



18th April 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome pupils back to school this week after the Easter break. In the main we have enjoyed good weather and it has been great to see the field in use again after all the rain.



GCSE assessments get underway next week with Language Speaking exams and Art and Photography exams , with A level assessments beginning the following week. The whole term ahead is busy with both external and internal exams and we wish pupils all the best with both revision and assessments in the weeks ahead.

Yesterday evening the Bath Hub Safety and Wellbeing evening was held for parents to attend at Hayesfield School. The presentations from this evening will be available on our school website in due course and we will notify parents when they are available

The summer programme of clubs and activities begins next week with further information in this newsletter, Tennis and Cricket fixtures also get underway next week.

T. D. Markall .

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Headmaster

Calendar

Thursday 18th April

Year 8 Parents Evening 4-8pm

Friday 19th – Sunday 21st April

Ten Tors – Dartmoor 3

Tuesday 23rd April

Headteacher's Open House/Homework Review @ 6pm – Main Hall

Thursday 25th April

Junior Maths Challenge

Friday 26th – Saturday 27th April

Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

Tuesday 30th April

Year 13 Presentation Evening

Monday 6th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May

GCSE Written Exam begin

Monday 13th May

A Level Written Exams begin

w/c Monday 13th May

Year 7 Exams Week

Friday 17th May

Auction of Promises – 630pm

w/c Monday 20th May

Year 8 Exams Week

Key Notices

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 this [link](#) by Friday 19th April.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend but would like to give some feedback feel free to do so via the link below (by Friday 19th April also)

[Feedback googleform for Homework Headteachers Open House.](#)

Best wishes,

T. D. Markall
Headteacher

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

PLEASE READ

Menu of the week 22nd April

Monday: Pork Tagine, Bruschetta with Pesto (W)

Tuesday: Honey and Mustard Chicken, Veggie Moussaka

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Red Onion and Goats Cheese Filo Parcel (W,D)

Thursday: Beef Goulash, Spring Vegetable and Parmesan Risotto (D,V)

Friday: Pasta Arrabiata (W), Creamy Pesto Gnocchi (W)

Can I also ask that all accounts are topped up at all times

to avoid disappointment.

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

(V) = Vegan alternative

Dan Keal
Chef

End of Year Exams

Now that we have reached the summer term, having spent the year so far learning new content and skills, we are approaching the End of Year Exams and I wanted to remind you of the arrangements for these so that you are aware of what is coming up and how you can help and support your child to achieve their full potential in these.

When are the End of Year Exams?

Year 7 - During the week commencing 13th May.

Year 8 - During the week commencing 20th May.

Year 9 - During the weeks commencing 3rd and 10th June.

Year 10 - During the week commencing 17th June.

Format of End of Year Exams

Exams in Years 7-9 will all take place during normal lessons and will last approximately 40-45 minutes (those allocated extra time will be able to use this during the lesson). For pupils in Year 10, some Exams will take place in the Sports Hall using full exam papers and external invigilators whilst

others will take place in normal lessons. More details as to exactly when each exam will be shared in the coming days.

What content will the Exams cover?

Teachers will share personalised learning checklists (PLC's) on google classrooms which will detail the content that will be assessed in each Exam as well as suggested revision websites and activities.

Homework

Each year group will have a revision fortnight prior to their Exam week where no additional homework will be set (unless for revision) allowing them to use the time to prepare for the exams.

I wish all of our pupils the very best in the build up to these exams and hope that they achieve their full potential. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Andrew Seal

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum and Assessment.

Safety and Wellbeing Evening

We are well aware of the challenges of parenting teens in our society. On Wednesday, Hayesfield School hosted a cross-Hub 'Safety and Wellbeing Evening', which was attended by many of our families. The event featured six expert guest-speakers, delivering information and advice for parents on the following topics;

- How to ensure your children are safe online.
- How to pre-empt and support issues around vaping, alcohol and drugs.
- How to pre-empt and support issues around exploitation.
- How to support your children with anxiety and deteriorating emotional health.
- How to keep children safe when they are socialising in public spaces.

The presentations will be available on our update in due course.

We are grateful for the support of the speakers who participated and will be hosting a further event looking specifically at Online Safety early next term.

Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher Pastoral





LIBRARY NEWS

Here is a quick round-up of library news for the last few months.

Pupil Librarians. Our pupil librarians have worked really hard learning the ropes in the library and our first cohort of pupils earned their librarian badges recently.



Well done to Cooper H. and Tomas A. in Year 8 and Noah W. Rixon P, Nishav K, Milan L. and Max N in Year 7 for their hard work and perseverance in working towards this award. You are a great asset to the library and the school, boys!

