



BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 18th September

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by and we have had a successful week of sporting fixtures.

We have also held our Open Morning for prospective year 7 pupils and parents with lots of visitors on site once again this morning.

Tour guides from Year 7, 8 11 and the Sixth Form were once again fantastic ambassadors for Beechen Cliff and many visitors commented on the amazing job they did representing their school.

During tutor times in Year 7-11 this week the Theme of the Week session has been based around careers and there is more information on our Future Horizons (careers) programme later in this newsletter.

Wishing you a good weekend.

T. D. Markall
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd September

PTA Meeting 6pm in the staffroom

Tuesday 14th October

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening 6-7 pm

Thursday 16th October

Bath Hub Year 8 Disco

Friday 17th October

PTA Quiz and Curry Night 7-10pm

Saturday 18th October

Sixth Form Open Morning 9am–12.30pm

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.mnsp.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.mnsp.org.uk

PLEASE
NOTE...

Menu -Week Commencing 22nd September

Monday: Pork with Mushroom and Peppercorn Sauce, Cheddar and Red Onion Turnover (W,D)

Tuesday: Mac and Cheese (W,D), Beetroot Risotto

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Homity Pie (W,D)

Thursday: Pork Tagine, Mozzarella and Pepper Quesadilla (W,D)

Friday: Fishermans Pie (D), Pasta Arabiatta (W)

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

Thank you

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

(W) = Contains Wheat Products
(D) = Contains Dairy Products
(G) = Gluten Free Option

PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please contact the attendance office -

attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk for a copy of the 'absence request form' which can

Driving up the avenues to drop off/collect pupils from school

Where possible we would be grateful if parents/carers could drop off/pick up pupils on Bear Flat. The car park outside of Cook is available for use and this reduces the traffic on the avenues up to school.

If you need to drive up to the school please use the unofficial one-way system up Shakespeare Avenue and down Kipling Avenue. Further, please ensure that the speed limit is kept to and that the parking bays are used. Please do not stop and drop off/pick up on the yellow lines.

This is to ensure the safety of all pupils and other pedestrians.

Thank you for your support.

Mr C Hall

Designated Safeguarding Lead




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Sixth Form Open Morning
Saturday 18th October 9am - 12.30pm

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Music News

Piano Concert—Wednesday 22nd October 7.00pm. St Lukes Church, Bath, BA2 2BD.

We will be holding our annual piano concert in the last week of this term. More details will follow in due course, but if you wish your son/daughter to be involved, please ask them to come and see one of the music staff or alternatively e-mail: music@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Music Lessons

All instrumental lessons began this week (w/c 15th September 25). I would ask parents to ensure pupils check the timetables displayed in the music centre foyer. A copy of the timetables can also be found online in the music pages <http://musicbcs.weebly.com/music-timetables.html>
Timetables are updated each Friday in preparation for the following week.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music

Year 7 Litterpicking Crew

A brilliant effort from our Year 7 Litterpick Lollypop Lunchtime Crew!

So proud of these students who are adding value to the community, one piece of litter at a time.

This weekly initiative is making our school grounds a better place for everyone.

Mr K Morris
Assistant Headteacher (Personal Development)



Current Vacancies in the School and the Trust

Please follow the link below to view and access all current vacancies from across the MNSTP Trust
<https://www.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/vacancies.htm>

THE LIBRARY NEWS

A calm, quiet space to read and work

Pupils' Use of Library Excellent!

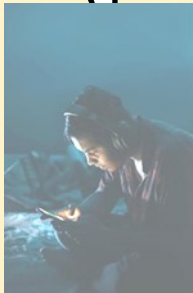
It has been fantastic to see our pupils back in the library after the summer break and I am delighted how many of our new Y7s have come in to borrow books and do homework. The atmosphere has been calm, quiet and productive, and it is impressive to see the types of books our boys have been reading over the summer.

KS3 library lessons are well under way, and with tutor time reading, we now have more opportunities for reading for pleasure in school time! Try to read a little bit every day and you will soon see the benefits!

