



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Newsletter 15th May 25

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 and Year 13 students have made a positive start to written GCSE and A Level exams this week with the hard work over recent weeks and months paying off.

Year 12 summer exams are complete and Year 7 are almost done. Those in Years 8-10 also have summer exams in the weeks ahead. These internal exams are a great opportunity to demonstrate what has been learned over the past year and the academic progress made. As explained in assemblies, good preparation is important. With that in mind it is really important that all students in school have the correct equipment for exams, as for normal lessons, (pens, pencils, ruler, calculator, maths equipment etc.). This is to ensure they can demonstrate their full potential. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school with the correct equipment each day and the upcoming half term break is a good opportunity to top this up if required.

I would also like to say a massive congratulations to all who took part in the Ten Tors on Dartmoor last weekend. To have 42 students taking part was incredible and it was the culmination of months of hard work by the students and staff. Thank you to all who made this possible and a particular congratulations also to Mr Brewer who received an award for 30 years of service to the Ten Tors event.



### Calendar

Friday 16th May—Sunday 18th May

DofE Gold Practice Expedition -  
Brecon Beacons

Monday 19th May— Friday 23rd May

Year 8 Summer Exams week

**Tuesday 21st May**

Year 10 River Holford Geography  
Field Trip

**Wednesday 22nd May**

Year 10 River Holford Geography  
Field Trip

**Friday 23rd May**

End of Term

**Sunday 1st June— Friday 6th June**

Montpellier Study Trip

**Monday 2nd June**

Start of Term

**Tuesday 3rd —Thursday 5th June**

Year 9 Exams

**Wednesday 4th June**

Centurion Challenge Information  
Evening 7.00pm @ Refectory

**Friday 6th June—Saturday 7th June**

Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition

Aspiration

Compassion

Independence

Respect

Today it has been great to have students participating in Wear It Green Day as part of Mental Health Awareness Week.

T. D. Markall .

T D Markall  
Headteacher



## Key Notices

PLEASE  
NOTE...

### REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

All absences from School including late arrivals and medical appointments are to be reported to School promptly. Please take note of the following correct direct contact details.

#### Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the School direct on 01225 485222 OR email the lower school attendance at

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

#### Sixth Form Students

For a Sixth Form student absence please call the School direct on 01225 485221 OR you can email Sixth Form attendance at [sixthattend-ance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sixthattend-ance@beechencliff.org.uk)

### PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please contact the attendance office - [attendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk) for a copy of the 'absence request form' which can also be found on the school website [MNSP Absence Request Form](#).

### Menu - week commencing 19th May

**Monday:** Chicken Rogan Josh, Sweet Potato and Spinach Curry

**Tuesday:** Spicy Chicken Wrap with Minted Yogurt (W,D), Beetroot Falafel

**Wednesday:** Roast Turkey, Roasted Pepper and Mozzarella Tart (D,W)

**Thursday:** TBC

**Friday:** TBC

(W) = Contains Wheat Products  
(D) = Contains Dairy Products

Those Pupils in Years 11 and 13 must ensure that they have sufficient funds at all times to avoid disappointment as there will be no overdraft facility after 19th May

Thank you

Dan Keal  
Head Chef

## MESSAGE FROM BANES VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

**Bath & North East  
Somerset Council**

**Improving People's Lives**

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the upcoming Knife Awareness Week (Op Sceptre - 19th to 23rd May), the B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership have prepared a survey for children and young adults in B&NES to gather their thoughts and views on the very worrying issue of knife crime and the effect it has on them.

The survey is in the form of a QR code (below) for children/young adults to access via their devices or the devices of the individual supporting. We do not anticipate the survey will take more than 10 minutes to complete. This will enable us to get a clearer picture directly from children and young adults and help us to commission and deliver interventions that are appropriate, meaningful and that meet their needs in our area.

Please note that the survey answers are completely anonymous, and no identifying questions are asked other than the age of the individual completing it.

We appreciate your support with this and will be happy to share the survey results once they have been collated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Violence Reduction Partnership  
Bath & North East Somerset Council

[www.bathnes.gov.uk](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk)

[www.twitter.com/bathnes](https://www.twitter.com/bathnes)

**Postal Address:**

Lewis House  
Manvers Street  
Bath  
BA1 1JG



### School Contacts

We believe that communication between parents and carers and the School is really important. If parents or carers have a concern, query or information to pass on then please do contact us.

A list of contact details for senior staff is available on the School Website and via the link [Contacts](#)

Alternatively please email [headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk) and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.



## Year 13 Students Last Day

Congratulations to our Year 13 students who have neared the end of their time with us and are now embarking on study leave and their exam season.

