



7th March 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

So much has been achieved over the last week.

Year 11 pupils have completed their second set of mock examinations and Year 13 students are close to completing theirs. Focus and commitment has been very good which bodes really well for the final exams in the summer.

Our U15 Rugby Team overcame St Albans in the semi finals of the National Vase on Sunday and now look forward to the final against Durham School on Tuesday at the StoneX Stadium, home of Saracens. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish them all the best for the final.



In addition, Olly and Jake in Year 9 represented Beechen Cliff School in the MNSP Junior Chef of the Year competition at Writhlington School. This involved competing against pupils from all the other secondary schools in the Trust. Both boys produced fantastic food and Olly achieved 3rd place in the competition.



In Year 7-11 assemblies this week we have been revisiting the expectations we have of Beechen Cliff pupils. There has been a particular focus on politeness, kindness and living out the school Core Values. The slide we use on our screens is shown over.

We have reinforced messages about the positive impact good choices can make on ourselves and others and the negative impact of poor choices.

## Calendar

### Tuesday 12th March

Year 12 UCAS fair, Exeter

### Wednesday 13th March

PTA Meeting - 6pm in the staff room

### 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

### Sunday 31st March

Daylight Saving Time starts

### Monday 15th April

Start of Spring Term



BEECHEN CLIFF

## Beechen Cliff

Aspiration *Be your best*

Compassion *Be kind*

Independence *Be ready*

Respect *Show respect*

Aspiration Compassion Independence Respect

In addition, in our Theme of the Week sessions we have been celebrating International Women's Day with the theme of 'Inspire Inclusion' and challenging inequality and discrimination as part of working towards a more inclusive world.



Also, as part of National Careers week, staff have been sharing their career journeys with pupils and many lessons starters have had links to careers.

Finally, today we have been celebrating World Book Day. I am incredibly grateful to Mrs Bridge for coordinating today's activities and I hope pupils have enjoyed taking part.



Thank you also to all the staff who clearly took their world book day costumes very seriously!

*T. D. Marshall*

Mr T D Markall  
Headteacher

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

### **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

### **Menu of the week 11th March**

**Monday:** Chilli, Spicy Mixed Bean and Cheese Burrito (D,W)

**Tuesday:** Chinese 5 Spice Pork, Curried Lentil Hotpot

**Wednesday:** Roast Turkey, Quorn Sausage Red Onion and Mozzarella Lattice (D,W)

**Thursday:** Macaroni Cheese with Smoked Bacon (W,D), Stuffed Pepper with Ratatouille

**Friday:** Buffalo Chicken Wrap (W), Cauliflower Potato and Cheddar Bake (D)

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

### Lead Practitioner Mathematics

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechncliff/job/lead-practitioner-mathematics-1407577>

Closing date: Monday 11th March

### Teacher of Mathematics

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

Closing date: Monday 11th March

## The PTA would like to say a BIG thank you!

Thank you to all the fantastic volunteer mums; Ellie, Jane, Rebekah and Gaele, who ran the uniform sale on Saturday with me and to all the parents that have donated their uniforms and text books for the sales

We raised a fantastic **£800** on Saturday 2nd March! In the snow too! All of this will go straight back into the School

If any parents would like to volunteer to help with future sales or the PTA in general, you are always welcome! Please get in touch with me on the email below. The next sale will be held in the summer term. Please keep an eye on the dates in the weekly newsletter online

Thank you again for keeping uniform supplies coming in, we are very grateful. To date we have raised approximately : **£17281**, that is **£1921** this financial year.

A big welcome to Ellie Thomas for taking on the role of leading the Secondhand uniform service and sales.

Any enquiries about Second Hand Uniform please contact: Lesley Leming/Ellie Thomas: [secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com](mailto:secondhanduniformbc@gmail.com)

## Term Dates Reminder

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are listed on our website

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

# LIBRARY NEWS



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

Reading  
for pleasure

Thursday 7th  
March

What a day! Here are some photos from World Book Day.  
Further details will be written up in time for next week's news.



