

25th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term seems to be rushing by at a very fast pace and we are already only two weeks until half term with lots more to cram in.

Over the last two weeks Year 10 and Year 9 Parents Evenings have taken place and I hope the updates from subject teachers has been helpful. If there are any emerging queries following these evenings please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 9 pupils are currently making decisions about their GCSE options choices and one-to-one interviews to support the process are underway. The deadline for submitting choices is Monday 5th February and further information is on the school website via this <u>link</u>.

Year 11 and 13 revision sessions are up and running as part of preparation for exams. Attendance to these sessions so far has been really good and I am really impressed by the commitment of the students. I hope this will continue in the build up to the second round of mock exams next term. The full Year 11 revision session schedule is available on the website and the via following link.

There has been football success in the Somerset County Cup this week. The U/15's had a hard fought 3-1 win against Backwell School. The U/16's had a good 4-0 win against Churchill Academy and the U/14's had a resounding 6-1 win at Westfields School in Yeovil. We wish them all the best for the next rounds.

We have a busy couple of weeks of sport and outdoor education

in the weeks ahead with table tennis, tennis, football, rugby, hockey and netball fixtures all taking place along with additional Ten Tors training. We wish those taking part all the best.

Finally, we have a new Chair of Governors in post. Sonya Butters took over the role at the start of January. A letter from her is published alongside this newsletter.

T. D. Markall .

Mr T D Markall Headteacher

Calendar

Tuesday 30th January

Ashmolean Trip Oxford (Classics)

Year 13 Parents Revision Evening @ 6pm

Friday 2nd February

Wednesday 31st January

PTA School Quiz Night (Refectory @ 7pm)

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th February

Ten Tors Training, Black Mountains

Wednesday 7th February

L6th (Year 12) Parents Evening 4-8pm

Thursday 8th February

Bands Night-5.30pm in Main Hall

Thursday 8th—Friday 16th February

USA Ski Trip

Friday 9th February

Last day of Term

Key Notices



REPORTING <u>ALL</u> PUPIL ABSENCES

<u>All absences</u> 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.

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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 <u>sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

PLANNED ABSENCES

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



Vacancies at Beechen Cliff

Teacher of Mathematics

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teacher-of-mathematics-1398923 Closing date: Monday 5th February 2024

Head of Languages

https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/head-of-languages-1398974 Closing date: Monday 5th February 2024

Term Dates Reminder

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

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

Menu of the week 29th January

Monday: Cajun Chicken Wrap with Herb Mayonnaise (W), Vegetable and Chickpea Cottage Pie

Tuesday: Pork Tagine, Mixed Vegetable and Bean Quesadilla (W)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Cheesy Leek and Potato Bake (D)

Thursday: Creamy Pesto Chicken, Tomato and Basil Gnocchi (W)

Friday: Tomato and Chorizo Pasta Bake (W,D), Beetroot and Goats Cheese Risotto (D,V)

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

Thanks

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

Brainscape

Dear Year 11 and 13 parents/carers,

Please see below the link to a helpful article/video from Brainscape to help students prepare for sitting their exams this summer. This has also been shared on students' Google Classrooms - please encourage them to read/watch it.

'The best 22 test-taking strategies used by top students' (or watch the video if you'd prefer).

Ms Sullivan, Assistant Headteacher - Teaching and Learning

Food Technology

This week, Year 9s were learning about food styling and presentation. They were then tasked with using these skills when presenting the curried rice they made on Friday. Here are some examples:



Mrs Kathryn Gallagher Food Lead at Beechen Cliff



LIBRARY NEWS



Year 7 Author Visit: Thursday 1st February

We are delighted to be welcoming author A.F. Steadman to Beechen Cliff to talk about her books Skandar and the Unicorn Thief and Skandar and the Phantom Rider (which is being launched in paperback that morning!). All our Y7 boys will be joined by Y5 and Y6 pupils from local primary schools for a huge event in our sports barn. We have been told A.F. Steadman is a really engaging speaker and her interactive events really pull the audience into the fantasy world of Skandar.

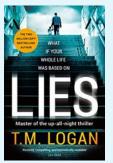
Perfect for fans of Harry Potter and Percy Jackson! I look forward to updating you on the event later in the term

Encouraging boys to read.

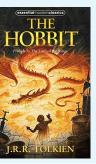
<u>New Year, New Habits: Reading Home-</u> work

It has been fabulous to see so many Y7, 8 and 9 boys coming to the library to check out a book - some for the first time. There have been some lively discussions and it is wonderful to hear boys asking for books that have been recommended by teachers and friends. This week, boys have been asked to set a daily reading target that can count towards their weekly reading homework. How many minutes a day will they read and when will they choose to do it? Answers next week...

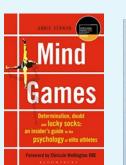
Some of the books borrowed this week for KS3 reading homework. Great choices, lads!









