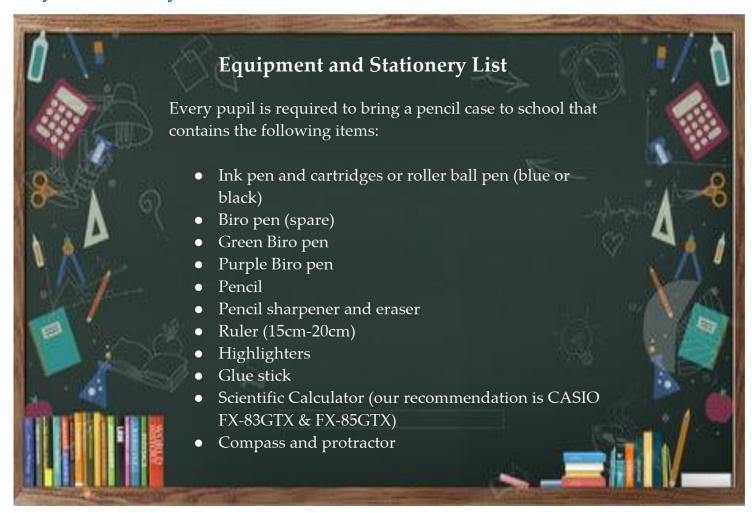


A survey has been launched by the Children's Commissioner for England to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged up to 18.

The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. These views will then be shared with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children or parents can complete the survey here - www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/ thebigambition.

Further resources are available on their website.



BANES VRP Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents

The BANES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) will be holding the following event, aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or may be concerned that their children are at risk.

Join us at Keynsham Community Space on Monday 27th November, 18.00 - 20.00, for our Knife Crime Awareness Event for parents

The purpose is to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering parents, and children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

The Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) is a multi-agency partnership that aims to prevent and reduce violence in the area. We work to understand and address the root causes of violence, to prevent further violent crimes from occurring in the future. We provide resources and support the work of professionals and community groups who help children at risk or involved in serious violence.

The event is supported by partner agencies such as Avon and Somerset Police, DHI Project 28, Youth Connect Southwest, NHS and more. On the day, you will have the opportunity to hear the real, lived experience of a parent who has been personally affected by Knife Crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctor's followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

Please note: Questions for the panel should be submitted prior to the event and emailed to VRU Events@BATHNES.GOV.UK.

Spaces are limited. Book your ticket now via **Eventbrite**.

Charity Christmas trees – in its third amazing year, Mentoring Plus's enterprise project raises funds directly benefiting young people in BathNES through it's mentoring programs, activities and youth clubs. All the trees are Nordic Spruce trees, British-grown on a sustainable farm, top quality and hardly drop their needles. You can buy trees on the day, but they sold out last year, so <u>please reserve your tree online now</u>

Collection is from Riverside Youth Hub, York Place, Bath BA1 6AE, and the collection days to choose from when you buy online are:

Sat 2nd Dec 10-4pm

Sun 3rd Dec 10-2pm

Sat 9th Dec 10-4pm

Sun 10th Dec 10-2pm

Please support a local youth charity and buy your tree from Mentoring Plus!





Wreath making workshops – new this year on Saturday 2nd Dec at Riverside

Fun and festive wreath making workshops in small groups with all materials and refreshments provided. With expert tuition, you'll create your own beautiful natural Christmas wreath to take home. No previous experience needed. Minimum age 8 (children working with adults come free)

£35 per person, all profits benefit our charitable work.

There are a few places still available. Book now to reserve your place!

Extra - Curriculum

CCF Dinner Night - November 18th







The Beechen Cliff cadets participated in the formal Dinner Night at King Edward's School on Saturday night, participating in the formal dinner, awards and celebratory Ceilidh.

This evening is an annual opportunity for the contingent to get together, invite former cadets, discuss the experiences of exercises and events over the previous twelve months. For most of the fifty Beechen Cliff cadets attending this was their first time at the event and they thoroughly enjoyed the meal ('as good as Chef Dan Keal's', according to one BCS boy) and the chance to swing each other around the dance floor for nearly two hours in the dance which followed.

