



BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 23rd October

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy term and I would like to thank you for all your support over the last 8 weeks. We are really proud of our students and hope all can enjoy a well deserved break over half term. Tomorrow is an INSET day and students return to school on Monday 3rd November.

School Performance Tables

This week the department of Education published the KS4 Performance Tables for 2025. These show the outcomes of Beechen Cliff students last summer were well above both national, south west and local authority averages in all of the key headline measures.

The percentage of students achieving a grade 5 or above in both English and Maths was the highest in the local authority and the highest in the county as reported by Somerset Live:

[Somerset's best performing school in 2025 GCSE league tables named](#)

We are really proud of our students' academic achievements and it is lovely to see these reflected in the Performance Tables. For more information on the school performance of Beechen Cliff please use the following link:

[Beechen Cliff School Performance 2025](#)

Piano Concert

Last night was our annual piano concert at St Luke's Church. 28 performances took place with students from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form taking part. It was a wonderful evening to showcase our talented pianists and a fitting end to the autumn term. Well done to all who took part!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th October

INSET Day
End of TERM

Monday 3rd November

Start of Term 2

Thursday 6th November

Year 13 Parents Evening

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday

Monday 10th November

Year 11 Mock Examinations commence

Thursday 27th November

Ignite Day: Employability and Future Horizons

Friday 28th November

Year 13 Mock Examinations commence

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch
Santa Run
Carol Service @ Bath Abbey

Friday 19th December

End of Term 2



School Production

We are excited that the cast list for our school production this year has been announced. Many congratulations to all the students on their auditions. Over the months ahead Beechen Cliff students will be working with Bath Theatre School and their peers from Hayesfield on a production of High School Musical. This will take place at the Roper Theatre at Hayesfield during the week of 30th March. Save the date!

Bolton Languages Building

We are also delighted to share that the refurbishment of the Bolton Languages Building is almost complete and we will be moving in over the half term break. This will provide what is essentially a new block for our Languages department and students and staff will enjoy the use of the significantly improved facilities from the start of next term. We look forward to sharing some pictures of the new building after the half term break.

Wishing you a good half term.

T. D. Marshall .

Mr T. D. Markall
Headteacher

Key Notices

PLEASE
NOTE...

REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

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

Lower School Pupils

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

attendance@beechencliff.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

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 also be found on the school website:

[MNSP Absence Request Form](#).

Term Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027

Beechen Cliff term dates are set in line with all Schools within the Midsomer Norton School Partnership (MNSP). The dates for 2026/2027 are available on the Beechen Cliff website at <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/term-dates/>

PSHE - Topics coming up in Term 2

Year 7 - Relationships - Friendships, Bullying, Equality and respect.

Year 8 - RSE - Qualities in a partner, what is a positive relationship, LGBTQ+

Year 9 - RSE - Positive relationships, consent, sexting, upskirting and contraception.

Year 10 - RPE - Religious views on sex and relationships, Death and the afterlife, expressing religious belief.

Year 11 - Careers - CV Writing, Personal Statements, Mocks and Mental Health.

Year 12 - RSE - Positive Relationships, Consent, Image Sharing, Contraception.

Year 13 - RSE - Identifying unwanted attention, Relationship safety, Modern Families.

Mrs A Wilmot (She/Her)
Head of PSHE

Equipment and Uniform Expectations

It is the expectation that all pupils bring the required equipment to school each day so that they are ready for learning. As you will appreciate, with boys navigating the school and entering different classrooms for different lessons, settling down to their 'do now' task and being able to switch their focus from the previous subject to the current one at the start of each lesson can be challenging enough. The impact that 'I haven't got a pen/pencil/my book' can have significantly reduces the teachers ability to start lessons promptly, focus their attention on the students that require support or to maintain the momentum and pace to the challenge that is on offer to maximise learning.

You may, or hopefully not, have seen a rise in emails over this term with regards to our students being ready and equipped to learn each day. We have employed a monitoring system that requires every boy in Years 7 to 11 to have their 'learning equipment' checked by their tutors formally every Monday, but also to have these things out on their desks each day during tutor time and all lessons so that we can be assured that they will not lose any vital learning time seeking alternatives. The expectation is that they are able to fill the following equipment mat on a Monday, if not, it is likely that you will receive an email asking you to support your son in getting the equipment so that he can be successful.