The library is a great space for calm and quiet reading and also a space to get help with homework.

If you want any help with reading, please get in touch. My email is:

lbridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk



READING TOP TIP:

Students: Leave Phones Downstairs!

Try keeping your phone out of your bedroom for one week.

Studies show that this can improve concentration and sleep. Without your phone, you are more likely to read to combat

OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering: you can be a pupil librarian in any year group. This can count towards your DofE 'volunteering' for any level of the award.

CLUBS:

Quiet Games KS3 - Mon 12.30

Learn to Play Bridge KS4/5 - Tue 1.30

Schools Challenge Quiz ALL - Tue 3.15

Book Clubs To be confirmed

Library Opening Times

Open Monday - Thursday before school (from 8am) at break / lunch.

Currently closed on Thursday afternoon and Fridays (except for homework club).

Homework Club every day after school (until 4.30)

Homework Club

Just a reminder that the library is used for homework club after school until 4.30pm.

The expectation is that pupils are doing homework or reading silently. Mobile phones are not allowed. We ask pupils to **sign out when they leave** for safeguarding reasons. Please ask your son to adhere to these rules.

Thank you!

Keep Reading! Mrs Bridge



Extra-Curricular

MUSIC TOUR –JULY 2026

We are hoping to build on the success of the previous music tour to Barcelona in 2023 as well as our recent mass rehearsal before the summer with another European trip in July 2026! (Destination TBC)

The students will be performing away from home in front of international crowds, which boosts any musician's confidence, whilst also engaging with their friends in an unfamiliar setting and discovering new places.

The cost of this 6 day tour is expected to be in the region of £900.

Thank you to those who have already expressed interest. If you have not already done so and your child would like to attend this trip, please indicate this by completing the google form below by Friday 19th September. Letters will then be sent out in due course with more information regarding next steps. We will be asking for a deposit of £50 by the end of September which will be refunded if there is insufficient interest in the trip.

Please note, this trip is intended for practising musicians, pupils having instrumental lessons, and/or those who are regularly involved in music ensembles.

Expression of interest form: <https://forms.gle/wF7ihefDiZZhaYTL6>

If you have any questions at this stage, please email music@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Mr S Thompson
Music

Mouth-guards 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

New Sports Kit- sponsorship opportunities

The school is hoping to buy two new rugby and football kits for fixtures for the upcoming season.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of these kits, please contact Mr Macdonald



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

SPORTS FIXTURES W/C 22nd September (details correct at time of publication)

Details of upcoming sports fixtures, team sheets and meet times are available on the school SOCS website- <https://www.schoolssports.com/school/default.asp?id=374>

Please check the website for up any changes/updates

Date	Fixture		Start time/kick off	Meet time	Finish/ Return time
Tuesday 23 rd September	RUGBY	U15A v Sherborne School (h)	14:30	13.45	
Wednesday 24 th September	RUGBY	BCS 1 st XV v Gordons (h)	14:30	12.45	
		BCS 2nd XV v Gordons (h)	14.30	12.45	
		BCS U12a v Prior Park College (a)	14.30		
		BCS U13a v Prior Park College (a)	14.30		
		BCS U14a v Marlborough (a)	14.30		
		BCS U14b v Marlborough (a)	14.30		
	SWIMMING	@ Millfield	12.00	10.00	
Thursday 25 th September	RUGBY	BCS 3rd XV v Marlborough BCS U16a v Marlborough BCS U15v Marlborough	14:30		
	FOOTBALL	BCS U16 v Chipping Sodbury (a)	13.00		

Recent Fixture Results

Date	Fixture		Result
Tuesday 16th September	FOOTBALL	1st XI v St Katherines (Odd Down)	12-1
Wednesday 17th September	RUGBY	BCS U18A v Cardinal Newman (A)	45-5
		BCS U18A v Cardinal Newman(A)	45-5
		BCS U18 v Cardinal Newman (A)	29-29
		BCS U13A Downside School (H)	0-0
	FOOTBALL	BCS U14 v Norton Hill (A)	tbc
Thursday 18th September	FOOTBALL	U15A v Kings Oak Academy (A)	tbc



Wellbeing



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the first edition of our *Wellbeing Newsletter* for 2025–26. We are especially delighted to welcome new families joining Beechen Cliff with their wonderful Year 7 children, and we hope you are all settling well into life here.

