



BEECHEN CLIFF

Easter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have almost made it to the end of term and looking back there is so much to celebrate. In the newsletter you will find lots of reports of many of the activities and achievements that have taken place and I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts to make these events happen.

I hope that pupils will reflect positively on the last few months with a real sense of achievement whilst enjoying their Easter break.

I am mindful that Year 11 and 13 students will be using the holiday to continue with revision for their GCSE and A Level exams this summer. I hope they get a good balance of rest and revision and, of course, we wish them all the best for the final few weeks of preparation before exams begin.

Over the last two nights we have seen performances of our joint school production, 'West Side Story' at Hayesfield's Roper Theatre with two more performances to come this evening and tomorrow evening. This is the culmination of 6 months of hard work and all four shows are sold out with over 1000 people attending the theatre. Our pupils have been incredible, displaying both confidence and maturity in an energetic and emotional show. We are very proud of them all and look forward to the final two performances



Tomorrow, on our final day of this term, Milton House are running their charity day in aid of Sport Relief and Water for Africa. This is a pupil led event and let's hope they can raise lots of money for these worthy causes.

May I wish you all a good Easter break and we look forward to pupils returning to school on Monday 15th April.

T. D. Markall

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Headteacher

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

Homework Review and Headteacher's Open House

We are currently reviewing our homework arrangements and procedures and as part of this would love to have some feedback and discussion with parents.

I will be holding a Headteacher's Open House on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm in the Main Hall.

The aim is to get parent feedback on homework so this can feed into our review and help shape homework arrangements moving forward.

If you would like to attend please sign up via the link below:

<https://forms.gle/H8r6Xe1azQR2Q1d4A> by Friday 19th April.

T. D. Markall
Headteacher



Beechen Cliff Vacancies

Lead Teacher Business and Economics

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/lead-teacher-business-and-economics-1412263>

Closing date: Monday 22nd April

Calendar

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

Friday 17th May

Beechen Cliff Auction of Promises - Main Hall

Summer GCSE and A Level Exam Timetables

The exams office are busy preparing for the busy summer exams season. Students will be getting their individual timetables early next term, showing each of their exams, rooms and their seating

When they receive their timetables, tutors will be encouraging students to photograph them with their phones and share them with parents and carers.

For information the full exam timetable is available on the School website at [LINK](#)

Mrs J Cotterell
Examinations Officer

Uniform and Equipment reminders

Uniform

We believe it is important for all pupils to attend school smartly dressed in their school uniform. We believe uniform is important and can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of the school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Thank-you to all our parents who ensure that their child is correctly dressed for school every day.

Please be reminded that;

- Blazers are not optional and are required every day. School jumpers, however, are an optional item
- Coats should be plain and standard school style (no hooded tops, leather/denim jackets). Hoodies are not permitted
- Shoes must be the black leather type available from any high street retailer. Trainers (Nike, Vans, Adidas etc), canvas shoes or boots are not acceptable.

Full details of our uniform requirements can be [here](#).



Equipment

Every pupil is required to have a pencil case that contains the following items:

- Ink pen and cartridges or roller ball pen (blue or black)
- Biro pen (spare)
- Pencil sharpener and eraser
- Ruler (15cm/6in)
- Highlighters
- Scientific Calculator (our recommendation is CASIO FX-83GTX & FX-85GTX)
- Green Biro pen
- Purple Biro pen
- Pencils and coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Compass and protractor

Pupils do not require scissors – these will be provided by teachers when required.

All pupils are also expected to have a reading book with them every day to support our school reading culture.

Full details can be found [here](#). Pupils in Years 7-10 must also have their planner with them each day.

Many thanks for ensuring your child is fully equipped and ready to learn.

Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral)

MUSIC

The department has seen another busy term both in and out of the classroom with lots of practical coursework being recorded and public performances to prepare for.



Beechen Cliff's annual Cross Trust Bands Night took place on Thursday 8th February. A total of 8 bands performed from across the Trust in the main school hall. All performances were well received by the enthusiastic crowd and clearly the performers enjoyed being on stage and playing their respective sets.



On Thursday 14th March the sixth form jazz group was invited to perform at St Luke's church as part of its monthly programme of afternoon concerts. The musicians; Ollie R (sax), Arthur F (Piano), Barnaby D (Drums) and Grace K (vocals) entertained an audience of approximately 60, for 45 minutes. The group played exceptionally well and received many favourable comments.



