

#### 30th November 2023

#### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we had our annual talent show, Beechen Cliff's Got Talent, organised by our Sixth Form Prefect Team. The event was a huge success and I would like to thank the prefect team, our pupil sound and lighting technicians, staff judges and our Music Technician, Mr Harriman, for making it all possible. It was fantastic to see the range of talent on display. A big congratulations to all our acts!









Today we have had our Ignite Day across the Bath Hub with pupils working with their peers, in year groups, at St Marks and Hayesfield, across themes of careers, personal safety and wellbeing. It has been a bit different with pupils attending different school sites but a great opportunity to learn collaboratively and I would like to thank the staff across all three schools who have made this event possible and the parents, employers and other guests and







visiting speakers who have given up their time to contribute to the event and promote such a great opportunity for pupils in all schools.

Year 13 students are currently preparing for their mock examinations which begin next Friday. The examination timetable is available on the school website and personalised copies have also been shared with students. We wish them all the best for the busy weeks of revision and assessment ahead.

T. D. Marlull.

Mr T D Markall

Headteacher

#### **Key Notices**

#### **Parental Survey**

Thank you to everyone who has completed our parent survey over the last few weeks. We are currently analysing the responses and will provide a summary of some of the feedback and how we plan to respond in the newsletter in due course. In addition I will be contacting all parents who requested contact.

Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

#### Menu of the week 4th December 23

Monday: Madura Chicken, Goats Cheese and Pepper Filo

Parcel (D,W)

Tuesday: Pesto Spinach and Pea Pasta (W), Roasted

Vegetable and Tomato Risotto

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Quorn Sausage Toad in The Hole

with Gravy (D,W,V)

**Thursday**: Beef Burger (W), Spicy Bean Burger (W)

Friday: Spicy Squid Risotto, Vegetable Enchilada (D,W))

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

avoid disappointment.

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

(V) = Vegan alternative

Chef

Dan Keal

PLEASE READ

### REPORTING <u>ALL</u> 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 <a href="mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk">sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk</a>

#### PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please complete an <u>absence request form</u> found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to <u>attendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

#### Calendar

#### Thursday 30th November

Ignite Day-Careers/Personal Safety (Bath Hub)

PTA AGM at 7.30pm @ 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

Year 11 Reports published

#### Friday 8th - Friday 15th December

Year 13 Mock Examinations Week

#### Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Santa Run (periods 1,2,3)

Christmas Lunch

Year 11 Parents Evening (on-line)

#### Thursday 14th December

GCSE Certificate collection 3.30 -4.30pm 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)

#### Free School Meals

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please ignore the following email if your son is already in receipt of Free School Meals or you are fully aware of the criteria and know that you are not eligible.

After recent conversations with parents whose financial situation has changed we felt that it was important to circulate information about Free School Meals and the link by which you can apply.

Apply for free school meals | Bath and North East Somerset Council (bathnes.gov.uk)

**BANES Contact Details:-**

Email: freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Tel: 01225 39 43 17

If you need to contact the school about Pupil Premium or Free School Meals please email us at <a href="mailto:pupilpremium@beechencliff.org.uk">pupilpremium@beechencliff.org.uk</a>

If you are not eligible for Free School Meals but are still in financial hardship please direct all communication to <a href="headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk">headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk</a>

Attached to this week's newsletter is an information sheet that we have created and an application form if you'd prefer to print and post it.

Tracey Layton

Pupil Premium Lead

#### 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 -<u>www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/</u> thebigambition.

Further resources are available on their website.



# Charity Events Monday 4th - Wednesday 13th December

#### Bath Foodbank

Founded in 2011, The Bath Foodbank is one of the hundreds of Trussell Trust Foodbanks in the country, and is one of the projects of Genesis Trust Bath.

Over the 12 years of its existence there has been evidence of increasing need.

The Bath Foodbank is run entirely by volunteers who operate the warehouse facility, the three distribution centres and the van for collections and deliveries.

It is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions of food and finance. It is generously supported by individuals, churches, schools, supermarkets and businesses.