Wanted: Keen readers in Y8 and Y9 for Carnegie

Shadowing Club. This strangely-titled club is all about following (or shadowing) the judges for one of the most important competitions for books published for young people each year: The Carnegies!

There are 5 things we aim to do in the club:



Read the shortlisted books.

- * Write reviews and create content and publish them on the Carnegie Website.
- * Create a 'magazine' of our work to share in school and with families.
- * Vote for our favourite book in the 'Shadower's Choice' Award.
- * Have a celebration when the winners are announced.

If this is something you would like to be involved with, please contact Mrs Bridge or Mr Sayles. **We meet after school in the library on Thursdays between now and 13th June.**

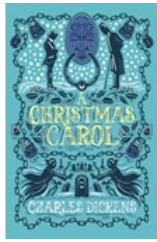
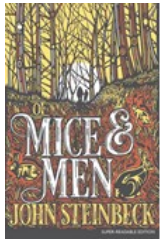
Sixth Form Buddy Reading This continues to be a success, with KS3 boys already feeling more confident with their sixth form buddies and our sixth formers really getting into the mechanics of teaching reading.

AR Millionaires Congratulations to Olly G (Y7) for becoming a reading millionaire this term. Many more certificates were given out for 250,000 and 500,000 words read. Keep Quizzing



New purchases for the library

- * 50 Barrington Stoke books to encourage reluctant readers.



- * Dyslexia-friendly versions of set texts for KS3/4 English (these are exactly the same as originals, but using special fonts, wide spacing and tinted paper).
- * 20+ recommended reads for teens with higher reading ages (thanks to Mr B's Emporium for the discounted books!). These books cover a range of themes and titles that pupils have requested or recommended over recent months, as well as books that regularly appear on 'must read' lists for teenage boys.
- * Teacher access to Twinkl, which has fantastic resources to support learners in many of the key subject areas across KS3 and KS4. As a join-up bonus, Twinkl gave us a complete set of reading scheme books to help EAL pupils learn phonics.



- * Shopping Baskets. Each tutor group will now have their tutor-room books in a handy and stylish shopping basket! These will be easier to store and move and make picking books easier.
- * Display Resources. As we continue to improve the library environment, we have purchased several new display boards and clip frames.

Thanks for your World Book Day donations and donations to the PTA which have all helped fund these purchases. Keeping the book stock fresh and the library looking nice really does make a huge difference to the reading culture in school so thank you for every penny you donated.

The Library is for everyone. Keep Reading!

Laura Bridge lbridge@beechencliff.org.uk

Extra Curricular

Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

A list of the Clubs and Activities for Terms 5 and 6 is available on the school website.

You can also follow this [link](#)

Mr Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

Year 9 Snowdonia 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

**There are still 4 places available for the Year 9
Snowdonia Trip in July.**

**If you are interested please contact Mr Murphy,
dmurphy@beechencliff.org.uk
for your name to be added**



USA Ski Trip 2025



There are a couple of available places for the USA ski trip to New York, New Hampshire and Boston in February 2025. If you are interested, please contact Mr Macdonald.

Mr P Macdonald

Trip Leader

Fixtures for week commencing 22nd April (correct at time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 22nd April	U15 tennis v KES (a)	14:15	13:30	MB	
Tuesday 23rd April	U15 cricket v Churchill (a)	14:00	12:15	MB	
	U14 cricket v Monkton (a)				
Wednesday 24th April	U13a cricket v Prior (h)	14:30	14:00	n/a	
	U13b, U12a & U12b cricket v Prior (a)	14:15	13:15	MB	
Thursday 25th April	1st XI cricket v KW (a)	14:45	13:15	MB	
	U13a cricket v RA (h)	15:30	15:15	n/a	
	U15a & U13b tennis v Clifton High (h)	15:00	14:30	n/a	
	Primary school rugby tournament	9:00	8:30	MB	
Friday 26th April					
Saturday 27th April					

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

Beechen Cliff PTA 50:50 Club

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

We held draws for the 50:50 Club at the PTA meeting last month. The latest winners winners and prizes were:

July 23

Number	Name	Prize
399	Charles Draper	£69.50
566	Justine Gustard (Holmes)	£46.33
239	Sarah Ball	£23.17

August 23

Number	Name	Prize
474	Jason Dodd	£69.75
285	Eric Lucas	£46.50
153	Marion Donaldson	£23.25

September 23

Number	Name	Prize
518	Katie Pritchard	£65.25
407	Jo Masani	£43.17
412	Darren Pearce	£21.75

October 23

Number	Name	Prize
34	Karen Thomas	£60.25
24	Polly Parfitt (Drew)	£40.17
165	Philip Kelley	£20.08

November 23

Number	Name	Prize
461	Anthony Akbar	£57.75
340	Jane McLaren	£38.50
234	Sarah Ball	£19.25

December 23

Number	Name	Prize
167	Philip Kelley	£56.25
202	Tash Hobbs	£37.50
457	Anthony Akbar	£18.75

January 24

Number	Name	Prize
352	Sarah Mitchard	£53.00
257	Emma Elliot	£35.33
1	E.R. Crook	£17.67

In order to claim your winnings we will either need your bank details for a direct transfer or if you would like a cheque please confirm your current address,

Prizes from previous months remain unclaimed by Ron Mould and Colette Lorimer.

