



BEECHEN CLIFF

14th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

National Champions!

This week our Year 10 Rugby team have become national champions winning the Continental Tyres Schools U15 Vase.

This is a fantastic achievement and is the result of a huge amount of effort and commitment from both pupils, teachers, coaches and support staff.

In the final the team defeated Durham School 45 - 7 at the Saracens StoneX Stadium playing some outstanding rugby. The Beechen Cliff supporters at the ground showed great enthusiasm and support for their team, were impeccably behaved and not only enjoyed the experience but represented Beechen Cliff with pride.



We are incredibly proud of the achievement of all involved and a full write up will appear in our Easter Newsletter.

School Concert and School Production

Over the next two weeks we have our annual School Concert at St Luke's Church on 21st March and the school production of West Side Story at the Roper Theatre from 25th to 28th March. Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities to see our pupils perform.

Tickets for the School Concert are available on Parent Pay.

Tickets for West Side Story are available via the [Bath Theatre School Box Office](#)

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Headteacher

Calendar

Thursday 21st March

Annual School Concert

Friday 22nd — Sunday 24th March

Ten Tors—Dartmoor 2

Monday 25th— Thursday 28th March

School Theatre Production— West Side Story
Roper Theatre Hayesfield

Thursday 28th March

Easter Raffle

End of Easter Term—School finishes at 1pm

Sunday 31st March

Daylight Saving Time starts

Monday 15th April

Start of Spring Term

Friday 19th — Sunday 21st April

Ten Tors—Dartmoor 3

Friday 26th –Saturday 27th April

Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

Monday 6th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Key Notices



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

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS –

Thursday 28th March

School will finish for the Easter break on Thursday 28th March at 1pm.

Pupils will attend lessons Periods 1 –3 as normal , and then attend a whole school assembly at 12.30pm.

Please note that food will only be available in the Refectory for the two morning breaks.

Mr Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

Menu of the week 18th March

Monday: BBQ Chicken, Curried Potato Pasty (W)

Tuesday: Moussaka (D,W), Lentil and Tomato Shepherds Pie (V)

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Mushroom Lasagne (D,W)

Thursday: Beef Biryani, Stuffed Aubergine with Peppers Tomatoes and Halloumi (D,V)

Friday: Creamy Pesto Pasta (W, V), Quorn Sausage and Bean Casserole.

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

Thank you

Dan Keal
Chef

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

(V) = Vegan alternative



Vacancies at Beechen Cliff

Teacher of Mathematics

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/teacher-of-mathematics-1407583>

Closing date: **Monday 25th March**

KS5 Coordinator Mathematics

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/ks5-coordinator-mathematics-1408777>

Closing date: **Monday 25th March**



LIBRARY NEWS



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

We wanted to give you the pupils' view of World Book Day at Beechen Cliff, so Adrian and Theo from my Year 7 reading group were given the task of writing an article for the newsletter.

By Theo G. Milton 7a. and Adrian B. Byron 7a.



Last Thursday was World Book Day. Lots of our teachers dressed up and it was great to see them in costume. Some of our favourite costumes were Voldemort and Dobby from Harry Potter. Mr Ambrose was wearing his dressing gown! He was a character from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy which is a funny book about space travel. It was a good day because it was different from our normal learning and our teachers read us lots of stories.



Buddy Reading (by Adrian)

I started in my usual class but then I went to a different class where I met a boy in Y10. It was a bit strange at first and I felt a bit anxious about going. I was worried that they might not be kind. I didn't need to worry because he was a really nice boy. We talked about things like hobbies, interests and family. We read together.

Where's Wally Treasure Hunt

We had to find pictures of Where's Wally characters. Each picture had some information about how reading helps you. We found out that reading helps you to: concentrate, relax, strengthen your brain, gain more knowledge, be more creative, communicate better, focus and it reduces stress!



Book Token Competition (by Theo)

My teacher said to draw a picture about reading. The picture had to encourage people to read. I had to think about where to read - my bedroom is warm and quiet so that would be a good place.

We had to think about how to read in different ways. You could put the subtitles on movies so you are reading along with the film. You could listen to an audiobook or read online.

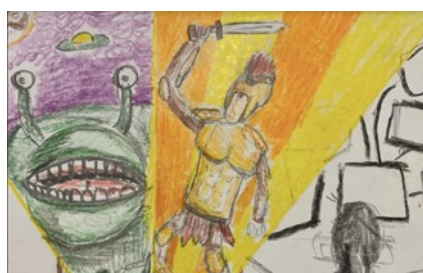
I drew a picture of a dragon and my friend drew Bart Simpson. I like to read when there are pictures in books. It was a fun and relaxing activity.



Dylan O (Y7 winner)



Hugh T and Jasper R (joint Y8 winners)



Ben P and Ben S (joint Y9 winners)



Congratulations also to Caleb H-B (Sh 7a) whose entry was the first correct one to be pulled from the hat. Caleb wins a set of books and some chocolate. Thanks to all the boys who took part.

