

BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 26th June 25

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last weekend members of the Year 7 cricket team toured Devon competing against several schools. They enjoyed the warm weather, showed a fantastic attitude all round and represented their school brilliantly. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr Ebdon and Mr Thomspon for organising the tour.



On Monday evening we were delighted to welcome Year 6 pupils and their parents to Beechen Cliff for New Parents Evening as part of their transition to Beechen Cliff. It was great to meet everyone who will be joining our community in September. Our Year 10 Prefects and current Year 7 pupils assisted with the event including the 'meet and greet' and also giving talks during our meeting in the Sports Hall. As student ambassadors they were excellent and were a real credit to themselves and the school.

Calendar

Saturday 28th June - Monday 30th June Silver Dof E Practice Expedition (Malborough Downs)

Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July CCF Summer Camp

Tuesday 1st July Year 12 Physics Trip to Bath University

Tuesday 1st to July - Friday 4th July Year 7 Trip to Normandy

Thursday 3rd July PTA meeting @The Bear at 6pm

Friday 4th July - Sunday 6th July The Centurion Challenge 2025

Tuesday 8th July Sports Day

Wednesday 9th July Summer Bands Night—from 5pm

Thursday 10th July Year 7 –10 Celebration of Achievement Evening

Friday 11th July Monday 14th July Gold DofE Qualifier

Monday 14th July—Friday 18th July Activities Week On Tuesday and Wednesday we had our Sixth Form induction with nearly 300 Year 11 students attending including from Beechen Cliff and other schools. It was a great start to their Sixth Form experience and we wish them a lovely summer and all the best for GCSE results day in August. The current Year 12 Senior Prefect Team did a wonderful job in organising and

supporting with many aspects of the day including

the clubs and activities 'freshers fair'

Yesterday evening our annual Art Show took place with some quite exceptional work on display from our Art and Photography students. As ever I am so impressed with the artistic talent in the school and it was a privilege to view their work. A separate article with more examples of the work is found later in this newsletter.



T. D. Marball .

T.D. Markall Headteacher

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



Key Notices

REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

<u>All absences</u> 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 <u>sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk</u>

PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please contact the attendance office - 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 - w/c Monday 30th June

Monday: Vegetable and Tomato Pasta Bake (W,D), Pea Spinach and Parmesan Risotto (D)
Tuesday: 5 Spice and Soy Pork Belly, Mixed
Bean Chilli

Wednesday: Roast Beef, Smoked Cheddar and Leek Quiche (W,D)

Thursday: Chickenwrapped in Bacon with a Tomato and Basil Sauce, Roasted Pepper and Mozzarella Tart (W,D)

Friday: Fishermans Pie (D), Pesto and Vegetable Pasta (W)

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

Thank you

(w) = Contains Wheat Products

Dan Keal <u>Hea</u>d Chef (D) = Contains Dairy Products



Beechen Cliff PTA Meeting

The next meeting of Beechen Cliff

Date: Thursday 3rd July at The Bear Inn (BA2 3AQ) —6pm.

Everyone welcome!

Agenda:

Chair and Treasurer updates Grant awards Upcoming events 5050 Club draws AOB



BEECHEN CLIFF PTA'S AUCTION OF PROMISES—NOW LIVE

We are really excited to share with you that our **online Auction of Promises is now LIVE** and ready to accept your bids.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those people who have kindly donated so many generous and creative prizes for the Auction. This event aims to raise funds for digital classroom screens, a new laser cutter for Technology and support for Sports & Activities.

Bid NOW - The prizes catalogue was sent out on Wednesday 25th June and explains in detail all the wonderful prizes on offer. You can place a **bid NOW** using the google form link **HERE**.

Bid Progress- You will need to keep an eye on how your bid is doing. There will be no automatic reminders or updates. To view the latest and highest bid for all prizes click **HERE**.

Bidders - Anyone over 18 years old can bid for the prizes, so please also share with friends, colleagues and family.

The Auction will end on Thursday 3rd July at 8pm.

Winning bidders will be contacted directly by the organisers on the Friday 4th July. Payment must be made by 9am on Monday 7th July by bank transfer. Failure of confirmed payment by this time will mean you lose the prize and the next highest bidder will be contacted.

If you have any questions about the Auction, or the prizes, or are experiencing any technical issues with the bidding process, please contact Clive Greenhough via the email:cgreenhough@beechencliff.org.uk.

