



BEECHEN CLIFF

25th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last week has seen GCSE Art, Photography and Language speaking exams taking place and over 60 Year 7 pupils complete the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

Cricket and tennis fixtures are also underway this term including fixtures against Prior Park, Monkton Combe, Churchill, Clifton College and KES with over 120 pupils representing the school across Year 7 to the Sixth Form. Next week an even larger programme of fixtures is in place



This week, after school tennis clubs have had good attendance, despite the rain earlier in the week, pupils in Year 8 are now trying out CCF alongside the older participants in Years 9 and above and tomorrow over 100 Year 9 pupils will begin their Bronze DofE Practice Expedition.

I am really pleased to see so many pupils taking part in the opportunities available and well done to everyone on their achievements.

I had the pleasure of visiting some English lessons earlier in the week to view their War of the World Projects. I was so impressed with the presentations they created and the enthusiasm shown for the projects. Some of the pupils have written their own comments for this newsletter too, which I hope you enjoy reading.

T. D. Marshall .

Mr T.D. Markall

Headteacher

Calendar

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 Exams begin

Monday 13th May

A Level Written Exams begin

w/c Monday 13th May

Year 7 Exams Week

w/c Monday 20th May

Year 8 Exams Week

Key Notices

Homework Review

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Headteacher Open House this week to discuss homework or who provided feedback via Google Form. Your feedback has contributed to a wider review on homework which has also included feedback from pupils and staff.

We will now review the findings and expect to make some updates to processes or arrangements following the review.

The arrangements for homework on the school website will be updated with changes made during the summer term.

Ms Sullivan will also be in touch with parents who requested contact about homework.

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

PLEASE READ

PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please complete an [absence request form](#) found on the school website and return it to the attendance office or to attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Menu of the week 29th April

Monday: Veggie Pasta Bolognese (W), Mixed Bean Hot Pot

Tuesday: Creamy Tarragon Chicken, Sweet Potato and Lentil Goulash

Wednesday: Roast Silverside Beef, Tomato Onion and Basil Tart (W)

Thursday: Chicken and Ham Pie (W), Stuffed Mushroom with Spinach and Goats Cheese (D)

Friday: Breaded Cod (W), Spanish Tortilla (D)

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

(V) = Vegan alternative

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

Thank you

Dan Keal

Chef

Beechen Cliff Vacancies

Lead Teacher Business and Economics

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/beechencliff/job/lead-teacher-business-and-economics-1416917>

Closing date: **Tuesday 7th May**

Bath Hub Safety and Wellbeing Evening

Following on from the Bath Hub Safety and Wellbeing Evening, we have now added the slides from the evening to our website. Please follow this [link](#) to access all the slides. These are particularly useful in relation to deepening understanding of the following topics;

- ◆ How to ensure your children are safe online (David Wright - South West Grid for Learning)
- ◆ How to pre-empt and support issues around vaping, alcohol and drugs (Megan Brewer – Project 28)
- ◆ How to pre-empt and support issues around exploitation. (Andri Nicolaou - Child Exploitation)
- ◆ Prevention Officer with Operation TOPAZ)
- ◆ How to support your children with anxiety and deteriorating emotional health. (Ali McDowall – founder of The Positive Planner)
- ◆ How to keep your children safe when they are socialising in public spaces (PC Poppy Coles and PC Molly Matthews)

Thanks,

Mike Ambrose
Deputy Heateacher

Examinations

In the exams office we are busy completing final preparations for the summer exam season which starts very soon now.

All students should now have received their individual exam timetable. These are also available to view on Talaxy.

We very much hope that the exams go smoothly for all involved but in every exam season there will be unforeseen problems and we are used to dealing with these. Please do contact us as soon as you can about illness/lateness by phone or on exams@beechencliff.org.uk and keep a particular eye out for emails from the school over the exam period.

In the meanwhile, wishing all students the very best in their final exam preparation over the next few weeks.

