BEECHEN CLIFF

23rd May 24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of exams is coming to a close and I would once again like to commend pupils on their hard work and good conduct. After a busy few weeks we are all looking forward to half term which will be free from exams, if not revision.

During this week the Theme of the Week for pupils in Years 7-10 has been on personal safety linking to both knife crime and online safety. In relation to the latter I would like to remind you that we have arranged for Karl Hopwood, an online safety expert, to lead an online session for parents on Thursday 6th June. This is open to all parents and information on how to sign up for this event is available later in this newsletter.

Attendance

Last week Mr Ambrose wrote an article for parents in the newsletter including information on school attendance for parents and a link to a parent survey for feedback. Currently there is a national campaign to improve attendance in schools and whilst Beechen Cliff's attendance figures are well above national figures, they are still below pre-pandemic levels. Good attendance has many benefits including wellbeing, personal development and attainment.

All schools in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership are reviewing their attendance processes and collating parent views to feed into this process. We would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing this short survey to feed into the process. Attendance survey link

Calendar

Friday 24th May

PTA Auction of Promises Online goes LIVE 9am

End of Term

Monday 3rd June

Start of Summer Term

Sunday 2nd - Friday 7th June

Year 10/12 Montpellier Study Trip

Thursday 6th June

Online Safety Focus Day

PTA Auction of Promises Online ENDS—7pm

Friday 7th —Saturday 8th June

Bronze D of E Qualifier

w/c Monday 10th June

Year 9 Summer Exams Week

Friday 14th —Sunday 16th June

Gold DofE Practice Expedition

Harmony Rising

Last weekend 12 Beechen Cliff pupils performed in the choir Harmony Rising alongside pupils from other secondary schools in Bath at both Bath Abbey and The Forum. This was part of the Bath Philharmonia's creative choir project and it was great to have this representation as part of the Party in the City. Well done to all who took part.

Half Term

Next week is the half term holiday. During this week please can I ask all parents and carers to check their child has the correct equipment and uniform for the term ahead. This is really important to ensure all are ready to learn and fully prepared for exams and assessments. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Pupils return to school on Monday 3rd June but in the meantime may I wish you all a good week ahead.

T. D. Markall.

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Headteacher

Key Notices

Online Safety Focus Day - June 6th

As half term approaches, this is just a reminder that in the first week back we have enlisted the services of Karl Hopwood to deliver Online Safety sessions to Years 7-9. Additionally, we have previously sent a link to register interest in attending an online session for parents and carers in the evening - here is the link if you would like to attend

Online Safety meeting link

Joining details for the meeting will be sent out soon

C.M Hall
Head of Year 8

Walk to School Week - Walk to School Week - Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June 2024

Between Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June 2024 pupils will be encouraged to travel sustainably to school, whether by walking, scooting or cycling. The aim is to encourage healthy exercise and reduce air pollution which is damaging children's lungs as well as the environment.

Please encourage your son/daughter to take part in this national initiative!

You may also be interested in our Safer and Sustainable Travel to School plan which can be found on the link below:

Safer and Sustainable Travel To School (beechencliff.org.uk)

Kant Mann

Assistant Headteacher

Shakespeare House Charity Events

Examinations

We felt we should let parents and carers know that students coping with their examinations admirably. Concentration and conduct in the examinations continues to be exemplary.

Please can you continue to ensure after the break that your child continues to bring the correct equipment to each of their exams. Students need a black pen and a spare pen for all exams, and for most exams they should also have a calculator (remember Maths Paper 2 first Monday back!), pencils, rubber, ruler, protractor, compass and a highlighter (for the questions only). A clear plastic bag works nearly as well as a clear pencil case at keeping everything together.

We hope each student enjoys a deserved respite over the coming week, so that they arrive back in school refreshed and ready to take their remaining examinations.

