



BEECHEN CLIFF

Newsletter 8th May 25

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This short term seems to be flying by at an incredible rate with only two weeks until the half term break.

The Year 11 revision programme is now underway with collapsed timetable revision sessions and some exams have already been completed with the busiest weeks starting on Monday. Year 11s are showing a determination to do their best and we wish them well.

Today we have had our Year 13 end-of-year rounders match and tomorrow their leavers assembly before A Level exams begin next week.



During Theme of the Week sessions in tutor time this week Year 7-10 pupils have looked at VE Day as today makes 80 years since the end of the Second World War in Europe. It is important that we pay tribute to the Second World War generation, learn about the past and recognise the sacrifices made during conflict. We are, of course, mindful of those impacted by conflicts in the world today.

This weekend multiple teams of Beechen Cliff students are taking part in the Ten Tors event on Dartmoor in the 35, 45 and 55 mile categories. We have more students participating than any other school, which is a phenomenal achievement and testament to the determination of the students and the efforts of staff. We wish them every success (and fair weather) over the weekend!

Finally we look forward to many of you joining us for our PTA Quiz and Curry Night this Friday evening raising funds for the PTA and I wish everyone a good weekend.

T. D. Marshall

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Headteacher

Calendar

Friday 9th May—Sunday 11th May

Ten Tors 25 Dartmoor

Friday 9th May

PTA Quiz and Curry Night- 7-10.30pm

Monday 12th - Friday 16th May

Year 7 Summer Exams Week

Friday 16th May—Sunday 18th May

DofE Gold Practice Expedition in
Breacon Beacons

Monday 19th May— Friday 23rd May

Year 8 Summer Exams week

Friday 23rd May

End of Term

Monday 2nd June

Start of Term

Wednesday 4th June

Centurion Challenge Information
Evening 7.00pm @ Refectory

Aspiration

Compassion

Independence

Respect

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.

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 contact the attendance office - attendance@beechencliff.org.uk for a copy of the 'absence request form'.

Menu - week commencing 12th May

Monday: Pork Stroganoff, Moroccan Spiced Vegetable Casserole

Tuesday: Tomato Chilli and Olive Pasta (W), Halloumi and Pepper Pitta Pizza (D,W)

Wednesday: Honey Roast Ham, Cheddar and Tomato Quiche (W,D)

Thursday: Chicken wrapped in Bacon with a Spicy Tomato Sauce, Veggie Lasagne (D,W)

Friday: Breaded Cod with Tartar Sauce (W), Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole (D,W)

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

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

Thank you

Dan Keal
Head Chef

PSHE-MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Join us for Wear it Green Day on **Thursday 15th May** during **Mental Health Awareness Week (12th–18th May)** - and let's turn the world Green for good mental health!

Please wear one item of green Clothing with your normal school uniform.

Mrs A Wilmot
Head PSHE



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 and the message will be passed on to the appropriate person to respond.

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 are an optional item but we do not allow any other jumper or hoody to be worn.
- Coats should be plain and standard school style (no hooded tops, leather/denim jackets).
- 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 found [here](#).

Equipment

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

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

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](#).

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

Mr M Ambrose

Deputy Headteacher Pastoral

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](#)

Go Liam!

Through this year, Liam in Year 11 has been attending the Team Sport go karting track on Monday evenings in the hope of qualifying for national level races. At the most recent training session, the star was Liam who competed in a group which contained drivers who had qualified for British Indoor Karting Championship last September. Their race involved a grid start based on their finishing times from an earlier race. Not a single yellow or black flag was issued and the contenders were bumper to bumper over a record 21 laps. Liam looked as if he was going to have to settle for 2nd place as the group of four leaders approached a group of three backmarkers. He plotted his way through better and took the win on the final lap. Drama!

Liam was inspired to compete after completing a vehicle maintenance course at Wheels in Brislington last year as part of his studies.

We wish Liam all the best in his endeavors and look forward to hearing of his future success.



