

#### BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 2nd October

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the next two weeks we have Parent Information Evenings taking place for parents and carers of pupils in Year 10 and Year 11. Further details have also been sent via email and we hope to see you at these evenings.

Next week, Friday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. This week students in Years 7-10 have talked about mental health in their tutor time and Mr Hall has also led assemblies on the theme particularly in the context of online. Year 12 students also had an assembly with Miss Netto focussing on mental health, independence and meeting the challenges of Sixth Form, and some Year 13 students undertook training in the Solution Focussed approach in order to support the wellbeing of their peers. We believe it is really important that students are confident talking about Mental Health, that there is no stigma and that we all support each other in our school community.

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating Black History month, which continues throughout October. This will include themed assemblies including a nationally broadcast live assembly, dedicated PSHE activities in tutor time sessions, equalities prefects newsletter piece and articles on our digital screens, and some Year 9 pupils will get the opportunity to take part in a Caribbean cooking lesson. We will also be participating in Show Racism the Red Card's annual Wear Red Day on 17th October.



This week the Year 7 visits to Tir-y-Cwm have begun and we hope all the boys enjoy the trips over the coming weeks





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Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th October

Year 10 Parents' Information Evening 6-7pm

Tuesday 14th October

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening 6-7 pm

Thursday 16th October

Bath Hub Year 8 Disco details to follow

Friday 17th October

Wear Red Day 2025

PTA Quiz Night (Oktoberfest themed) 7-10pm

Saturday 18th October

Sixth Form Open Morning 9am—12.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October

Piano Concert - 7pm at St Luke's Church

Friday 24th October

End of Term/INSET Day

Monday 3rd November Start of Term

TYC visits for Year 7s

6th–8th Oct BY7B 8th–10th Oct KP7 13th-15th Oct ML7A 15th–17th Oct SH7

## **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.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 <a href="mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">sixthattendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a>

### PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please contact the attendance office - <a href="mailto:attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a> 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 6th October

Monday: Beef Stifado, Pineapple Cauliflower

and Halloumi Rice (D)

**Tuesday**: Chicken wrapped in Bacon with a Tomato and Basil Sauce, Tomato Basil and

Mozzarella Pinwheel (W,D)

Wednesday: Roast Tukey, Spicy Vegetable

Hotpot

Thursday: Veggie Mousaka (D), Tomato and

Roasted Vegetable Pasta (W)

**Friday:** Fish Finger Bap with Tartare Sauce (W,GF), Falafel Burger with Minted Yogurt (D,W)

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

Mr D Keal Head Chef (W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

(G) = Gluten Free Option

## Dropping off and colleting 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 do need to drive up to the school please use the unofficial one-way system up Shakespeare Avenue and down Kipling Avenue. Please ensure that the speed limit is kept to and that the parking bays are used. To ensure the safety of all pupils and other pedestrians, please do not stop and drop off/pick up on the yellow lines.

Thank you for your support.

Mr C Hall

Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Beechen Cliff 100 Club

Every month we have two draws to positively reinforce turning up and being at your best. We refer to these as the 100 Club and every boy who has 100% attendance for that month is entered into our Attendance Draw and those that have not received any negative behaviour points for the calendar month are entered into the Behaviour Draw.

This month saw 577 boys entered for Attendance and 380 boys entered for Behaviour. There were 5 draws for each category and the winners of each received a £10 Amazon Voucher.

Many congratulations to our September winners:

Attendance:

Max P Year 11

Fin C Year 10

Rory R Year 8

Matthew D Year 10

Finn M Year 11

Behaviour:

Alfie K Year 10

Denis E Year 10

Jacob P Year 7

Rasmus G Year 7

Finn M Year 11

Sam C Year 7

Mr K Morris Assistant Headteacher (Personal Development)





## Helping Your Child with Homework

Students are now back into the swing of things at school and will now be receiving regular homework. For some students and parents, homework can sometimes feel like a battle. In secondary school students are expected to manage more subjects, more deadlines, and more independent study than they will have experienced before. As parents, you can play an important role in making homework less stressful and more effective.

