



BEECHEN CLIFF

2nd November 23

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

### OFSTED Report

I was pleased to share the report from our recent OFSTED inspection with members of our community earlier in the week. The report has judged the school to be 'Good' in all categories and has highlighted many of the strengths of the school.

The report is available on the school website: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/>

As a school we are always looking to improve what we do and will continue to work hard to ensure we provide the best possible education for all our pupils and Sixth Form students.

I have shared the first few sentences of the report with pupils in Year 7 to 11 this week during their assemblies. These state:

*Respect is central to the school's ethos. Pupils sign up to the 'Beechen Cliff Charter' which sets out the importance of equality and diversity. The school aims to give everyone the same opportunities and rights.*

This was in the context of talking about our collective responsibility to embrace both School Core Values and British Values, and to challenge discrimination of any kind whenever it occurs. This follows our Pledge of Respect at the end of last term and the work of our anti-bullying ambassadors. Further information on the Pledge of Respect is provided later in the newsletter.

### PTA

I would like to draw your attention to the Parent Teacher Association's AGM and social on 30th November. As a school we are very grateful to the PTA for their support for the school and at present we are looking for new people to join. If you would like to join or would like to find out more please do come along on 30th November or for further information please contact Mr Mann at school.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year lots of pupils are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Currently the numbers are: Bronze 107, Silver 47 and Gold 35. Pupils gain a huge amount from the experience and I am really grateful for all the time staff put in to make this happen. I have recently been informed that our DofE Manager, Ms Fox, has been nominated for an Exceptional Service Award after dedicating more than 10 years to DofE participants and I would like to congratulate her on this achievement.

## Calendar

### Friday 10th to Friday 17th November.

Year 11 Mock Examinations Week

### Thursday 30th November

Ignite Day – Employability (Bath Hub)

PTA AGM - 7.30-pm @ The Bear

### Saturday 25th November

Year 7 LegoLand Trip

### Monday 4th December

Year 11 Ice skating

### Tuesday 5th December

Year 11 Ice skating

### Wednesday 6th December

Year 9 Ice Skating

### Thursday 7th December

Year 10 Ice Skating

### Monday 11th - Friday 15th December

Year 13 Mocks

### Thursday 14th December

Carol Service at Bath Abbey - 7pm

### Tuesday 19th December

End of Term

## Mock Examinations

Next week Year 11 pupils will begin their mock examinations with formal examinations taking place in the Sports Hall from Friday 10th to Friday 17th November. We understand that this may be a stressful time for them with lots of examinations in a short space of time. However, it is an important step in assessing their progress and in preparing for GCSEs next summer and we wish them all the best for their examinations. Year 13 Mock Examinations take place later this term.

I hope you enjoy reading the remainder of this newsletter and wish you a good weekend ahead.

*T. D. Markall .*

T.D. Markall  
Headteacher.

## 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.

## Term Dates Reminder

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

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

## Key Notices

### Year 11 Mock Examinations - Friday 10th - Friday 17th November

Year 11 start their first formal mock examinations next Friday and will be taking part in a series of Mock Examinations over the following week. Year 11 Pupils will take these in either the Sports Hall or in the Library. Can I please ask all pupils and students across the school community to show respect by being silent when moving near these areas of the school.

Year 11 pupils will be given their individual timetables during their morning tutor registration this week. I would encourage the pupils to take a photograph of their timetable on their phone in case they lose their paper copy. The timetables show Mock Examinations which will take place under formal exam conditions. Some pupils will also be taking additional exams during lessons.

There will be some pupils who have exams which clash at the same time on the timetable. For those pupils, we have rearranged the times of their exams and these are shown on their individual timetables.

The general timetable showing all mock Examinations can be found here.

[Year 11 Mock Examinations Timetable - November 2023](#)

I wish all of our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck in these Examinations.

Mrs Cotterell,  
Exams Officer

### 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)

## Poppies in School

Poppies will be available for pupils in school next week. Sixth Form students will be visiting tutor rooms next week and for a small cash donation into a collection box, your son has the option of obtaining a poppy.

### **The red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.**

Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community.