Jenny Cotterell
Exams Officer

Careers Newsletter

This weeks Beechen Cliff Future Horizons Careers Newsletter is published this weeks alongside this newsletter.

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

Mrs Emma Pascoe
Head of Careers

ENGLISH PROJECT – Other Worlds

As part of their current Other Worlds scheme of work, Year 9s have been undertaking their Independent Homework Project in English.

Boys were able to choose any aspect of sci-fi which interested them, and were charged to research, create and present their work in the format of their choice.

Mrs Leonardi's class shared their individual pieces in a class Showcase last Friday, and spent lesson time looking through each others' projects and sharing their findings.

Well done to all of this class for undertaking 4 week's worth of work and in creating a set of varied, interesting and informative projects, including: posters, short films, argumentative essays, creative writing and slide shows.

"I researched how the word 'alien' started to appear in our language and in the dictionary, and how writers use it in books to describe something non-human, dangerous or different. I found out how early the word was used - in the 15th Century - and how it has developed up to today. I presented my findings in a slide show. I am pleased with my work and I learnt a lot."

Nathan S (By9b)

"My project was a short video about telekinesis. I was interested in this topic because I like the idea of it and wanted to find out more. I researched it online and created my video using CapCut software at home. I liked the way it came out but I would add more info next time."

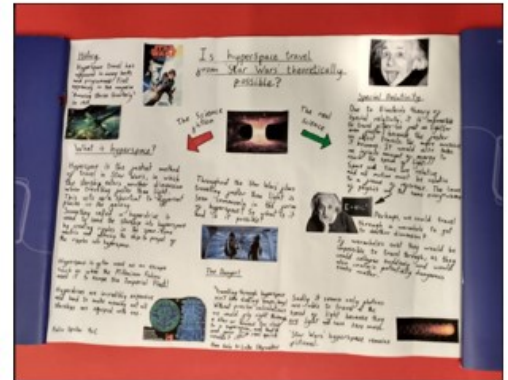
George D (M19a)

"My project is based on the idea of an alternative universe - what could have happened if the Axis Powers won World War 2 and what life would be like, for example, the continents changing and the US being split into three territories. I imagined how Adolf Hitler and Emperor Hirohito would rule and how the dominant languages would be German and Japanese, with English less important. For this project I researched the novel The Man in the High Castle. Reading and watching this inspired me to learn more and take the ideas further. I enjoyed putting the slides together and presenting my ideas to the class."

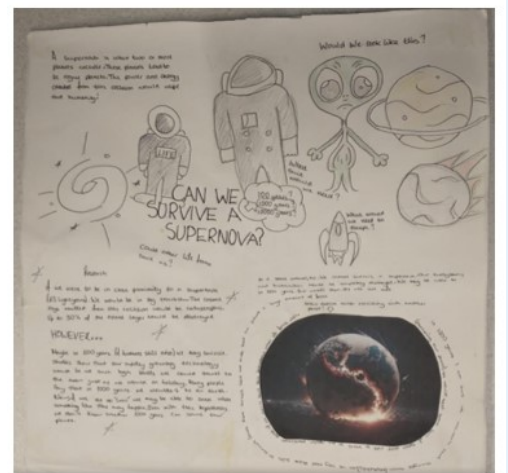
Aaron T (Sh9b)

Mrs L Leonardi

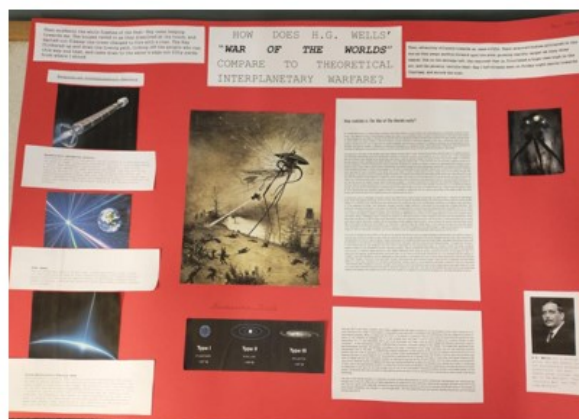
English



Hyperspace – Felix S (Kp9a)



Supernova – Will F (By9a)



HG Wells – Ben S (Sh9b)



What makes a good....Ben P (M19b)

Food Technology

This week our Year 9 Food rotation have been developing their own dishes to show independence and time management. They had the options to make layered cakes, lasagnes or sausage rolls over two lessons.