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.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/vacancies.htm>



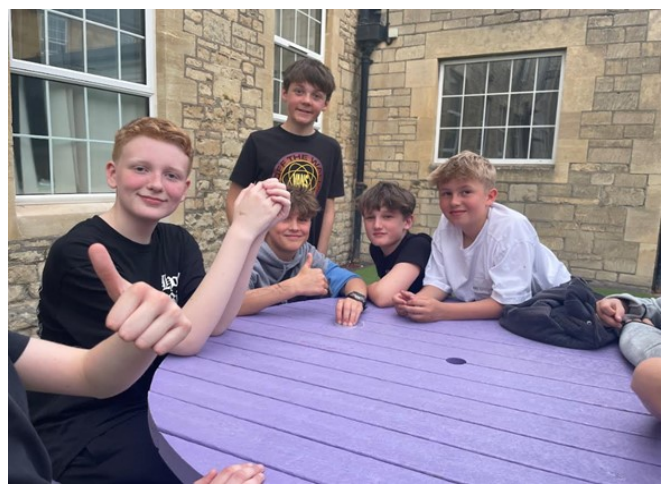
YEAR 7—SCHOOL DISCO WITH HAYESFIELD



Last Thursday, under sunny skies, the Year Seven pupils of Beechen Cliff, Hayesfield and St Marks all congregated at Hayesfield's Brougham Hayes site for their annual disco.

With music coming from Ian of Ruby Tunes disco, the boys and girls had a great couple of hours catching up with old friends from primary school or making new ones. The charity led tuck shop made in excess of £400 so needless to say there was enough Haribo fuelled energy for all.

Thanks to all for attending and they can look forward to doing it all over again as Year 8s in November.