Jenny Cottrell

Exams Officer

REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

IMPORTANT

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

Menu of Week 3rd June

Monday: Pork Stroganoff, Squash and Mushroom Goulash

Tuesday: Cajun Chicken Wrap with a Sweet Chilli Sauce (W), Roasted Vegetable and Cheddar Quiche (W,D)

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Tomato and Mozzarella Tart with Basil Pesto (W,D,V)

Thursday: Pesto Spinach and Pea Pasta (W), Quorn and Bean Hotpot

Friday: Fish Finger Bap with Tartare Sauce (W), Spicy Bean Burger with Minted Yogurt (W,D,V)

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

Also If your son or daughter is in either year 11 or 13 please can you make sure they are topped up at all times as there will be no overdraft facility for them, from this week.

Dan Keal
Chef

(W) = Contains Wheat Products
(D) = Contains Dairy Products
(V) = Vegan alternative

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

'Be Tick aware'

At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. These insects are in great abundance this year. They are parasitic and take blood from their host. They are normally easy to remove with a tick remover and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely dehabilitating. The incidence of this disease is on the rise so here is some advice on what to look out for. Further details are available from this website: http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/

The rash is very distinctive and looks like a target or dart board. Please consult your doctor if you see this. In people of colour, the rash may appear more like a bruise.

More information

For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites:

www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/government/collections/lyme-disease-guidance-data-and-analysis

www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/ www.nhs.uk/conditions/tick-borne-encephalitis/

Centurion Challenge 2024

100 miles in 48 hours

16:00 Friday 5th July to 16:00 Sunday 7 th July

YEARS 9, 10, 11 and the Sixth Form

QR CODE updated

Entry Closes in 2 Weeks - 7th June

The Challenge

To leave the main doors of Beechen Cliff at 16:00 on Friday the 5th July, following the specified route to the Kennet and Avon Canal. Walk to Devizes on the tow path, camp overnight. Saturday continue to the Parish Church at Hungerford, and return to Devizes. Finally , Sunday you will make your way back to Beechen Cliff School arriving by 16:00 to claim to be a Beechen Cliff Centurion.

To take part you MUST complete the online Entry/Medical Form, by either

Scanning the QR code or using this link https://forms.gle/o6x8WM4mVxnUH3gS9

ONLY THEN will you be able access to Parent Pay to pay the £95 entrance fee and secure you place.

Please note that the QR code on posters around the school no longer work, so you do need to use this updated one.

Entrees capped at 100.

Richard Steward

Centurion Challenge Co-ordinator

In the event the Challenge is greatly oversubscribed then places will be allocated fairly across the year groups and some places will be allocated to Pupil Premium / Sixth Form Bursary

Mouthguards

Fixtures for Week commencing 3rd June 24 (correct at the time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 3rd June	U12, U13, U14 & U15 tennis Collegiate (h)	15:45	15:15	n/a	
Tuesday 4th June	U15 cricket v Wellsway (Lansdown CC)	14:15	13:15	MB	
	U18 tennis v Bournemouth College (West Hants Tennis Club)			MB	
Wednesday 5th June	U15a&b cricket v Millfield (a)	14:00	12:30	MB	
	U12 7-a-side tournament @ Dauntseys	14:00	12:30	MB	
Thursday 6th June	Primary school cricket @ Sulis	9:30	9:00	MB	
Friday 7th June					