Here are some of the layered cake photos

Kathryn Gallagher
Food Lead



SPORTS

Fixtures for week commencing 29th April (*correct at time of publication*)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 29th April	U12a,b&c cricket v Dauntseys (a)	14:30		Coach	
	U15a&b cricket v KES (a)	13:00	12:30	MB	
	U14 Somerset Cup final @ Bridgwater College	13:45	11:45	MB	
Tuesday 30th April	U14a&b cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:45	MB	
	U13a&b cricket v KW (a)	12:30	11:45	MB	
	GCSE moderation	All day			
Wednesday 1st May	U12 & U15 tennis v Bristol Free School (h)	15:30	15:15	n/a	
	U13 & U14 cricket v BGS (a)	14:00	12:30	MB	
	U12 cricket v Bristol Cathedral School				
	1st XI football v Kings College (Odd Down)	16:00	15:00	9 seater	
Thursday 2nd May	1st XI cricket v Dauntseys (a)	14:00	11:45	MB	
	2nd XI cricket v KW (tbc)	14:45			
Friday 3rd May					

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

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is Earth Day. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future

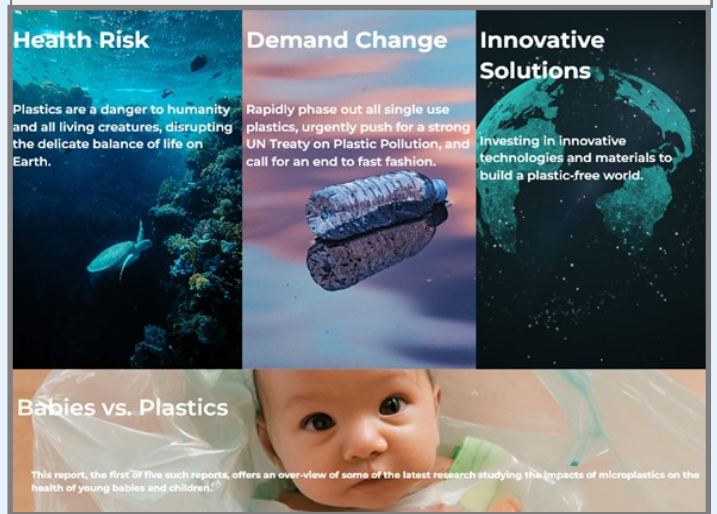
Earth Day is one of the most prominent annual awareness days that sheds light on the importance of on our planet's health and our individual roles in preserving it.

This year, the theme is **Planet vs Plastics**.

The Plastic predicament

Plastics have undoubtedly revolutionised various industries, offering convenience, affordability, and versatility. However, this comes at a significant cost to our environment. Single-use plastics have inundated landfills, polluted oceans, and harmed wildlife. With over 380 million tonnes of plastic being produced each year, it's vital that we work towards ending its production. This year, Earth Day is demanding a 60% reduction in the production of plastics by 2040, with the ultimate goal of ending plastic production altogether

Plastics extend beyond an imminent environmental issue; they present a grave threat to human health as alarming as climate change. As plastics break down into microplastics, they release toxic chemicals into our food and water sources and circulate through the air we breathe. Plastic production now has grown to more than 380 million tons per year. More plastic has been produced in the last ten years than in the entire 20th century, and the industry plans to grow explosively for the indefinite future



9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC

-  Bring your own shopping bag
-  Carry a reusable water bottle
-  Bring your own cup
-  Pack your lunch in reusable containers
-  Say no to disposable straws & cutlery
-  Skip the plastic produce bags
-  Slow down and dine in
-  Store leftovers in glass jars
-  Share these tips with your friends

LESS PLASTIC.

