

11th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been good to get back into routines over the last week after the Christmas break.

At the end of last term as a school we collected lots of food for Bath Food Bank. We have received communication from them this week to thank us for the donation and I would like to echo that thanks to all our school community.

Over the Christmas period and first few days of this term we ran successful trips to Austria for skiing and to Iceland to learn more about the geographical landscape there. I would like to thank all staff who made these opportunities happen and I hope pupils enjoyed taking part.

This week we have had our Year 9 Parents Options Information evening as pupils begin the process of selecting their choices for Year 10. For parents who weren't able to attend or for those also wish to revisit the presentation, it is now available on the school website.

Finally I was delighted to see some of our Year 9 pupils take part in the MNSP Junior Masterchef competition this week with the in-school round and was privileged to sample Olly and Jake's delicious dishes. Well done to both of them.

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Headteacher

Calendar

Saturday 13th January

Ten Tors Training - Mendips

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th January

Mendip Dry Ski (for USA Trip)

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January

Bristol Harbourside Trip (Geography)

Tuesday 30th January

Ashmolean Trip Oxford (Classics)

Wednesday 31st January

Year 13 Parents Revision Evening @ 6pm

Friday 2nd February

PTA School Quiz Night (Refectory @ 7pm)

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th February

Ten Tors Training, Black Mountains

Thursday 8th February

Bands Night

Thursday 8th—Friday 16th February

USA Ski Trip

Friday 9th February

Last day of Term

Monday 19th February

Easter Term starts

Term Dates Reminder

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

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

Uniform and Equipment reminders at the Start of a New Year

Uniform

We believe it is important for all pupils to attend school smartly dressed in their school uniform. We believe uniform is important and can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of the school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Thank-you to all our parents who ensure that their child is correctly dressed for school every day.

Please be reminded that;

- Blazers are not optional and are required every day. School jumpers, however, are an optional item
- Coats should be plain and standard school style (no hooded tops, leather/denim jackets). Hoodies are not permitted
- Shoes must be the black leather type available from any high street retailer. Trainers (Nike, Vans, Adidas etc), canvas shoes or boots are not acceptable.

Full details of our uniform requirements can be here.

Equipment

Every pupil is required to have a pencil case that contains the following items:

- Ink pen and cartridges or roller ball pen (blue or black)
 Green Biro pen
- Biro pen (spare)
- Pencil sharpener and eraser
- Ruler (15cm/6in)
- Highlighters
- Scientific Calculator (our recommendation is CASIO FX-83GTX & FX-85GTX)

- Purple Biro pen
- Pencils and coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Compass and protractor

Pupils do not require scissors – these will be provided by teachers when required.

All pupils are also expected to have a reading book with them every day to support our school reading culture. Full details can be found here. Pupils in Years 7-10 must also have their planner with them each day. Many thanks for ensuring your child is fully equipped and ready to learn.

Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral)

Key Notices



All absences from School

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

PLEASE READ

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</u> request form found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to <u>attendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

Menu of the week 15th January

Monday: Chinese Style Chicken with Bean Sprouts,

Sweet Potato and Coconut Thai Curry

Tuesday: Sausages with Onion Gravy, Roasted Vegetable and Halloumi Pitta Bread (D,W)

Wednesday: Roast Beef, Sweetcorn and Courgette

Fritters with Sweet Chilli Mayo (W)

Thursday: Quorn Pasta Bolognese (W), Potato Pepper

and Cheddar Frittata (D)

Friday: Jambalaya, Creamy Garlic Mushroom and

spring onion Pancake (W)

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

Thanks

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

Dan Keal

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

Chef

(V) = Vegan alternative

Driving pupils to school and pupil drop offs

Wherever possible we encourage pupils to walk to school or to use public transport.

We understand that on some occasions parents need to drive their children to school. If this is the case we would be grateful if pupils could be dropped off on Bear Flat (Majestic Wine has agreed for the space outside their store being used) to reduce traffic and to improve safety on the Avenues.