The meal was followed by the presentation of awards and promotions for a number of the cadets and sections, all very much deserving of recognition.

It was a truly fantastic evening and the cadets looked very impressive in their smart attire, representing Beechen Cliff brilliantly. Their families can be very proud of them.

Back to muddy exercises away, weapons handling, laser tag shooting and first aid for the remainder of the term.

Mr A Davies

CCF Lead









www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek











How did the traffic make you feel on your journey to school today?

Why do, or don't, you feel safe when you make journeys?

How do you prefer to make journeys?

Key speed facts to discuss:

- Every 1mph increase in speed increases crash frequency by 5%
 - These small increases in speed can lead to bigger stopping distances – this is the distance a vehicle travels when it is slowing to a stop
- If a vehicle is moving faster, it will crash with a greater impact. This increases the likelihood of death or serious injury
 - Where traffic is slow, people will choose to walk and cycle more, which leads to happier, healthier communities.
- Nearly a third of people (32%) said that they might feel uncomfortable asking a driver to slow down if they were going too fast.

What discussions would you like to have as you grow up and learn to drive? Having these constructive conversations can help to create positive change.

- More than a million people die on the world's roads every year
- Road crashes are the biggest cause of death for children and young people, worldwide
- 1711 people died on UK roads in 2022
- Speed is a factor in many crashes. The faster a vehicle is travelling, the harder it hits and the greater the risk of death and injury.

We all want to make safe and healthy journeys, whoever we are and however we travel

So, we're going to be talking about speed, about how slow traffic makes roads safer for us, and how we can make a difference in our community.



Beechen's Got Talent

Parents of Beechen Cliff, the time has come for students to take to the stage for a good cause in Beechen's Got Talent. It will take place Wednesday 29th November at 6pm and there will be a huge variety of acts, from singing/bands, to magic and comedy! With talent coming from every corner of the



school, they will be competing for a mystery prize while raising money for Children in Need.

This is a high production contest and generous prizes to be won for individuals and the school house they are representing... Some of the schools' most entertaining teachers will be our enthusiastic judges for the evening. This year we welcome Our School Headteacher Mr Markall, The Head of 6th Form Miss Mather, Art Teacher Mrs Moorehead, and Maths Teacher Mr Henley.

With charismatic presenters, entertaining judges, and talented acts plus a super special staff band this is not a night to be missed. So what are you waiting for? Get those tickets and experience Beechens' best battle it out!

Tickets are £1 on ParentPay or on the door, with the option of donating more to the cause if you wish to. There will also be snacks, soft drinks, tea and coffee available before the show with the profits from the sales also going to Children In Need."

Mr J Harriman Music Technician

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 27th November 23 (correct at time of publication)

Please visit Beechen Cliff Sports page for up to date information

Data	Fixture	Kick off	Meet Time	Tuesasasas	Datum tima
Date	rixture	KICK OII	Time	Transport	Return time
Monday 27 th					
November	U14 football v Fiveacres (Odd Down)	14:15	13:20	MB	15:45
Tuesday 28 th					
November	Year 7 football training	15:20	15:15	n/a	
Wednesday 29th					
November	U12b & U13b rugby v Wells Cathedral (a)	15:00			
Thursday 30 th					
November	2nd & 3rd XV rugby v QEH (h)	14:45	13:45	n/a	
Friday 1st					
December	U15 football v Millfield (a)	13.15	11.45	MB	15.30
Saturday 2nd	U15a &U16a rugby v QEH (a)	10:30			
December	Olou Colou lugby V QLII (a)	10.50			
	U14a & b rugby v QEH (h)	10:30	9:45	n/a	

LIBRARY NEWS

PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

Poetry Competition Results.

In October, we ran a poetry competition, with the theme of 'Refuge'. Congratulations to Finley O. in Y7 who won a £25 voucher for his entry, which he also illustrated.