Thank you in advance for your support of our School.

Mr C Greenhough

Fundraising Lead and Math teacher

Contacting the School

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

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:

- Ink pen and cartridges or roller ball pen (blue or black)
- * Biro pen (spare)
- Green Biro pen
- * Purple Biro pen
- Pencils and coloured pencils
- * Pencil sharpener and eraser

- * Ruler (15cm/6in)
- Highlighters
- * Glue stick
- Scientific Calculator (our recommendation is CASIO FX-83GTX & FX-85GTX)
- * Compass and protractor

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 K Morris

Assistant Headteacher (Conduct and Character Development)

SCHOOL FOOD BANK APPEAL

Our community's foodbank needs our support, and we are inviting all lower school students to help by donating essential food items during the week beginning Monday, 23rd June.

How You Can Help:

We kindly ask every student to bring at least one non-perishable food item—such as canned goods, pasta, rice, or similar—to their tutor group during tutor time. All donations will be collected and counted by the Young Leaders Award team.

Incentives:

- If the school collects 500 or more items, there will be a whole-school non-uniform day!
- The house that donates the most will earn house points toward the end ofyear rewards.



- The tutor group with the highest donations in each year will receive queue jump passes.
- The most generous individual students in each year group will be rewarded with +4 positive points and a letter sent home.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference to families in need and helps our community come together. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Warm regards,

The Young Leaders Award Team



Charity Cream Tea Day - card and cash payments taken on the day

Jurassic World: Rebirth Poster Competition





Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry to the Jurassic World: Rebirth Poster Competition, we sent off 29 entries to the Sky Academy Studios.

Unfortunately, no one from Beechen Cliff won the competition, but we received this email from the Sky team.

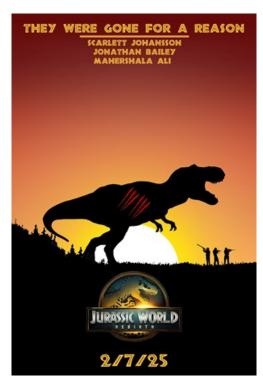
"Thank you for being part of our Jurassic World: Rebirth poster competition — and for inspiring the next generation of creative thinkers. We were blown away by the imagination, skill and passion your students brought to their entries. From thrilling dinosaur moments to cinematic landscapes, each poster told its own unique story and made this competition something truly special.

To all the students who took part and to you, for guiding and encouraging them, thank you. You helped make this competition an unforgettable journey. A new era is born and it starts in your classroom."

This was the entry from Adam P (Year 10), which we really liked for its use of colour and the dinosaur silhouette.

Everyone who had an entry submitted will be receiving positives and a computing duck! Come to the computing office to collect it.

Ms L Jarvis and Mr A Cottle Computing Department





Parents and Carers,

We are excited to invite you to Beechen Cliff's Summer Bands Night on Wednesday 9th July. This event is the perfect way to celebrate coming towards the end of the school year with an evening of live music from Beechen Cliff student bands and clubs.

Doors to the main hall will open at 5:00pm, withbands performing from 5:10pm . A soft drink bar will be available on the night. If you wish to attend this event, which is open to both parents and students, tickets can be purchased via ParentPay for £3. Tickets will be £4 on the night.

If you have any questions, or have special access requirements please contact jharriman@beechencliff.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 9th July.

Mr J Harriman and the Beechen Cliff Tech Team

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is overflowing!

We have a plethora of unnamed lost items of clothing (including many coats and jackets) in our lost property (situated within the nurse's office) which needs collecting.

If your child has mislaid any items, please encourage them to visit lost property BEFORE the final week of term. All items will be disposed off at the end of term.

Thank you

A-Level Art and Photography Show

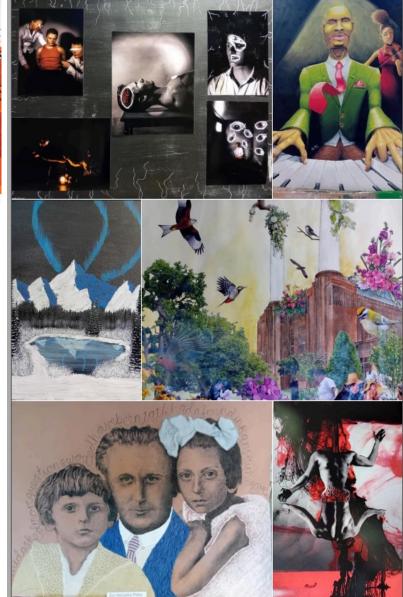




We are incredibly proud of the immense hard work put in by our Year 11 and Year 13 students for the recent GCSE and A-Level Art and Photography Show. Their dedication truly shone through in the diverse and amazing range of work on display, a testament to their talent and commitment.

