



BEECHEN CLIFF

18th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to share with you the report from our recent OFSTED Boarding Inspection. The inspection judged the school's provision to be 'good' in all categories and had no recommendations for improvement. The report refers to many strengths within both the boarding provision and wider school safeguarding. The report is available on the school website and via the following link:

[OFSTED Boarding Report](#)



In a cold and frosty week it has been good to see most of the sports fixtures have been able to take place. Amongst those braving the weather have been footballers against Millfield and Churchill and even tennis players against Bishops Wordsworth.

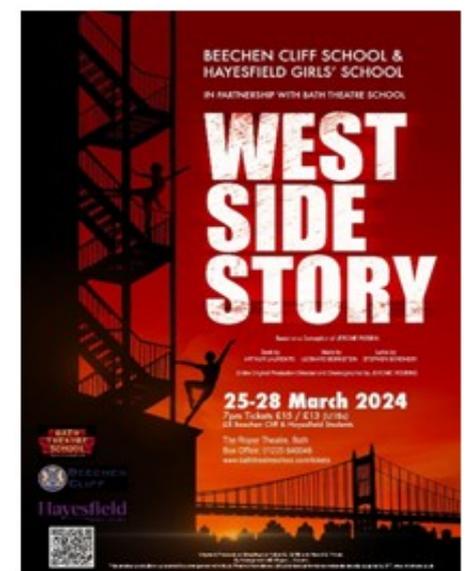
In addition, all Year 11 Geography students have undertaken fieldwork in Bristol as part of their GCSE coursework and last weekend pupils began their Ten Tors training.

Looking ahead I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming Bands Night on 8th February and our school production of West Side Story in partnership with Hayesfield and Bath Theatre School from 25th to 28th March.

Details of Bands Night have been emailed to parents this week and tickets for West Side Story will be available soon. Lots of time and effort is being put into rehearsals and we look forward to the performances.

T. D. Markall

T D Markall
Headteacher



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Key Notices

PLEASE READ

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 [absence request form](#) found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Menu of the week 22nd January

Monday: Spanish Pork Casserole, Potato and Lentil Curry

Tuesday: Tomato and Basil Pasta with Olives (W), Cauliflower Cheese Burger (D,W,V)

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Roasted Pepper Red onion and Mozzarella Filo Parcel (W,D,V)

Thursday: Meatloaf with Onion Gravy, Cheesy Scotch Egg (W)

Friday: Breaded Cod, Spinach and Feta Pie (D'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

Calendar

Friday 19th January

Bath Student Parliament with Wera Hobhouse

Tuesday 23rd January

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Wednesday 24th January

Year 9 Parents Evening

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/>

Byron Fundraising Success

As a result of the hard work of Byron House through Cake Sales, Sponge the Teacher and our Christmas Film, we are pleased to announce that this week we donated **£787.09** to Cancer Research UK.

A huge well done to all of the boys for their efforts; can Kipling, Milton or Shakespeare top that?

Many thanks again all.

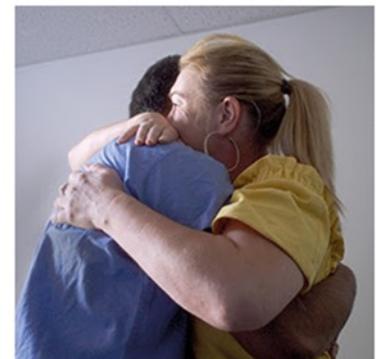
Mr Kevin Morris
Assistant Headteacher—Character Development

Thank you, Beechen Cliff!



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Donation amount: £787.09



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The Cancer Research UK Team

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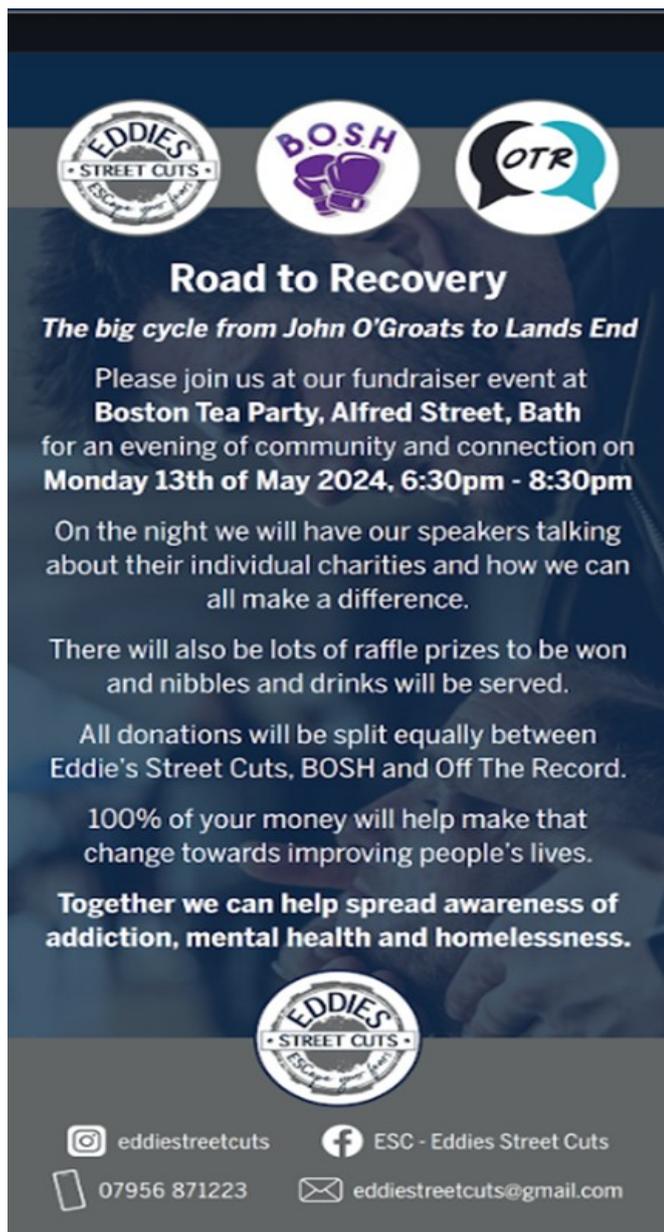
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Ex- Beechen student Eddie's Charity cycle ride—Lands End to John O Groats