<u>Refuge</u>

Brave people escaping,
Voyaging into the unknown.
A long way from their home Instead, in a strange, unfamiliar land.

A journey of sorrow.

Fear. Death. Separation!

They are lost in a labyrinth of thoughts

Floating around in their head.

The stench of injustice reeks through their story.
When will it end?

RECOMMENDATIONS

Non-Fiction

The Audacity of Hope



Barack Obama's

Autobiography talks about his journey towards the White House and why empathy is so important in politics. (Beechen Canon Y9+)



By Finley O (Year 7)

Nonfiction Writing Competition.

WIN a £25 voucher!

Please encourage your children to enter this competition!

We are accepting entries of up to 500 words on any subject and in any non-fiction style. Closing Date: 8th December.

For more information join the Library Google Classroom (code: ssgozd3)

Encouraging boys to read. NonFiction November Reading Tips

1. **Nonfiction books develop analytical thinking.** Reading nonfiction trains the brain to use the information that it takes in, find facts when they are needed and do so more efficiently. The vocabulary in nonfiction is often new but is often explained so that reader expands their own vocabulary as they go along.

Wellbeing



Stress

November is the month when the mental wellbeing focus is on Stress. Particularly poignant when we see so many of our Year 11s taking their mocks and our Year 13s preparing for university interviews and mocks in December.

This resource is for young people, and looks at what stress is, how it feels, what causes it, what you can do about it and where to get further support if you need it. Please do not hesitate to contact our Pastoral Team if you are worried that your child may be struggling with stress. We are here to help.

https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/mental-health/parents-and-young-people/coping-with-stress-for-young-people

Chloe's Story

"It started a few months ago, during year 11. I had a lot of work to do because it was my GCSE year but I was off for two weeks in April because I had tonsillitis and I needed an operation.

"When I went back to school, I had missed tonnes of work and I was given extra homework to do to catch up. I tried really hard to get this done on top of my coursework but I just got more and more behind. I started to think I'd never be able to catch up and I thought I'd fail all my GCSEs.

"It got to the point where I couldn't sleep because I was worrying too much and although I was spending more and more time doing homework, I couldn't actually concentrate on it because I just kept thinking about how much I had to do. I was really snappy and horrible to my family, and I stopped seeing my friends.

"I didn't want to get any help because I thought I'd look stupid, but my mum dragged me to see my head of year, Mrs Young. I'm glad she did because Mrs Young was really understanding about the mess I had got in and she helped me to sort it out.

"She spoke to my class teachers, and they agreed that I didn't need to do all of the outstanding work, just the most important bits. Two of my teachers spent some time with me after school, going through some bits of my courses-- I hadn't understood properly. I was given some time out of lessons to catch up on my coursework.

"Within a couple of weeks I was fully caught-up and I was feeling much better because I was sleeping properly and seeing friends again. I got good grades in my GCSEs and I'm going to college in September."

Parent/Carer Solution Focused Training

Last Thursday, Tara Gretton and Susie Ingram (IASTI Accredited Solution Focused Practitioners) delivered their first online Parent/Carer training session on the Solution Focused approach used at Beechen and in the therapy sessions offered to offered to pupils and students at school. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers with children from all year groups.

A number of parents/carers contacted us because they could not attend but wanted to, so Tara and Susie are going to make a recording of the training which they will share in the Parent Newsletter shortly.

Tara and our SENCO, Jo Blair, held an additional training session the week before for parents interested in how to use the Solution Focused approach with children and neurodivergence. They will also be sharing a pre-recorded video of this training in the newsletter shortly for any parents who are interested but could not attend.

We are delighted to be able to share the Solution Focused approach with our Parent/Carer community as it mirrors what we are doing in school. We will be running more training over the course of this academic year and will keep you posted.