We returned to St Luke's for the annual school concert which took place on Thursday 21st March. Several ensembles participated including concert band, swing band, folk group, guitar ensemble, year 7 orchestra, choir and saxophone group. There were many highlights and all agreed that every ensemble performed to a high standard. Particular mention must go to August H (senior arts captain: Music) for a stunning performance of 'Adoration' by Brobowski on solo violin.



As in previous years, Bath Festival has set out plans for an exciting project in which school children across the city will be involved in a performance on the opening night of the Bath Festival. Rehearsals for this will begin next term and will culminate in two performances on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May at Bath Abbey and The Forum respectively. 10 pupils from Beechen Cliff will be involved in the massed performances and those involved are looking forward to getting involved in the composing workshops and rehearsal sessions after Easter.

As we get near the end of term we are busy doing final performance recordings and finishing touches to composition coursework for both GCSE music and music technology pupils. I would be grateful if parents could check with any year 11 pupils studying music that they have completed all their relevant coursework!

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank Mr Thompson, Mr Harriman and all the Peripatetic Music Staff for their dedication and hard work.

On behalf of the music department, may I wish all parents, carers, pupils and friends of the school, a happy Easter.



Mr P E Calvert

Head of Music

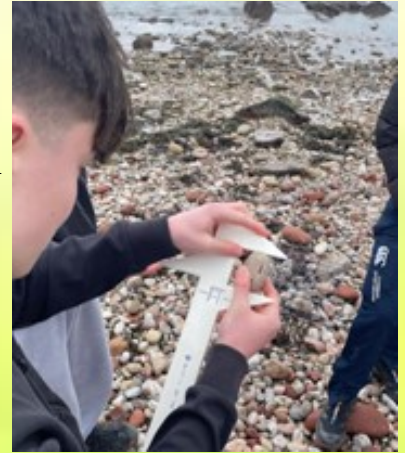
Geography Residential, Colehayes 2024



On 13th March the Year 12 Geography cohort set out on their 3 day residential trip of geography goodness! Seeing in the launch of their Geography Coursework.

The first stop off was Elberry Cove. A lovely little pebble bay between Brixham and Paignton, on the British Riviera. Luckily for all the Geographers the rain held off for us to complete our beach fieldwork. We kicked

off the trip with traditional geography fieldwork, looking at beach profiles and sediment sorting. With a (small!) lecture from Mr Brewer connecting their learning in the classroom to what they were seeing around them, talking about wave energy, sediment sorting and the joys of risk assessments. Students settled into a few hours of data collection before we then hopped on the coach to head to our home for the next few evenings, Colehayes.



Colehayes Park is a beautiful Grade II Listed, Georgian mansion that sits in private woodland, located on the edge of the stunning Dartmoor National Park. After playing ping pong, exploring the grounds and a well earned dinner, the students settled into 2 hours of coursework sessions. Working with the Geography department to firm up ideas, finalise data collection for the next day or start on their proposal forms.



Off at 9am, after a full English breakfast to fuel us, onto our next study site, the rather wet city of Plymouth. Many students were collecting their own data here, with some exploring the environmental quality of Devonport, others seeing the success of Royal William Yard. The rest got to explore one of their big case studies on regeneration, looking at the different areas of change and assessing their success. Back to Colehayes for the evening and another full on evening coursework session, finalising all proposal forms and firming up coursework ideas. All the students worked amazingly hard and the staff were very impressed.



The final day saw us walking the spit of Dawlish Warren, examining the coastal defences that have been put in place. The sun came out for us here and many enjoyed a relaxing lunch getting some rays. Before we were back on the coach home.

The Geography department would like to thank all students for all their hard work on the trip and for being great company!

Ms Sampson,
Head of Geography.

Bath Hub Science Fair

This term, students in years 7 and 8 have been working on projects linked to the British Science Week theme "Time". The best project from each class was selected, and the winning groups went to Hayesfield Girls' School to showcase their projects in the Bath Hub Science Fair. This event took place on Tuesday 19th March, and students from Hayesfield and St Marks School were also in attendance to present their projects.