#### Items to bring in.....

Chocolate
Sponge Puddings
Instant Mash
Toiletries
Rice Pudding
Custard
UHT Juice
Tinned Fruit
Biscuits
Household Items Eg. Laundry Detergent, Washing Up
Liquid
UHT Milk (Long Life)
Squash
Sugar
Meat (Tinned)

Fish (Tinned)
Biscuits (Large Or Small Packet)
Spaghetti (Tinned)
Breakfast Cereal
Soup
Tomatoes (Tinned)
Tinned Vegetables)
Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Pasta
Cooking Sauces (Tins, Packets Or Jars)
Tea Bags
Baked Beans
Chocolate Bar (Single Bars Or Multipacks)
Coffee (Instant)





#### Christmas Santa Run! Wednesday 13th December

- 3 laps of Alexandra Park walk/jog
- Raising funds for Extra Curricular Activities and equipment
- Wear a Santa hat and/or a Christmas jumper

Period 1 - Year 9

Period 2 - Year 8

Period 3 - Year 7

Prizes from the PTA for pupils who raise the most money!!

#### Parentpay link:

http://app.goodhub.com/pta-beechen-cliff-school-9328



Mr Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher



#### **Beechen Cliff Annual Carol Service**

Our annual Carol Service will take place in Bath Abbey on **Thursday 14th December** at 7pm. This is an important event in the school calendar and is always well attended by parents, carers and pupils.

Whilst there is an expectation that all Year 7 pupils will attend with their parents/carers, this is an open invitation to **all** pupils and parents to attend this service. We hope that you will accept the invitation and are able to attend and enjoy the occasion with your son/daughter.

If your son/daughter will be attending unaccompanied, please make arrangements to ensure that he/she can return home safely after the service at 8:30pm.

This is a joyous and uplifting occasion that provides the opportunity for all students to join in a school community celebration of Christmas at the start of their festive break. We hope to see you there!

Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

#### Is your Son Ready to Learn?



Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Head Teacher (Pastoral)

#### **Term Dates Reminder**

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

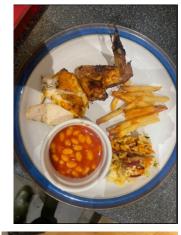
https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/term-dates/

#### **Food Technology**

Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students have been learning how to joint a chicken in lessons last week. This is a 'high skill' which has been shown to students to help build their practical skill level. They are using some of the chicken in a Curry this week and took some of the chicken home last week to be creative with it as part of their homework.

Here are some images of the fantastic dishes made by the students for their homework task.

Mrs K Gallagher Food Technology





#### **Year 9 Food Competition**



# Are you the next Jamie Oliver? Gordon Ramsay? Big Zuu? If so, this competition is for you...

The MNSP Trust is holding a Young Chef of the Year competition to discover our next big talent.

On Monday 8th January, Beechen Cliff are holding our internal competition in T3 from 3.15-5.15pm.

The winner from here will go on to compete against other schools in the Trust on Wednesday 6th March at Writhlington.





The brief is a **main course dish** to serve **2** people that can be produced in **90 minutes** with ingredients costing no more than **£15.** 

#### Ingredients:

To include seasonal and locally sourced ingredients wherever possible.

No pre-prepared elements permitted, with the exception of homemade stocks.

Dishes will be judged on the following criteria:

- the creativity of the recipe
- the balance of the ingredients used in the recipe
- the skills required to create the dish
- the use of ingredients produced locally to you or from the wider South West region wherever possible.
- Final dish including presentation.

If you are in **Year 9** and would like to compete, please email Mrs Gallagher before 18th December.

kgallagher@beechencliff.org.uk

#### Former Pupil visit to Beechen Cliff Languages Department

On Wednesday 22nd November the Languages department were visited by former pupil Joseph Heaven. Joe was a pupil in year 10 when I first joined the school in 1997! Mr Hall and Mr Mann also

taught Joe during his time at Beechen Cliff.