Many thanks to all the students and parents who came to see the show.

Mrs C Moorhead Teacher of Art and Drama Head of Boarding Head Of Shakespeare House



Artists

Album covers- Otis L
Pink and orange flowers- Tilly W
Black and white photo collage - Ollie C
Piano man - Otis L
Blue and black mountains - Nick G
Building painting with collage- Ed G
3 faces with stitching - Ezri MC C-P

Theme of the Week-Pride Month 2025

- June is Pride month, a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ+ communities around the world.
- Pride is usually celebrated with parades and marches, and sometimes when people use the term 'Pride', they are referring to one of these

• June is the month chosen to celebrate Pride as it was the month of the Stonewall riots.

The Stonewall Riots sparked similar protests in cities across the USA where LGBT+ activists had also been pushing for change which became the beginnings of the Pride celebrations that we know today.

In the UK, in 1972 the Gay Liberation Front organised the first official Gay Pride Rally. They wanted to recreate what had happened in the USA to help improve the lives of LGBT+ people living in the UK as well.



Our inclusive pride flag will be flying outside school for the whole of June.

The role you can play in your school

- Stand up for the rights of others by being an ally and speak out when it is safe to do so
- Use your voice to help make your school a safer more inclusive space for everyone
- Get involved this LGBT+ History Month and help your school
- Take an active role in educating yourself on the world around you
- Practice empathy and understanding to people from different backgrounds





News and Achievements

2025 Inter-School Spelling Bee

Well done to Huw, Ben and Lucas who took part in this year's Spelling Bee competition at Hayesfield School after their successful heats at Beechen Cliff. It was a tough competition with some tricky words including: tangible, paradigm, malignant, anaesthetic and silhouette.

Huw got through to the final round and just missed a place in the top 3 after the tricky word, reminiscence.

Well done to all three participants.

Ms Joanna Blair Assistant Head Teacher, SENDCO and PP Lead



Year 12 Level 3 Sport students help umpire at local Cricket Festival

On Wednesday 18th June, our Year 12 Level 3 Sport students volunteered to help umpire in the local primary school cricket festival. These days often consist of up to 20 local primary schools who compete amongst themselves to qualify to the next county stages.

Our students were exemplary in their officiating and support they offered to the younger students from local schools. This is one of many primary school events our Year 12's go to throughout the year. They have officiated in Football and Tag rugby events.

Many of the primary school students will one day be Beechen Cliff students and our current boys remember fondly how enjoyable these sporting events are. This is only made possible due to the volunteering work of our 6th form students.

These festivals provide the Level 3 Sport students volunteering experience, work towards specific

course qualifications and boost job prospects including additional detail for UCAS applications.

We look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Beechen Cliff students over the next week for their Year 6 induction day where again, our Year 12 Level 3 Sports students will be supporting the cricket games and activities planned during the day.



Mr Utton
PE and Sports

Beechen Cliff Ex Pupil signs a Professional deal with Bristol City

Leo Pecover has signed his first professional contract at Bristol City.

Born and raised in Bath and a pupil at Beechen Cliff until 2024, Leo joined the Academy aged 14 and featured as a substitute in a pre-season friendly for the first team against Aldershot Town in the summer of 2024.

He returned from injury in 2025 to help City's Under-18s to the PDL National title, scoring the opening goal in the final against Watford at Ashton Gate.

Technical Director Brian Tinnion said: "We're really pleased the Leo has signed his first professional deal. He's shown how talented he is, and we're excited to see how he develops."







Extra - Curricular Activities

Activities Week—July 25

As Activities Week draws closer, the allocations have been communicated and the excitement builds, we ask that all payments for the boys options are paid via ParentPay as soon as possible to ensure we can meet our responsibilities to the wide range of providers that we are employing.

Thank you!