All of the projects were impressive, and a lot of hard work had gone into creating them, but the following students deserve a particular mention as they were judged to be amongst the winners on the night:

Best in School - Year 7 Joe C (Kp7), Wren T-L (Sh 7), Benoit H-R (Kp7) and Vinny T (By 7b) for their project on "Pinhole cameras".

Best in School - Year 8 Connah H (Sh8b), Henry M (Kp8a) Chris N (Ml 8b) and Thomas Q (Sh8b) for their project on "How do people get to school?"

Overall winners (across all three schools) - William G (Ml8b), Madoc S (Sh8b) and Tomas A (By8b), for their excellent project on "Time travel", which included a model of a wormhole! Tomas also managed to impress our Director of Science (a Physicist) by being able to talk about wormholes confidently, and scientifically.

Rachel Bala
Head of Science



FROME YOUNG WRITER SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Is supported by [Frome Festival](#) and [Frome Writers' Collective \(FWC\)](#).

Competition information

The writing prompt for 2024 is 'MISSING'.

Entries are **FREE**.

Stories should be no more than 2,000 words in length.

Writers should be aged between 12 & 15 or 16 & 21 years on May 31st 2023 and live within 15 miles of Frome.

One entry per person. Digital entries only.

Stories should be emailed to fromewriterscollective@gmail.com as Word attachments or in the body of the email.

FROME YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION 2024



The competition is open to young writers aged either 12-15 or 16-21 by 31st May. Entrants must live or attend school / college in or near the BA postcode area. Free entry. One entry per person. Deadline: Friday 31 May.

WRITING PROMPT: 'MISSING' 2,000 words max



£50 1st prize for winners in each age group.

Cash prizes for runners-up.

Judge: Joffre White, author & UK Patron of Reading.

Email entries to fromewriterscollective@gmail.com
Include your name, DOB & school/college or home address.



Auction of Promises

Friday 17th May 2024 at 630pm



A fun filled event where lots of items and experiences are auctioned off to raise money for equipment both in and out of the classroom.

Book now! Only £15 on Parentpay

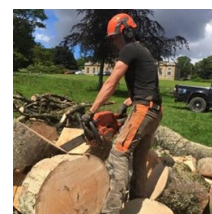
Included in the price; a welcome drink, Caribbean music and delicious Caribbean Food including Jerk Chicken, Jamaican Pulled Pork with Mango and Chilli Salsa, Sweet Potato and Black Bean Curry, Rice and Peas, Chili Slaw, Mixed Leaf Salad & Roasted Vegetables



Some of the fantastic auction items on offer



- Bath Rugby tickets to home match next Season plus 2 tickets in a box to a Bath home match with hospitality & Southampton tickets to a home match.
- A 4 day stay in Tir Y Cwm - a former log cutter's cottage, located in the rolling hills of the breath-taking Brecon Beacons National Park. Open fire, drawing fresh water from a borehole and sleeps 28 in single beds/bunks.
- Bugatti T44 1929 - A half day passenger ride for two people around Wiltshire/ Cotswolds with a pub lunch included and possibly a visit to a car themed venue.
- A day of tree felling/pollarding/tree work by a two man qualified team.
- Spanish, Maths & Business Studies lessons
- Bath, England & Lions legend Lee Mears offering a rugby coaching session
- Luxury Hamper, 2 hours of Executive Coaching, 2 x £200 Family photo shoot voucher and lots more items to be confirmed



To donate a promise

Please complete the google form [here](#) or email Clive Greenhough on cgreenhough@beechencliff.org.uk

To book a seat or table?

This event is live on Parentpay and will cost £15, which includes a Caribbean meal and a welcome drink. There are only 100 seats available as it is taking place in the main hall. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you want to organise a table of 10, please email Clive Greenhough a lead name with your child's name and Year group along with the pupil names of the parents that you would like to be on your table to cgreenhough@beechencliff.org.uk
Please make sure you and your table have paid for all your tickets first!