Please visit Beechen Cliff Sports page for up to date information

Careers

Careers Newsletter

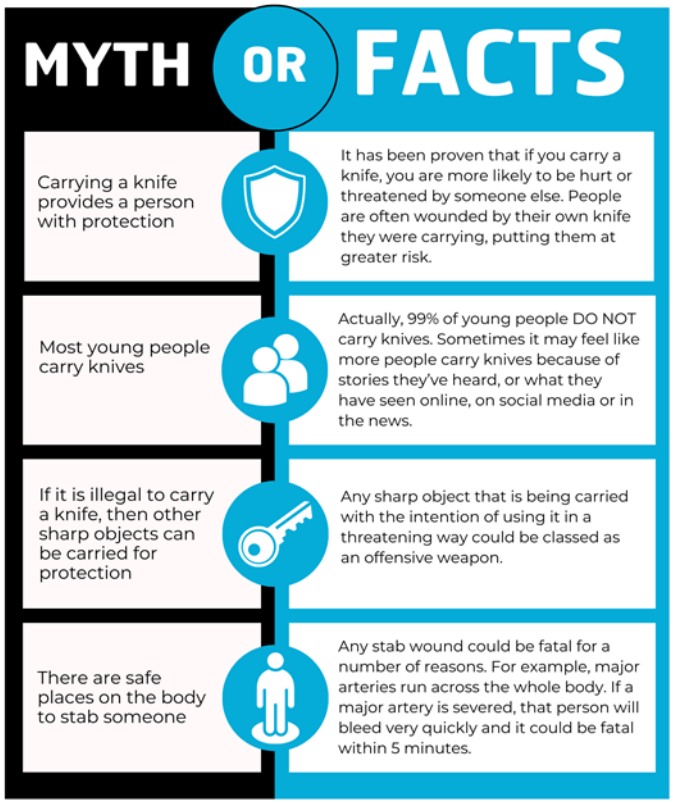
The newest edition of our Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication is published alongside this school newsletter.

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

Mrs Emma Pascoe

Head of Careers

Theme of the Week



Knife crime has increased by 81% since 10 years ago. It is as high now as it ever has been.

'Knife crime is any crime involving a knife or sharp object. This includes: carrying a knife, owning a banned knife, trying to buy a knife if you are under 18, and/or threatening, injuring or fatally wounding someone with a knife.'

Theme of the week this week is focused on discussing the current knife crime data, and making students aware of the law regarding young people and carrying knives

Wellbeing

Exam Stress

As we approach half term, pupils and students across the school will be busy preparing for internal exams and the formal GCSE and A Level exam season. We know that many are experiencing exam stress and there are some wonderful tips below on how to help young people navigate this exam season, whilst protecting their mental wellbeing. We encourage you to use the half term to share some of these tips with your children.
https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/

Poem

Dear Students,
Exams do not measure your intelligence, your worth or even your learning.
Exams simply measure your ability to digest and re-share information.
This information is often asked in trick-speak (to test the way your brain processes), in tense conditions and under pressure.
We can't all do that.
Doesn't mean you didn't pay attention, study hard or try your very best.
Doesn't mean your teachers have somehow failed you, nor have you failed them or let anyone down.
And it certainly doesn't mean you are not amazing, wonderful humans with so much to offer this parched world.
Chances are you would be able to answer correctly on the same subjects in a relaxed environment with straight-shooting questions.
The exam system is flawed, but that's okay, that's life.
Life is flawed.
You tried your hardest and that has weight in this world of ours.
That matters.
Your time to shine will come.
And oh my, will you shine.
And no one will be able to measure that either.
What a wonderful thing.

Donna Ashworth

We wish every pupil and student the very best for whichever exams they are taking and are available for support should they need us after half term.

The Wellbeing Team

Community Links

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

Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) has now rearranged the knife crime awareness event at Hayesfield School for 6th June 2024, starting at 6pm.

The event is aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience, who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors, followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

The Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) is a multi-agency partnership that aims to prevent and reduce violence in the area. We work to understand and address the root causes of violence, to prevent further violent crimes from occurring in the future. We provide resources and support the work of professionals and community groups who help children at risk or involved in serious violence.

For queries, please email VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk.

Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-bnes-vrp-knife-crime-awareness-event-for-parents-carers-tickets-902336010297?aff=oddtdtcreator

Best Wishes,

The Violence Reduction Partnership

You are warmly invited to the

GRANDFRIENDS JUNE SUNDAY SOCIAL

Our Sunday Socials bring people of every generation together with our GrandFriend volunteers to enjoy an old-fashioned tea, entertainments to appeal to all ages, and excellent company.

on Sunday 2nd June 2024 *from* 3.30 *to* 5.30pm
at St Alphege's Church Hall
Oldfield Lane, Bath BA2 3NR

Please do let us know in advance if you are planning to come.
lavinia@grandfriends.uk or 01225 967680
PTO for more information & get in touch to find out more.