The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it. Wearing a poppy is still a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories. It is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support.

### **The inspiration and history behind the poppy becoming a symbol of Remembrance**

During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands.

Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

Kant Mann  
Assistant Headteacher

### **Menu of the week 6th November**

**Monday:** Chicken and Chorizo Casserole, Creamy Pesto Gnocchi (D,W,V)

**Tuesday:** Pasta Puttanesca (W), Curried Squash and Butterbean Hotpot

**Wednesday:** Roast Beef, Celeriac and Potato Bake (D)

**Thursday:** BBQ Pork, Shakshuka

**Friday:** Fishermans Pie (D), Roasted Vegetable and Tomato Pasta (W)

(W) = Contains Wheat Products  
(D) = Contains Dairy Products  
(V) = Vegan alternative

Can I also ask that all accounts are topped up at all times to avoid disappointment.

Thanks

Dan Keal  
Chef

## Pledge of Respect

As a community, during the last week of Term One we came together to reiterate our commitment to The School's core values as all students and staff signed The Pledge of Respect



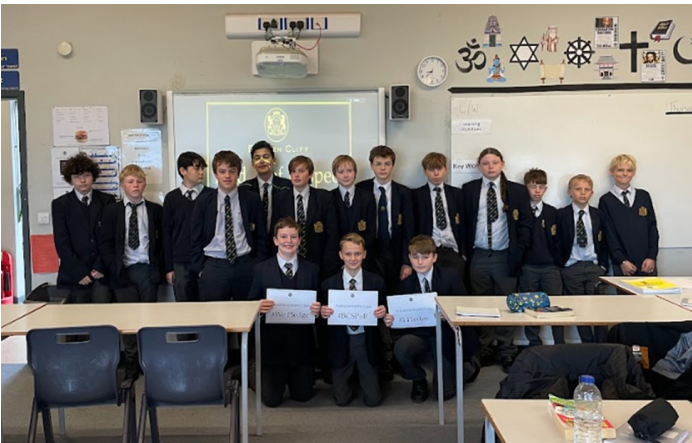
As the meaning behind each element of the commitment was delivered and discussed during the morning's tutor time session, each individual was given the opportunity to emphasise their understanding of what it means to be part of Beechen Cliff and the responsibility that this carries as we demonstrate our Aspiration, Respect, Compassion and Independence towards each other.

