

#### 29th February 2024

#### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 pupils have focused well in their mock exams this week.



In assemblies this week Mrs Bridge has launched her plans for world Book Day and this has been our Theme of the Week. We look forward to celebrating this on 7th March.

It has been a fantastic to see success in the National Maths Challenge and Sports Fixtures over the last week.

Further details are in today's newsletter , which I hope you enjoy reading

Finally, with our upcoming production of West Side Story in partnership with Hayesfield and Bath Theatre School, we are looking for students to help backstage and to support with technical roles including lighting. In addition we are looking for parent volunteers to help back stage

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#### Calendar

#### Monday 26th February—Friday 1st March

Year 11 Mock Week 2

#### Saturday 2nd March

PTA—Second Hand Uniform Sale 10 am –12noon—Clubhouse

#### Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March

Year 13 Mock Week 2 National Careers Week

#### **Tuesday 12th March**

Year 12 UCAS fair, Exeter

#### Thursday 21st March

**Annual School Concert** 

#### Monday 25th — Thursday 28th March

School Theatre Production—West Side Story Roper Theatre Hayesfield

#### Thursday 28th March

Easter Raffle

**End of Easter Term** 

#### Monday 15th April

Start of Spring Term

#### **Term Dates Reminder**

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

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



#### 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>

## Secondhand Uniform SALE

at

Beechen Cliff School Club House

on

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10am - 12pm

## Payments to be made by card preferably!

We are also selling Revision Guides and text books!

We do not need any more donations at this time please!

#### 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 4th March

Monday: Pasta Arrabiata (W), Aubergine

Courgette and tomato Bake

Tuesday: Beef Burger (W), Falafel with Minted

Mayo

Wednesday: Roast Pork with Apple Sauce,

Roasted Pepper and Brie Quiche (W,D) **Thursday:** Chicken and Lentil Curry,

Vegetable Goulash

Friday: Beef Casserole, Veggie Enchilada Pie

(W,D)

(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.

Thank you

Dan Keal

Chef

#### **Auction of Promises**

The new date for Beechen Cliff's Auction of Promises has been confirmed as Thursday 17th May.

Clive Greenhough

Fundraising



#### Discounted Tickets to watch Bath Rugby this March

Bath Rugby is extending an offer to our community, particularly families and children, to enjoy live rugby at The Recreation Ground this March.

We are excited to offer junior tickets for just £5, adult tickets from £5, as well as a discounted family package.

The first match, a highly anticipated encounter against West Country rivals Gloucester, will take place on 9th March at 2.30pm. The following week, on St Patrick's weekend, Bath Rugby will face Irish and European giants Leinster Rugby on Friday 15th March at 7:15pm. Tickets can be purchased at:

http://bit.ly/3I6sIL7

If you have any queries please let us know. We look forward to welcoming members of your school community to The Rec!

#### CAKE SALE—WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH

On Wednesday 13th March the Sixth Form will be running a Cake Sale both break times in the Refectory. Cupcakes, flapjacks, cake slices and more treats will be on sale for 50p or £1 - cash only. This time we are raising money to pay for coaches for rowing in Sixth Form Games. We are one of the only state schools in the country that offers rowing as a standard Games option and the money raised will contribute to the cost of qualified coaching support. Thank you.



Mr Nick Glossop

#### Vacancies at Beechen Cliff



#### **Teacher of Mathematics**

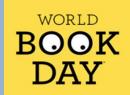
https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teacher-of-mathematics-1406431 Closing date: Monday 4th March

#### **Lead Practitioner Mathematics**

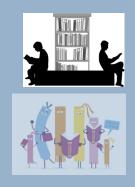
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### LIBRARY NEWS



# Reading for pleasure



#### Thursday 7th March is World Book Day!

This week in assembly we have been letting the boys know what will be happening on World Book Day at Beechen Cliff.

**Pupils in Years** 

10-12 will be

taking part in

sessions and

P1 activities

the tutor

#### Every lesson for KS3 will be a reading-themed hour

#### Plan for the day:

Tutor: Whole school assembly

P1: Buddy Reading

P2: Book token design competition

P3: Why is reading so important?

P4: Creating displays

P5: Inter-house quiz

Following parent and pupil feedback, we are not running a sponsored read this year.

Instead, <u>we invite donations (via Parentpay)</u> to support literacy development in school. This includes reading resources across the curriculum, author visits and other resources.