## Buddy Reading



**Thank you for all the donations for literacy resources across the school.**

**So far we have raised £424!**

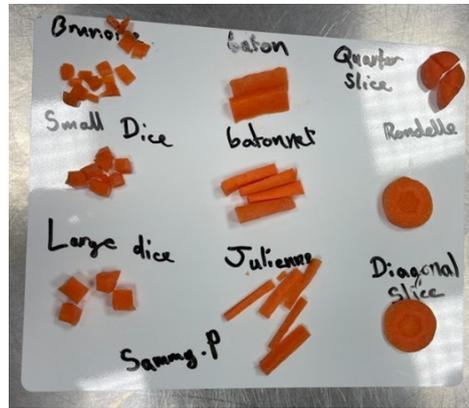
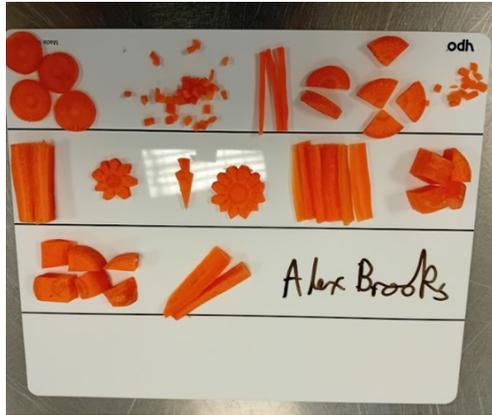
**. The Parent Pay link will remain open until the end of the week.**

The library is for everyone. Keep reading! Laura Bridge [lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk)

# Extra Curricular

## Design and Technology

Our Year 7s have rotated in Design and Technology this term. Our new Food groups have been practicing their safe knife skills with carrots. They learnt about the Bridge Hold and Claw Grip, then had to demonstrate these cuts in preparation for their dishes this term.



Can I also add a huge congratulations to our Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students who completed their practicals last week. Their dishes looked amazing, showing off all of their technical skills across a huge range of dishes. Thank you for all of your hard work. (Photos can't be added as it is live coursework).

K Gallagher

Design and Technology

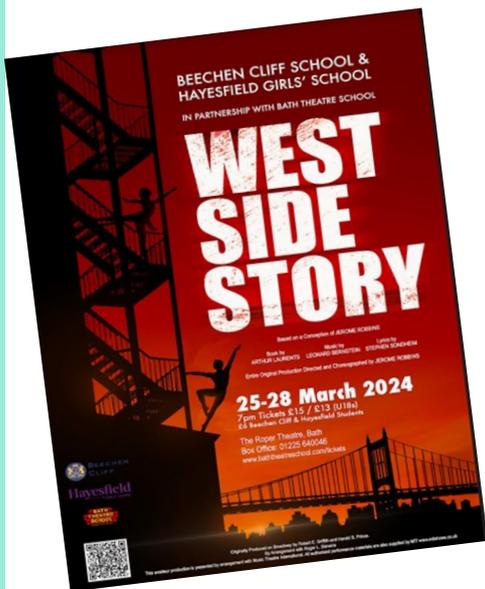
## West Side Story

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](mailto:staff@baththetareschool.com) or contact Miss Moorhead at school.

Tickets for performances can be booked via this link [Bath Theatre School](#)





# CALLING ALL YEAR 9!

ARE YOU FEELING ADVENTUROUS?  
ARE YOU PHYSICALLY  
FIT AND WANT TO DO  
SOMETHING DIFFERENT DURING  
ACTIVITIES WEEK?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES,  
JOIN US FOR THE MOUNTAINEERING  
TRIP TO SNOWDONIA IN JULY.  
OPEN TO ALL PUPILS IN YEAR 9.

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

## MNSP Young Chef of the Year Competition

On the 6th March, the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership hosted its first ever Young Chef of the Year competition at Writhlington School

Year 9 students were required to cook a main course dish to serve 2 people within 90 minutes from ingredients costing no more than £15. The event will be held at Writhlington School.

The judges for the event were :

- Josh Egerton - Michelin star chef and 3 times Great British Menu competitor
- Martin Blake - Head Chef at The Royal Crescent, Bath
- Steven Shore - previous chef at The Moody Goose at the Priory; Michelin star and A. David Development Chef.

Our boys did an amazing job representing Beechen Cliff, and we are very proud of them. Olly made his Chicken wrapped in bacon with hasselback potatoes, gravy, homemade stuffing and vegetables. Jake made his Prawn curry with coconut rice and flatbreads.

The competition winner came from St. Mark's School.

Olly placed 3rd- which was great against such stiff competition.

K Gallagher

Design and Technology



## 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>

## Fixtures for week commencing 11th March 24 (correct at time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	U14 football v Nailsea (a)	14:00			
	U15 hockey v KES (Uni)	14:30	13:30		
	U16 football v King Alfreds (a)	14:00			
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	U12b & U13b football v St Gregs (h)	15:45			
	U13a football v Oldfield (Lansdown)	15:45			
	U15 rugby final @ StoneX	12:00	6:45/7:45		
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	U12a&b U13a&b football v QEH (a)	14:15		Coach- 80 seater!	
	U14a & U15a football v Oldfield (Lansdown)	15:45			
	U16 football v Castle (h)				
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	1st & 2nd XI football v Kingswood (h)	14:45			
	1st netball v KES (a)	14:30			
	U14 football v Castle (a)	14:15			
	U14 Avon Hockey @ Combe Dingle				
	U12a football v Oldfield (h)	15:45			
Friday	U13 Indoor cricket final	9:45			
Saturday					

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



# Wellbeing



**Fostering social connections** is crucial for the emotional wellbeing of young people.

Small steps can indeed make a big difference.