In addition, we expect students to be smartly dressed in their school uniform at school as this not only fits with the ethos and values of the school but it also sets the tone for effective learning. No member of staff wants to be continually asking boys to tuck their shirt in or do up their top button, but we have high standards of uniform and we don't apologise for these expectations. We have, this term, had a refocus on the basics and we would expect that all students are equipped to learn, dressed appropriately and behave accordingly.

Can I please ask that over half term you check to ensure your son has all the required equipment for school. In addition please can you check your son's shirts to ensure that they fit around the neck, that his tie is still looking the way it should, that he has school shoes, (trainers are not permitted) and that

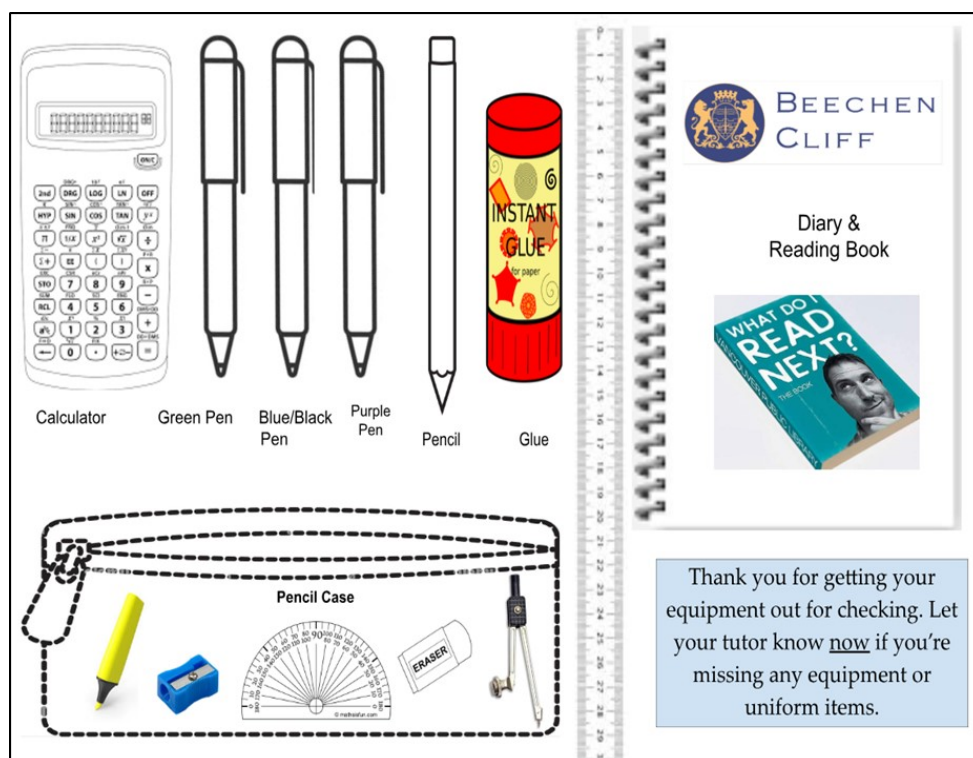
his blazer still fits as we expect these to be worn every day.

If you are unsure, our uniform requirements and expectations are on our website and here: [Uniform Expectations](#)

We have a phenomenal PTA who are always looking for new members (webpage here: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/parents/pta/>) who run regular highly successful second hand uniform sales. If you have any second hand uniform enquiries please email Ellie Thomas secondhanduniformBC@gmail.com.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium you can contact Mrs Layton to discuss financial support for equipment and uniform via tlayton@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk.

We believe we have a wonderful school, with great students



Thank you for getting your equipment out for checking. Let your tutor know now if you're missing any equipment or uniform items.

and fantastically supportive parents. We want the very best for your boys, helping them to achieve and be successful. Being organised, well equipped, smartly dressed and ready to learn plays a huge part in this by reducing the distractions and maximising their time to learn more, be curious and achieve even greater outcomes.

Here's to a restful half term and thank you for your continued support.

Mr K Morris

Assistant Headteacher (Conduct and Character Development)

THE LIBRARY NEWS

A calm, quiet space to read and work

First Book Club a Success!