#### Normal uniform

but you can wear an item of clothing to represent a favourite character.

**No weapons** (real, toy, fantastical or futuristic).







#### **Book in pocket**



Pop your favourite book in your blazer pocket!
This will be used as a great discussion starter about our reading

#### **Book sale**

We will be selling a large number of exlibrary books for 20p each.

Bring some coins so you can grab a bargain!



The library is for everyone. Keep reading!

Laura Bridge <a href="mailto:lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk">lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk</a>

#### **Music Department**

#### Annual School Concert - Thursday 21st March 7.00pm, St Luke's Church

The School will be presenting its Annual Music Concert on Thursday 21st March 2024 at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road, (BA2 2BD).

Several Ensembles will be involved, including Concert Band, Swing Band, Folk Group, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Saxophone group and Year 7 ensemble, all presenting a wide range of repertoire.

The Concert will commence at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 9.15pm including a 20 minute interval during which refreshments will be available.

Price of admission is £2 via ParentPay. **Please Note:** this is a ticketless event and an electronic record of tickets purchased will be kept to allow admission on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

Please could I ask parents/carers to ensure pupils are attending rehearsals in preparation for the concert.

Music - Choir (all years)	Monday 3.25 - 4.15	Recital Room	Mr Calvert
Music - Concert Band/Orchestra (all years)	Tuesday 3.25 - 4.15	Recital Room	Mr Calvert
Music - Folk Band (all years)	Tuesday 3.25 - 4.15	MU 2	Mr Thompson
Music - Guitar Ensemble (grade 1 and above)	Tuesday 3.25 - 4.15	Ensemble room	Mr Diver
Music - Year 7 Ensemble	Thursday 12.30- 12.55	Music Centre	Mr Calvert
Music - Saxophone Group (years 10, 11, sixth form)	Tuesday 1.45-2.15	Recital room	Miss Powell
Music Swing Band (years 10, 11, Sixth form)	Wednesday 1.30 - 2.15	Bands room	Mr Daniels

Mr P E Calvert

Head of Music

#### Ten Tors training update

February has been bookended by two training sessions. The first was based from Tir Y Cwm in the Black Mountains, Wales and the second on Dartmoor. As you would expect in February the weather threw up some significant challenges.

The training session at Tir Y Cwm was an intensive weekend of skill building in camperaft and navigation. Many of the navigation techniques taught had to be put into practice on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday as a persistent, drizzly fog had made itself resident across the region for the entire weekend.

Teams had to follow bearings, aim off, handrail features and work on timings for each leg. On return to Tir Y Cwm they had to cook a meal for themselves and route plan for a longer outing on the Sunday.







At the end of February the groups visited Dartmoor for a day but carrying full expedition kit for the first time which adds extra challenge. The preceding weather had been wet to say the least, so an early assessment of stream states was needed. The day itself was not too bad. Snow was lying on the highest tops

and brooding dark clouds delivered hail and sleet between bursts of warmer sunshine.

Teams had planned there route the night before as well as undergoing a kit check to ensure they had the necessary equipment to deal with the conditions.







There are two more weekend training events on Dartmoor before the event in May. The teams are shaping up well and will be overnighting on the moor on the next two trainings. Hopefully it will be less wet!

**Dave Brewer** 

Ten Tors Lead

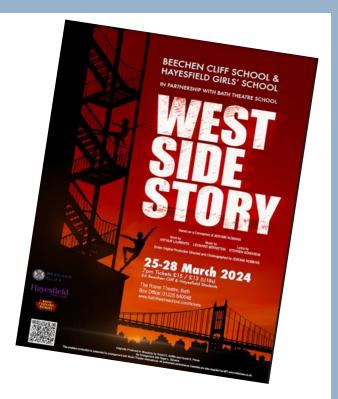
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Tickets for performances can be booked via this link Bath Theatre School



#### **Intermediate Maths Challenge 2024**

The Intermediate Maths Challenge is aimed at enriching the Mathematics of the most able students throughout the UK, targeting Year 11 and below. Nationally the challenges attract entries from about 200,000 students. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions. The top 40% of students nationally receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate in the ratio 1:2:3. Around 500 of the highest scorers in the UK are invited to take part in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad papers: Cayley Year 9, Hamilton Year 10 and Maclaurin Year 11.