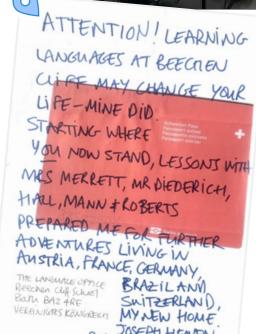
Joe wrote to the school over the summer as he wanted to give something back to the Languages department in recognition of the importance learning languages has been for him. Joe has kindly offered to fund a pupil to go on the Montpellier language school trip each year as well as a prize for creative use of languages.

Joe studied French and German at GCSE and went on to study French at A level. He then studied law at university. Joe is now a resident of Switzerland and uses both his German and French language skills daily in his job in a bank. It was wonderful to have Joe in school and during the day Joe visited many of the classes, talking to the pupils about how learning languages had shaped his life. He told the boys about his other jobs in media in Paris and his travels around the world inspiring our year 10 and 11 pupils with their language learning.

He also left us with a poster to display in Languages.

Mrs J Merrett Head of Languages





#### **Best Youth Actor Nomination**

Finlay was nominated for best youth actor at the annual Rose Bowl Awards for his performance as Judd Fry in the Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield school production of Oklahoma in partnership with Bath Theatre School earlier this year. This is a fantastic achievement and I hope he enjoyed attending the awards evening in Bristol last weekend. Congratulations Finlay!





Mr T. D. Markall

Headteacher

#### **SPORTS**

#### **Sporting Achievements**

#### U14's reach the last 32 of the English Schools cup!

Year 9 football team into the last 32 of the @SchoolsFootball National cup after a thrilling 8-7 victory on pens against Five Acres High School after being 3-0 down and clawing back to 4-4 after extra time!



#### Great achievement for George in Year 9!

Irelands Mens Under 15 won following a 4-3 penality shoot-out over hosts Serbia .

Well done George who played in goal!



Under 18's victorious against Millfield 8-4 to go into Round 5 of the English Schools Cup.

Mr Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher



#### Fixtures for week commencing 4th December 23 (correct at time of publication)

Please visit Beechen Cliff Sports page for up to date information

	Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Fixtures meeting @ Globe	16:00			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2nd XV & U16a rugby v Collegiate (a)	14:30	12:45	Coach- 13:45	
December	Year 7 football training	15:20			
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	U13a&b rugby v Collegiate (a)	15:00	13:30	МВ	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3rd XV rugby v Downside (h)	14:30	13:30	n/a	
	U14 rugby v Holyrood (a)	14:30	12:15	MB&9S	
	1st XI football v Downside (a)	14:30	13:15	MB	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	1st XI football v TBGS (a)				
Saturday 9th December	U12a,b rugby v Collegiate (h)	10:30	9:45	n/a	

### SPORTS Facility Hire At Beechen Cliff School

At Beechen Cliff School we have a variety of facilities available for hire for the local community. This provision ranges from:-

Fully equipped classrooms with interactive whiteboards
Multi-use games areas such as: 3G, Astro, Gym
Sports field with tennis courts
Sports hall with cricket and basketball nets

For more bespoke events we also have a hall with stage and lighting.

To discuss your requirements, to check our prices and availability or to organise a tour of our facilities, please contact <a href="mailto:jdavis@beechencliff.org.uk">jdavis@beechencliff.org.uk</a>

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### **OVERDUE BOOKS!**

Please note that the book(s) listed below are on loan to your child and are now overdue.

Please return these books as soon as possible or let us know if they have been lost or damaged and need replacing.

#### List of Overdue Books

Book Title	Author	Date Loaned
Old Hat, New Hat	Berenstain, Stan (Author)	26 Apr 23



Libresoft, our school library management system has now been set up to send email reminders when books are overdue.

Please look out for these emails and encourage your children to return their books as soon as possible. We currently have over one hundred overdue books worth around £800. We do not issue fines for overdue books (research shows it doesn't help get the books back) but we do need to know if the book is damaged or lost so we can replace the popular titles. Thank you.

### 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)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Non-Fiction

Drawdown. The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed To Reverse Global Warming.

Written in 2017, this book gives realistic and practical solutions to climate change.