Prefect Assemblies



This week marked the end of a collaborative project between the Year 11 prefects from Beechen Cliff School and the Year 11 Tutor reps from Hayesfield which explored issues surrounding Stereotypes. The students from both schools have been discussing what stereotypes affect teenagers, choosing to focus on Mental Health, Gender, Body Image and Vaping. They created an assembly that they then delivered to younger years at both schools. We have been so impressed by their maturity and determination to get their message across to the younger students, and to empower them to challenge stereotypes and encourage their peers to do the same. A fantastic project - well done to everyone involved

Mrs Wilmot - Beechen Cliff

Dr Sheppard - Hayesfield



Combined Cadet Force

It has been a busy term for the CCF contingent; the first exercise away of 2024, first aid courses completed and the assessment of each cadet for weapons handling and safety with ammunition. An 'icing on the cake' for some cadets was the opportunity to visit an airsoft venue and to put some of their newly acquired skills into practice.



In January and February the cadets were very much focused on lessons in using the weapons system (L98 rifle), making sure they are safe in handling it and also very knowledgeable in terms of the working parts, cleaning kit and the process for disassembling and reassembling. It's quite a challenging process and it's clear from the relieved and delighted faces of the cadets that pass the weapons handling test that they feel a sense of achievement in being permitted to use the L98 on exercise for the first time.



In addition to the weapons lessons the cadets have been through a first aid course which has made sure that they are able to deal with a number of everyday emergencies, such as choking and cardiac episodes, together with the obvious 'military themed' scenarios involving wounds and broken bones. The assessment of their practical skills is done through some fairly realistic 'emergency scenarios' involving road traffic accidents, electric shocks, fainting passers by and falls from ladders. Exercise Next Step (at Scraesdon Fort near Plymouth) gave them the opportunity to deal with the less 'domestic' events resulting in injury. The exercise included abseiling, using weapons for the first time, laser tag and tactics in the field. Challenging Cornish weather needed battling but the cadets were superb in every way.



In addition to the activities mentioned, the cadets have been able to further their skills in putting up their bashers (rudimentary tents) , cooking using the army ration packs and learning the art of taking information from orders, FIBUA (fighting in a built up environment) and navigating in the field. The Beechen Cliff cadets have been excellent in all areas of contingent work and we have been very impressed by their good humour, commitment and discipline.





After five years of commitment and service to the cadets we said goodbye to Corporal Anderson, stalwart of the group. He has been exceptional in all areas of leadership and his quiet, thoughtful and high quality support will be missed. He leaves to prepare himself for the forthcoming A level examinations. In his final parade he received the

contingent cufflinks which are given to any long standing cadet with excellent service. We wish him well.



In addition to the activities involving current cadets, we have just had the assembly for Year 8 boys, introducing the cadet experience to them and allowing them to 'sign up' for the induction process which will take place over the course of the Summer Term. We have a very healthy crop of potential recruits and I am sure that those who commit to, and are accepted in, the contingent in September will have a varied and rich experience in the year ahead.



If any parents would like to consider becoming a CFAV (Cadet Forces Adult Volunteer) I would ask that they contact me directly at adavies@beechencliff.org.uk

Mr Andrew Davies
CCF Lead





Our senior Warhammer team were locked in epic battle in a grim future on March 21 when they took on other UK schools in a national tournament at Warhammer World. A dozen of our cunning, steely-eyed generals took the long, long road to Nottingham, spending the day crossing dice with their rivals, making friends and showing off their skills.

After three gruelling rounds, Beechen Cliff walked away with three joint second place finishers, plus a Best Painted Army award for Joe Davies and, most gratifyingly of all, a Top Sportsmanship award for Toby Wright, who was recognised for being especially helpful, kind and supportive to younger, less experienced opponents.

Trip leader Mr Saunders said: *"It was wonderful to see our lads recognised for their sportsmanship as well as their gaming skills. We may not be the best school this time but we are the team people most enjoyed playing against, and that's much more important to us."*



Mr W Saunders
Warhammer Trip Leader



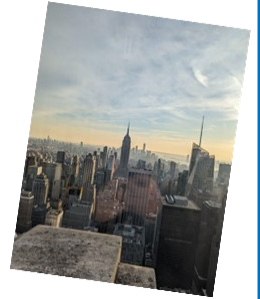
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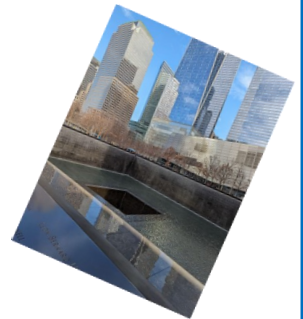
We touched down at approximately 11.30am JFK New York City. Passing through security and then collecting our baggage, we set off into the 'the big apple!'. Our tour guide Derrick entered our bus and began articulating all the wonders that this city has to offer. People eagerly making their way to work, the ubiquitous sound of cars, bikes and people heightened our senses and made all of us feel alive.