This Wednesday we had our first whole school book club, with the genre/theme of Horror. 30 pupils came along to the library after school which was an amazing turnout!

There were several horrr-genre related puzzles to get everyone's minds working, including a secret bookshelf! We listened to Mr Sayles talk about horror and some of the common monsters and their metaphorical meanings. Students then shared their recent reads and wrote short reviews to encourage others to try their favourite books. We ended the afternoon with a quiz.

Next month the genre will be Fantasy. You can read any book in this genre. Look out for more information coming soon!

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

lbridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

READING TOP TIP:

A book in the holiday.

Can you challenge yourself to read a whole book in a week?

Choose a decent length book that you think you can get through in a week. Divide the total number of pages by 10 and read a chunk every day. You will be amazed how quickly you get



Students listening to Mr Sayles talk about horror books in the Whole School Book Club.

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





Are you the next Jamie Oliver? Gordon Ramsay? Big Zuu? If so, this competition is for you...

The MNSP Trust is holding a Young Chef of the Year competition to discover our next big talent in Year 9.

On Monday 10th November, Beechen Cliff are holding our internal heats for the competition in T3 from 3.15- 5pm.



The winner from here will go on to compete against other schools in the Trust on the 3rd of March with guest judges at Writhlington School.

The brief is a **main course dish** to serve **2** people that can be produced in **90 minutes** with ingredients costing no more than **£15**.

Ingredients:

To include seasonal and locally sourced ingredients wherever possible.
No pre-prepared elements permitted, with the exception of homemade stocks.
Dishes will be judged on the following criteria:

- ♦ The creativity of the recipe
- ♦ The balance of the ingredients used in the recipe
- ♦ The skill required to create the dish
- ♦ The use of ingredients produce locally to you or from the wider south west region wherever possible
- ♦ Final dish including presentation

If you are in **Year 9** and would like to compete in our internal heats, please email Mrs Gallagher before the 1st November.



kgallagher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

PTA Oktoberfest Themed Quiz Night— 17th October 2025

The PTA Oktoberfest quiz was a great success last Friday evening, with over 120 participants and raising over £2000 for the PTA, which will be allocated to specific school requests at the next PTA meeting. Quiz master extraordinaire Dave Goucher prepared a fantastic quiz with just the right level of variety and difficulty, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him formally for all his efforts. Thank you also to the parent and sixth form helpers; events like these just aren't possible without their contributions.

The winners took home an Oktoberfest-themed basket of goodies, whilst the joint second teams shared sweet-based spoils. Super school chef Dan Keal prepared a scrumptious feast of Bratwurst, freshly baked bread, mini-roast potatoes and sauerkraut.

We will be organising a Race Night on Friday 27 March and hope that this will be a similarly successful event. Typically, a race night includes a series of pre-recorded races, each showcasing a selection of horses on which to place bets. Dan will be serving the always popular curries and the PTA bar will have its usual array of drinks. Tickets will be available via Arbor closer to the time.

The PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 20 November at 6pm at the Bear - please do come along if you'd like to learn more about the PTA.

Beechen Cliff PTA



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>

Art News

The Beechen Cliff Art Department is pleased to announce their participation in this Year's Young Bath Artists show, which takes place in the Burdall's Yard Gallery until November 1st 2025.

This is a showcase of the amazing 6th Form Art and Photography from Beechen Cliff, and is a rare opportunity to view a collection of work from other Bath Schools at the same time. There is a private view on the 23rd, and students (and parents of students) whose work is in the exhibition are invited to come along that evening.

Mr D Murphy
Head of Art and Photography



Movember at Beechen Cliff!

This November, some of our staff at Beechen Cliff are growing their moustaches to support **Movember** – raising awareness for men's health, including mental health, suicide prevention, prostate and testicular cancer.

Keep an eye out for some impressive 'staches around the school, and feel free to show your support or ask about the cause!

Together, we can help change the face of men's health.

You can donate to Movember and support the Beechen Cliff Staff by using the QR code below.



Mr Hill & Mr Bowett



Show Racism the Red Card— Friday 17th October

Every year we invite students and staff at the school to 'Show Racism the Red Card' by wearing items of red clothing.