GRANDFRIENDS
THE COMPANY OF ELDERS
Charity Registration Number 1203669

GrandFriends warmly invite the pupils and families of Beechen Cliff to our next Sunday Social tea party on the 2nd June, and our Hobbies Club Trial in June and July

Everyone welcome.

Please do RSVP asap if you can come along.

Contact Lavinia on 0771340071 for more information.

Kindest wishes from all The GrandFriends for a happy half term

GRANDFRIENDS
THE COMPANY OF ELDERS

ANNOUNCING

THE GRANDFRIENDS HOBBIES CLUB

Are you between 9 and 14 years years old?
Would you like explore different hobbies with our GrandFriends?

Ideas for hobbies so far include crochet, gardening, origami, collage, baking, science projects, checkers, jigsaws, quilting, and more.
We'd love to hear your ideas too!

You are warmly invited to come to our free trial sessions!

on Tuesday 25th June 2024 and Tuesday 9th July 2024
From 3.30 to 5.30 pm
at St Alphege's Church Hall, Oldfield Lane, Bath BA2 3NN

Please ask your Parents and Guardians invited to get in touch soon to find out more and book your place. Contact Lavinia on 07713400071

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the company of our GrandFriends, and especially if you don't often get to spend time with elders.

Healthy, delicious snacks and all materials provided for free.

Note for parents:
All staff and volunteers have DBS Certificates and Safeguarding training.

GRANDFRIENDS
ENRICHING LIVES
WITH
INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS

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SPOTTERS HOCKEY
SUMMER DATES

Spaces going - book here!

5-6 August 24

12-14 August 24

19-21 August 24

Bath

Email: spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk
Twitter:spottershockey
Facebook:spottershockeyacademy
Instagram: spotters_hockey_academy

B&NES Libraries
Events & Activities

Lego Lab Get creative with Lego	**Monday - Saturday** **Bath Central Library**
Art in the Library Design a Future Library Competition Exhibition	**Monday - Saturday** **1 - 31 May** **Bath Central Library**
Sensory Space For young adults with sensory needs. *Book online.	**Monday - Saturday** **Bath, Keynsham & Midsomer Norton Libraries**
Board Game Saturdays Drop in and play with our great selection of games	**Monday - Saturday** **Bath, Keynsham & Midsomer Norton Libraries**

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

100 YEARS
Bath & North East Somerset Libraries
1924 - 2024

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP

THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM

8 PLACES AVAILABLE

Inspired by Mr Doodle aka Sam Cox - Museum Takeover

FREE Creative Group for Young Men

Are you: 16 -25 yrs Looking for a safe, mental health-aware space to explore your creative side?

Work with an artist to explore your drawing, doodling and graffiti skills to create something spectacular!

All materials, refreshments provided FREE

+ Help with transport costs

Scan QR code to access our easy on-line application form

Session dates:

Tuesdays, 5.30-7pm

4,11, 18, 25 June + 2,9 July

+ Bath Carnival = Sat 13 July

Sign up essential

or contact: Louise l.campion@holburne.org

Text DRAW to 07380 615276

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP

Your questions answered!

What will I do?

- 1.5 hr Sessions will be led by a professional artist (Matt) with a support worker (Jim)
- The group will be based in the Gardener's Lodge - a small, self-contained building near the Holburne museum
- There will be a maximum of 8 young people in the group
- The group will take inspiration from the current Holburne exhibition - Mr Doodle: Museum Mayhem
- There will be an opportunity to create a finished piece of work (to be decided by the group) which could be part of Bath Carnival celebrations on Sat 13 July

When?

Course starts on Tuesday 4 June and continues for 6 weeks.

Cost? FREE + help with transport costs available

For who?

The group will offer a safe, caring space for any young man who has faced barriers to exploring their creativity, has struggled with their mental health or experienced isolation. No art experience is necessary to join

Note *this course is not suitable for people with complex physical or mental health needs or those in crisis.*

Am I eligible?