Derrick picked out an array of interesting buildings, memorials and historical sites as our eyes darted from left to right. We saw Jamie Fox enter the NBC studios, we took a tour around central park, Strawberry Fields visiting the memorial of John Lennon. We savoured an NYC hotdog, and talked to locals about life in New York.



We then made our way to the Rockefeller building and entered the 'Top of the Rock'. Beautiful views of the New York skyline on a beautiful winter's day. Once over, we made our way to see 'Ground Zero' and the memorial to commemorate the tragic events of 9/11.



We then had an early night after a wonderful pizza in New York and travelled the seven hours up the north east coast of America to our hotel the 'Indian Head'. The snow and the cold was now tangible and the arctic air filled our lungs in anticipation for the following days of skiing in New Hampshire. What a treat it was!



We embarked on our first day of skiing from the hotel to a short drive to the resort 'Canon' a state owned resort that had that old school feel. A little icy in places but the day was a success for our beginner groups as they got to grips with parallel turns, pizza slicing and stopping. Our boys spent two days on the slopes here and then onto Waterville.



On the third day we arrived in Waterville. A slightly bigger and advanced terrain with more advanced and quicker ski-lifts. By this stage in the trip all boys of all abilities really started to find their flow and many exhibited a real talent for skiing. The next two days were spent here and of an evening the boys had the opportunity to relax, go for a swim or hit the hot tub. The whole experience was a joyous one for staff and pupil alike and we simply can't wait to get back there again next year.



Mike Newell

USA Ski Trip



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

Ten Tors



Last week end saw 38 year 10 and 12 pupils on Dartmoor for Ten Tors training. This was a step up from previous weekends as it involved an overnight wild camp, where pupils had to be self sufficient and look after themselves. Lots was learnt about the

practicalities of campcraft as opposed to hitherto theory and discussion.

Pupils had to contend with several sharp and painful hail showers as well as an early start from camp in drizzle, on the Sunday.

There is one last training session left in April before the Ten Tors event in May.

D Brewer.
Ten Tors Lead



SPORTS REPORTS

Year 7 Football

It has been fantastic to see so many year 7's coming along to training and playing games. We have had over 80 students represent the school this year in football fixtures, which has led to some very exciting and successful games. The A team have played 7 games winning all of them and scoring 42 goals! The most notable games would be strong performances against Ralph Allen and Clifton Prep School. The B team have also been successful in some of their games, most notably winning 4-0 away to QEH. This year we have also seen fixtures for the C, with those days seeing us have over 35 students playing! At the time of writing we have one more fixture left where we are taking another three teams over to Millfield which will be a very highly contested set of matches.

They have all shown really good enthusiasm and it's been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season. I'm looking forward to seeing how far this squad can go in the coming years!

A Team Player of the Year - Jack C

B Team Player of the Year - Caleb F

Mr S Thompson

U12 Football Coach



Year 8 Football :



This season, the Year 8 Football teams have continued their excellent form from last year and have shown a huge amount of progression, maturity and involvement. The success of the Year 8 football teams is down to the commitment and dedication the students have shown and support for each other. The 'A' team has seen 51 different players represent them. Across the three teams that we can field, there have been 26 competitive fixtures scheduled and 90 students took part.

The u13 A team competed against tough competition from the likes of Millfield and QEH. Beechen Cliff pushed through to beat Millfield on Penalties early on in the season. Strong battles against the local BANES schools have remained a competitive highlight with further wins against St Greggs and Ralph Allen.



The u13 B & C team's have also recorded great wins away at QEH and look forward to what will be a tough game against Millfield to be played in the last week of term. Away days at Clifton College resulted in some excellent football and brilliant results from the travelling teams. We look forward to pushing further next year in the cup competitions. The depth of the u13's is a real strength and one that will no doubt help go a greater distance in the Somerset and National cup.

Mr Utton

U13 Football Coach

Year 9 Football Report

As the u14 school football team season draws to a close it provides a great opportunity to reflect on the teams success and achievements. Throughout the season, the players showcased their dedication and talent, resulting in an impressive record with the u14a team only recording one loss.