If parents need to drive up the Avenues we would request the following:

- Please respect the unofficial one way system;
 Up Shakespeare Avenue and down Kipling Avenue.
- Please keep to the 20mph speed limit.
- Please use the marked parking bays rather than stopping on the yellow lines.

Thank you for your support to reduce traffic and improve safety in the local area for the benefit of our pupils and the local community.

Mr K Mann

Assistant Headteacher

BANES Council Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Parent workshop and discussion

(With Banes Parent Carer Forum and Banes Educational Psychologists)

There's an opportunity for parents to join workshops and discussions about EBSA; what it is, how it can present, how we can support our children and more.

Find out more about active listening, plus get advice on meetings with professionals.

For further information and to book a place, please email events@banespcf.co.uk

Workshop Dates:

January 31st and February 7th – 10am to 12pm

Free for parents to attend

Year 9 Options

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to see all who were able to attend the Year 9 Options Evening yesterday. I hope that it was useful and helped to explain the process as well as outline the key things to consider when choosing options and where you can find further information.

For those who were not able to attend the evening, the Year 9 Options Presentation, as well as the Year 9 Options Booklet are available to view on the school website under the "Curriculum and Assessment" and then "Options Choices" page, or by using the links below.

Year 9 Options Choices Presentation

Year 9 Options Booklet

GCSE Option Form

If you have any questions related to your sons options, please email us at options24@beechencliff.org.uk
Kind regards

Mr Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Assessment)

Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge 2023/24

Congratulations to all the KS3 students and Computer Science/ICT students at KS4 and KS5 who took part in the Bebras International Computational Thinking Challenge. Everyone who took part will receive a certificate for participation, merit or distinction.



Students who achieved a score in the top 10% of the UK for their age range, so will also receive a Gold certificate and be invited to take part in the 2023/24 Oxford University Computing Challenge.

If you'd like to have a go at some of the challenges from previous years you can find them at https://www.bebras.org/.

The next round will be taking place after school on Monday 15th January until 4:30 in C1.

Well done everyone!

Ms L Jarvis and Mr A Cottle Head of IT and Computing

Vacancies at Beechen Cliff

Teacher of Mathematics

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teacher-of-mathematics-1394012

Closing date: **Monday 15th January**



MNSP Trust Young Chef of the Year

Back in December we announced the MNSP Trust Young Chef of the Year competition

On Monday 8th January Beechen Cliff held a round in this Year 9 competition.

Olly B (Year 9) just edged into the win with his Chicken wrapped in bacon, vegetables, hasselback potatoes and homemade stuffing. He goes through to the next round, being held at Writhlington School in March.



Jake E was first runner up.

Congratulations to all involved, you made us and yourselves proud with your skills and dedication.

Mrs K Gallagher Food Technology





Message from Genesis



January 2024



Genesis Trust Bath The Gateway Centre Snow Hill Bath BA1 6DH



Beechen Cliff

for collecting

A huge 30kgs of food for Christmas

and for supporting families, couples and individuals facing crisis in our community. Your help will make a difference to people's lives!





www.genesistrust.org.uk

Genesis Trust Bath, The Gateway Centre, Snow Hill, London Road, Bath, BA1 6DH
Tel: 01225 463549 | Email: office@genesistrust.org.uk
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Dear Beechen Cliff,

Thank you for supporting Bath Foodbank this Christmas, we are so grateful for your generosity.

We are pleased to share with you that lots of food donations came in before Christmas, both festive treats and essential supplies, ensuring we were able to provide for all those needing to use our services. We are seeing an increase in people coming to the Foodbank, so your gifts will also help to deliver emergency food parcels during the coming winter months.

The Gift Appeal we ran leading up to Christmas made it possible for us to give toyshop vouchers to Foodbank parents and guardians, enabling them to buy a Christmas gift for their children. We will continue to hand out warm kits to those who need them during the upcoming colder months.

Our partnership with Citizens Advice and Clean Slate continues to provide further support to people when they come to our centres, with people telling us this extra service has been invaluable.

Thank you for supporting families and individuals in our community through Bath Foodbank.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Grainne Moher Food Manager Genesis Trust Bath (Bath Foodbank is a part of Genesis Trust) grainne.moher@genesistrust.org.uk

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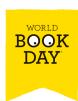
LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year!