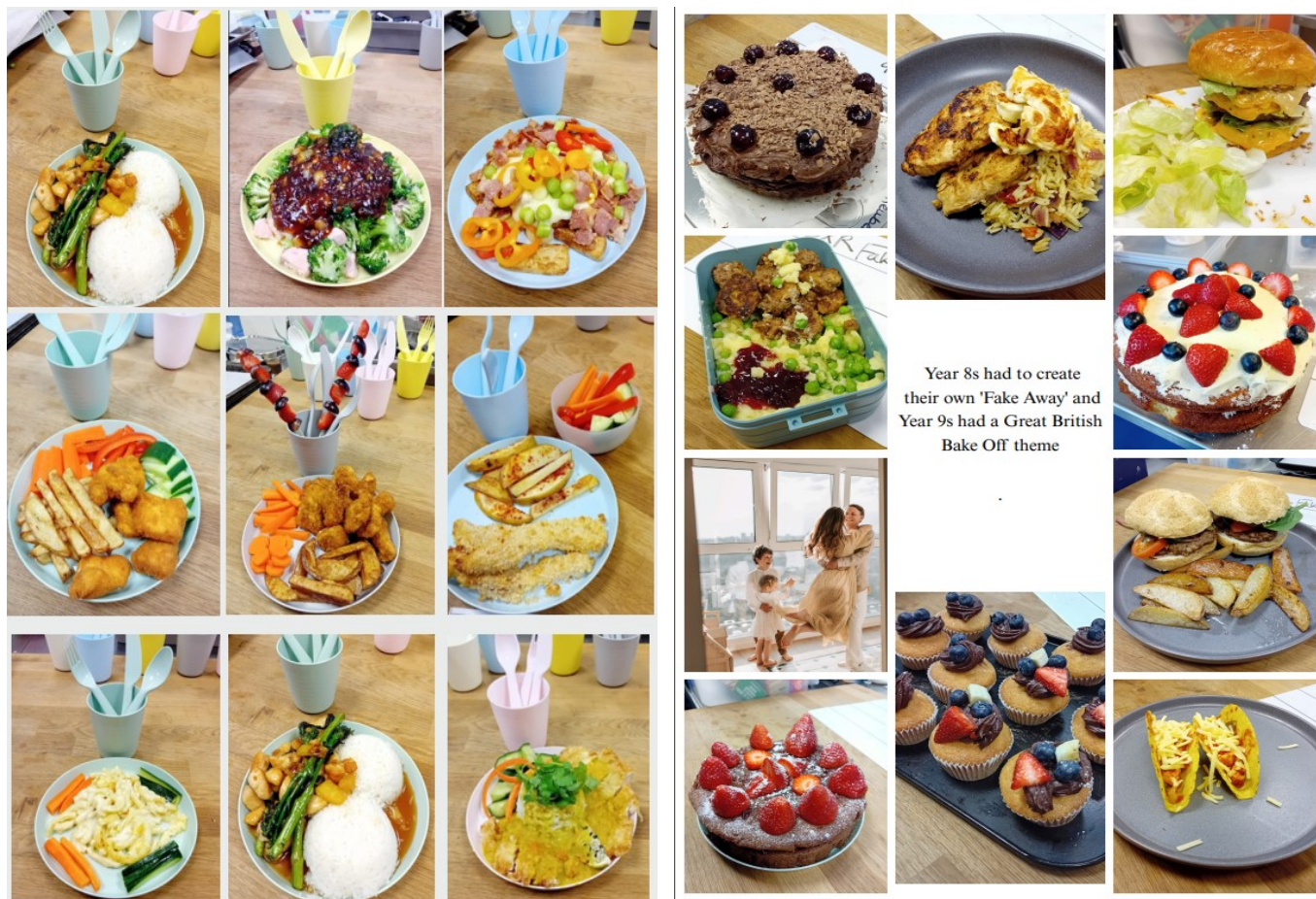


Mr K Morris
Assistant Head—Character Development

Hospitality and Catering

This week, Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students had to create a dish for a child. This was to make them really think about portion sizes as this is important for their coursework next year.

Here are some of the results:



Also, all of KS3 created their finished dishes which they have been planning over the term. Year 8s had to create their own 'Fake Away' and Year 9s had a Great British Bake Off theme.

Mrs K Gallagher

Food Lead

The Beechen Cliff and Boys in Mind group will be in the garden on Friday 16th May and it would be wonderful if friends and family came to see what they are helping us to achieve. Those year 9 and 7 pupils who have helped us through the autumn and spring terms will probably be astounded by how 'alive' the garden looks!

Clearly Saturday may be a more convenient day for students to come along with their families and they would all be very welcome.

Grow for Life is a local social and therapeutic gardening charity whose purpose is to nurture people so that they flourish. Our vision is to see a world where people experiencing depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and isolation are restored to live life to the full. We do this by welcoming them into the safe space of a garden where we inspire, build skills, create connections and provide a pathway to work and further education.



OPEN DAYS
Friday 16th May and Saturday 17th May
10am - 4pm @ The Walled Garden
Newton St Loe, Bath BA2 9BZ What3Words: ground.musical.quail

Including Refreshments, Cakes, and a Plant Sale

We are a social and therapeutic gardening charity

Come and see where we help change the lives of those people affected by depression, anxiety, isolation or low confidence.

07729 906223
info@growforlife.org.uk
www.growforlife.org.uk
Charity reg. number: 1173914

Grow for Life
Transforming lives through gardening

If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me or Jim Cumpson, jcumpson@beechencliff.org.uk

Alex, Director at Grow for Life



Centurion Challenge 2025

Important Centurion Meeting

A Centurion Challenge meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4th June at 7:00 pm in the Refectory.

All Challenger and parents/guardians should attend. There will be a presentation overview of the operation of the event, and there will be a check of challenger details and mobile contact numbers.