**Co-regulation**, which involves mutual emotional support and connection, can be facilitated through simple gestures like **active listening, maintaining eye contact, and showing empathy**. These acts help young people feel seen, heard, and understood, contributing positively to their mental and physical health.

Ted Talk below talks about the connection through co-regulation.

Rabia Ahmed: The Art of Co-Regulation | TED Talk

[https://www.ted.com/talks/rabia\\_ahmed\\_the\\_art\\_of\\_co\\_regulation](https://www.ted.com/talks/rabia_ahmed_the_art_of_co_regulation)

Please do take a moment to watch it as it beautifully highlights how in our everyday interactions with each other we can improve our mental and physical health.

## **Solution Focused Thinking -**

What do you do already that connects you to the people in your lives? What do you do already that connects you to your community?

What small step could you take this weekend to connect to the people around you and take a moment to notice what difference it makes?

Warmest Wishes, The Wellbeing Team

## Theme of the Week



This Week's Theme of the Week is International Women's Day.

The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is Inspire Inclusion.

When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world.

And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there is a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment.

Collectively, let's forge a more inclusive world for women.

**When women aren't present, we must ask: "If not, why not?"**

**When women are discriminated against, we must call out poor practice.**

**When the treatment of women is not equitable, we must take action.**

**And we must do this each time, every time.**

**#InspireInclusion through action in areas such as:**

- **Forging women's economic empowerment**
- **Recruiting, retaining and developing female talent**
- **Supporting women and girls into leadership, decision-making, business and STEM**
- **Designing and building infrastructure meeting the needs of women and girls**
- **Helping women and girls make informed decisions about their health**
- **Involving women and girls in sustainable agriculture and food security**
- **Providing women and girls with access to quality education and training**
- **Elevating women and girls participation and achievement in sport**
- **Promoting creative and artistic talent of women and girls**
- **Addressing further areas supporting the advancement of women and girls.**



## Careers Newsletter

The Careers Newsletter is published alongside this school newsletter.

If you would like any further support or information please let me know [careers@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:careers@beechencliff.org.uk)

Mrs Emma Pascoe

Head of Careers



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DR.EAM



ASPIRE

# 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**



# 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, aunts, 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 [www.bathcityfc.com](http://www.bathcityfc.com)

**BATH CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**HER GAME TOO**  
**DOUBLE HEADER**

**BATH CITY**  
FOOTBALL CLUB

**BATH CITY V**  
FARNBOROUGH SATURDAY 9TH MARCH - 3PM KICK OFF

**BATH CITY W V**  
SHAFTESBURY SUNDAY 10TH MARCH - 2PM KICK OFF

**9 MARCH 3 PM**  
TWERTON PARK, HIGH STREET  
TWERTON, BATH, BA2 1DB

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HER GAME TOO  
A CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**BATH CITY FC**

**FREE ENTRY FOR U16'S WITH A PAYING ADULT**  
PLEASE ENTER VIA TURNSTILE 17 (BRISTOL END)

**#HER TOO**  
VS. FARNBOROUGH F.C.  
SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

ALL UNDER 16'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AT LEAST ONE PAYING ADULT. NO CASH VALUE.

## 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.*

*If you like the sound of it follow me on [Instagram](#), or visit The Farmers Market at Green Park Station each Saturday.*



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TENNIS

# BATHCANTATA

## BATH CANTATA GROUP

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



**Fauré**  
**Requiem**  
**Cantique de Jean Racine**  
**15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Century Motets and Arias**

**Octavia Lewis soprano**  
**Frederick Long bass**  
**David Bednall organ**

**Neil Moore music director**



Scan for tickets

Tickets £20, Students £5, U18s free  
Available from [www.bathcantatagroup.co.uk](http://www.bathcantatagroup.co.uk),  
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LEARN - PLAY - GIG

## The AceWay

By Megan Butterworth

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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](mailto:Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk)



[theaceway2022](https://www.instagram.com/theaceway2022)



## 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](mailto:space@offtherecord-banes.co.uk)

Scan me to sign up!



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**2024**

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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

PHASES OF THE GAME & HIGHLY SKILLED ACTIONS,





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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 Lucra Experts

Call - 01225 970830  
Text - 07458195830  
WhatsApp - 07723339060

Email - [hello@lucramortgages.co.uk](mailto:hello@lucramortgages.co.uk)  
Website - [www.lucramortgages.co.uk](http://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

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- Sports Hall
- Indoor Cricket Nets
- Gym
- School Hall
- Classrooms



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