Welcome back and I hope everyone had a restful break. I enjoyed reading Bob Mortimer's *The Satsuma Complex* and Jo Nadin's *The Double Life of Daisy Hemmings*. I also loved going to see Wonka at the cinema - in fact I don't know anyone who has seen it and not enjoyed the story. Ask your boys about what they are reading this month.

I'm looking forward to the coming weeks with an author visit for Year 7 in the pipeline (details soon) and World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. It's going to be bigger and better than ever!



Nonfiction Writing Competition.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

- In first place (£25) was Matthew D
 (Year 8) for his timely and thoughtful
 biography of Bejamin Zephaniah.
 Matthew wrote beautifully and made his
 entry look like a newspaper article.
- The runner up (£10) was Cyrus L (Year 8) for his exciting podcast about an F1 race from 2021. Well researched, written and presented.
- Highly Commended (£10) was Arbel R
 (Year 11) for his fascinating look at the
 links between music and theology.

Well done to all entrants. Keep writing!

Encouraging boys to read.

New Year, New Habits

According to the folks at World Book Day, reading for pleasure is one of the greatest indicators of future success - more even than your parents' educational background or your family circumstances.

I encourage all our pupils and students to pick up a book and develop a habit that could literally change their lives. Look out for the World Book Day homeworks that will be being set for reading homework in the coming weeks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Speeches that Changed the World

Use the new year to find out how some men and women used their voices to inspire, lead and change the world around them. You don't need to read them all - just pick a few!



Canon Y8+

The Library is For Everyone!

Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk

Extra Curricular

Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

A list of the Clubs and Activities for Terms 3 and 4 has now been compiled and is available on the school website.

You can also follow this link

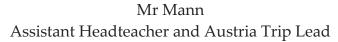
Mr Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

Austria Ski Trip to Schladming December 2023



Amazing ski conditions, blue sky and fresh power - our group of 62 Year 10 and Lower Sixth students had the perfect backdrop to learn, develop and master their technique on the slopes of Schladming. The 20 beginners made impressive progress in ski school; they were tackling red runs (medium difficulty) on the third day! Great resilience, patience and determination was witnessed on the slopes. Skiing can often challenge the mind and body - our students were a credit to the school in terms of their etiquette on the mountain in ski school and off it in the hotel, village and during evening activities.

Look out next week for the letter for the December 2024 trip which will be available to current Year 9 and Year 11 pupils.





Geography Iceland Trip 2023/4

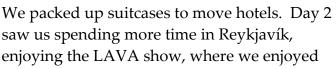




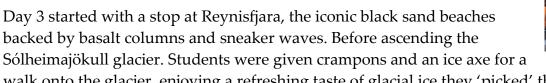
After an emotional rollercoaster following high winds and storms cancelling the trip in October, 55 Year 12 and Year 13 Geographers landed in Iceland on 3rd January. Met by icy floors and minus temperatures, we made our way to the capital, Reykjavík.



Day one started strong with a drive through panoramic views of extinct craters and wide glacial valleys covered in snow, heading to the Grábrók crater. At 11:00am, students walked up the 3,000 year old crater to the rising Icelandic sun over the basalt fields. We then visited the dwelling place of elves and trolls in the Glanni waterfalls. Then on to the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss falls. Finishing with a dip in the various temperatures of the Krauma Geothermal Baths. Finishing the day in the Hard Rock Cafe.



getting up close to real lava! From there we 'flew' over Iceland in a 4D virtual experience before journeying down into the Raufarholshellir lava tunnel. Seeing the largest lava tunnel in Iceland!



walk onto the glacier, enjoying a refreshing taste of glacial ice they 'picked' themselves. No Icelandic trip is complete without several waterfall stops, the impressive 60m high falls of Skógafoss were a stop in the setting sun today. Many students practised their ice skating abilities reaching the waterfall!