YES If you are:

- 16 - 25 yrs old (up to 25 birthday)
- Ready and able to commit to attend on a weekly basis for six weeks
- Able to attend without a support worker
- Looking to build confidence and learn new creative skills
- Interested in seeing Mr Doodle's work

How do I apply?

Text DRAW to **07380615276** to get in touch and we can send you more info.

OR Fill out an easy on-line application form by clicking here

We will contact you to confirm we've received your form

If you want to ask questions or need assistance with your application, please contact:

Louise Campion at the Holburne Museum

l.campion@holburne.org

01225 388566

07380 615276

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WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

EAT. SLEEP. BREATHE. PERFORMANCE NETBALL CAMP

27 - 29 AUG, WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

wcsenterprises.co.uk/netball-camp/

ABOUT THE CAMP

Set in the historic and picturesque city of Wells at Wells Cathedral School, the camp showcases this amazing sport and gives an insight into what it takes to be pursue a career as a professional netball player.

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Players aged 12 - 18.
- Players already playing at club level.
- Players looking to develop their abilities in all aspects of the game.
- Players keen or working towards a professional pathway.
- Players looking to learn from international and national Super League coaches.

COST

Residential: £325 Day: £265

MEET THE TEAM

Asha Francis: *Head Coach, Team Bath NSL*

Hayley MacKellar: *Assistant Coach Severn Stars NSL and Head Coach Scotland U21s*

Natalie Roddy *Head Coach Team Bath Academy and Assistant Coach, Welsh Senior Squad*

Shelley Copland: *Head Coach, British Army*

Tammie Williams: *Head of Netball WCS and Lead Coach Team Bath, ADC*

Hayesfield GIRLS' SCHOOL | MIXED SIXTH

Fantastic Hosting Opportunities: Do you have a spare room?

Hayesfield has strong international links with schools in Norway and Denmark.

As a result, we are looking for caring and welcoming Bath families to host our visiting international students. We can provide generous tax-free expenses to cover costs incurred. This is a fantastic opportunity to enrich the cultural experiences of your daughter or son.

We are currently looking for host families for:

1. Norwegian Students aged 16/17 - both boys and girls - from the beginning of September 2024 to mid December 2024. Expenses paid at £245 per week – in recognition of the extended duration.
2. Danish students aged 16/17 - both boys and girls - in Mid- March 2025 for two weeks. Expenses paid at £195 per week.

If you have a spare room, it could become home from home and provide a student with a genuinely unforgettable English-speaking experience as well as enriching your own children's cultural experiences.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information, then please contact Wendy Goodman on international@hayesfield.com

Criteria for Placements

- You live in Bath
- Students can have their own room, which includes a bed, wardrobe and desk
- Accommodation is full board (except school lunches Mon - Fri in term) and provides a laundry service
- Walking distance of our school or accessible by public transport
- Students from different institutions are not hosted at the same time
- Tax-free living allowance to cover all out of pocket expenses including transport costs
- All placements are subject to a home visit to ensure safeguarding and a DBS check

Lucra

Free Mortgage & Protection Advice when Quoting 'Beechen Cliff School' to the Lucra Mortgages Team!

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

Call - 01225 970830
Text - 07458195830
WhatsApp - 07723339060

Email - hello@lucramortgages.co.uk
Website - www.lucramortgages.co.uk
Click here to book an appointment

You may have to pay an early repayment charge to your existing lender if you remortgage.
Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.
There may be a fee for mortgage advice. The actual amount you pay will depend on your circumstances. The fee is up to 1% but a typical fee is £549.
Please note, our fees are waived for all Beechen Cliff friends & family

Facility Hire at Beechen Cliff

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

Have you ever considered Fostering

PHOTO COMPETITION

PHOTO COMPETITION!

- **FREE to enter**
- **£25 cash prize**
- **Ends 24 August**

INTERESTED?

Go to friendsoflyncombehillfields.co.uk and click on the green button "Photo Competition" or use the QR code below