Mr K P Morris

Assistant Headteacher

SPORTS NEWS

Recent Fixture Results

	Result		
Thursday 19th June	CRICKET	BCS 1st XI v Dauntsey's School (a) BCS U12a v Exeter School (a)	Lost Won
Monday 23 rd June	CRICKET	BCS U13a v KES (a) BCS U13b v KES (a) BCS U13c v KES (a)	Won Won Cancelled
Tuesday 24 th June	CRICKET	BCS U15a v Prior Park (a) BCS U15b v Prior Park (a)	Lost Won
Wednesday 25 th June	CRICKET	BCS 1st XI v Wycliffe College BCS U14a v Prior Park (a) BCS U14b v Prior Park (a)	Lost Lost Won

Fixtures for week commencing 30th June 2025 (details correct at the time of publication)

	Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 30th June					
Tuesday 1st July					
2nd July	U14a&b cricket v Dauntseys (a)	14:15	12:45		
	U13 & U14 tennis v RA (h)	14:15	13:45		
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 cricket	14:00	13:30		
Friday					

Wellbeing



Talking About Anger - and Why It Matters

Following a recent Guardian article exploring the risks of suppressing anger, we've been inviting conversations with students about how they experience and express emotions – especially anger. The article highlighted how bottling up anger can quietly affect our mental and physical wellbeing, and how important it is to find healthy, constructive ways to release it.

What's been especially powerful is the way students have responded. Their openness has been inspiring, and many have shared their own experiences and reflections about how they manage anger, what helps them feel calm, and how they support each other through emotional ups and downs.

These conversations have naturally led to wider discussions about emotions like sadness, stress, and frustration – all of which are part of being human. Together, we've explored how we can recognise these feelings, express them safely, and show up with care and support for one another.

At Beechen Cliff, our wellbeing approach is rooted in openness, compassion and connection. As part of this, we will continue creating safe spaces where emotions can be acknowledged, understood, and supported – rather than hidden away.

If you'd like to continue these conversations at home, here are a few questions we've found helpful in school:



What helps you when you're feeling angry?



What have you noticed others do that helps you feel calmer?

We hope you have found this useful.

Warm wishes.

The Wellbeing Team

Careers

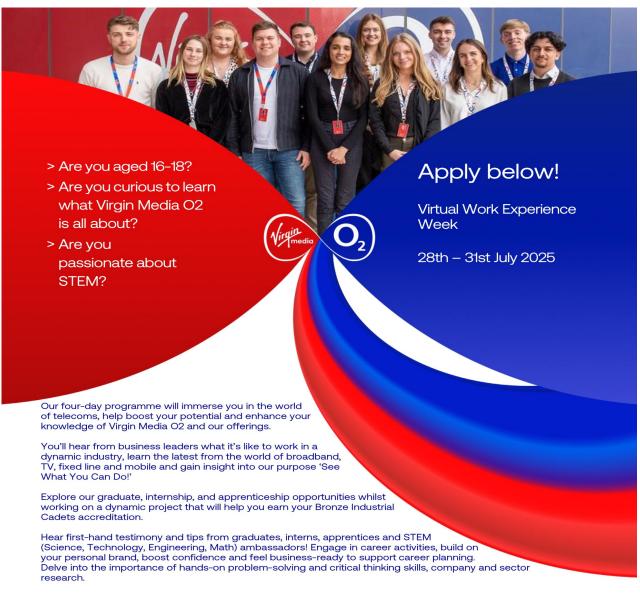
Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The most recent edition of our Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication (Edition 36) is published alongside this school newsletter.

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

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers



Take control of your future and make a difference in the world around you.



How to apply:

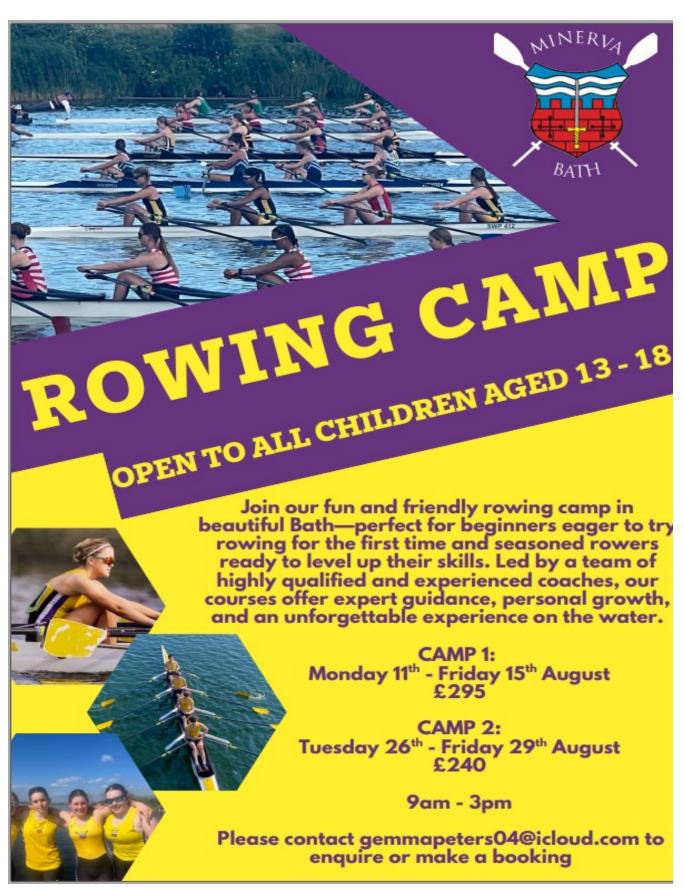
Click / Scan the QR code to apply!

Work Experience Reference Code VMO2C3



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.





Benefit Related Free School Meals All School Years

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends a Bath and North East Somerset academy or maintained school, please register for benefit related free school meals.

Registration could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1515 per Primary pupil and £1075 per Secondary pupil.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit Run-on which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

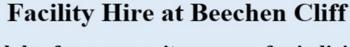
Apply online at https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Email the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Or call 01225 394317 – please leave a message if you reach our answerphone and we will return your call.







For clubs, for community groups, for individuals



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

THE UNIFORM CUPBOARD

Giving away good quality second hand school uniform & coats







Sunday 22nd June

Sunday 3rd August (with Summer BBQ)

Sunday 31st August (with Summer BBQ)

1:30PM - 3PM

Freedom House, Lower Bristol Road, Bath, BA2 1EP

Email us for enquiries thecupboard@soundchurch.co.uk Find us on Facebook: /soundchurchcupboard soundchurch.co.uk/thecupboard



As the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact families in our local area, the uniform cupboard is here to support by giving away free branded and unbranded uniform, coats, shoes and bags. We will be having uniform stalls over the summer months,

Sound Church's Uniform Cupboard

BATH YOUTH MUSIC FEST

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Orchestra of Everything, we run a range of community orchestras for adults, teenagers and juniors, playing a wide range of rock, pop, jazz and funk, with the odd bit of classical thrown in. All are open to anyone on any instrument, orchestral or electronic, any level (our annual family music day this yearcontained a 160-piece orchestra!) We do our own arrangements and tailor them to the musicians we have involved. Our family day arrangement contained parts from Grade 1 to 6+ on every instrument.

We are putting together a massed orchestra from all of Bath's state secondary schools, to perform at the Alice Park Youth music festival in Larkhall during the afternoon of Sunday 13th July and would love it if your children may be interested in joining in. We would be basing the collaboration on a Dr Dre hip-hop / classical / rock mashup that we arranged for the Oldfield School orchestra. If we have enough time, we could also do another rock/classical mashup from our Youth Squad - the Muse version of Feeling Good mashed up with Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet (the Apprentice theme) or Die with a Smile by Bruno Mars / Lady Gaga mashed up with the Blue Danube (!) We could either adapt these to instrumentals or keep them with a lead singer.

Links to all are below

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/xdt49xi9s0txxpywmfv7n/Dr-



Massed Secondary School Orchestra at the Alice Park Youth Music Festival

Afternoon of Sun 13 July

All instruments (orchestral or electronic), all levels.

Dr Dre hip hop / classical / rock mashup specially arranged and tailored to our musicians

Watch a video of our Family music day to see what we're about



com/watc

Listen to the Dr Dre mashup arranged for the Oldfield school orchestra - our starting point



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Here is the link to sign up

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScq4osv22fNPEK_v5qezTV-HPaXpdfwKPj0xeIMpmGJymIhZg/viewform, or you could go via the QR code in the attached poster. Please forward this to any friends you think may be interested in joining in! If your child can't make it but would like us to let you know about other events in future, please just tick that option on the form or email JonLGore@gmail.com

To give you an idea of what we're about, check out this link to a short montage of our family music day, and the rest of the channel contains the full performance and various other tunes from the adult orchestra

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=xSiC5Rm4iK4

Jon Gore



HOST YOUR NEXT MEETING OR EVENT WITH US



With space for up to 100 people, we cater for every meeting or event at Rengen House. Our flexible spaces combine original Georgian character with all the modern facilities you could need. And it's not just corporate events we can host. Our unique, private venue, equipped with your own bar and large sunny terrace, is the perfect setting for parties and celebrations.