### Year 7





# Year 8

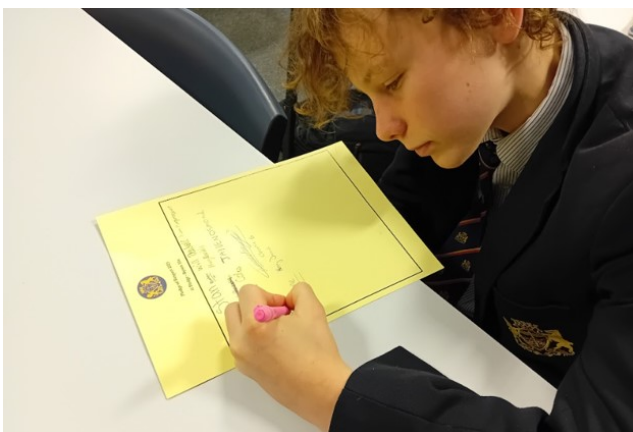




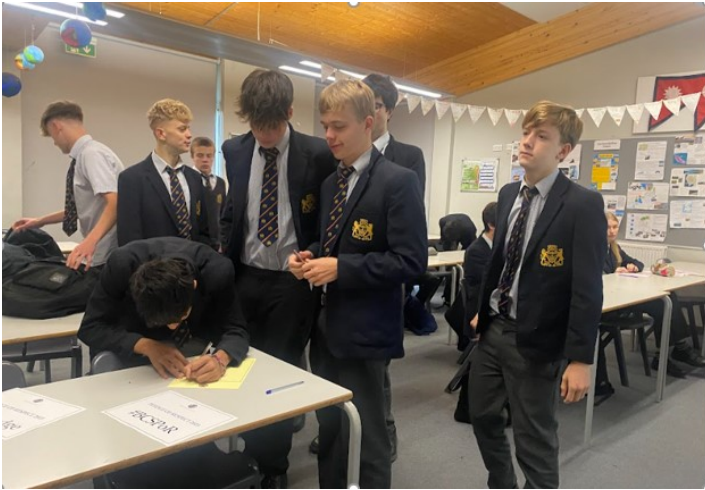
Year 9



Year 10







Mr K Morris

Assistant Head—Character Development

## PTA News

### The PTA would like to say a BIG thank you!

Thank you to all the fantastic volunteer mums; Fiona, Ali, Ellie and Geri, who ran the uniform sale in October with me and to all the parents that have donated their uniforms and text books for the sales.

We raised a fantastic **£1121** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct!  
All of this will go straight back into the school.  
If any parents would like to volunteer to help with future sales or the PTA in general, you are always welcome! Please get in touch with me on the email below. The next sale will be next year in early Spring.  
Please keep an eye on the dates in the weekly online Newsletter.

Thank you again for keeping uniform supplies coming in, we are very grateful. To date we have raised approx: **£16481**, so that's **£1121** this financial year.

Any enquiries about Second Hand Uniform please contact:  
Lesley Leming: [secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com](mailto:secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com)



Annual General Meeting

and

Parent / Teacher Social

Whether you have or have not volunteered for the PTA please join us at

The Bear Inn  
8 Wellsway, Bath BA2 3AQ

7.30pm Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

to discuss fund raising activities and donations.

If you have any items for the agenda, please submit them to the PTA Secretary c/o the school office.

Beechen Cliff School Parent Teacher Association  
Registered charity no. 1079431

Trustees:  
Mr Tim Markall  
Mr Andy Seal  
Mr Paul Fleming (Treasurer)

Secretary:  
Mrs Joanne Radway



## Former Beechen Cliff student turned entrepreneur tackles the environmental crisis with sustainable trainers made from waste motorsport tyres

University graduate Alex Witty has unveiled a groundbreaking new brand of sneakers, designed to revolutionise both the motorsport and footwear industries' approach to sustainability.



He said: "As the university facilities were closed due to Covid, it forced me to convert my bedroom into a workshop, where I was recycling materials such as coffee and ocean plastic in rows of panini presses and melting seaweed polymers in the student kitchen. I wasn't winning any Flatmate of the Year awards that year!"

"It was during this time that the Australian Grand Prix was cancelled and I heard that 1,800 brand-new tyres were scrapped and shipped back to the UK to be incinerated. I was shocked to find out that most motorsport tyres are burnt after each race and felt that surely I could find a better use for them.

"Over the past two years, I've engaged with tyre manufacturers, shoe producers, material scientists and race series organisers, including Formula 1 and Formula E. I've done extensive research and testing of tyre recycling methods, delved into devulcanisation, micronisation and cryogenic grinding, and explored other motorsport waste materials, such as scrap carbon fibre, race suits and motorsport clothing, where 25% of source materials typically go to waste as factory off-cuts."

"Our motorsport-inspired sneakers are made using a patented process to combine used race tyre rubber with recycled natural rubber to create the shoe soles. The uppers are made from waste leather and recycled polyester lining and laces. At the end of their natural life, Compound Footwear sneakers can be recycled into 100% reusable raw materials to make new shoes and products."



"Our objective is to avoid the use of virgin fossil fuels, reduce the number of different materials that make most sneakers un-recyclable, and incorporate sustainable, recycled materials that not only reduce environmental impact, but are also an attractive step towards a cleaner, greener future."

"My sneaker journey has so far taken me to Bahrain, Italy, Spain, Germany and Portugal for shoe making courses, meetings and collaboration talks with world-leading industry experts. I've also investigated polyester recycling techniques to create new yarns from waste motorsport clothing to create knitted sneaker uppers, a process that's still in development.

Compound Footwear's launch coincides with a growing sustainability push in the tyre and motorsport industries, particularly Formula 1, which has committed to achieving Net Zero Carbon status by 2030. It has received substantial support from the world of motorsport, as well as funding from Innovate UK, Santander and Verizon amongst others.