The season's highlights included reaching the last 64 of the national cup. To get to this point we beat a strong Five Acres High School at penalties winning the nail biting shootout 8-7. The team have also progressed to the Somerset cup Final. This game is yet to be played and the opposition has not been finalised. To get to this point Beechen Cliff have scored 25 goals in 4 games and only conceded twice. Our defending is as strong as our attack, making for a well-balanced dangerous team to play against.

As a school we have done our fair share of travelling. From Millfield to QEH, Nailsea to Castle school in Taunton. All 3 teams have put the effort and dedication in to enjoy and play some top quality football against quality opposition.

Some honourable mentions go out to George Maloney and Adam Brogan who were both called up to train with England u15s and offered early scholarships from their parent club Southampton FC.

Congratulations to the entire team, on an exceptional season. This exciting group will aim to push further than ever before next year.

J Utton

U14 Football Coach



Year 9 Football

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Differences
14	11	2	1	49	14	35

*pending Somerset cup final

The under 15s Football Team has had another tremendous season. We have reached round 6 (again!) of the ESFA National Cup losing out on penalties to Millfield. Also at the time of writing a date for the final (Somerset cup) against Wells Blue school is still to be decided (2nd final in three years).

With many great whole team performances along the way in Cup competitions and some stand out performances from a number of individuals.

In my opinion one of our best team performances was in round 3 our Win against Gordano School 5 -1. The boys produced a masterclass of counter attack football, defending from the front when in long periods of not having the ball, keeping our shape and pressing as a team when needed.

I'd like to say a big well done to all the boys involved with the teams, over 60 of the boys have represented Beechen A,B and C teams this year.

#UptheBeech

Nick Quintin

U15 Football coach



Year 10 Football

It was always going to be difficult to follow the ESFA final in 2022 for this year group but heading into their last season as a year group, there were high hopes for both the County and National cup. A couple of early wins in the National and a win in the County cup at Gordano got the season off to a good start. However, a strong Highworth Warneford team put an early end to the National Cup. A disappointing early exit meant it was just the Somerset Cup and Banes league to play for. Further wins in the cup took the team to King Alfred's in the semi final, the team couldn't take the many chances they had as they lost 3-2. It was the teams best run in the County cup but they came up just short.

The team are on course to retain the Banes league and many players have represented the senior teams this year helping them to reach the U19 Somerset Cup final. Some of the players are leaving Beechen Cliff at the end of this year to take up contracts with professional clubs, we wish them well and look forward to seeing many others play for the 1st XI in the next couple of years.

P Macdonald
U16 Football Lead

First XI Football

A campaign of immense highs and the desperate disappointment of not reaching the last 8 of the National Cup. It began brightly with a bye in the first round - time for us to settle a team formed of lower 6th students and Luke the captain as the only upper 6th student. The football programme is a two year project and with young recruits, this season would be a "team in the making".

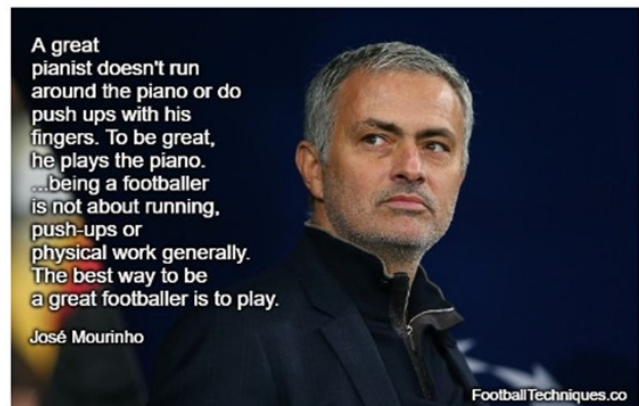
The potential started to come together with the addition of a couple of Year 11 players, Bailey, George, Korben, Owen and Leo who all played key roles in different games in the cup run. There were impressive wins in subsequent rounds away from home at Sir Bernard Lovell School and Backwell School before a mouth watering home tie against Millfield. And what a game that was. We raced to a 3-1 half time lead and then with 10 minutes to go we were in dreamland leading 6-1 before a late onslaught from Millfield to pull it back to 6-4 with 5 minutes remaining. We found resilience and another gear to shatter their spirit and finished the job at 8-4.

