



## BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 4th September 25

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome students back to school this week after the summer break and it's really exciting to think of all the opportunities for the year ahead.

At the start of the new academic year I would like to extend a warm welcome to new students and staff joining us this term and I hope all will settle in quickly and soon feel fully part of the Beechen Cliff Community.

### Examination Results

A few weeks ago Year 13 and Year 11 students received their A Level and GCSEs results. We are incredibly proud of their achievements with results that are once again well in excess of national averages.

At A Level 65% of grades were at A-B and 88% were at A\*-C, well above national averages. Students studying vocational courses also achieved excellent results with an average grade of a Distinction. 90% of our Year 13 students are about to embark on their next steps at university with 82% of these achieving their first choice course. Other students are moving onto Art Foundation courses, apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships, the armed forces, professional sporting contracts, employment or gap years.



Aspiration

Compassion

Independence

Respect

At GCSE 82% of grades achieved were grades 9-4 and 35% were grades 9-7, well above the national average for England this year. 80% of pupils achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths (65% achieved a grade 5 or above) and 48% of pupils achieved the EBacc, giving them a strong basis for the next stage of their education. Students are now moving on to Sixth Form, College, Apprenticeships and, in a couple of cases, professional sports contracts.



We are so proud of our students' achievements, which they thoroughly deserve, and wish them every success in their next steps.

### Site Works

I would like to thank our site and IT teams for all their efforts over the summer to get the school ready for the start of term. This has included lots of repainting, including changing rooms, corridors and in the boarding house, installing new digital screens in several classrooms, health and safety checks and cleaning.

In particular, I am delighted to share that the renovations to the Bolton Suite are nearing completion and this will provide a fantastic resource for Languages teaching and, once in use, allow us to repurpose some space to provide additional pastoral meeting rooms and areas to support children with counselling and mentoring.



Finally I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Wright, our Site Manager, who is retiring this week, for all his support and commitment to Beechen Cliff over the last 11 years. We will really miss him.

I look forward to working with you all in the year ahead and I hope you enjoy reading the rest of this week's newsletter.

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Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 9th September**  
School Photos

**Saturday 13th September**  
PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 10am-12pm

**Thursday 11th September**  
Prospective Parents Evening 6–8pm

**Tuesday 16th September**  
Year 7 Parents Information Evening 6–7pm

**Thursday 18th September**  
Prospective Parents Open Morning 9-11am

**TYC visits for Year 7s**  
29th Sept -1st Oct BY7A  
1st-3rd Oct ML7B  
6th-8th Oct BY7B  
8th-10th Oct KP7  
13th-15th Oct ML7A  
15th-17th Oct SH7

## Key Notices

### 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 [sixthattendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:sixthattendance@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.](#)

## Attendance

As we begin this new school year, I would like to take a moment to highlight the importance of good school attendance and the positive impact it has on every child's journey at Beechen Cliff.

Every school day is an opportunity for your child to learn something new, strengthen friendships, and take part in experiences that help them grow both academically and personally. When students attend regularly, they are able to keep up with lessons, feel confident in their learning, and take full advantage of the opportunities available to them.

### **Good attendance helps children to:**

Make steady academic progress and achieve their best results.

Build strong routines that foster confidence and resilience.

Enjoy school life more fully by taking part in clubs, activities, and shared experiences with friends.

Develop the habits of commitment and reliability that will support them in later life.

Please remember that for attendance to be deemed as "good" pupils must have an attendance record of 97% and above and, of course, the expectation is that children attend school every day.

We understand that children may sometimes need time at home if they are unwell, but regular attendance really does make a difference. With your support, we can ensure that your child is present, engaged, and ready to make the most of all that Beechen Cliff has to offer this year.

Thank you for working with us to give your child the very best start to the year ahead.

Mr C Hall

Assistant Headteacher

Attendance and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## 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>

## Prospective Parents Evening - Thursday 11th September 6 - 8pm

On Thursday 11th September we are holding our first open event of the academic year, Prospective Parents Evening. This is for pupils (and their parents) considering joining Beechen Cliff from September 2026 onwards. In order to allow for preparation time for the evening school will finish early at 1.30pm on 11th September. Lunch will be available during our first lunch sitting only (for Years 7-9). Students in Years 10 and above will be able to access food in the Refectory during break time and students eligible for free school meals will also be able to access them during morning break time too.

Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, Year 11 Prefects and Sixth Formers who are acting as tour guides for the evening or who are helping in faculty areas should report back to school by 5.15pm and will be able to leave at 8pm. We would also welcome support from other students in subject areas too. Please complete the form below if your child is able to take part in the evening:

Permission form - [Prospective Parents Evening](#)

Please also note that our Open Morning will be taking place on Thursday 18th September from 9.00 - 11.00am

Mr A Seal

Deputy Headteacher

## Values and IGNITE Day

After the action packed end to the Summer Term with Activities Week and Work Experience and the recognition of efforts and endeavours through the examination results, It has been a busy start to the term and it has been wonderful to have all of the pupils back after their summer which seems but a distant memory....

The focus for the Pastoral Team over the first two days of term has been re-establishing the systems and processes so that they are fresh in the minds of everyone after the break and supporting all in preparing for what promises to be another action packed year at Beechen Cliff. As the pupils arrived at their allotted time on Wednesday, they were welcomed by their Head of Year initially as each group had an assembly and then by their tutors who discussed timetables, systems and our expected high standards of organisation, behaviour and attendance so that all are ready to accept whatever comes their way this year. Please expect an email of introduction from your son's tutor over the course of the next week, making contact and introducing themselves as the first point of contact should the need to get in touch arise.

As is customary at Beechen Cliff at the start of each academic year, the focus this week has been on all members of the community reaffirming their commitment to our school values by signing the School Charter, asserting that they will uphold the schools values in order to enable them to achieve their aspirations and become well-rounded, confident and compassionate individuals who go on to live fulfilled lives and make positive contributions to society.

Alongside the Beechen Cliff Charter, all at the school also undertake formalised teaching and reflection time before signing our Pledge of Respect. This document is the work of our students, namely the Anti Bullying Ambassadors and the Senior Prefect Team and gives specific advice on the way each one of us can support each other, demonstrate respect for all; it signposts agencies that could be of help and also empowers students to call out behaviours that are harmful or cause offence.

This is encapsulated in the following statements:

We treat all people with KINDNESS and COMPASSION

We ASPIRE to be a community where everyone is free to be themselves

We RESPECT the rights and needs of every member of our school community

We are INDEPENDENT in our understanding of what is right, and do the right thing even when no one is looking

In committing to this, our pupils attest to respect and celebrate difference, support everyone and treat people equally regardless of their characteristics. We want everyone in our school community to have a positive experience at, and positive impression of Beechen Cliff School.

Please do discuss the work that we have undertaken with the pupils this week and if you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your son's tutor who will be able to assist you further. Please also see the Home School Agreement document that is linked below; this clarifies the roles and responsibilities of each party and reaffirms everyone's commitment to ensuring the success of the pupils in the school. A brilliant way to start is ensuring that your son or daughter has all of the correct equipment for each day and is dressed correctly and ready to learn.

You may also wish to refer to our home school agreement which is available on our website.

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Home-School-Agreement-2025.docx.pdf>

Here's to a fantastic year of positivity, progress and achievement for all.

Mr K Morris

Assistant Headteacher

## Arbor Parent App



This is the system that we use to manage all of our students' data including:

- Attendance
- Assessment and reports
- Contact details
- School meal and trip payments
- Rewards and sanctions

The App can be downloaded from the play/app stores. Arbor can also be accessed from a PC using the following URL: <https://beeche-cliff-school.uk.arbor.sc>

This link is also available from the Popular Pages menu at the top of the School Website

If you have issues logging in, please contact us on [headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

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# 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                              |   |
| * Pencil sharpener and eraser                               | * 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)

## 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.

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/contact/staff-emails/>

For all general enquiries or if you are unsure who to contact, please email the main school email address - [headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

For all attendance issues, please email [attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

For any safeguarding concerns, please email Mr Hall, Designated Safeguarding Lead - [chall@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:chall@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

For any questions regarding Curriculum & Assessment, please contact Mr Seal Deputy Headteacher - [aseal@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:aseal@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

For any queries regarding Conduct & Character Development, please contact Mr Morris, Assistant Headteacher - [kmorris@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:kmorris@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

For any queries regarding SEND/ Pupil Premium, please contact Ms Blair, SENDCO - [jblair@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:jblair@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

For any pastoral issues or if you have any concerns about your child, please contact the Head of Year.