WWW.LESSPLASTIC.ORG.UK



EARTH DAY
2024

Extra Curricular Activities

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

Congratulations to 1st XV Rugby Captain Connor Treacey

'Congratulations to 1st XV Rugby Captain Connor Treacey on signing a senior contract with Bath Rugby for next season. This caps a hugely successful season for Connor, having also captained Bath Academy U18 to the Academy league title and England U18 during their Six Nations competition.'



Mr A Hall
Head of Rugby

U12 and U13 Cricket vs Prior Park





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

Mr Bowett runs the London Marathon!

On Sunday the 21st April, I ran the London Marathon, of which I finished in a personal best time of 4 hours and 42 minutes. Despite the pain and hunger, the atmosphere was incredible and the crowd kept me and the other 60 or so thousand participants going till the end.

It was a great experience and a great opportunity to raise some money for a fantastic cause. I ran for 'BUDS' (Better understanding of dementia) a charity that helps the lives of those who live with people affected by dementia. If you would like to make a donation, please see the link below - I know the charity is grateful for any donations as am I.

<https://shorturl.at/dIILV>

If anyone is considering entering the ballot for the 2025 London Marathon, I would strongly advise to do so, it was a fantastic experience and gave me some motivation to get out, run and raise some money.

Thank you,

Kind Regards

Mr R Bowett
Head of Milton House





Boys in Mind Sky dive

On Sunday 21st April, me and an intrepid team of 16 people from Boys in Mind staff and supporters did something amazing - jumping out of a plane at 10,000 feet to raise funds for our work Boys In Mind.

It was terrifying but an amazing experience (I'm afraid of heights!).

If you can **make a donation – however small**– it could mean the difference between a young person taking their own life or having the opportunity to make a fresh start.

see link to fundraising page

<https://app.goodhub.com/boys-in-mind-10701>

Boys in Mind works in partnership with children, young people and professionals in a range of settings to promote good mental health and prevent suicide, particularly among boys and young men. Our work is guided by our 3 P's – Prevent, Promote and Participate

- ◆ **Prevent** – Preventing suicide
- ◆ **Promote** – Promoting positive mental health and positive images of boys and men
- ◆ **Participate** – Encouraging active participation of children and young people.

Jim Cumpson
Conduct Support



Community Links

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?
Then Zenith Youth Theatre Company is the place for you!

Zenith is a dynamic and diverse community of young theatre enthusiasts aged 13-21. At only £70 a show we are extremely affordable. However, money should not be a barrier to you joining as we have bursaries available.

If you want to experience what happens at our rehearsals, come along and join in with our singing, dancing and drama session. We currently have places available to join in September, so this is the ideal way to see what we're all about.

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



WWW.ZENITHYTC.CO.UK

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.


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

Lucra have partnered with Beechen Cliff School and are offering anyone affiliated with the school, albeit staff, parents, or even friends, family and colleagues of parents, the opportunity to benefit from free mortgage advice.

The Lucra team can also offer a free financial protection review of your current mortgage needs, looking at life cover, critical illness, and income protection options. Simply quote 'Beechen Cliff School' when contacting the Lucra team, and Lucra will donate £50 to Beechen Cliff for 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



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[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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LEARN - PLAY - GIG

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For clubs, for community groups, for individuals

Floodlight 3G and Astro Pitches

Sports Hall

Indoor Cricket Nets

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

Junior Squash



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/>



WORKING TOGETHER

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 RENGEN HOUSE



The Ace Way

By Megan Butterworth

New and exciting tennis opportunities for children of all ages to learn and play tennis together.

We offer groups, private and joint lessons for all ages and abilities and cater to any additional needs.

Junior Group Times:

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:



07779535580



Megan-Butterworth@hotmail.co.uk



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