It has been a pleasure watching you grow and mature into thriving academics with bright futures ahead of you.

Here are some photos from their leavers' BBQ, rounders tournament and leavers day.

Ms K Mather  
Head of Sixth Form



## Activities Week 25 - Action Required!

As the emails and forms went out on Friday of last week, we just wanted to say a big thank you to the parents that have already completed the option choices for Activities Week 2025 as well as the kind words and positivity around the available choices.

Can we please remind you that the deadline for submission is Monday 19th May at 5pm. Meeting this deadline will allow for the initial organisation of groupings so that we can get confirmation to you and the boys as early as possible. Those who do not complete it in time will undoubtedly have a limited range of options based on activities which are not yet fully subscribed.

For ease and convenience, the links to the booklets and the options forms, which contain all costings, are below. If you do have any concerns or questions please do email me at [kmorris@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:kmorris@beechencliff.org.uk).

Booklets	Options Forms
<a href="#">Year Seven AW25 Booklet</a>	<a href="#">Year Seven AW25 Options Form</a>
<a href="#">Year Eight AW25 Booklet</a>	<a href="#">Year Eight AW25 Options Form</a>
<a href="#">Year Nine AW25 Booklet</a>	<a href="#">Year Nine AW25 Options Form</a>

We look forward to what promises to be another great week and thank you again for all of your continued support.



Mr KP Morris  
Assistant Headteacher (Personal Development)

# LIBRARY NEWS



## Read to Relax.



I have mentioned before the 2009 University of Sussex study that showed **reading stories for just six minutes a day can reduce stress rates by 60%**. The concentration you need to read a good book means your brain hasn't got space to be anxious and think about stressful things. This in turn reduces heart rate and muscle tension caused by stress. Don't forget this if exam stress hits!

## Revision Support - homework club for all.



The library is open before school (from 8am) during breaks and lunchtimes and after school until 4.30 (4pm on Fridays). There is always an adult to offer support and we have most of the revision guides for GCSE, A Level and Level 3 subjects that the school offers. We offer a calm and quiet space for students to revise and study. Please remind your child of this facility during the exam period.



## Free Audiobooks!

Did you know that if you have a library card from one of the BANES libraries, you can get free audiobooks from Borrow Box? You just log in with your library card number and PIN which can be obtained from any local library. For more information see: <https://banes.borrowbox.com/> or <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/library-and-information-services>



Additionally, if you or your child has a diagnosis of dyslexia or any other disability that limits your ability to read printed text, you can sign up for Calibre Audio - a registered charity that provides free audiobooks which can be streamed or downloaded. <https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/>

The library is for everyone. Keep Reading!

Mrs L Bridgde

Literacy Co-ordinator and Library Lead

## Extra –Curricular Activities

### Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities Terms 5 and 6

The list of Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities on offer for Terms 5 and 6 can be found on the school website.

[Link to Extra-curricular List](#)

### Beechen Cliff Tennis

Great fixture for the U13s against King Edward's School, Bath (on May 8th)

Good quality tennis in both singles and doubles and a 5-1 victory for Beechen Cliff.



Followed on Friday May 9th, Beechen Cliff U13 against Bristol Grammar, where Beechen Cliff won 10 v 2

Well done to all involved.

Mr T Markall

### Current Vacancies in the School and the Trust

Please follow the link below to view and access all current vacancies from across the MNSP Trust

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/vacancies.htm>



## Jurassic World: Rebirth Poster Competition



Jurassic World: Rebirth roars onto the big screen as an epic, action packed cinematic event this year. Sky Up Academy is inviting students, aged 11-18, from the UK and Ireland to create their own version of the Jurassic World: Rebirth poster with the chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip to Sky Studios Elstree.

Unleash your creativity and step into the world of Jurassic!

We've added an assignment to all KS3 computing, year 10 computer science and interactive media and year 12 computer science classrooms, but please let us know if you aren't in one of these and would like to enter the competition.



You can hand draw your poster or get creative with an online editor (e.g. Adobe Express, Photopea, Canva etc.).

Watch the [trailer](#) and complete some research on the themes of the story, the outcome of this research will inform your poster.

- ◆ Man vs Nature
- ◆ Survival and co-existence
- ◆ Greed & Exploration
- ◆ Ethical Dilemmas in Science)

Submit your finished poster by Thursday 5th June, so that we can upload them to the competition before the deadline.

### Creative Checklist

- ◆ Include the film title
- ◆ Use appropriate colours
- ◆ Include film characters and locations
- ◆ Show key information (date of release or tagline)

Please ask Ms Jarvis or Mr Cottle if you have any questions.