Annie Milland	Head of Year 7	<a href="mailto:amilland@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">amilland@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a>
Ian Burnell	Head of Year 8	<a href="mailto:iburnell@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">iburnell@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a>
Jack Utton	Head of Year 9	<a href="mailto:jutton@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">jutton@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a>
Patrick Macdonald	Head of Year 10	<a href="mailto:pmacdonald@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">pmacdonald@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a>
Alex Firth	Head of Year 11	<a href="mailto:afirth@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">afirth@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a>

## PSHE for Term 1

Year 7 - Settling in, Internet Safety and Road Safety.

Year 8 - Body Image and Healthy Lifestyles.

Year 9 - Drugs, Alcohol and Vaping.

Year 10 - SRE. Healthy Relationships.

Year 11- Drugs & Alcohol. Risks and Influences.

Year 12 and 13 - Mental Health.

A Wilmot

Head of PSHE

## A note from your Beechen Cliff PTA

Welcome to the new parents and welcome back to everyone else! We hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer!

So, who is the PTA?

What do we do?

How can you help?

First of all, as parents, you are all members of our PTA. However, for such a big school, we have a very small PTA Committee, with about 8-12 committed parents helping regularly at various events. We all lead busy lives but just imagine if we had more volunteers, how much more money we'd be able to raise for our school.

Recent fundraising efforts are going towards paying for a new laser cutter for the Design and Tech department: at a cost of over £20,000, this is not something the school can afford out of its own budget and so is relying on PTA fundraising for this. We have also raised significant amounts for Student Mental Health and Wellbeing services as well as sports equipment.

There are currently three parent members of the PTA Committee:

Acting Chair Paul Fleming;

Acting Secretary Jane Gibbons (Year 10 parent); and

Acting Treasurer Hadid Vera Llamas Cruz (Year 9 parent).

Paul was former Treasurer and until recently had been doing that role and that of Chair. He will be standing down at the PTA AGM in November (as his son left BCS in 2024), at which point Jane and Hadid will be formally elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We are therefore looking for a new Chair so if anyone is interested, please do contact Paul on [chair@beechenpta.org](mailto:chair@beechenpta.org) for more information. The role is as big as you want to make it.

We arrange various events throughout the year: pre-loved uniform sales; Bands Nights; Music concerts, Quiz Nights. The events leading up to Christmas are:

<b>Saturday 13 September</b>	Pre-loved uniform sale, 1000-1200hrs, Clubhouse
<b>Tuesday 23 September</b>	PTA meeting, 1800hrs, Staffroom (anyone interested in knowing more is very welcome to come along)
<b>Friday 17 October</b>	Quiz Night, 1900hrs, Refectory
<b>Wednesday 22 October</b>	Piano Concert, 1900hrs, St Luke's Church, Wellsway
<b>Saturday 8 November</b>	Pre-loved uniform sale, 1000-1200hrs, Clubhouse
<b>November (date tbc)</b>	PTA AGM, 1900hrs, The Bear pub, Wellsway

All of these events need volunteers to help run them so please do consider helping even just a little if you can.

There are other ways you can help the school, by donating directly via the Good Hub website (<https://www.goodhub.com/go/pta-beechen-cliff-school>), signing up to the monthly 50:50 lottery (<https://www.goodhub.com/go/5050club>) where 50% of the funds raised go to the school and 50% to winners; or using Give as You Live" whereby retailers give a percentage of the purchase price of an item bought online to a chosen cause -<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/how-it-works>

We look forward to meeting you at some of our events!

**Beechen Cliff PTA**





**BEECHEN CLIFF**

An exceptional all-round  
education for boys

A vibrant, academic  
mixed Sixth Form

Boarding House

## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
6pm - 8pm

## OPEN MORNING

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
9am - 11am

## SIXTH FORM OPEN MORNING

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
9am - 12.30pm



[www.beechencliff.org.uk](http://www.beechencliff.org.uk)

55 Kipling Avenue, Bath BA2 4RE

01225 480466

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE



**SAT 8 FEB**  
10am - 12pm

At the Clubhouse  
outbuilding

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE



**FRI 11 OCT**  
3.30pm - 5pm

At the Clubhouse  
outbuilding

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE



**MON 23 JUNE**  
5pm - 7.30pm

At the Clubhouse  
outbuilding

## Extra-Curricular

### Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

We have a fantastic range of clubs again this term, the full list of extra-curricular clubs will be published next week. Rugby clubs for years 7 and 10 start on Thursday 4th September and year 8 and 9 start next week. Paid clubs will be available on Arbor and you will be notified when they are available.