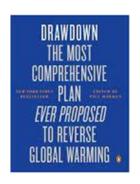
Written by researchers, scientists and policymakers these ideas might be the answer to slowing down global warming. Beechen Canon Y10+

#### Encouraging boys to read.

NonFiction November Reading Tips

Nonfiction helps deepen and develop a love of certain subjects. Authors and editors spend time selecting information and fact checking their work. In the internet era, it can be useful to find a source that you know The library is for everyone Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge, Library Lead (<a href="mailto:lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk">lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk</a>)



#### Wellbeing



#### Cultivating Emotional Wellbeing through LGBTQ+ Understanding

Dear Families,

We hope this message finds you well. At Beechen Cliff, we are deeply committed to nurturing the emotional wellbeing of all our students. Today, we would like to shed light on how we promote understanding and acceptance of LGBTQ+ identities from an emotional wellbeing perspective.

- **1. Inclusive Spaces for Emotional Expression:** Emotional wellbeing flourishes in an atmosphere of acceptance. At Beechen, we strive to create inclusive spaces where every student, irrespective of their sexual orientation or gender identity, can express their emotions authentically without fear of judgment, such as in tutor time and PSHE.
- **2. Counselling Services Tailored to Individual Needs**: Our dedicated counselling services extend beyond academic support. Our counsellors are equipped to provide emotional guidance and support, particularly for students navigating the unique challenges associated with LGBTQ+ identities. Confidential and empathetic, our counsellors offer a safe space for students to explore their feelings.
- **3. Awareness Campaigns and Events:** Emotional wellbeing is closely tied to a sense of belonging. We organise awareness campaigns and events that not only educate but also create a sense of community. Such as Assemblies for all students during Pride Week, flying the Pride Flag and Our Pledge of Respect. These events promote understanding, empathy, and emotional support for all students
- **4. Inclusive Curriculum for Emotional Intelligence:** Our commitment to emotional wellbeing is reflected in our curriculum, which includes elements of emotional intelligence and empathy. Lessons (tutor programme, PSHE and Character Award) incorporate narratives that showcase diverse emotional experiences, helping students develop a deeper understanding of one another.
- **5. Parental and Carer Engagement for Emotional Support:** We recognise the pivotal role parents and carers play in the emotional wellbeing of their children. Workshops and resources are provided to parents and carers to help them navigate conversations around emotions, identity, and acceptance, fostering a home environment that complements our efforts at school.
- **6. Celebrating Individuality:** Emotional wellbeing is closely tied to self-acceptance. We celebrate the unique identities of all our students, recognising that embracing one's authentic self is a vital aspect of emotional health. Our best hope is to create an environment where every student feels seen and valued.
- **7. Ongoing Professional Development:** Our staff continuously engage in professional development opportunities to enhance their understanding of the emotional needs of LGBTQ+ students. This ongoing training ensures that our staff is well-equipped to provide the emotional support necessary for a diverse student body. All staff receive Safeguarding training and are invited to participate in our Solution Focused training programme, which innately fosters an inclusive approach
- **8.Future Emotional Wellbeing Initiatives:** As we move forward, we are committed to expanding our emotional wellbeing initiatives. This includes exploring additional resources, workshops, and partnerships to create an even more supportive environment for the emotional growth of all our students.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Pastoral

#### **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 <a href="mailto:careers@beechencliff.org.uk">careers@beechencliff.org.uk</a>

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.



#### All available for hire evenings and weekends

For availability and prices, contact Jo Davis – jdavis@beechencliff.org.uk

### Relate Avon

#### 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 drawn to the ways I can use common kitchen ingredients like ginger, cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, juniper berries, garlic, ginger, horseradish, rose hips and more to support wellness. And, here I am using zero chemicals making Spice Elderberry Syrup, Enhanced Elderberry



@BLOOMFIELD\_BOTANICALS

Tincture and Elderberry Fire Cider and Oxymel - all are packed with immune supportive, anti-viral, anti-bacterial, vitamin rich properties.

If you like the sound of it follow me on Instagram, 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



0

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