The subsequent long journey to Torquay was one to forget. We were caught napping and trailing 2-0 with 10 mins remaining and no subs remaining due to injuries in a pretty brutal encounter. One didn't really expect these sorts at the home of a Grammar school! We chased it with nothing to lose and despite hitting the post, crossbar and various parts of their keeper's body, it just wasn't going to be our

day. But what it gave the team was an unwavering collective spirit - they stuck together and looked after each other in hostile conditions and walked away a tighter unit. I count it as a proud moment in my 32 years as coach of the First XI.

This to date has been our only defeat this season. The ensuing local league games have not challenged us but given us more time to shape our play.

This development, advanced from the expected, has resulted in us reaching the "bread and butter" Somerset County Cup final next month. We are holders of this cup after last year's heroic win against Millfield. In the year that Klopp announced that he is leaving, let's all go out with a bang!



Captain - Luke Masero Player of the season - Alex Somerville

Kant Mann
Football First XI Coach

Under 15 and U16 Hockey

As we bring the curtains down on another season, I want to take a moment to commend our U15 hockey team for their unwavering commitment and dedication despite the challenges we've faced, notably the lack of fixtures. Throughout the season, our team has demonstrated incredible passion and enthusiasm for the sport, consistently showing up to training sessions with a positive attitude. Despite the limited opportunities for competitive play, their commitment to honing their skills and supporting one another has been truly commendable. Despite the absence of regular matches, our players have embraced every training session as an opportunity to enjoy some hockey. Many of the boys had the opportunity to represent the u16s at the Avon Hockey Competition which shows the level of skills these boys have.



The U16 hockey season has shown the enjoyment and passion for playing hockey, this was evident at the Avon Hockey Competition, where the boys showed excellent teamwork and skills to win a number of their fixtures, narrowly missing out on the opportunity to progress to the next round. The u16 team have enjoyed a number of their fixtures this season and scored some spectacular individual and team goals. I hope they continue to progress and want to play hockey in their future education.

Senior boys and mixed Hockey

Throughout the season, our team has consistently demonstrated a high level of performance, showcasing their talent and commitment in every match. In the West competition, our 1st XI hockey team displayed exceptional skill and tactical prowess, securing victories whilst facing some very tough opponents.

Mixed hockey has been a success this season, as we have had more mixed matches than before, giving our 6th form a great opportunity to have a last run out as a good group of friends before leaving school. Our mixed hockey team had some very good fixtures against Wellsway and Bishops Wordsworth School. I hope all of our senior hockey players continue to play, wherever their next steps may take them.



Netball

As the season draws to a close, I am incredibly proud to reflect on the remarkable effort and dedication demonstrated by our 6th form girls' netball team. Throughout the season, each player has showcased immense commitment, skill, and sportsmanship, embodying the true spirit of the game. Despite the challenges we faced and some very tough opponents our team remained resilient and determined. Every match was a testament to their hard work and passion for netball, with each player giving their all on the court.

As we look ahead to the future, I hope that all of our year 13 netball players continue to play as they leave school and I am sure our year 12s will welcome any new players into the squad for another season of netball



Golf

This year was the first time for a while that Beechen Cliff had entered the Avon Golf Championship and the boys did exceptionally well on a tough course against some very strong players. The competition was a field of 74 players with a range of handicaps and the winner would progress onto the English Schools competition. I would like to make a special mention to Beechen Cliff's youngest representative Joshua J who was amongst the youngest competitors in the field and was paired with a much older competitor, but Joshua performed brilliantly throughout. A huge congratulations to Monty T for shooting a net 65 (7 under par) to come third in the competition.



Table Tennis Championships

Many congratulations to Jacob in Year 7 and Henry in Year 8 for their recent participation in the Bath & District Table Tennis Association Junior Closed Championships earlier on this term.

Jacob described it as a tough competition, but learned lots and was pleased he went and as the only Year 7 in an under 15 competition did really well. Henry did fantastically well getting through to the semi finals. Both boys regularly represent the school in the table tennis fixtures and the growing number of participants in the sport at school is great to see. Well done boys.