Get in touch to find out more enquiries@rengenhouse.com

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Get hands on with river conservation this July

Bristol Avon RiverBlitz are looking for volunteers to help monitor water quality across the catchment. Test your local stream or river for nitrates and phosphates and be part of a powerful citizen science movement!





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We support families of children and young people with SEND (0-25) in Bath & North East Somerset.

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@support@banespcf.co.uk

Support Line

by parents for parents





- a supportive ear to listen
- ideas from parents who know about SEND
- or just a friendly **chat** with others who truly get it?

Call 01761 502515 or email support@banespcf.co.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.









RIVERSIDE ART CLUB

Every Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm

Ages 11-18

A quiet, calm space to be creative

Free: all materials provided

Where? Mentoring Plus Riverside Youth Hub York Mews

BA1 6AE





To attend text 'Art Club' 07561 852624 or just come along















Text 'Youth Club' to 07561 852624 or just turn up!





BLUE SKY TENNIS SUMMER CAMPS



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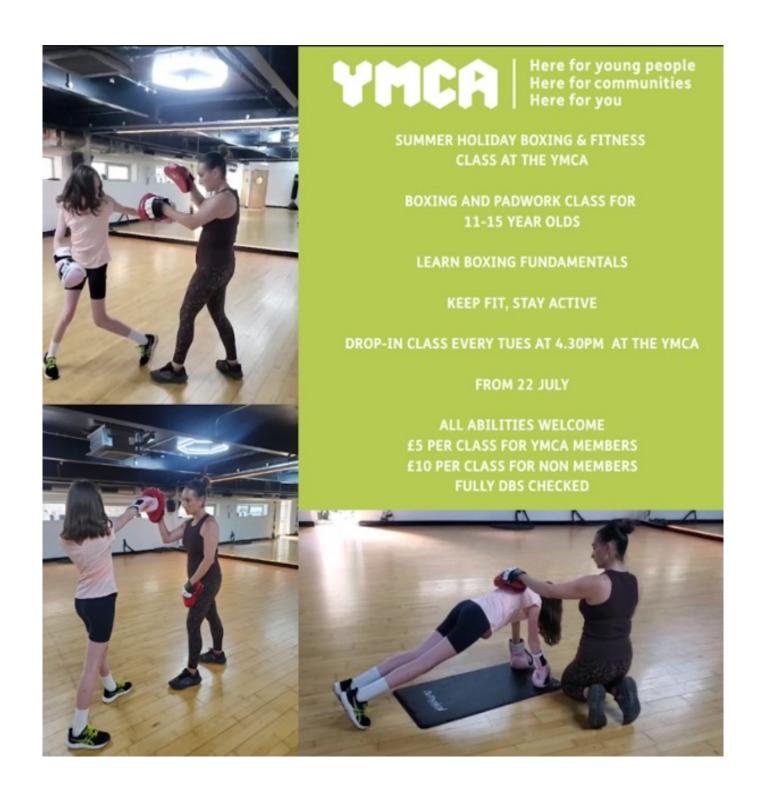


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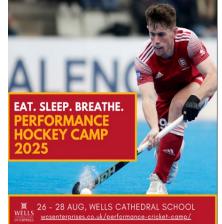
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AUGUST PERFORMANCE CAMPS—Wells Cathedral School

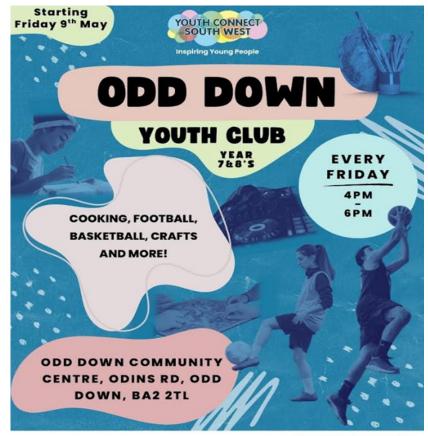












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