It was wonderful seeing so much engagement from every year group, sending a clear message of support to the SRTRC anti-racism charity.

Ms K Mather
Head of Sixth Form
Deputy DSL



CATERING AND HOSPITALITY—Black History Month Cookery session

We had Year 9 boys come to a one-off Black History Month cooking session. Jahj in Year 9 chose the recipes and students to take part.



Mrs K Gallagher, Food Lead and Miss E Cumpson

Recent Fixture Results

Date	Fixture		Result
Monday 20 th October	RUGBY	BCS U14A v Abingdon School	0-0
Wednesday 22 nd October	FOOTBALL	BCS U16A v Chew Valley School (tbc)	0-1

Sporting News

BANES Cross Country Race—Tuesday 14th October

Success in the Junior boys and senior girls races.

Junior Boys:

Albert J - 2nd Place

Oscar B - 3rd

Mr R Bowett

PE and Sport



Senior Girls:

Poppy S - 1st

Poppy F - 2nd



Rugby National Cup - 2nd Round win for Beechen Cliff

Beechen Cliff U15 team secure a 24-13 home win against Dauntsey's School in the 2nd round of the Rugby National Cup on Tuesday 7th October

Mr R Bowett

PE and Sport



SPORTS FIXTURES w/c 20th October (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	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 3 rd November	TABLE TENNIS	Table Tennis club starts	15:15			
Tuesday 4 th November	FOOTBALL	BCS 1st XI v Millfield (OD)	14:00	12:30		
		BCS U13 v Millfield Prep (A)	14:30	13:15		
	RUGBY	BCS U12b v St Gregs (A)	15:45	15:15		
Wednesday 5 th November	RUGBY	BCS 1st XV v Hartpury (H)	14:30	12:30		
		BCS 2nd XV v Hartpury (H)	14:30	12:30		
Thursday 6 th November	RUGBY	BCS 2nd, v KES (A)	14:15	12:30	3 x MB	
		BCS 3 rd XV v KES (A)	14:15	12:30		
		BCS U16a v KES (A)	14:15	12:30		
	HOCKEY	BCS 1st XI v Redmaids (A)	14:30	13:00		
	FOOTBALL	Level 3 Primary School Football	9:00	8:30	MB Drop	
	CROSS COUNTRY	Kingswood XC	14:15	tbc		
Saturday 8 th November	RUGBY	BCS U15a v KES (A)	11:30	10:30		
		BCS U15b v KES (A)	11:30	10:30		
		BCS U14a v KES (A)	11:30	10:30		
		BCS U14b v KES (A)	11:30	10:30		
		BCS U13a v KES (H)	9:00			
		BCS U13b v KES (H)	9:00			
		BCS U12a v KES (A)	9:00			
		BCS U12b v KES (A)	9:00			
		BCS U12c v KES (A)	9:00			

Wellbeing



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have noticed in our previous Wellbeing Newsletter entries, we have shared with you the solution-focused approach that we use as our counselling method in the school, and an approach that is also embedded across the wider school community.

We will soon be reaching out to gather information from you about the most suitable times for attending an online parent session. You will receive an email shortly with some date options.

In the meantime, we are excited to share a recent case study by SFIO (Solution Focused in Organisations). This case study highlights the solution-focused approach at Beechen Cliff in 2018. We caught up with the team at the end of last year, and they have put together this incredible interview for us to share. It showcases the work we have been doing across the school community, using the solution-focused approach to support wellbeing.

<https://www.sfio.org/interaction/2025-1/beecheen-cliff-case-study/>

We hope you enjoy watching it, and we would love to hear any reflections or questions you may have.

School Wellbeing Team

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.

THE UNIFORM CUPBOARD

Giving away good quality second hand school uniform & coats



Sunday 26th October 2025
Sunday 22nd February 2026
Sunday 28th June 2026
2PM - 4PM
Freedom House, Lower Bristol Road,
Bath, BA2 1EP

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Youth Silent Disco

Friday 31st October
7:30PM - 9:30PM
Sound Church, Lower Bristol Road,
Bath, BA2 1EP

Book your tickets at
[soundchurch.co.uk/silentdisco](https://www.soundchurch.co.uk/silentdisco)





Facility Hire at Beechen Cliff

For clubs, for community groups, for individuals

Floodlight 3G and Astro Pitches

Sports Hall

Indoor Cricket Nets

Gym

Classrooms

All available for hire evenings and weekends

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



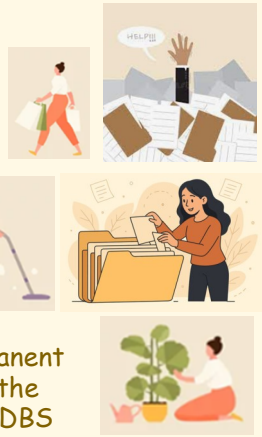
NEED HELP AT HOME?