After a restful sleep in the sticks of Iceland, we went like moths to the greenhouses of Fridheimar, glowing away in the long winter morning. Getting to sample some of the food grown through geothermically heated and lit greenhouses! From there students went around the golden circle to see Iceland's most well known landmarks. They again tried out their ice skating abilities to view the most photographed falls of Gullfoss, a magnificent two stage waterfall, in shades of deep aqua



and translucent grey. From here we visited Geysir, one of the golden circle trio, students were able to witness the 30m boiling eruption of 'Stokkur'. Finishing the day in Thingvellir, home of the first parliament in 930AD and known as the rift between North America and Eurasia. Students walked between the rifts and saw ropy pahoehoe lava from a shield volcano eruption. Ending the final day bathing in the warm waters of the Blue Lagoon. Averaging temperature of 30-40C,

students indulge in silica masks and relax before their flights home.

The group was great company throughout and were commended by everyone they came into contact with for their wonderful attitudes and generally enthusiasm for their surroundings. From the staff team, we want to say a big thank you for making the trip a real success.

Thank you to Mr Brewer, Mr Firth, Ms Sullivan, Ms Higgs and Mr Hawkins for all their efforts in making the trip a success.





Ms R Sampson Trip Leader

For more photos of the trip, head to the BCS Geography instragram: beechen cliff geography

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USA Ski Trip 2025

The deadline for signing up to the USA Ski Trip (current year 7-9) for next February is the end of January. If you would like further information, please contact Mr Macdonald. To sign up, please make the deposit payment on ParentPay.

Mr P Macdonald Ski USA Trip Lead

Austria Ski Trip December 17 - 23 2024

This trip is now available to **current** Year 9 and **current** year 11 pupils who will stay on in the Sixth Form. Please see the letter in the link below for further details:

Austria Ski Trip Letter

Mr Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher/Austria Trip Lead

Spain Trip 14-18 July 2024

This trip is now available to current Year 8 and 9 pupils studying Spanish. Please see the letter in the link below for further details :

Spain Trip Letter

Further details available from Mr Mann on kmann@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher/Catalonia Trip Lead

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 15th January 24 (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 15 th January					
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 7 football training	15:20			
	U13b&c football v NH (a)	15:30	14:45	MB	17:00
Wednesday 17 th January	U17 rugby v Bishops (Chippenham RFC)	14:30	12:45	MB	17:00
	U14b&c U15b&c football v Millfield (a)	14:15		Coach	
	1st Tennis v Bishops (h??)	14:00	13:30		
Thursday 18 th January	1st & 2nd netball v RHS (a)	15:00/15:30	14:15	MB	
	1st, 2nd & U15b football v Marlborough (a)	14:15		Coach	
	U14 basketball @ Oldfield??				
Friday 19th					
January					

Careers

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to share our new Careers newsletter with you, this will be sent weekly alongside the school newsletter. I will continue to post opportunities, workshops, competitions etc onto the specific year group Google classrooms. Please ensure that you accept the classroom invitation so that you have access to this information too.

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

with kind regards

Mrs Emma Pascoe Head of Careers

Quiz Night



PTA School Quiz and Curry Night

Friday 2nd February 2024

Refectory Beechen Cliff

7pm (prompt start) – 10 pm

Please arrive by 6.30pm

QUIZ.CURRY.BAR. RAFFLE

Come and support your school, fire up your brain cells and have a laugh with your friends or other Beechen Cliff Parents.

Teams of up to 8 people.

£10pp for Quiz and Curry.

Booking available **NOW!** via ParentPay

Payment for drinks by CARD at the BAR

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Year 7 families and can help co-ordinate tables for any newcomers to the 'fun raising' quiz event.

Raffle prize donations are always welcome!!



Wellbeing

Our 'Best Hopes' for 2024

Happy New Year from us both and welcome to the first term of 2024.

We sincerely hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The New Year often comes with a set of reflections about the past year and we think about our hopes for the year ahead. Many of you signed up for the free Parent Solution Focused Training course that we ran last term. At the request of many parents/ carers, who were unable to join us, we have made a recording of the training which we will publish shortly in the Parent Newsletter. We will be offering further parent training opportunities during this academic year.