Our wellbeing newsletter is published weekly and is written by the Wellbeing Team alongside our Solution Focused practitioners, **Susie Ingram** and **Tara Gretton**. Throughout the year, we will be sharing:

Insights into the *Solution Focused approach* and how it is woven into the culture of our school and everyday interactions.

- Examples of how we use the approach in one-to-one sessions, group work, and across the wider community.
- Information about adolescent brain development, relationships, and ways of supporting young people (and families) with the complexities and anxieties of growing up.

Over the summer, we have also been working on our *Mental Health Strategy*. **Tara Gretton** and **Polly Netto**, one of its key contributors, will share updates with you across the year. You can also find more details on our website.

This year we plan to offer Solution Focused sessions for parents, either online or in person. We will be in touch shortly to find out which format works best for you.

Our best hope is that you will find these newsletters useful and encouraging, giving you ideas to build on what is already working well in your families and supporting open conversations about wellbeing at home.

Finally, a note about our counselling support:

- **Sixth Form (Years 12–13):** Susie Ingram, referral via the Pastoral Manager.
- **Lower School (Years 7–11):** Tara Gretton, referral via the Pastoral Managers.

We are very much looking forward to collaborating and co-creating with you over the year ahead.

Warm wishes,

The Wellbeing Team

Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

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

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

Mrs E Pascoe

Head of Careers



What's New for 2025: Relaunching Future Horizons

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and that your son/daughter is looking forward to the opportunities this academic year will bring.

For those who are new to our school community, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Emma Pascoe and I am the Head of Futures at Beechen Cliff School. Working closely with Mr Markall and Miss Mather, we are fully committed to delivering a comprehensive, inspiring, and supportive programme of careers education and guidance to all pupils from Year 7 to Year 13.

As a non-teaching Head of Futures and a Level 6 qualified Careers Adviser, with over 20 years of experience in private sector recruitment and both secondary and further education, I offer a well-rounded perspective on career development and guidance.

I joined Writhlington School in 2014 and in 2020, was seconded to work across several schools within the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust, including Beechen Cliff. For the last four years I have worked solely at Beechen Cliff School and am available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Our Careers Programme is designed to be:

- Inspiring and aspirational
- Student-centred and inclusive
- Integrated across the curriculum
- Reflective of individual needs, interests and ambitions
- Supportive of decision-making from Key Stage 3 through Key Stage 5
- Impartial, high-quality, and accessible to all
- A driver for raising aspirations, promoting equality and diversity

Every pupil takes part in a structured careers programme that supports them in understanding their strengths, exploring their options, and planning their next steps – whether that's university, an apprenticeship, employment, or other opportunities.

We are excited to announce several significant developments as part of the relaunch of the Future Horizons Careers Service, all designed to further support our pupils and keep parents, carers, and staff fully informed.

Unifrog: A One-Stop Platform for Careers, Apprenticeships and University

Last year we invested in Unifrog, an award-winning online platform that brings all careers, university, and apprenticeship information into one easy-to-navigate place. It will be used across all year groups -

- Years 7–8: Students explore interests, skills, and early career ideas using fun and interactive tools
- Year 9: As GCSE options approach, students access personality quizzes and subject guides to support informed decisions
- Year 10: Students begin building CVs, exploring careers in more depth, and preparing for work experience
- Year 11: Comprehensive tools to research sixth form, college, apprenticeships and T Levels; support with personal statements and applications
- Years 12–13: Full support for UCAS applications, super-curricular development, MOOCs, interview prep, job searches, and apprenticeship guidance.