#### Create the right environment

A quiet, well-lit space, free from distractions like TV or phones, helps your child to concentrate. Having the same spot for homework each day builds routine and focus. If possible, avoid this being their bedroom as it can make it harder to focus with the distraction of toys, electronics and the temptation to lie on the bed!

#### Show interest and try to let them take control

Ask your child what tasks they have, how they plan to tackle them, and whether they'd like support. Encourage them to plan a schedule for when homework fits around their other commitments. Three blasts of homework per week works better for many students than trying to fit it all into one day at the weekend.

#### Break it down

Some assignments can seem overwhelming. Help your child divide big tasks into smaller steps and set short goals. Praise progress along the way — effort matters just as much as results.

#### Encourage balance

Remind your child to take breaks, get fresh air, and keep up with hobbies or sports. A healthy balance between schoolwork, rest, and play supports both wellbeing and learning.

### Stay positive

Homework can be frustrating, but your calm encouragement makes a difference. Let your child know it's okay to struggle sometimes — persistence and asking for help are part of learning. If they have spent the allocated time on a piece of homework and not been able to finish it, they can let their teacher know this via Google Classroom. Nobody is expected to spend longer than the allocated time.

### Support from School

- Homework Club runs every day in the school library from 15:20-16:20. There is always a Teaching Assistant available to help.
- Contact the class teacher via your child's Google Classroom page to ask for help/clarification or assistance.

#### Mrs J Blair

Assistant Headteacher (SENDCO and Pupil Premium Lead)

## Personal Information Updates

If you need to amend any of your personal/contact details, such as phone numbers, addresses etc, you can do this on your child's Arbor account. Alternatively, you can email <a href="headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a> and we will make the changes for you.

## Show Racism the Red Card-Wear Red Day-17th October 2025

2025 is the 11th Anniversary of Wear Red Day and on Friday October 17th we will be joining with many others around the country and participating in Wear Red Day as part of a collective commitment to take a stand against racism.

On the day we are encouraging all students to wear an item of red clothing in addition to their school uniform.

Should you wish to donate to the day information is available online:

https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day/



## 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 <a href="https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/vacancies.htm">https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/vacancies.htm</a>

# THE LIBRARY NEWS



A calm, quiet space to read and work

## All about the Books

We have so much going on in the library at the moment!



The MNSP School Librarian Book Awards have been launched for 2026. These awards have been set up by the school librarians across the Trust. Each school has nominated a number of recently-published books which have been made into a longlist. We have encouraged pupils to have a look at the titles and blurbs then come to the library to vote for the books they would like to read. The votes from across all schools will be counted and Mr Williams, the CEO of the Trust, has agreed to pay for sets of the shortlisted books for each school. You can see the longlist here:

MNSP Book Award Long List

See the next page for information about the new WHOLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB - open to pupils, students, staff and parents!

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

lbridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

## **READING TOP TIP:**

### FAMILIES: Share the same book!

I got this brilliant top tip from a friend.

Find a book that several members of the family may be interested in. Leave the book in a communal place such as the kitchen or living room. Use a bookmark each to mark where you are up to. You can race each other to the end, or take it slow and discuss the bits you are up to!

## Literacy Around School

A shout out to Mr King in the maths department for his fabulous mathematical literacy displays in the maths corridor. Thank you Mr King!





## Library Opening Times

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

Homework Club every day after school (to 4.30) FOR HOMEWORK AND QUIET READING

Keep Reading! Mrs Bridge

## You are invited to Beechen Cliffs Whole School Book Club

Do you want to expand your reading interests and find out more about different literary genres? Come along to Beechen's Whole School Book Club!

There will be a genre chosen each month. Books will be recommended but you can read anything in the chosen genre. Come to the library on the last term-time Wednesday of the month for a fun and informative hour with staff, pupils and parents, finding out about the history of the genre, sharing recommendations and making friends with similar interests.

A great challenge for anyone interested in books and reading or a way motivate you to try new things. If you come regularly, you can put this towards your DofE Skill (reading) at any level of the award and completed books will count towards your Beechen Character Award.