Many of the best of our mathematicians from Years 9, 10 & 11 rose to the challenge, sitting the exam after school. As usual, the school performed

extremely well, with an outstanding haul of certificates.

Special mention goes to:

Wilson (Year 11) who qualified for the Olympiad round, as a high performer nationally.



Further congratulations to:

**Miles** and **Vincent**, who not only achieved Gold but also qualified for the European, (Kangaroo), follow on round.

**Harry**, the only Year 10 pupil to achieve a Gold certificate at Beechen Cliff this year.

**Isaac** and **Samuel** achieved Silver awards **Arbel** and **Arden** gained Bronze.

**Alex**, **Henry** and **Ted**, all from Year 10, came very close to achieving awards this year.

The <u>Junior Maths Challenge</u> will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The School enters the top sets in Year 8 and the most able Year 7s by invitation. Further information, past papers, plus solutions can be found on the UKMT Maths Challenge Trust website:

**UKMT JMC Link** 

Mr J Henly UKMT Maths Challenge Coordinator

#### **U13 Cricket**

Tuesday afternoon saw our Under 13's take on St Katherine's School in the Somerset Indoor Cricket competition.

They came away with a convincing win, taking them to the county finals at Somerset County ground in a couple of weeks!

Sol Thompson PE Teacher /Cricket





#### Fixtures for week commencing 4th March 24 (correct at time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March					
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	U15 indoor cricket @ St Katerines	15:30	14:30		
	U12a football v St Gregs (h)	15:45	15:15		
	U12b football v RA (a)	15:45	15:15		
	U14 & U15 hockey v Monkton (a)	14:15			
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Surrey 7s				
	U13b football v RA (a)	15:45	15:15		
	U16a football v RA (h)	15:45	15:15		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	1st & 2nd VII netball v Monkton (a)	14:30			
	1st XI & U16 hockey v Monkton (a)	14:15			
	U14a & U13a football v St Gregs (a)	15:45	15:15		
	1st XI football v Kings of Wessex (h)	14:00	13:15		
Friday 8th March					

Please visit Beechen Cliff Sports page for up to date information

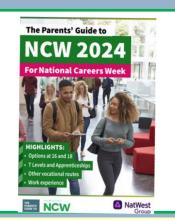
#### **Careers**

#### **NCW 2024**

Next weeks is National Careers Week. Published alongside this newsletter is the Parents Guide to National Careers week.

Emma Pascoe

**Head of Careers** 



#### Careers Newsletter

The newest edition of our Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication is published alongside this school newsletter.

If you would like any further support or information please let me know <areers@beechencliff.org.uk</a>

Mrs Emma Pascoe

**Head of Careers** 

#### **ANTI-BULLYING**

The Anti-Bullying Programme raises awareness of bullying behaviour and supports young people to tackle it and feel confident. Our Yr 7 Anti-Bullying Ambassador training has taken place this week. We now have Anti Bullying ambassadors in Yr 7, Yr 8 and Yr 9 who will be working with their peers. Well done to all our new Anti Bullying Ambassadors. Thank you all for your hard work.



'I will be a kind and balanced person'

'I will not be a bystander'



'I will be there for you to talk to'

'I will help others by making them comfortable'

YOU ARE
CAPABLE OF
CHANGING
THE WORLD\_

#STAND
UP
TO
BULLYING

'I will be there for as many students as possible'

#### WELLBEING

Why Beechen Cliff School prioritises support for Young People's Mental Health





This week, the issue of increased poor mental health for young people in the UK has hit the national news. Data, collected by British think tank, The Resolution Foundation, funded by charity, The Health Foundation, can be seen below. They have called for cross-party government action to prevent a "lost generation" of young employees.

Currently, half a million children and young people are on a waiting list to access mental health services in the UK. **This is 85% higher than before the Pandemic**. Children and young people can wait **2-3 years** before they are seen by CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).

This is why we are so fortunate that Beechen Cliff School prioritises the mental health and wellbeing of all pupils and students in the school and provides in school Solution Focused Therapy, Counselling and Talking Therapy for all who need it. Beechen Cliff School believes that early access to therapeutic support leads to improved outcomes educationally and for life, and this is why this remains a priority for us and our students.

#### **Research Findings:**

The research was published as official data pointed to an increase in young people with poor mental health.