Kevin Morris
Assistant Headteacher



Beechen Cliff win the Continental Tyres National U15 Vase

Beechen Cliff School, with their rich history of sporting prowess hit another milestone on Tuesday 12th March winning the Continental Tyres national school's u15 Vase. This knockout competition pitted Beechen Cliff against Durham School in the final hosted at Stone X stadium, home of Saracens Rugby. Beechen Cliff had navigated through other prestigious schools across the country in previous rounds amassing an average of 41 points per game.



The final was played in heavy rain but this did not impact Beechen's game plan. They managed the conditions well and stuck to the structure embedded into them. The school gained a '16th man' with 50 Year 10 students and proud parents traveling up to support. The noise and energy that they brought with them pushed the team to the last whistle.

Despite going 7 points down early on, Beechen Cliff regrouped and regathered. With a devastating forwards pack and explosive backline, the boys managed to build a healthy lead heading towards half-time. As the clock kept ticking, so did the points. A stand out team try, early on in the second half. This was followed by a length of pitch sprint from Hector Dalby-Welsh to secure an emphatic win. Beechen Cliff School won 45-7.

The U15 rugby group has grown exponentially. However, this is no accident. Hard work has gone in behind the scenes to get this point of success. As a coaching team, we strive to provide the students with the best opportunity to compete at the highest level. This could not be achieved without the dedication of all teaching staff involved throughout the season on top of a busy teaching schedule.

As a feeder school to Bath Rugby, the player pathway is installed in KS3 and built upon year by year with the aim of producing first team rugby players. The culture within the school has students strive to be the best they can while remaining grounded and developing skills producing not only sporting prowess but confident, creative and caring young men.



Mr P Macdonald

Head of PE

U15 rugby team crowned National Champions

R1 Dauntsey's 55-0

R2 Oasis Academy John Williams 34-0

R3 QEH, Bristol 50-0

R4 Exeter College 60-20

QF King Edward VI School 17-5

SF St Albans 29-26



Rugby – Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens competition.

U16 Report



The Beechen Cliff U16 7s squad rarely have much time to prepare for the tournament as opportunities to practise against competition are few and far between. Nevertheless, the players were keen to give it everything they had.

A tough game against Abingdon proved too much at the start of the campaign as we came away with a narrow loss. The group felt a little more experience would be the difference and were determined to make up for it. With convincing wins against Embly and then 50+ points put on Gravesend, the players did just that.

Three tries from eventual player of the tournament and 7s debutant Charlie Frost made sure the team left the festival in good spirits, despite being knocked out.

While there was much to learn, there is no doubt most of the pupils will get another shot at Rosslyn Park in the future.

U18 Report

The Beechen Cliff U18 7s squad was filled with experience as 8 of the players had been to the tournament before. With only a few weeks to prepare and a practice tournament cancellation at the last minute, the squad did very well to develop as much as they did following on from a tough 15s season.

The first day presented itself with many challenges including facing renowned sporting school

Wellington College in the pool stages. An opener on the famous RE1 against Norwich was an exciting occasion and after a rocky start the score was level with 1 minute to play. Unfortunately Norwich were victorious with a try-saver in the dying seconds.

The rest of the day saw two very decisive victories against ACE school Oaklands and Taunton side Richard Huish. Sadly though, the well drilled Wellington College were the better team in the final game and Beechen Cliff were knocked out.

However, a devastated u18 squad still had smiles on their faces as they left the festival grounds including player of the tournament, Toby Lock. The year 13s took with them valuable experiences to take with them and the year 12s have learned many lessons to help them achieve more next year.



Mr Ollie Cattell

Rosslyn Park Lead

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Starting a conversation with your child about their feelings

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As we enter the Easter holiday break, there may be more opportunities to connect with our children. By taking 20 minutes to do an activity you both enjoy, you can create a relaxed space for getting the conversation started. The Mental Health charity 'YoungMinds' has produced a fantastic guide to conversation starters and shared activities tailored to both younger children and teenagers. We invite you to look at these as they may well provide you with some helpful ideas for how to encourage your child to 'open up' about their feelings if they are struggling to talk.

Talking About Mental Health With Your Child | Young Minds

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/>

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Wishing you all a lovely Easter Break.

The Wellbeing Team

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Andy Rogers

Squash Secretary

Lansdown Club

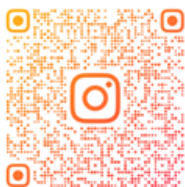
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