If any parent, staff member or sixth former has knowledge or interest or of a genre and would like to help out at that month's club, please let me know.

Parents - if you want to attend, email me at <a href="mailto:lbridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk">lbridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk</a> so I can expect you and ensure appropriate safeguarding is in place.

**Monthly Themes** 

October 22nd - Horror

November 26th- Fantasy

December 17th- Classics

January 28th-Crime

February 25th-Romance

March 25th- Historical

April 29th - Adventure

May 20th- Graphic Novels

June 24th - Sci Fi

3.30 - 4.30 School Library







## 🎓 Attention All Alumni!🎉

Whether you graduated last year or decades ago, we're inviting everyone who's been part of our school's journey to a special Alumni Reunion Evening – a night of great food, refreshing drinks, and a fun-filled quiz to spark memories and laughter.



Date: 13th November 202



**Time:** 6:30pm



Location: Beechen Cliff School

Come reconnect with old faces, meet fellow alumni from across the years, and celebrate the legacy of our school community.



RSVP now via the link below so we can plan the perfect evening https://forms.gle/cY34sbnsiZrRJzaW8

### **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 From October 21st 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.

Burdall's Yard is on the London Road not far from the petrol station on the same side of the road. It's a great gallery with a cafe and bar for those who want to stop by for a look.

Mr D Murphy Head of Art and Photography



## **PSHE**—Fire Safety Talks



On Tuesday 30th September, Avon Fire and Rescue Service came into school to deliver important messages to our Year 10 and Year 12.





FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

## SCHOOL REFECTORY

6.30pm for 7pm start £12 ticket per person via Arbor Funds towards PTA

Raffle
Bar
Oktoberfest-themed menu
(veggie option available)

## **Recent Fixture Results**

Date		Results	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	FOOTBALL	BCS U16A v Chipping Sodbury School (A)	14-13
	RUGBY	U16A v Marlborough College (A) U18B v Marlborough College (A)	54-14
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	FOOTBALL	U15A v Backwell (Odd Down)	3-0
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	RUGBY	BCS 1st XV v Hartpury (A) BCS 2nd XV v Hartpury (A) BCS U12a v Cheltenham College (H) BCS U12b v Cheltenham College (H) BCS U13a v Cheltenham College (A) BCS U13b v Cheltenham College (A)	26-28 24-26 10-75 20-20 45-15 50-5

## Sporting News

## Professional Sporting Contract for former Beechen Cliff Pupil

Many congratulations to our former pupil, Korban, on their first professional contract with Southampton Football Club.

A fantastic achievement.



## Sporting News continued

## **COMPETITIVE SWIMMING**

On Wednesday last week 23 students, from year 7 to year 13, went to Millfield to represent the school in a swimming competition. All age groups competed in two relays and did really well with lots of students beating their personal bests.

Miss B Cox Science Teacher



## U16 Rugby v Marlborough College

A great win for the U16s in their first outing of the season away at Marlborough College. Score 56-26.





Mr A Hall Head of Rugby

## SPORTS FIXTURES w/c 6th October (details correct at time of publication)

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

Please check the website for up any changes/updates

Date	Fixture		Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Finish/ Return time
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	RUGBY	BCS U15 v Dauntseys (H) BCS U15A v Prior (A) BCS U14A v Prior (A) BCS U14B v Prior (A) BCS U16A v Wellsway (H)	14:45 16:30 16:30 16:30 15:45	15:15 15:15 15:15 15:15	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	RUGBY	BCS 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Truro (H)	14:30	12:45	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	RUGBY	BCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Salisbury (A) BCS U15 v Bryanston (H)	14:30 14.45	-	
	NETBALL	BCS 1 <sup>st</sup> XI girls v Downside (A)	14:30	13:00	
	FOOTBALL	BCS U16 v Oldfield (H)	15:00	14:00	