Marshalling the event

The marshalling points on the Centurion Challenge play a critical role in the running of the challenge. It cannot run without your help. Therefore if you feel that you can assist with marshalling in any way, or indeed with other aspects, please complete the Google Document by using the link below
<https://forms.gle/hJrLa3fhZB2LEuWC7>

If you can indicate what days / times you are available this will help in the allocation of the marshalling points. You will need to be aware that as soon as the challenge has moved beyond the Devizes Base Camp, travel time will increase from 50 minutes to over an hour and, as the Challenge starts at 06:00 on the Saturday & Sunday, some points have a very early start time, others will have a late finish. The opening / closing time of each check point depends upon how spread out the challengers are, and this will vary greatly during the day. All marshaling points will be closed by sunset (about 21:20), however Challengers in between marshalling points will be collected at the next marshaling point. This inevitably extends the time that some marshalling points are in operation.

Some marshalling points will need to be operated for several hours – we have AM/PM ‘shifts’ but you can control one for the whole day if that is preferable. All marshalling points are on the canal towpath and some may be isolated places, but they are all easily accessible.

It is essential you are at your designated point for the times stated, so please do not over commit yourself to a time/place. Once the Challenge has started it flows continuously and with your assistance seamlessly. You will be contacted by messages (WhatsApp Group) with updates and will be asked to confirm who has passed and when. All the Challengers will be allocated numbers and they will give you their number as they pass through.

Mr R Stewart
Mr D Brewer
Centurion Challenge Organisers

Music - Bath Festival

Eight KS 3 pupils have been involved in composing and rehearsing for the opening night of the Bath Festival.

The first workshop was held last week where a song was composed along with Ralph Allen and Prior Park pupils.

On Thursday 8th May, all the secondary schools in Bath came together for the first massed rehearsal. The performance will take place on Friday 16th May in Bath Abbey from 7.15-8.00pm.

Mr P Calvert
Head of Music



U16 Won against Chew Valley 2 - 1

The U16s capped their footballing adventures off with a victory in the BANES Cup final over Chew Valley School 2-1 last Thursday.

A fantastic way to what is for some, their last ever contribution for representing the school for sport. A brilliant achievement.

Mr Louis Mann
U16 Football



SPORTS RESULTS

		Fixture	Result
Thursday 1 st May	CRICKET	BCS 2nd XI cricket v KW (a)	Lost
	FOOTBALL	BCS U16 v Chew Valley (Clutton FC)	2-1
Tuesday 6 th May	CRICKET	BCS U14a v Kingswood (a)	WON
		BCS U14b v Kingswood (a)	WON
Wednesday 7 th May	CRICKET	BCS U13a, v Collegiate BCS U13b v Dauntseys (a) BCS U13c v Dauntseys (a)	LOST

FIXTURES for w/c Monday 12th May

Please note these can be subject to change – but are correct at the time of publication

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 12 th May	U15a&b cricket v KES (a)	13:30	12:30		
	U13b cricket v KW (a)	16:00			
Tuesday 13 th May	U14a&b cricket v KES (a)	13:30	13:00		
	U15a&c cricket v Monkton (a)	14:15	13:30		
	Banes Athletics Championships	12:30	11:30	Coach- 11:50am	
Wednesday 14 th May	U13a&b cricket v QEH (a)	14:00	12:45		
	U12a football v NH (a)	15:45	15:15		
Thursday 15 th May	1st XI cricket v Monkton (a)	14:15	13:00		
Friday 16 th May	PYWTW (<i>Potential date</i>)	9:00	9:00		All day

Wellbeing

Rethinking Resistance

Recently, we took part in a 24-hour global conference hosted by the Solution Focused community. It's a free event where practitioners from all over the world come together to share how they use the approach in a wide range of settings. One theme that really stood out was something called "the death of resistance."

This idea was originally shared by the founders of the Solution Focused approach, Steve de Shazer and Insoo Kim Berg. They encouraged us to think differently when things aren't going to plan, whether we're parents, carers, or professionals. Rather than labelling children or young people as 'resistant,' they invited us to consider: what if they have a good reason for what they're doing, even if, in the moment, it doesn't seem helpful?

It's a powerful reminder that when something isn't working, it's often more helpful to ask:

What could I do differently?