The first range of Compound Footwear sneakers launched on **October 24th** via a [Kickstarter](https://www.kickstarter.com) crowdfunding campaign. Early supporters will enjoy exclusive, limited-edition sneakers and clothing at special early-bird launch prices.

To be in pole position to bag a pair of these unique, hand-crafted motorsport sneakers, visit [www.compoundfootwear.com](http://www.compoundfootwear.com) and follow [@compoundfootwear](https://twitter.com/compoundfootwear) to take a step into the future of footwear.

We wish Alex the best of luck with his venture!

Mr K Mann  
Assistant Headteacher

## Extra Curricular

### Trips and consent forms

We are experiencing a number of cases where parents are doing one of the following:

- Completing the consent form for a trip/event without paying on ParentPay
- Paying for a trip/event on Parentpay and not completing the consent form

Please note that your son/daughter may be denied a place on a trip/event if both steps listed above are not completed.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter.

Kant Mann  
Assistant Headteacher

## Beechen's Got Talent



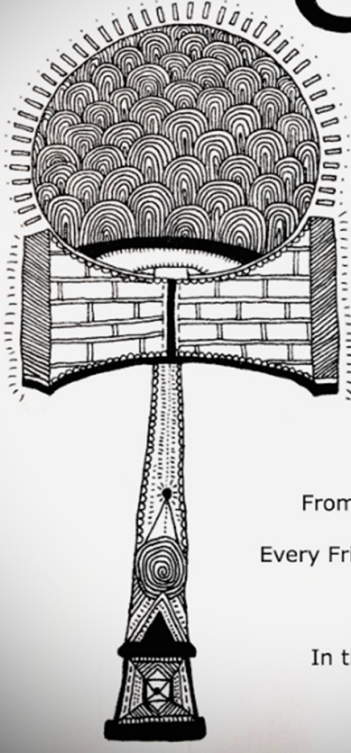
**BEECHEN'S GOT  
TALENT**

AUDTITONS:  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>,  
THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

SIGN UP EITHER BY FILLING IN THE  
GOOGLE FORM SENT TO YOUR  
EMAIL OR THE SIGNUP SHEET IN  
THE MUSIC BLOCK

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FACE OFF ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER IN THE FINAL

## Announcing Kendama Club



**KENDAMA  
CLUB**

A fun  
Japanese  
sport to test  
your hand eye  
coordination,  
patience and  
creativity.

From the 3rd of November  
Every Friday lunch at 12.45-13.15  
For year 7  
In the Dali art classroom

## Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities for Terms 1 and 2 .

Please be advised that a full list of extra curricular clubs and activities running in terms 1 and 2 is published on the school website under Extra Curricular Activities. Or you can use this link

[Clubs and Activities Terms 1 and 2 \(23/24\)](#)



# SPORTS

## Fixtures for week commencing 6th November 23 (correct at time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	U15 rugby v Gordano (h)	14:15	13:30	n/a	15:45
	U16 football v Gordano (Odd Down)	14:30	13:45	MB	16:00
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November					
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	U12a&b rugby v Downside (a)	14:30			
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2nd XV rugby v Llandaff (a)	14:30			
	3rd XV & U16 rugby v KES (a)	14:30			
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November					
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	2nd XV, U15a, U14a&b rugby v KES (a)	11:30			
	U13a&b rugby v KES (h)	10:00			
	U12a,b&c rugby v KES (a)	10:00			

## Sporting Success

Wins for the ASE rugby team v Filton College and the Under 16 football team in the [@Schools Football](#) cup in brutal wet and wild conditions.

Well Done to all the players for showing tremendous resilience and commitment.



U16 Football team



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# LIBRARY NEWS

PLEASE CHECK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS!