- In 2021/22, 34% of young people aged 18-24 reported symptoms of mental disorder, including **depression**, anxiety and bipolar disorder a 10% increase compared to the figures reported in 2000.
- Young women are one-and-a-half times more likely to be affected than young men (41% versus 26%), according to the research.
- Between 2018 and 2022, some 21% of 18 to 24-year-olds with mental health problems were unemployed, compared to 13% without, the new study found.
- In 2022, 40% of the same age group with mental health problems were in low-paid jobs, compared to 35% of their healthier peers.
- Mental health problems increase failing GCSE risk
- Some 79% of people aged 18-24 who are "workless" due to ill health were identified to only have qualifications at GCSE level or below.
- This compares with a third (34%) of all people in the same age group, the study found.
- The report also found one in eight (12%) school pupils aged 11 to 16 with poor mental health missed more than 15 days of school in the autumn term last year, compared to just one in 50 (0.02%) of their healthier classmates.
- Meanwhile, children aged 11-14 with poor mental health are three times more likely not to pass five GCSEs including maths and English.

Please do let a member of the Pastoral Team know if you have any concerns for your child's mental health and would like them to access support in school. We want to help them.

#### Community Links

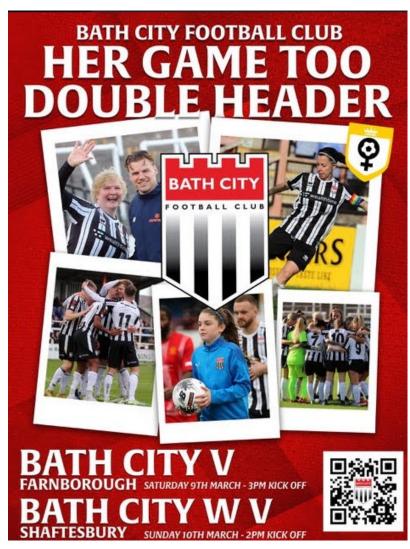
We are happy to promote local businesses and community events. Please note these are not the responsibility of Beechen Cliff School.

# U16's FREE ENTRY TO BATH CITY FC VOUCHER WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO CELEBRATE HER GAME TOO

To celebrate International Women's Day and to launch a new partnership with Her Game Too, Bath City FC are warmly inviting daughters, sisters, wives, mums, aunties, grandmas and nieces to Twerton Park on the 9th March for the Men's first team fixture against Farnborough and / or the 10th March for the Women's First team match against Shaftesbury.

With free entry for all children under 16 when accompanied by a full paying adult, there will be plenty going on for all the family including an ice cream van, penalty shoot-out in Charlie's, face-painting, Design-A-Kit competition and flag waving on the pitch for under 12s.

Bath City Football Club Twerton Park, Bath, BA2 1DB Tel: 01225 423087 <a href="https://www.bathcityfc.com">www.bathcityfc.com</a>





### GRANDFRIENDS are a local charity in Bath, currently based

Lavinia Thomas Buhagiar EXECUTIVE DIRECTO GRANDFRIENDS

T 01225 967680 E lavinia@grandfriends.uk

Charity Registration Number 1203669



at Oldfield Park.

You are warmly invited to our

#### GRANDFRIENDS SUNDAY SOCIAL



Our Sunday Socials bring people of every generation together with our GrandFriend volunteers to enjoy an old-fashioned tea, entertainments to appeal to all ages, and excellent company.

on Sunday 3rd March 2024 from 3.30 to 5.30pm at St Alphege's Church Hall Oldfield Lane, Bath BA2 3NR

Please do let us know in advance if you are planning to come. lavinia@grandfriends.uk or 01225 967680



PTO for more information . . . and do get in touch if you would like to find out more.



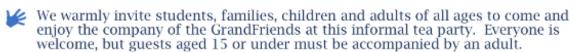




#### THE GRANDFRIENDS SUNDAY SOCIALS \*\*

GRANDFRIENDS THE COMPANY OF ELDERS was set up in Bath in 2022 to 3 enrich our community by creating new connections between our elders and younger people. We have been working in partnership with a local primary school where our GrandFriend volunteers give their time to pupils during lunch time visits and library sessions. See Facebook for more on these fantastic programmes.

The new SUNDAY SOCIALS programme is intended to extend the friendship of our GrandFriends to even more younger people from Bath and surrounding areas. We especially encourage guests to join us who may not otherwise have the benefit of as much relaxed and rewarding time with elders as they would like.