As parents and carers, this invites us to pause and reflect when our child is, for example, struggling with going to school, struggling to completing homework, or finding it hard to communicate. What might be behind that behaviour? What might they be trying to tell us in the only way they know how?

Solution Focused questions can help shift the conversation:

- ◆ What would you hope to be different?
- ◆ If we could have a useful conversation about this, what might that look like?
- ◆ How can we support you?
- ◆ Here's what we've noticed you doing well, how might we build on that together?

It's a shift in lens, from seeing children as resistant, to seeing them as doing the best they can with what they've got. And maybe, in response, we can try something different too.

Warm Wishes,

The Wellbeing Team

Careers

Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The most recent edition of our Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication (Edition 30) is published alongside this school newsletter.

If you would like any further support or information please let me know 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.

AtkinsRéalis hosts an Apprenticeship Awareness Day for Year 12 Students

This week, Year 12 students from Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield schools took part in an inspiring Apprenticeship Awareness Day. The event was led by our former student and national award-winner Gabriella Goddard-Palmer. Gabriella was joined by her colleagues, Sam Stott, Lucy Hanman, Sam Goddard-Palmer, and Elizabeth Willmore from global engineering and consulting firm AtkinsRéalis. Together, they provided students with valuable information and advice about career pathways in engineering, consulting, and beyond.

The event aimed to broaden students' understanding of apprenticeship pathways as a viable and rewarding alternative to traditional university routes. Through a series of interactive workshops and presentations, students explored the range of roles available within engineering, infrastructure, and project management, and gained valuable insight into the apprenticeship application process, day-to-day responsibilities, and long-term career prospects.

The sessions also included personal stories from current apprentices at AtkinsRéalis, offering a real-world perspective that resonated strongly with the students. One of our students commented: *"It was a really informative and inspiring day, great to hear from the apprentices themselves, giving a real insight into the application process and life as an apprentice".*

Head of Sixth Form, Kim Mather said, *"this was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage directly with professionals in the field. It has opened their eyes to the variety of career routes available to them and has inspired many to consider apprenticeships as a first-choice option."*

Gabriella said, *'the awareness of apprenticeships and the benefits they can offer as an alternative to university are still so overlooked! We hoped that this day of presentations and interactive workshops inspired students to explore apprenticeships more and consider them as a genuine post-18 career pathway. The real-world experience you gain, the free degree/ wider qualifications you can earn and the excellent networking and professional development opportunities available makes doing an apprenticeship much more beneficial than the traditional university route these days'.*

Events like this are an integral part of our Future Horizons Careers programme's commitment to preparing students for life beyond school by exposing them to diverse career opportunities and real-world experiences.

For more information about AtkinsRéalis and their apprenticeship programmes, visit <https://careers.atkinsrealis.com/uk-early-careers/apprenticeships>

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers



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.

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



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Art & Photography Portrait Workshop

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

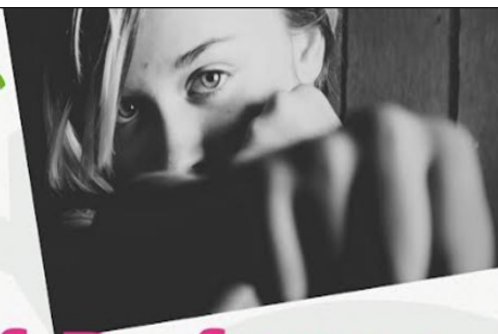
BRADFORD ON AVON
9.30 - 3.30 AGE 8-11 £39

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School Hall

Classrooms



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

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

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POTENTIAL AND
PREPARING FOR THE
NEXT STEPS

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FOR AGES 9-13

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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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Bath vs Leicester

LATES

17th May 2025 7pm – 11pm

Post game drinks and LIVE Music

Summer Rowing Camps

Saltford Rowing Centre | Ages 13-18



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Week One: 7th-11th July
Week Two: 14th-18th July

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

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Saturday 14 June**



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