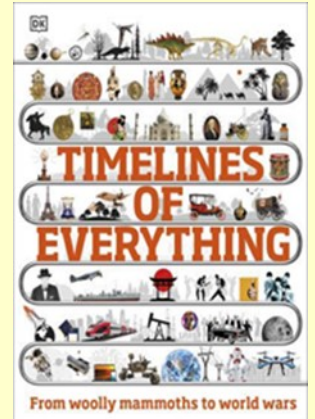


## RECOMMENDATIONS

Non-Fiction

**DK's Timelines of Everything** is

a beautiful book crammed full of information about pretty much every topic you can think of. Charting the history of such diverse things as bicycles, castles, sports and space travel in bite-size paragraphs that are easy to access. You could spend hours looking at the illustrations



### November is nonfiction month!

Our library is crammed full of brilliant fiction, but we also have our 'non-fiction nook', where books on a variety of topics can be found. With the internet, we can find any fact in seconds but while this is fantastic, it is also easy to find conflicting opinions and fake news, making it hard to know what is true. Non-fiction books are usually written and edited by trusted and experienced professionals and, generally, we can rely on books to be a good source of information.

The library is for everyone. Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge, Library Lead ([lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk))

## Encouraging boys to read. Non-Fiction November Reading Tips

### Non-fiction reading is still reading!

Being a reader has been shown to bring a whole range of benefits from better school results, higher empathy for others and even greater happiness as a teen ([oxfordowl.co.uk](http://oxfordowl.co.uk)). And this is the case whether the texts are fiction or factual. Reading non-fiction on a topic that really interests you can help develop the skills needed to read all texts. So whether it's a footballer's biography, cookery book or car magazine, reading non-fiction at an appropriate level should be celebrated and encouraged.



# Wellbeing



## Parent-Young Person Dialogue: Navigating Screen Time Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break.

We wanted to share some information with you about how you might manage conversation around screen time using the solution focused approach.

Incorporating solution-focused tools and techniques can be highly effective when discussing screen time with young people.

Here's how you can integrate these tools into your conversations with children and young people:

### Best Hopes Questions:

Ask questions that focus on the positive outcomes and aspirations. For example, "What are your best hopes for how screen time can benefit you or your interests?"

Encourage your young person to envision a positive future with the right balance of screen time. For instance, "What would be the best-case scenario for your screen time habits?"

### Building on Existing Strengths and Resources:

Recognise the strengths and resources your young person already possesses. This can be a self-belief boost and a foundation for finding solutions. You might say, "You're really good at time management in other areas of your life; how can we apply that skill to screen time?"

Encourage your young person to think about the skills and interests they have developed through screen time and how they can leverage these positively.

### Scaling Questions:

Ask your young person to rate their current screen time habits on a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being the ideal scenario. Then, discuss what it would take to move one step closer to that ideal. This helps them visualise progress and steps toward a solution.

### Miracle Question:

Pose a question that helps your young person imagine a scenario where their screen time concerns are miraculously resolved. For example, "If you woke up tomorrow, and screen time was no longer a problem for you, what would be different? What actions would you have taken to make this happen?"

### Exceptions and Coping Questions:

Ask about times when your young person has managed their screen time effectively or coped with screen-related challenges. Explore what was different during those times and how those strategies could be applied more consistently.

### Scaling Progress:

Continually assess their progress using a scaling question like, "On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you think you're currently managing your screen time?" This can keep the conversation solution-focused and action-oriented.

### Feedback Loops:

After implementing any agreed-upon changes to their screen time habits, ask for feedback. What's been working well? What might need adjustment? This keeps the conversation dynamic and responsive to their evolving needs.

By incorporating these solution-focused tools and techniques, you can engage your young person in a more collaborative and positive conversation about screen time. Emphasising their strengths and aspirations, and envisioning a future where screen time is balanced and beneficial, can motivate them to be an active part of the solution.

We hope you have found this helpful.

## FREE ONLINE SOLUTION FOCUS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be running a free online Parent/Carer training session in Term 2, where we will share some information on the well-being provision at Beechen Cliff School and about our use of the Solution Focused approach in our therapeutic provision and across the whole school. For parents and carers, learning how to have solution focused conversations with your children is an amazing tool and matches the approach we are using in school too.

We will be running this online training session on Thursday 16th November from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. We are delighted that so many parents and carers have taken the time to complete our wellbeing provision questionnaire which is helping us to understand the wellbeing topics you are interested in us supporting you with during the coming year.