Ms L Jarvis and Mr A Cottle

Computer Department



# CENTURION CHALLENGE 25

## 100 miles in 48 hours

16:00 Friday 4th July to 16:00 Sunday 6th July

YEARS 9, 10, 11 and the Sixth Form

**73 challengers have applied so far-only 27 places remain!**

### The challenge

To leave the main doors of Beechen Cliff at 16:00 on Friday the 4th July, follow the time-honoured route to the Kennet & Avon Canal and walk to Devizes along the tow path, camp overnight, then continue to the Parish Church at Hungerford, return to Devizes, then finally on Sunday the 6th July make your way finally back to Beechen Cliff School by 16:00 to claim to be a Beechen Cliff Centurion.

### What you must do to take part . .

Complete the online ENTRY / MEDICAL FORM by scanning the QR code or use this link  
<https://forms.gle/uWGFokT2gAYNwMZB8>.

The Finance Office will then grant access to the ParentPay account enabling you to pay the £100 Entrance Fee and Secure your place. Entrees will capped this year at 100 and entry will close 4 weeks before the event (Monday the 2nd of June) - so you need to secure your place!

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 students.

### Meeting

The Centurion Challenge 2025 meeting for all Challengers and Parents is on the Wednesday 4th June 7pm in the Refectory.

Mr R Stewart and Mr D Brewer

Event Organisers/Lead





## SPORTS RESULTS

		Fixture	Result
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	TENNIS	BCS U13A v King Edward's School	10-2
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	FOOTBALL	BCS U13A v Backwell School	9-8
	TENNIS	BCS U13 v Bristol Grammar School	10-2
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	CRICKET	BCS U13b v Kingswood BCS U15a v KES BCSU15b v KES (a)	LOST WON LOST
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	CRICKET	BCS U14a v KES (a) BCS U14b v KES (a) BCS U15a v Monkton (a) BCS U15b v Monkton (a)	WON WON Abandoned WON
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	CRICKET	BCS U13a v QEH (a) BCS U13b v QEH (a)	LOST LOST
	FOOTBALL	U12a football v NH (a)	5-4

## FIXTURES for w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May (correct at the time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	U12b&c cricket v KES (a)	16:15			
	U12a cricket v BGS (a)	14:15			
	U15b cricket v KW (a)	14:30			
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	U14 tennis v Monkton (a)	14:30			
	U15a cricket v Oasis or Downend (Hinton CC)	14:00			
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	U14a&b cricket v Millfield (a)	14:00			
	U15a&b cricket v Dauntseys (a)	14:15			
	Level 3 Primary School Cricket	9:00			
	A Level PE moderation				
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1st XI cricket v Prior (a)	14:30			
	U13 & U15 tennis v Clifton High (h)	14:30			
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 10 GCSE golf moderation @ Cumberwel	9:15			

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

## WELLBEING

As we watch our hardworking students begin their GCSE and A Level exams this week, we invite you to share with them, the wonderful words of modern poet, Donna Ashworth.

We love the solution-focused language Donna uses, to notice what young people have already done well to cope with so much leading up to this exam season; and the focus on 'Hope'.

### *TO THE EXAM TAKERS*

*To the students who feel their future starts here,  
well it does.*

*But perhaps not in the way you think.*

*You see, you are very special people. Teenagers who lived through the strangest historic time period in a century. And your success, your bright career... will be born not of your result in a test, but in the way you handle the tough times.*

*Your resilience.*

*And let me tell you,  
resilience is not appearing to have handled things well.*

*It's healing. No one gets through unscathed, no matter how they seem to. So, do your best, but keep close in your pocket, that you are already quite something.*

*Continue your journey of adapting, of coping, of evolving to be the first to face a new world.*

*Because you are.*

*And you have.*

*And you will.*

*And you have plenty to offer the future.*

*And plenty of time to see that.*

*Donna Ashworth*

**Wellbeing Team**

## Careers

### Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The most recent edition of our Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication (Edition 31) is published alongside this school newsletter.

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

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers

## Face to Face 3-day Routes into STEM



Here at EDT, we are extremely excited to let you know that we are now accepting applications for our Face to Face 3-day Routes into STEM course in Bristol that will be taking place locally to your students over the May Half Term (28th-30th May).

Routes into STEM is a three-day experience that provides young people with an amazing chance to help understand the different routes available into further STEM education and career pathways. Students will gain first-hand experience of life at STEM educational providers and companies, spending one day at each:

Wednesday 28th May 2025 - Mott Macdonald

Thursday 29th May 2025 - University of Bath

Friday 30th May 2025 - Leonardo

Please share the Bristol Routes into STEM course Flyer with your students in Years 9 & 10 and their parents/guardians. This contains full course details and the link to apply.