EDDIE'S STREET CUTS **BOSH** **OTR**

Road to Recovery

The big cycle from John O'Groats to Lands End

Please join us at our fundraiser event at **Boston Tea Party, Alfred Street, Bath** for an evening of community and connection on **Monday 13th of May 2024, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

On the night we will have our speakers talking about their individual charities and how we can all make a difference.

There will also be lots of raffle prizes to be won and nibbles and drinks will be served.

All donations will be split equally between Eddie's Street Cuts, BOSH and Off The Record.

100% of your money will help make that change towards improving people's lives.

Together we can help spread awareness of addiction, mental health and homelessness.

EDDIE'S STREET CUTS

Instagram: @eddiestreetcuts Facebook: ESC - Eddie's Street Cuts
Phone: 07956 871223 Email: eddiestreetcuts@gmail.com

Eddie Ilic, ex Beechen Cliff student, is looking to raise £9,00 to support his Community project Eddie's Street Cuts and charities Off the Record and BOSH by cycling from John O Groats to Lands End.

Here is the link to the just giving page if you feel you could support his challenge

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ESC-2024?utm_term=RRamaVeRr



Litter Pick Lollypop Lunchtime



Here are the trailblazers, the four Year Seven students who accepted the call to arms to try and make the community a better place. Noah, Roan, Harry and Cailen all rose to the challenge and took part in our first Litter Pick Lollypop Lunchtime which saw the four boys and staff venture into Alexandra park and spend their time collecting litter and tidying up. All the boys received a lollipop and a positive and they voted for who had collected the most and worked the hardest which resulted in Cailen receiving a queue jump pass to use next week for the lunch queue.

We are aiming at running the scheme during three lunchtimes a week, concentrating on different areas including the Avenues and Greenway Lane, encouraging boys from different year groups to join this community spirited venture; well done boys, the park looks spotless!

Mr K Morris

Assistant Headteacher-Character Development

LIBRARY NEWS



KS3 Reading Homework

This Week, all boys in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 have been set homework to encourage positive reading habits.

- Come to the library to check out a book
- Record information about the book on the google form
- Read the book.

We have set this homework for a number of reasons, detailed below. Encourage your son to complete this homework and talk to him about his choice

Encouraging boys to read.

New Year, New Habits

Encourage your son to set an alarm to remind him to do a few minutes reading each day. This could be before or after dinner, at bedtime or just a few minutes after school. Building up a habit takes time, but in a week, it should start to become easier. For avid readers, it can be a nice way to remember to relax after a busy day. Don't forget to record reading in planners so you can celebrate progress.

Frequently Asked Questions

I don't like reading books. Do I need to do this?

Yes! This is the perfect opportunity to start a reading habit that will last a lifetime. You can get support from the librarians in school.

I've got lots of books at home. Do I need to get a book out of the library?

Yes! Being able to use a library and access information is a life skill that will be important to you as you move forward. After COVID, the number of books being borrowed from libraries has dramatically reduced. But borrowing books is FREE and you might find something new.

I already read every day. Do I need to do this?

Yes! Be an ambassador for reading in the school. You could recommend a good book to a pupil who doesn't like reading yet.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Any book from the library!

Come along to the library and see what we have on offer! There are over 4000 books, some of which have hardly been read and would love to be checked out by you! Librarians and pupil librarians are on hand to offer suggestions.

The Library is For Everyone!

Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge

lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk

Design and Technology - Hospitality and Catering

This week the Year 10 Hospitality and Catering groups have been testing out how to set mixtures. They have made Panna Cotta to take home and taste test. We have used Vege-gel to set them and discussed the social and moral arguments behind using this over Gelatin -which contains pork.



Year 8 Food students have been developing their food presentation skills this week through participation in a national Teacake Challenge. Each student had one Tunnock's Teacake, a biscuit, some chocolate, a strawberry and some sauces. The theme set by the national challenge was: Earth, Wind, Fire and Water. Have a go at this at home to see what you can create!