I'm a self employed gardener with many years experience of general garden maintenance with long term clients as well as one off, seasonal clients. This follows a career, in Travel and Administration.

Through my close connection with clients, I have also helped some on an ad hoc basis, particularly admin support - paperwork/ bills, Decluttering and general sorting. Also home support, light housework, bed changing, food shopping, as well as companionship.

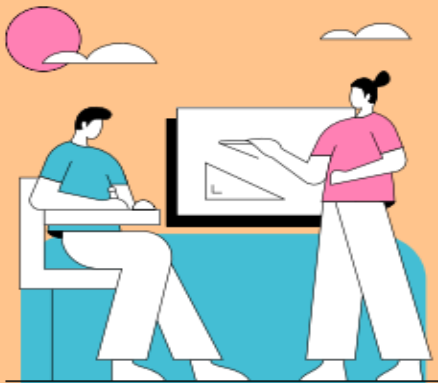
If you feel I can help you or a close relative or friend, either as a one-off, more permanent help, or at some point in the future, please contact me and we can chat. I am based in the Moorland Road area but have a car and can travel. I am insured for public liability and DBS checked. Please note that I do not cover personal care.

Please contact Trudy at tdhealey50@gmail.com or 07732 626986



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Tues-Thurs 28th-30th October

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Biddestone -

Mon-Tues 27th-28th October

Bloomfield Tennis Clubs -

Thur-Fri 30th-31st October

Available for:

Explorers 5-8yrs

Hot-Shots 9-12yrs

Evolution 13-17yrs

How to book:

Follow this link to take you to our holiday courses page to view and book: <https://blueskytennis.co.uk/holiday-courses/>

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27 Oct - 31 Oct 2025

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Blue Sky Tennis Team



Free Half Term Activity at Bath Spa University

FUTURES

A FESTIVAL OF DISCOVERY

DOING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE

Bath Spa Locksbrook Road
Friday 31st Oct

Bath Spa University would like to welcome you and your pupils to join us at our Locksbrook Campus for a hands-on celebration of creativity and its power to shape change. [more information and book](#)

This family-friendly event brings together artists, dancers and designers to explore how imagination and innovation can transform the way we think about urban spaces, habitats, climate change and culture.

Drop in and try a range of interactive workshops, from clay sculpting and recycled papermaking to movement, dance and collaborative installations. Whether you're curious about how habitats can inspire community, keen to get messy with wild and wonderful artefacts, or excited to make your own handmade paper, there's something for all ages and skill levels

The morning also features **Curious Artefacts** with artist Asha Uberoi, **Exploring Habitats** with dancer Divija Melally, **JUMBLE** with Ellie Spink, **Working with Paper** with Claire Gutsell, and **Moving as Place through Body** with Bhavana Ram Mohan.

Alongside the workshops, don't miss the inspiring exhibition of Graduate Researchers' work, showcasing sculpture, performance and immersive installations that highlight the future-shaping role of creative research.

Perfect for families, young people and curious adults, this is a half-term opportunity to get hands-on, discover new ideas and see creativity in action.

We hope to see you there!



Simone Hesselberg (*she/her*)

Creative Producer: Community Building
Porthleven Prize Coordinator

GAME CHANGER RUGBY

Ages: Year 7 (U12) – Year 10 (U15)

Elite Coaching: Mike Baxter & accredited coaches

Lunch Included: 3-course meal or full brunch style every day

Fun Extras: Swimming sessions included

Price: £190 for all 4 days or £55 per day

Dates: Monday 27th October – Thursday 30th October

Start At: 09:00 – 15:30

Location: Prior Park College, Ralph Allen dr, BA2 5AH

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