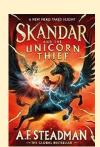


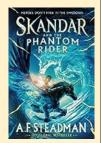


RECOMMENDATIONS

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief/Skandar and the Phantom Rider

Soar into this breathtaking world of heroes and unicorns as you've never seen them before. Epic sky battles, dangerous clashes with wild unicorns and a shadowy villain with an army. These books will enthrall readers with a new fantasy world they'll wish they could visit. Y7s can purchase signed copies on Parent Pay ahead of the author visit on 1st February.





The Library is For Everyone! Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge <u>lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

Extra Curricular

Bath Student Parliament

Last week, we were delighted to host this term's meeting of the Bath Student Parliament ('BSP'). The BSP is a group of around 25 students from schools across Bath, so it is a wonderful opportunity for students across the city to get together and have a common voice.

One of our Beechen Cliff representatives (Mia, Year 13) arranged for local MP Wera Hobhouse to attend the meeting and hear about the work of each committee. There are 5 committees: Mental Health, Community and Inter-school, Charity, Environment and Equalities. It was exciting to hear about the ideas of each group for upcoming events or areas of interest such as an inter-school



debate, a concert, self defence classes and thoughts about tackling knife crime.

Miss K Mather Head of Sixth Form

Litterpickers – from 4 to 13 in a week and a Year 8 as well.

The boys continue their mission to clean up the mean streets of Bath. William, Segev, Arthur and Caleb were the busiest and ended up with the heaviest bag and the queue passes and all that participated received positives and lollypops.



focus will be the Avenues. Let's see how big are numbers are then.

Many congratulations



Kevin Morris Assistant Headteacher—Character Development

With the bottom field, Greenway Lane and parts of Wellsway done before school, next weeks

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 <u>link</u>

Mr Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher

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 : <u>Spain Trip Letter</u>

Further details available from Mr Mann on <u>kmann@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

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 Macdonald USA Trip Lead

Careers

Dear Parent/Carer

The Careers Newsletter (Edition 3) is published weekly alongside this school newsletter. If you would like any further support or

information please let me know <u>careers@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

Mrs Emma Pascoe Head of Careers





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

Beechen Cliff Bands Night 2024

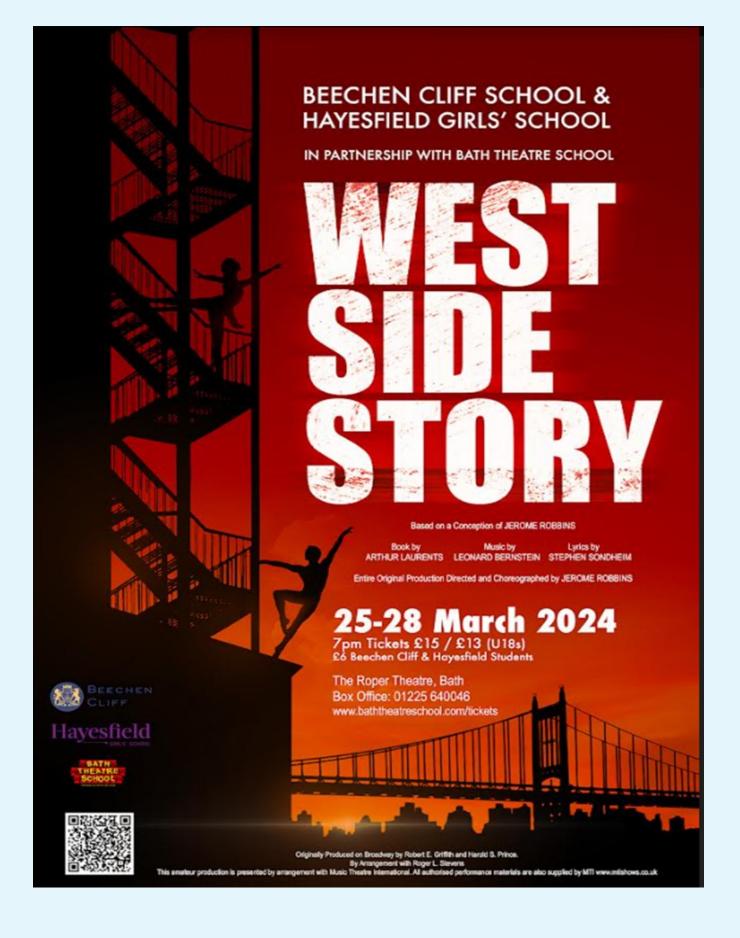


TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR OR ON PARENT PAY

West Side Story 25th-28th March 24

Please see attached a flyer for our school production of West Side Story, which is taking place in collaboration with Hayesfield and Bath Theatre School from 25th to 28th March at the Roper Theatre at Hayesfield.

Tickets van be booked via this link Bath Theatre School



SPORTS

SPORTNG ACHIEVEMENTS

International Camp for George Maloney and Adam Brogan!

Congratulations to George and Adam (both Year 9) who have recently returned from an England U/15 football training camp.

Both boys have also been recently offered early scholarships from their parent club Southampton FC

Mr Kant Mann Assistant Headteacher



U/14 football team



The U/14's had a resounding 6-1 win at Westfields School in Yeovil.