On completion of the course students will gain a *Bronze level Industrial Cadets Award*. Accreditation is a widely recognised Industry Led benchmark accreditation inspired by HM King Charles III (Patron of Industrial Cadets) and would be a fantastic addition to your student's portfolio going forward.

# Community Links

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

## May Half Term 2025 Children's Covid-19 vaccination clinics

Children's Covid-19 Vaccinations Clinics will take place across Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon & Wiltshire (BSW) during May half term 2025. Please see over for dates and locations.

Children, 5-17 years old, who have an increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 are eligible.

Check eligibility and book via the National Booking System:

[Book, change, or cancel a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online - NHS](#)

More information here: <https://bswtogether.org.uk/yourhealth/seasonal-covid-19/>



**Children's clinics (5 – 17years) delivered by the BSW Vaccination Team (bookable via NBS)**

10 May 2025: Savernake Community Hospital, Marlborough

27 May 2025: Kempthorne House, St Martin's Hospital, Bath

28 May 2025: Taw Hill Medical Centre, Swindon

29 May 2025: Warminster Community Hospital, Warminster

**RIVER AVON**  
**ART COMPETITION**  
in association with the Wild Waters Festival, 31 May – 15 June 2025

*Do you love messing about on the river?*

If you are 7–16, enter Transition Bath's art competition and create an artwork as a poster to show why rivers are amazing and why we should look after them.

Your submission should use an A4 format and should include bold artwork and a clear message or call to action.  
Age categories: 7–11 and 12–16.  
Both category winners receive a cash prize!  
Entry submission deadline: 11 June

Find out more at [transitionbath.org](https://transitionbath.org)

Transition Bath: inspiring positive and lasting change

**OPEN DAYS**  
**Friday 16th May and Saturday 17th May**  
**10am - 4pm @ The Walled Garden**  
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## Art & Photography Portrait Workshop


**TUESDAY 27TH MAY**

BRADFORD ON AVON  
9.30 - 3.30 AGE 8-11 £39

- Plan & Take Part in Your Own Photoshoot
- Create Monoprints & Collages of your Photos to Take Home
- Develop Creative Skills, Build Confidence, Challenge Body Image Stereotypes & Explore Healthy Friendships.

**A Fun, Creative Day to Celebrate You!**

Further details visit [www.mightygirls.co.uk](http://www.mightygirls.co.uk)

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## Self Defence half day workshop

**WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY**

TROWBRIDGE  
1.30PM - 4.30PM. AGE 11-18  
COST £25

**Mighty Girls & Helen from Systema bring you:**

- Practical self-defence techniques
- A focus on movement, breath work, relaxation, and posture
- Enhance self-awareness & resilience
- Help equip you to handle various situations effectively

[www.mightygirls.co.uk](http://www.mightygirls.co.uk) or QR Code to book



The club is offered at a discounted rate for all & free to some thanks to the support from:

 **Wiltshire Council**

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



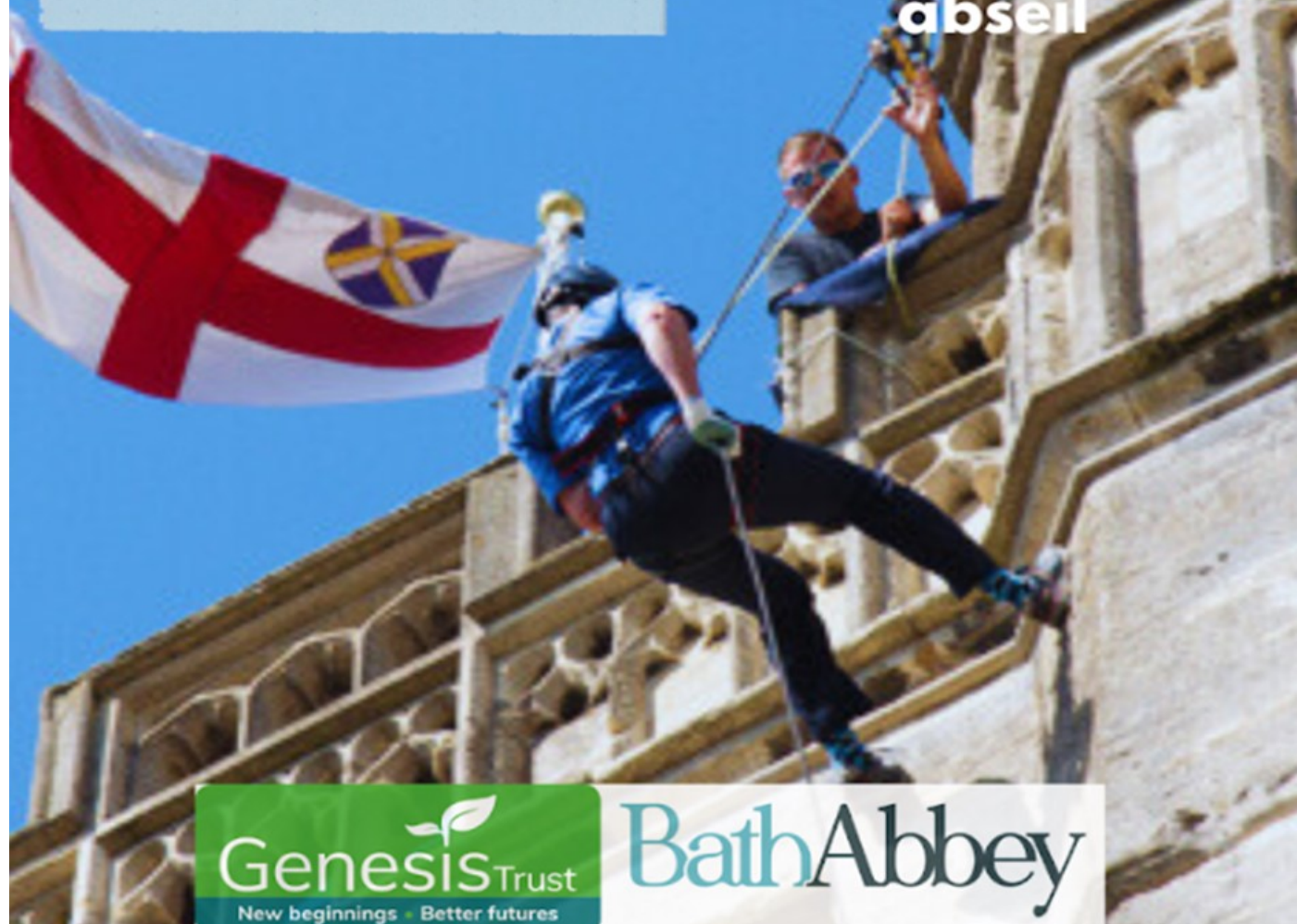
# Leap of Faith! 2025

**Abseil from Bath Abbey**

**Friday 13 June and  
Saturday 14 June**



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## UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### SWINDON DANCE

JOIN US FOR EVENINGS OF DANCE DISCOVERY



OPEN EVENING  
FRIDAY 16TH MAY  
4.30PM - 6PM

AUDITION  
TUESDAY 15TH JULY  
4.30PM - 6PM

### STEPS2

ENCOURAGING  
POTENTIAL AND  
PREPARING FOR THE  
NEXT STEPS

OPEN EVENING



BOOKING

FOR AGES 9-13

BALLET, CONTEMPORARY AND JAZZ  
BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY

AUDITION



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### SWINDON DANCE

TAKE YOUR DANCE SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL



### SYDCO

OPEN EVENING  
13TH MAY  
6.15-8.15PM

AUDITION  
15TH JULY  
6.45-8.15PM



OPEN EVENING

FOR AGES 13 - 19  
PROVIDING A UNIQUE PATHWAY  
FOR ASPIRING YOUNG DANCERS  
AND ARTISTS



AUDITION



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## HOCKEY CAMPS

### Spotters HOCKEY 2025 Schedule

**Camps - 17 + 18 Feb; 10 + 11 April**

10am- 12pm and 1-3pm - Ages 7-14; Registration 0930 pick up by 3.20pm

**HPCs - 21 Feb; 7 + 8 April**

10am- 3pm - Ages 14-17 Open referral Route to +TA

**Summer Performance Academy**

**- 12 May- 23 June**

6.30-8pm - Ages 10-16

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HOCKEY CAMP  
2025**

**WELLS ENTERPRISES** 26 - 28 AUG, WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL  
[wcenterprises.co.uk/performance-cricket-camp/](https://wcenterprises.co.uk/performance-cricket-camp/)



**Starting  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

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# **ODD DOWN**

## **YOUTH CLUB**

**YEAR  
7&8'S**

**EVERY  
FRIDAY**

**4PM  
-  
6PM**

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**EAT. SLEEP. BREATHE.  
PERFORMANCE  
NETBALL CAMP  
2025**

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[wsenterprises.co.uk/netballcamp2025](https://wsenterprises.co.uk/netballcamp2025)



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Week Two: 14th-18th July

Week Three: 28th July-1st August  
Week Four: 4th-8th August



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