If you would like to join the training session on **16th November (6:00pm-7:00pm)** please use the link below:

*Tara Gretton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

*Topic: Beechen Cliff Parent Information Evening*

*Time: Nov 16, 2023 6:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting*

*Meeting ID: 890 3593 1381 Passcode: 652676*

[JOIN HERE](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tara and Susie



# SCHOOL NURSE SERVICE

- We hold weekly drop-ins. It is Confidential
- You can Text the Nurse
- If we are invited to a meeting about you, we will represent your views
- We see you in the classroom for PSHE
  
- **Be healthy**
- **Be safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Have your voice heard**
- **Your information is confidential – we would tell you before we share any information**

Every Tuesday At lunchtime 12:30-2:15pm. Location Pastoral meeting room (old languages office). No appointment needed – just drop in

## You may also want information on:

Immunisation Dentist Vision/Hearing  
Healthy weight Worries Your family health

- \* A free service for all students, from all years
- \* Sexual health advice and support for students in Year 9 and above
- \* Support with improving your health
- \* A chance to chat with the school nurse in private about any issue which is worrying you
- \* Friendly and welcoming
- \* Non Judgemental
- \* Confidential

hcrq Care Group NHS

IF YOU'RE 11-19 YEARS OLD TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

07507334357

WE HELP STUDENTS WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...

EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING BULLYING  
SELF ALCOHOL SMOKING  
HARM HEALTHY EATING SEXUAL  
DRUGS CONTRACEPTION HEALTH

Text us for confidential advice & support

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We can't reply to you on the same working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your school's mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

ChatHealth 0011A-01/2014

## This Terms PSHE programme -

Year 7 - Friendships, Bullying, Equality and Respect

Year 8 - SRE - Positive Relationships, Qualities in a partner, Consent, LGBTQ+

Year 9 - SRE - What makes a good relationship? Contraception, Up skirting, Consent and Image sharing.

Year 10 - RPE - Relationship's and Sex, Region and Science, Death and The After Life.

Year 11 - Equality and Diversity, Gender, Sexuality LGBTQ+, Respect.

Year 12 and 13 - SRE - Building Positive and healthy Relationships.

**Mrs A Wilmot (She/Her)**

Head of PSHE

# Community Links

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

## Beechen Cliff Autumn Raffle

**Beechen Cliff Autumn Raffle**  
**6 FANTASTIC PRIZES to WIN!!!**

Buy tickets on Parentpay  
Only £2 a ticket  
Draw on 3<sup>rd</sup> November

- 1 A pair of tickets to a Bath Rugby Home Match
- 2 4 Southampton FC Match Tickets to any home game
- 3 Free weekend hire of any Audi car of your choice
- 4 SIGNED Bath Rugby Shirt
- 5 Exclusive Tour & Refreshments for 4 people at Neil Mulholland's Racing Stables, Bath
- 6 £50 Amazon voucher

## FREE TICKETS Bath Philharmonia Event

We are offering free tickets to our school community to attend Bath Philharmonia's forthcoming orchestral concert on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 7:30pm at The Forum, Bath.

Join Bath Philharmonia for a feast of lyrical and invigorating orchestral melodies featuring violinist Arabella Steinbacher, celebrated worldwide as one of today's leading soloists, performing Tchaikovsky's irresistible violin concerto.

*"A world class artist will always have the ability to thrill and move us... and Steinbacher is undoubtedly one of the finest violinists working today."* - The Europadisc Team

We're opening up the concert hall to those who may have never heard the magic of a live orchestra before or want to try something new and are particularly keen to widen younger audiences' access to live music.

Bath Philharmonia has been bringing people together since 2000 and this year is no exception. The orchestra supports young musicians across Bath and the South West, and continues to transform the lives of hundreds of young people through its nationally-recognised creative learning programme whilst helping thousands of concertgoers each year discover their own love of live orchestral music.