Fixtures for week commencing 29th January 24 (correct at time of publication)

Start time/ **Finish/Return** Meet kick off time Fixture time Transport Monday 29th January U12a,b&c football v QEH (a) 14:15 12:45 MB U14a&b U15a&b football v QEH (a) 14:15 **Tuesday 30th** January U13 indoor cricket @ Wellsway 15:30 14:45 9S 14:30 U17 rugby v Ivybridge (Western Hornets) Wednesday 31st U13a, b & c football v QEH (a) 14:15 January U14 rugby v Frome (Frome RFC) 14:00 12:40 MB 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th XI football v QEH (a) 14:15 1st VII netball v Wellsway (a) 15:15 14:15 MB **Thursday 1st** February 1st XI boys hockey v KW (a) MB 15:15 14:00 U12-U15 table tennis (h) 15:30 15:15

Please visit Beechen Cliff Sports page for up to date information

PTA NEWS



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.

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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



Parent Mental Health Day (PMHD) was established by the charity <u>stem4</u> which supports teenagers and young adults to build positive mental health.

Parent Mental Health Day aims to encourage understanding and awareness of the importance of parent mental health and its potential impact on the whole family system with the theme 'Balance'. The day aims to get parents and carers to take a moment to reflect on the balance they have in their lives, as well as how they balance looking after their family's mental health and to take steps to make positive change and 'balance out'.

Parent Mental Health Day is here to shine a light on the unsung heroes who have parented under changed circumstances throughout the pandemic, but now need some focus on themselves as well as their children and young people. By getting parents (and their employers) engaged in discussions about how to look after their own and their family's mental health, PMHD breaks the stigma surrounding parent mental health and starts a discussion on how parents are coping too.

With a focus on encouraging balance, Parent Mental Health Day will encourage parents, carers, and employers to acknowledge the difficulties parents across the world have and are facing and, through this sharing, develop ways to change.

When is Parent Mental Health Day 2024?

Parent Mental Health Day will take place on the 27th January 2024.

How to get involved in Parent Mental Health Day 2024

For more information and resources on Parent Mental Health Day and Balancing Out go to: <u>http://parentmentalhealthday.co.uk/</u>

stem4 provides resources, including free apps, for young people to encourage good mental health, ward off anxiety and low mood, encourage calm, and prevent self-harm. stem4 also have an app to support parents who are looking after a young person with mental health issues. stem4 also helps and provides resources to those supporting young people including; parents and carers, education professionals, GPs and school nurses.

The charity delivers mental health education, resilience strategies and early intervention. As well as the free apps, these are delivered through an innovative education programme, a clinically-informed website, and mental health conferences.

stem4 is run by one of the country's leading clinical psychologists, Dr. Nihara Krause, who also advises Parliament on mental health issues.

Theme of The Week-Holocaust Memorial Day

Theme of the week this week is Holocaust Memorial Day.

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – the international day on the 27th January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the <u>Holocaust</u>, alongside the millions of other people killed under <u>Nazi persecution of other groups</u> and in genocides that followed in <u>Cambodia</u>, <u>Rwanda</u>, <u>Bosnia</u> and <u>Darfur</u>.

The 27th of January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

HMD is for everyone. Each year across the UK, thousands of people come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future. We know they learn more, empathise more and do more.

Together we bear witness for those who endured genocide, and honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition.

HMD 2024 THEME

Fragility of Freedom is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2024.



Risking Freedom

It isn't only those directly targeted for persecution whose freedoms are affected by perpetrator regimes. Vali Rácz risked her freedom and her life to save Jews in Hungary during the Second World War. Despite knowing she would likely be murdered if caught, she built a false partition into a large wardrobe to hide people. She was arrested several times but with no proof that she was hiding Jews, was released.

Students this week are listening to ten minutes of a podcast with Monica Porter, Vali Rácz's daughter, at <u>hmd.org.uk/vali</u>.

Anne Frank's comment, quoted above, concludes 'You couldn't do this and you couldn't do that, but life went on'. But of course, for Anne, and millions of others, life did not go on – they were deliberately murdered. Building upon the multiple restrictions on their freedoms, their freedom of life was destroyed.

On HMD 2024, we can all reflect on how freedom is fragile and vulnerable to abuse. As we come together in communities around the UK, let's pledge not to take our freedoms for granted, and consider what we can do to strengthen freedoms around the world.

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



Sobseyi YouTube CASTING CASTING

We are looking for confident British friends, aged 15-19, to play themselves in a reaction-style YouTube video for Sobseyi Media; avaliable for filming late April 2024

BRIEF: The video would involve having you react to/ try a variety of different American culture/ food.

REQUIREMENTS: You must all be aged 14-19 years old and of British nationality. Any genders/ ethnicities will be considered.

PAY: The rate is £50 a day

ADDITIONAL NOTES: At this time, we will **only** be accepting groups of up to 3. This could potentially be a long term project.

The submission deadline is Sunday March 3rd, 2024 To apply please send recent pictures and brief bios to sobseyimedia@gmail.com

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By Megan Butterworth

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



Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk



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