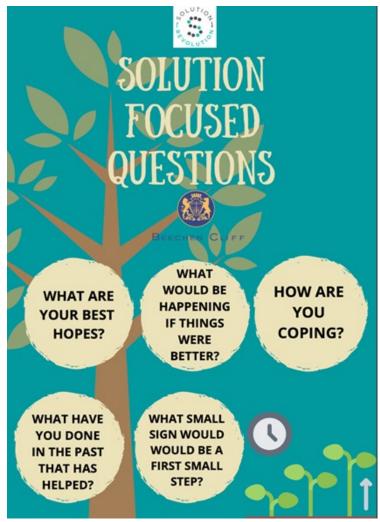
'Best Hopes' are very much at the centre of every solution focused conversation that we have with young people and we look forward to sharing this with you in our parent training. When we work with your children, we always focus on what they would like to be different and we help them to notice that no problem or difficulty exists all the time; that there will always be exceptions, however small or rare. We encourage young people to notice these exceptions so that they might find the strength and resources to build on these; together we co-create change and a preferred future where the focus is not on the problem but on finding solutions. As we assume that all young people are the experts in their own lives, this approach is incredibly powerful at helping young people to regain control of situations where they may be having difficulties or struggling.

Below are just a few examples of very powerful Solution Focused questions that staff have been trained to use at Beechen Cliff with the young people we work with on a daily basis. If you would like to learn how to use these, and other tools, in your everyday conversations with your children, then we really do encourage you to sign up for future parent training and to watch the training resources we publish in the Parent Newsletter too.

May we both take this opportunity to wish all our Beechen Cliff families a great year ahead.

Susie Ingram and Tara Gretton

IASTI Accredited Solution Focused Practitioners



Community Links

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







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

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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 chemi— BLOOMFIELD_BOTANICALS making Spice Elderberry Syrup, Enhanced Elderberry 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 <u>Instagram</u>, or visit The Farmers Market at Green Park Station each Saturday.

Francis DIY is an Independent DIY and Hardware shop on Moorland Road. A family run business, established since 1966 Road – serving the local community of Oldfield Park for 57 years!

- Local, Independent Business
- Free Local Delivery
- Expert Product Advice
- Open 7 Days
- Family Run since 1966
- Wide range of products







Our Hockey camps this year are running during schools term time so we are hoping this will help give hockey to those who will have missed out.

Our booking form link: https://form.jotform.com/210805551045346

Sally Potter Director Spotters Hockey Academy

Mobile:- 07962183574

Twitter:- https://twitter.com/spottershockey/

Facebook:- https://m.facebook.com/spottershockeyacademy/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/spotters_hockey_academy/

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBJHSWmujbfnpXQ4srztmvw

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 or email on chris.birleson@dentons.net



For more details and timings for each age group please get in touch.

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

www.freshfordutdfc.com



The AceWay

By Megan Butterworth

New and exciting tennis opportunities for children of all ages to learn and play tennis together.

We offer groups, private and joint lessons for all ages and abilities and cater to any additional needs.

Junior Group Times:

4 – 8 years olds Thursdays at 4:30pm – 5:30pm 9 – 10 year olds Thursdays at 5:30pm – 6:30pm 11 – 14 year olds Thursdays at 6:30pm – 7:30pm Tots Tennis (under 4s) Fridays at 9:30am – 10:30am Junior Club Evening Fridays at 5:30pm – 7:30pm Tots Tennis (under 4s) Saturdays at 9:30am – 10:30am 4 – 8 years olds Saturdays at 10:30am – 11:30am 9 – 10 year olds Saturdays at 11:30am – 12:30pm 11 – 14 year olds Saturdays at 12:30pm – 1:30pm Junior Club Afternoon Saturdays at 3:30pm – 5:30pm

For more info and to sign up please don't hesitate to contact Megan:



07779535580



Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk



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Sessions with: LEWIS DIXON

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COSTS

2-1 Coaching Session £40

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

Sessions will cover: basic passing, dribbling, control, shooting etc.

Progressing onto more advanced training: movement, positioning fitness & tactics progressing the individual to their highest potential.



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