Mr P Macdonald  
Head of Year 10  
Associate Assistant Headteacher (Personal Development)

### Theatre Production in Partnership with Hayesfield and Bath Theatre School

Following the success of the joint Oklahoma, West Side Story and Shrek productions between Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield in partnership with Bath Theatre School over the last three years, we are planning to continue this collaboration for the next academic year to build up to a professional production in March 2026. The production we will be working towards next year is High School Musical.

For the academic year 2025/2026, the sessions will continue on a Friday afternoon, based at Beechen Cliff for 2 hours after school from 3.30 - 5.30pm. They will run from September (beginning on 5th September) through to Term 5 with the opportunity to participate in the production in Term 4. The production will take place in the Roper Theatre at Hayesfield School. Throughout the year students will work with professional tutors in dance, singing and acting. There will be a minimum of 30 sessions over the year.

Instead of a weekly charge, the total costs of the activity will be broken down into two payments of £80 and two payments of £75 payable at the start of Terms 1-4 (payable directly to Bath Theatre School). This means no payments will be required for Terms 5 and 6. As well as the professional tutoring, the cost includes the contribution towards the production costs and costumes. This is a heavily subsidised cost to try and ensure as many students can access this opportunity as possible and there will be additional support for students who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

All pupils are welcome to join the first session on 5th September as a taster session, free of charge, to find out more information.

Miss C Moorhead

Beechen Cliff Theatre School Lead

## Mouthguards for Lessons and Extra-Curricular Activities

All pupils need a mouthguard for Games lessons as they will be participating in rugby and hockey this term. Mouthguards will also be needed for training and fixtures for both sports.

Mouthguards can be purchased online or at sports shops at a very reasonable price. We also work in partnership with Opro if you would like a custom fit mouthguard. All details can be found on their website-<http://opro.com/> and use code **BeechenCliff10** for 10 % discount. The school also has its own design which can be found on the Opro website.

Mr P Macdonald  
Head of Year 10

## Blue Sky Tennis Beechen Cliff Year 7-9 After-School Tennis Programme

Blue Sky Tennis are pleased to offer an after-school tennis program for Beechen Cliff students.

The goal of the program is to provide support for pupils wishing to learn and/or develop the fundamentals on all the shots in tennis and develop their rally skills.

The programme will take place at Bloomfield Tennis Club, which is a short walk from the school.

**Class Dates:** 11th September - 16th October (6 week course)

**Class Times:** 3:45-4:45pm

**Location:** Bloomfield Tennis Club, BA2 4SD

**Price:** £48 (£8 per session)

**How to Book:** Follow the link [here](#)

For any other questions, email [genie@blueskytennis.co.uk](mailto:genie@blueskytennis.co.uk)

*Shaun Hitchcock*

Tennis Manager(Blue Sky Tennis)

email: [shaun@blueskytennis.co.uk](mailto:shaun@blueskytennis.co.uk)

web: [www.blueskytennis.co.uk](http://www.blueskytennis.co.uk)

mobile: 07540594939

Please note that the school will also be running a tennis club after school during the summer term on our courts on the astroturf with no charge for students to attend.

## SKI TRIP USA 26



There is a place available on the USA Ski Trip for a Year 8 pupil.

If you are interested and require more information, please contact the trip lead

Mr Macdonald, [pmacdonald@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:pmacdonald@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

## 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.*

### 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)



### Big BaNES 100k

*Walk, run, cycle, swim - or do it your way!*



**Join us for this year's Big BaNES 100k**

A flexible 100km challenge for students and families, raising funds for local youth mental health support.

Supporting:



In partnership with:



We're excited to be supporting this year's Big BaNES 100k - a fun and flexible outdoor challenge raising funds for two local youth charities, Mentoring Plus and Off The Record.

Until Friday 26 September, pupils and their families are invited to walk, run, cycle, or paddle their way to 100km and raise vital funds along the way. Whether you take part solo, team up with friends, or relay your way to the finish, every kilometre counts.

All funds raised will help provide mental health and wellbeing support for thousands of children and young people across Bath & North East Somerset.

Join the challenge and sign up here: <https://bit.ly/BigBaNES2025>