Our GrandFriends have been DBS checked and have completed our training which included safeguarding. We respect our GrandFriends and value them as community assets who generously give their time. We ask our guests to do the same.

Please let us know in advance if you are planning to come along, to help our preparations. Email lavinia@grandfriends.uk or phone 01225 967680

Contributions towards our work are most welcome (cash or card, thank you)

Keep to there is free parking for up to three hours in the streets around St Alphege's Hall.

GRANDFRIENDS Telephone: 01225 967680







Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk



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### 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,



@BLOOMFIELD\_BOTANICALS

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.

If you like the sound of it follow me on Instagram , or visit The Farmers Market at Green Park Station each Saturdau.





#### Free Mortgage & Protection Advice when Quoting 'Beechen Cliff School' to the Lucra Mortgages Team!

Set up by a former Beechen Cliff pupil, Lucra Mortgages are a highly experienced, award winning, established whole of market Bath based mortgage broker, with access to over 90 + lenders.

Lucra have partnered with Beechen Cliff School and are offering anyone affiliated with the school, albeit staff, parents, or even friends, family and colleagues of parents, the opportunity to benefit from free mortgage advice. The Lucra team can also offer a free financial protection review of your current mortgage needs, looking at life cover, critical illness, and income protection options. Simply quote 'Beechen Cliff School' when contacting the Lucra team, and Lucra will donate £50 to Beechen Cliff for extracurricular activities, for every enquiry or referral that completes.

With specialist knowledge, our highly skilled and experienced team offer an established and superior level of service, dedicated to your individual needs.



#### Contact the team to book an appointment to speak to one of the Lucra Experts



Call - 01225 970830 Text - 07458195830 WhatsApp - 07723339060 Email - hello@lucramortgages.co.uk Website - www.lucramortgages.co.uk Click here to book an appointment

You may have to pay an early repayment charge to your existing lender if you remortgage.
Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.
There may be a fee for mortgage advice. The actual amount you pay will depend on your circumstances. The fee is up to 1% but a typical fee is £549.
\*Please note, our fees are waived for all Beechen Cliff friends & family\*

#### **Facility Hire at Beechen Cliff**

For clubs, for community groups, for individuals

Floodlight 3G and Astro Pitches

Sports Hall

Indoor Cricket Nets

Gym





All available for hire evenings and weekends

Classrooms

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



## YOUTH PRIDE 2024



#### When?

Saturday the 13th of April, 2024 from 1pm - 4pm

#### Who can come?

Any young person:

- LGBTQ+, questioning or an ally
- Aged 13-21 or up to 25 with SEND
- Lives, works or studies in Bath and North east Somerset

Where will it be?

Close to the centre of Bath. We'll share the location with you after you sign up for the event.

#### What to expect

- Guest Speakers
- A Drag Performer
- Crafts
- Sensory/ Quiet Space
- Opportunity to buy handcrafted items and baked goods or dontate to OTR (bring cash or card)

All the money raised by this event will go towards funding the ongoing costs of the LGBTQ+ services provided by OTR!

Feel free to contact us with any questions: 01225 312 481 or email space@offtherecord-banes.co.uk





11/17,



#### Relate Avon

Relate – the UK's most trusted provider of relationship support £20 off initial session - or £20 donation to your school - quote "School"

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 adult relationship counselling: either online at your convenience or face-to-face from our premises in Bristol or Bath.

#### **Adult Relationship Counselling**

www.relate-avon.org.uk / enquiries@relate-avon.org.uk 133 Cheltenham Road, Bristol, tel 01179 428 444 21 Milsom Street, Bath, tel: 01225 465593





Relate

# **SPOTTERS**

HOCKEY

Hockey Academy ©

NEW DATES! BOOK NOW!







WORKSHOPS & 121s - GOAL SCORING/SKILLS/GAME PLAY

25 MARCH - 11 APRIL -AGES 10-14 AND ADVANCED AGES 12-16

HPC AGES 14-18 5 APRIL 10AM - 3PM

OPEN REFERRAL ROUTE FOR EHB TA; WORK AT STRETCH,





**SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADEMY** 

13 MAY - 24 JUNE - 6.15-7.45PM AGES 10-16

PHASES OF THE GANE & HIGHLY SKILLED ACTIONS,