The Apprenticeship Academy: Tailored Support for Apprenticeship Seekers in Years 10 - 13

We are also delighted to introduce the Apprenticeship Academy run by The Careers People. The programme is for students in Years 10 to 13 who are seeking support and guidance regarding apprenticeship pathways. I will advertise the programmes nearer their dates and students who want to sign up can do this themselves. This is a free opportunity. You can find out more at: www.apprenticeship.academy or follow on TikTok/Instagram: @apprenticeshipacademy

Weekly Careers Newsletter

We publish a weekly Careers Newsletter to share:

- University and apprenticeship opportunities
- Employer insights and alumni stories
- Work experience placements and volunteering
- Super-curricular activities and competitions
- CV writing tips, personal statement support and more
- You will receive this via the school's main newsletter, and it will also be posted in your son/daughter's Year Group Google Classroom.

Get Involved: Share Your Career Journey

We would be delighted if parents and carers could support our Future Horizons programme. Whether you can offer work experience, contribute to a careers assembly, or record a short “My Career Journey” video, your insights can have a real impact on our students.

If you are interested, please complete this short form: [Careers Support 2025/26 Survey](#)

At Beechen Cliff, we are proud to offer a careers service that grows with your son/daughter, from early exploration in Year 7 through to competitive applications in Sixth Form. Your son/daughter will be empowered to make confident, well-informed choices about their future.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to contact me at careers@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk.

Thank you, as always, for your support – we are excited for what this year has in store!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Pascoe
Head of Futures

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.

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First Wednesday of the month commencing Wed 1st Oct 25

Stone, Paper, Scissors, Tithe Barn Workshops, 4 Pound Lane, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LF

Open to girls aged 12 + (Year 8 upwards)

 **6:00 to 7:30 PM**

 **Learn more: www.mightygirls.co.uk**



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Music Production Courses

Want to learn about music production and get a solid grounding in production techniques? WEMA have partnered with Bath College to run three 10-week courses.

Students will create an original piece of music using Logic Pro X with prompts provided by Bath College lecturers and WEMA staff. All levels of experience welcome.

Course 1: Wednesdays, 24 Sep-3 Dec (Oct half term off).

Course 2: Wednesdays, 4 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)

Course 3: Wednesdays, 22 April - 1 July (May half term off)

Details and booking at:
wema.org.uk/music-production-courses



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Wind Band & Instrument Lessons For Adults

Looking to join a wind band? Want to learn a wind instrument from scratch?

Good news - we're planning two new opportunities in Bath, from September 2025

- Wind Band: for woodwind, brass and percussion players of Grade 3 standard upwards. Traditional wind band repertoire.
- 6.50pm-7.50pm at Hayesfield School, Bath.
- Lessons & Ensemble: For adults keen to learn a wind instrument from scratch.
- 5.45pm-6.45pm at Hayesfield School, Bath.



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SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2025

WITHYMEAD PLAYING FIELD

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Compete for the Inter-School Cup and risk getting muddy!

Six Categories:

Year 7 Girls
Years 8-9 Girls
Years 10-11 Girls

Year 7 Boys
Years 8-9 Boys
Years 10-11 Boys

The top three finishers from each school in each category are added together to form the school's team entry. The school with the lowest combined time wins the cup for each category.

Medals for every finisher. Accurate chip timing.

Also on the day : 2km Mudling fun-run and the 11km Mudlark
See website for details.

The event is organised by the Marshfield Primary School PTA.
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race-nation.co.uk/register/marshfield-mudlark/marshfield-mudlark-2025



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2025 New Season Schedule

30 Oct + 22 Dec- HPCs

10am- 3pm - Ages 13-17 work in the stretch zone ready for +TA

31 Oct - Scoring/Skills/Game Workshops

10am- 11.30 | 12.15-1.45pm | 2-3.30pm - Ages 8-15

1 Nov - Advanced Masterclasses

10am- 11.30 | 12.-1.30pm | Ages 12-17

17-19 Dec - Camps

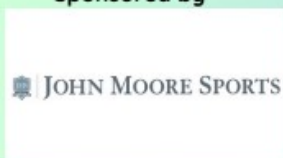
10am- 12pm and 1-3pm - Ages 7-14; Registration 0930 pick up by 3.20pm

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