Details of this special offer and how to book your free tickets can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/bp43schools>







**HAMPSET CC**  
**FREE INDOOR YOUTH WINTER**  
**NETS SESSION**  
 BEECHEN CLIFF FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 6-7.30pm  
 Years 3-6 Come & try out Cricket no kit required  
 book in [hampsetccyouthcricket@gmail.com](mailto:hampsetccyouthcricket@gmail.com)



Be More Ben – a local charity based in the South West who support families that have experienced bereavement of a child.

More information about their story and services are on their website: <https://bemoreben.org/>

**Chloe Snook**

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Area Panel Coordinator, Alternative Learning Team  
 Education Inclusion Service, Bath & North East Somerset Council



## Supporting families after the death of a child

- We offer ongoing **counselling** and other therapeutic support including EMDR, proven to help people recover from trauma and PTSD symptoms.
- We run a **peer-led support** programme throughout the year with specific groups just for parents, men's groups, sibling activities as well as whole family events.
- We offer **face-to-face and virtual support** to families.



Be More Ben was established in 2018 by Shane and Sarah Pritchard following the death of their 8-year-old son, Ben. After he died, they found there was very little support for parents, less for siblings and nothing for other family members. Be More Ben supports the whole family affected by the death of a child from birth up to the age of 18.

We can honestly say this charity has **powerfully** changed and improved our lives.

Be More Ben is an anchor to us and a **consistent** support in dealing with our grief.

The support we receive through Be More Ben is **crucial** to my family's mental wellbeing.

It's priceless, having a **community** to belong to and be supported by.



Use the QR code to donate now directly from your bank account

- Join one of our **fundraising** events.
- **Sponsor a cause** or make a **monthly donation** (see our website for more details).
- Become a **Be More Ben Ambassador**: have we made a difference to you or your family? Would you like to help others in your area? Ask us how you can help!
- **Volunteer** your time or skills to help us run an activity.
- **Like, follow and share our social media**. We may not be relevant to you, but could be a lifeline to someone you know.

**Be More Ben has no staffing or overhead costs, so every penny raised goes straight to those who need it most. Any donation big or small will have a hugely positive impact for our families.**

[www.bemoreben.org](http://www.bemoreben.org)  
 The Benjamin Pritchard Foundation - Be More Ben. Registered Charity No: 1178833.



## Willow Parenting Group

The Willow Parenting Group is a space for parents and carers whose children have been affected by criminal or sexual exploitation or who are worried their children could be at risk. Guest speakers come each month. The meetings are held at the Southside Youth Hub. Below is their leaflet giving further information.

## Willow Parent Support Group



**A supportive space for parents and carers affected by child exploitation or children who are at risk of being exploited.**

Bath & North East  
Somerset Council  
Improving People's Lives

### What is it?

A space for parents & carers whose children have been in any way affected by criminal/sexual exploitation or who are worried their children could be at risk.

We know from parents & carers that when their children are impacted by exploitation, this can be incredibly isolating and it can be difficult to talk about with friends and family. The aim of this group is to provide a space for parents to meet others who may have had similar experiences.

There will be regular guest speakers from different services attending the group which will give the chance to learn more about exploitation, what support is available and what can be done to tackle it. Some of the topics that will be covered will include;

- Signs of exploitation and tactics used by exploiters
- Reducing risks around knives
- Understanding more about drugs
- Online safety
- Understanding the youth justice system and local police support

This is a new group and the aim is for parents & carers to be able to help shape it into a space that is helpful and supportive for them.

### When is it?

The **last Wednesday** of every month. Groups are held 5.30pm – 7pm

**Wednesday 22nd September**; Megan from Project 28 delivering a drug awareness and knife education session.

**Wednesday 29th September** Q&A session with Avon & Somerset constabulary

**Wednesday 6th November** Youth Justice service TBC

### Where is it?

**Southside Youth Hub  
Kelston View, Bath BA2 1NR**

### How do I join?

If you are interested in coming along, or what like to know a bit more, please contact Sam Burt or Natasha Swaby  
Email: [Sam\\_Burt@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Sam_Burt@BATHNES.GOV.UK)  
[Natasha\\_Swaby@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Natasha_Swaby@BATHNES.GOV.UK)

### Do I have to go to every group?

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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



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### Jane Kemp

Volunteer Co-ordinator

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