Finally, thank you for all the donations, via Parent Pay, for literacy resources across the school. We raised **£574!** This money will go towards a listening centre for the library, so that students can access audiobooks and podcasts; some books for our higher ability readers to engage their curiosity in reading; some Barrington Stoke books for our boys with dyslexia and a login for online resources that can be used across school to help boys with lower reading ages access the curriculum. We really appreciate your support and I look forward to updating you on our new purchases when they arrive.

The library is for everyone. Keep reading!

Laura Bridge lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk

Extra Curricular

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	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

West Side Story

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. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help backstage.

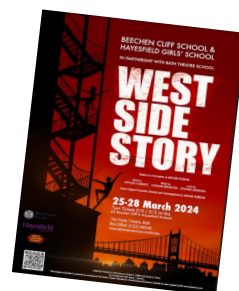
The performances are taking place from **26th to 28th March** and we would be grateful for support both during final rehearsals in the week before and during the show week.

If you would like to help out please email staff@baththetareschool.com or contact Miss Moorhead at school.



The production is being promoted online with the [Bath and Wiltshire Parent Magazine](#).

Tickets are booking fast so don't miss out! Tickets for this performance can be obtained via this link [Bath Theatre School](#)



Fixtures for week commencing 18th March (correct at time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 18th March	U15 & U16 football v St Gregs (h)	15:45	15:15	n/a	
Tuesday 19th March	U12a & U15a football v St Marks (h)	15:45	15:45	n/a	
	Squash moderation	9:00	8:15	MB	
Wednesday 20th March	U16 Rosslyn Park	All day			
	U16 football v Oldfield (h)	15:45	15:15	n/a	
Thursday 21st March	U16 Rosslyn Park	All day			
	U18 Rosslyn Park	All day			
	U12b & U13b football v Oldfield (h)	15:45	15:15	n/a	
Friday 22nd March	U18 Rosslyn Park	All day			
	U15 indoor cricket @ Taunton	9:00			

Please visit [Beechen Cliff Sports page](#) for up to date information

Beechen Easter Raffle




Buy tickets on Parentpay

Only £2 a ticket

Draw on 28th March

<p>1</p> <p>Exclusive Tour & Refreshments for 4 people at Neil Mulholland's Racing Stables, Bath</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2 Bristol City FC Match Tickets to any home league game</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Signed Bath Rugby Shirt</p>
<p>4</p> <p>£50 Amazon voucher</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Italian Food Hamper</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Beechen's Mystery Prize ??????</p>



CALLING ALL YEAR 9!

ARE YOU FEELING ADVENTUROUS?

ARE YOU PHYSICALLY

FIT AND WANT TO DO

SOMETHING DIFFERENT DURING

ACTIVITIES WEEK?

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NO MOUNTAINEERING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

JUST A WILLINGNESS TO HAVE A GO!

PLACES LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE.

TRIP DATES: 15TH - 19TH JULY

FOR DETAILS SEE MR MURPHY

MR BREWER, MR FIRTH OR

MR MAXWELL

1 PLACE REMAINING!!!!

Wellbeing



Many of our students are at the start of their revision journey for the exam season for GCSEs and A Levels. Pupils in the lower year groups will also be thinking about internal exam preparation too. Many young people will naturally feel stressed about the exam season, and they often tell us that they feel pressure to succeed in their exams.

The feeling of teachers, family and friends encouraging them to revise can become stressful, particularly if they struggle with anxiety. While this is an important time in their life, their mental health is just as significant - in order to achieve their best, young people have to mentally believe that they can achieve their best.

Here are some tips on how to revise and stay mentally healthy throughout exam season!

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/how-to-look-after-your-mental-health-during-revision-and-exams/>

The Wellbeing Team



SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024

A FREE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FOR YEAR 10-12 STATE
SCHOOL STUDENTS

10am to 4pm

Join the Zoom to learn more about different healthcare
professions

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE?

- Day in the life talks from various healthcare professionals and university students
- Top tips on application into healthcare careers
- Q&A following each talk
- ...and loads more!!

Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/dreamaspire24>
Deadline to apply: **Wednesday 13th March**



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



OFF THE RECORD 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 donate 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

Scan me to sign up!



<https://forms.office.com/e/3PHBHgF7yz>

Please note, the event does not include a march or protest, is alcohol free, and will be facilitated by staff from the youth charity Off the Record. The event will take place inside a youth venue, we will have sole use of the building.

EASTER 2024



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Saturday 16 March 2024, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Bathwick, BA2 4EB



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Neil Moore music director

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Scan for tickets



SPOTTERS HOCKEY

NEW DATES! BOOK NOW!

2024



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,

MAIN CAMP AGES 7-16 3-4 APRIL 10AM - 3PM

PERFORMANCE CAMP AGES 12-16, DEVELOPERS AND PERFORMERS AGES 11-12, BEGINNERS, IMPROVERS AGES 7-10

SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

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

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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 extra-curricular 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
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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

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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
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