Careers

Post 16 Applications Deadlines

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 11

We thought it would be useful to share the Post 16 application deadline dates for our Sixth Form plus the other local Sixth Forms and Colleges:

School/College Name	Application Deadline Date			
Beechen Cliff Sixth Form	Friday 8th December 2023			
Ralph Allen Sixth Form	Friday 8th December 2023			
Hayesfield	Monday 11th December 2023			
Writhlington School	Friday 15th December 2023			
MSN Sixth	Friday 15th December 2023			
Somerset Studio School	Friday 15th December 2023			
St Greg's Sixth Form	Friday 15th December 2023			
Oldfield Sixth Form	Monday 8th January 2024			
Bath College	No deadline but if you want to go apply as soon as possible			
SGS College	No deadline but if you want to go apply as soon as possible			
Wiltshire College	No deadline but if you want to go apply as soon as possible			
St Brendan's	No deadline but apply before Christmas to ensure places available for subject choices			

If you would like any further information please let me know via careers@beechencliff.org.uk

with kind regards

Mrs Emma Pascoe

Head of Careers & Level 6 Careers Adviser

Community Links

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

Relate Avon

We provide an essential service for many parents. We know:

- Parenting can put a strain on adult relationships;
- Adult relationship counselling can make a big difference; and
- Children thrive in families where relationships are positive.

Relate is the UK's most trusted provider of relationship counselling. We have local centres in Bristol and Bath, and also offer an online service. We feel confident that families within your school would benefit from our services: https://www.relate-avon.org.uk/

Relate - the UK's most trusted provider of relationship support.

We know that parenting can put a strain on adult relationships. We're here to help. Whether you're facing difficulties, looking to strengthen your relationship, or want help talking things through.

Whatever your circumstances, whatever your background, no matter how big or small the issues. Whether you're in a relationship, straight or gay, young or old.

Relate Avon offers face-to-face and online adult relationship counselling in Bath.

www.relate-avon.org.uk enquiries@relate-avon.org.uk 21 Milsom Street, Bath, tel 01225 465593



Bloomfield Botanticals — Elderberries for cold and flu

When I started exploring the power of plants, I found myself can use common kitchen ingredients like ginger, cinnamon, coniper berries, garlic, ginger, horseradish, rose hips and more And, here I am using zero chemicals making Spice Elderberry Elderberry Tincture and Elderberry Fire Cider and Oxymer with immune supportive, anti-viral, anti-bacterial, vitamin



@BLOOMFIELD BOTANICALS

If you like the sound of it follow me on <u>Instagram</u>, or visit The Farmers Market at Green Park Station each Saturday.



Spotters Hockey High Performing Camp

Spotters Hockey Camps will run in tChristmas holidays:-

Main camps:

High Performing Camp 20 December 2023

Spotter Hockey provide coaching for ages 7-16:

Beginners and Improvers (ages 7-10),

Developers and Emerging Performers (ages 11-2), and

Performers looking to progress (ages 12-16)

Their separate HPC is for players looking to work at stretch aged 14-18 - and wanting to be prepared and/ or be nominated for the 23/24 or be prepared for 24/25 EHB Talent Academy round. Spotters Hockey is a recognised referral route for the EHB Talent Academy run by Team Bath Buccaneers.





PLAYERS WANTED From ages 5-15







Are you the next Harry Kane or Lucy Bronze?

We are looking to boost existing teams for the coming season.

For more information call or text Chris on 07738741477



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For more details and timings for please get in touch.

Browns Field, Abbey lane, Freshford Rode Playing Field, Omeage Close, Rode





Open to boys and girls aged 6 -16 AVAILABLE IN BATH AND BRISTOL AREA

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE COACHING 1 TO 1

GROUP SESSIONS GROUPS OF 4, 6 OR 8

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

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.





Expert. Fee Free. Mortgage Advice.

We've teamed up with Beechen Cliff School to offer all those connected to the school, an expert, fee free mortgage service, taking away the hassle when getting a new mortgage. We will also pay £50 Cashback to Beechen Cliff for every person that takes a new mortgage out with Lucra Mortgages. You Just need to quote 'Beechen Cliff.'

> 01225 970 830 hello@lucramortgages.co.uk www.lucramortgages.co.uk