Mrs K Gallagher

D&T Teacher

Extra Curricular

Tir Y Cwm updates

The school and staff frequently visit this venue throughout the year and 2023 was certainly a significant year for upgrades and improvements.

In February last year the kitchen and bathroom were replaced and upgraded. However ongoing issues were faced with energy generation due to unreliable generators.

This problem has been addressed and during the short, dark days of December a new off grid system involving solar panels and battery storage was installed. It is hoped that this will reduce the need to use diesel generators and be a quieter and greener solution to meeting energy demands at Tir Y Cwm, which as some of you know, is well off the beaten track.

The project was done by Off Grid Installers whose work is usually done on remote Caribbean islands. Much thanks must go to Leigh Naylor and his team who have been fastidious in their attention to detail and clear enjoyment of the job.

Already it has proven its worth with a constant supply of power that is topped up the next day as long as it gets light...sunshine is a rarity in this part of Wales. Several groups should benefit from this when Ten Tors training in the coming month. This includes Beechen Cliff pupils, Sexeys School, Bruton and Bristol Grammar School.

Attention now turns to finding/raising funds to upgrade the external bunkhouse facilities.

Mr Dave Brewer.

(Tir Y Cwm trustee)



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

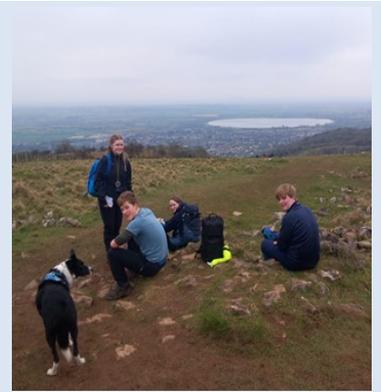
Assistant Headteacher

Ten Tors 2024 - Training starts

Saturday 13th February saw our first training session for this year's event on Dartmoor in May. It was a day's walk across the Mendips before more challenging ventures across Bannau Brycheiniog and Dartmoor in months to come. We are entering teams in all distances this year, for the first time since 2020 and the pandemic. Interest has been very high but we only have limited places. Year 10 pupils will take on the 35 mile challenge whilst years 12 and 13 will attempt the 45 and 55 mile challenge respectively.

The walk across the Mendips was to throw some distance and easy navigation at the groups before upping the ante and terrain in Wales at the start of next month.

All groups applied themselves well on a cold and muddy outing. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their Saturday for this.



Mr Dave Brewer.

Head of Humanities/Ten Tors 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

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

SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 22nd 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 22 nd January	U12a&b hockey v KW (a)	13:00	12:30		14:15
	u16 hockey Avon finals (a-clifton college)	All day	TBC	Minibus	
	U15 football v Backwell (h)	14:30	13:45		
Tuesday 23 rd January	U13a&b hockey v KW (a)	13:00	12:30		14:15
	U14a hockey v KW (a)	14:45	14:15		16:30
	U16 football v Churchill (h)	14:30	13:45		
Wednesday 24 th January	Banes Netball Tournament @ RA	15:30	15:00		17:00
	U14 football v Westfield (a)			MB	
	U17 rugby v Richard Huish (a)	14:00			
Thursday 25 th January	1st & 2nd netball v Monkton	14:30	13:45		16:30
	1st & 2nd XI football v KES (a)	14:30	13:30		17:00
	Mixed hockey v Wellsway (a)	15:15	14:00		17:00
Friday 26 th January					

Careers

Dear Parent/Carer

The Careers Newsletter (Edition 2) is published weekly alongside this school newsletter.

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are managing well in the cold January weather.

Something that comes up a lot in our conversations with the students is sleep. Sleep can be a real issue for young people especially as the sleep hormone melatonin is released later at night for young people than it is for adults, which can make going to sleep harder. And they have the distraction of mobile phones.

Something that we have been talking to students about is how they can set their own best hopes around their sleep and can learn about small ways to support this healthy change.

Sleep is not just important for our physical health but for our mental and emotional health too. The brain can literally re-wire negative memories when we sleep.

This clip is from episode 147 of the podcast by Dr Rangan Chatterjee with world-leading sleep researcher Professor Matthew Walker. In this clip, Matthew explains why sleep can be 'emotional first aid' and shares some of his tips for better sleep.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/feel-better-live-more-with-dr-rangan-chatterjee/id1333552422?i=1000637800028>

We hope you enjoy it! Warmest Wishes,

The Well-being Team

Community Links

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



ACTIVIST ART

EXPLORE THE ART OF PROTEST
MAKE SOME PROTEST ART & DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH VOICE IN MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

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ACTIVIST ART

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



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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/>

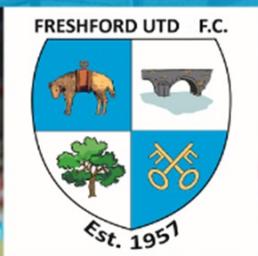
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PLAYERS WANTED

From ages 5-15



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By Megan Butterworth

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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:



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2-1 Coaching Session £40

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

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