For those are not currently in the 50:50 Club please contact Paul Fleming with your details and how much you would like to enter each month. As the name suggests 50% of the ticket sales go to the prize fund and 50% (less costs) goes to the PTA for grants to be made to the school.

All communication concerning the club should be addressed to the Lottery Promoter, Paul Fleming, using the 50:50 Club email address beechen5050@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support of Beechen Cliff School PTA and good luck for future draws.

Paul Fleming
07713 652633

Illuminate Tour Thursday 25th April

We are really fortunate to have the Illuminate Tour coming into school on Thursday 25th April, when they will be delivering key messages to different year groups during different lesson. There is also an invitation to a gig at The Forum, Bath on Friday 26th April.

For more information there is a link here: <https://youtu.be/5-yzwxHemv8>

Mr Kevin Morris

Assistant Headteacher – Character Development



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COMPETITION

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3. HASHTAG #ILLUMINATEBATH

#ILLUMINATE #LZ7

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EVENT INFO
PARENTS FAQ'S

IMPACTED BY TODAY? NEED SOME MORE HELP?
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WWW.ILLUMINATEYOURCITY.COM/BATH

Wellbeing



Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to share with you that over the past six months we have been introducing Group Work sessions across Year 7 to 10.

Our Best Hopes were to provide an opportunity for the students to have facilitated peer to peer conversations about wellbeing generally and their wellbeing best hopes for themselves at school. Our Best Hopes were also to create a space where talking about our emotional wellbeing could be normalised and that the students could also talk about small steps that they could take to improving their emotional wellbeing, whilst amplifying the ways that they cope and manage already.

We have been really fortunate to have the PTA purchase a Solution Focused Game for us and we have been using this in all of the group sessions.

Beechen Cliff was the first school in the UK to play the game! Which has been a very exciting aspect to the group work!

The Mindsetter Game was designed by Tara Gretton's friend; Occupational Therapist and solution focused practitioner Gesa Doring in Amsterdam. The Mindsetter Game© is an innovative Solution Focused intervention developed with the objective to apply the SF approach in therapy or coaching and teach it in workshops and training. The Mindsetter is literally holding space for clients and their desired future. And it has proven to be effective to set the stage for new ideas and first steps towards the outcome a client is hoping for.

The feedback from the students has been really positive so far! We plan to carry out some qualitative research soon on the Solution Focused group work, which we will share with you when it is complete!

Warm Wishes,

The Wellbeing Team

Careers Newsletter

The Beechen Cliff Future Horizons Careers Newsletter edition is published this weeks alongside this school newsletter.

If you would like any further support or information please let me know careers@beechencliff.org.uk

Mrs Emma Pascoe

Head of Careers

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

ZENITH YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

Taster session

Friday 10th May 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Do you have a passion for the arts?

Want to be involved in award-winning musical theatre in Bath?

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Free to attend and join in (MUST be 13+ in September) but tickets for the taster session are limited so book here



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Gym

School Hall

Classrooms



All available for hire evenings and weekends

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

Alexandra Bowling Club



Try something different this summer!

Lawn bowls is a sport you can do from the age of five to retirement and beyond!

Alexandra Bowling Club is in Alexandra Park.

Turn up at 6pm on Mondays and if that doesn't suit then ring 01179864866 and we can give you a taster session another day.

Why bowls?

B = Bowls is a sport for all

O = Open to everyone

W = Women and men, girls and boys

L = Leisurely exercise

S – Sociable and fun



Go on

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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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.

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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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Junior Squash

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We have a qualified coach on a Saturday morning offering a 'mini' session for juniors aged up to 11 from 0915 until 1000 and a Junior session for those above the age of 11 from 1015 until 1130.

This is open to everyone whether they are members or not although there is an extra charge for non members.

Andy Rogers
Squash Secretary
Lansdown Club

<https://www.lansdownclub.co.uk/squash/>



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By Megan Butterworth

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4 – 8 years olds Thursdays at 4:30pm – 5:30pm
9 – 10 year olds Thursdays at 5:30pm – 6:30pm
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:



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