## **CAREERS**

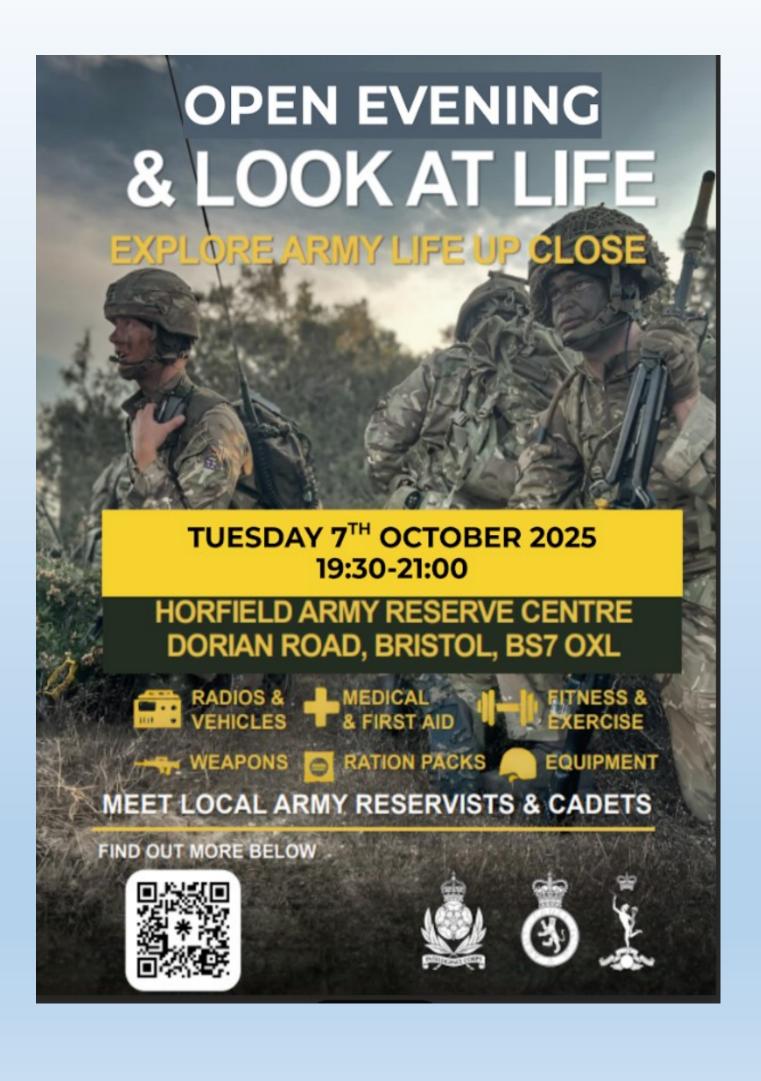
### **Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter**

The most recent edition of our Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication (edition 5) 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



## **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.







# Glow Run

Run, hop, skip or walk 3km in the dark

Family fun run for RUH Bath Friday 24 October, 6-8pm Odd Down Sports Ground

Sign up now ruhx.org.uk/glow





## Plant a tree on Bathampton Meadows

October-November

We're inviting you to join us in being part of its lasting legacy.



www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/bathampton-meadows

For everyone, for ever

## Facility Hire at Beechen Cliff



For clubs, for community groups, for individuals

Floodlight 3G and Astro Pitches





Indoor Cricket Nets Gym

Classrooms



All available for hire evenings and weekends

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



## MIGHTY GIRLS ART CLUB



MONTHLY MEET UP

Come and join us for fun, relaxed evenings where we'll explore different art forms and open up conversations about things that matter most to you.

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



Positive Relationships



Art Facilitator Sharkey



# Self Defence half day workshop

## **WEDNESDAY 29TH OCT**

BRADFORD ON AVON 2PM - 5PM. AGE: 11+ COST £25

Mighty Girls & Helen from Systema bring you:

- Practical self-defence techniques
- A focus on movement, breath work, relaxation, and posture
- Enhance self-awareness & resilience
- Help equip you to handle various situations effectively

www.mightygirls.co.uk or QR Code to book



The club is offered at a discounted rate for all & free to Wiltshire Council





## Mighty Girls Club BOA

## THURSDAYS STARTS 6TH NOV

BRADFORD ON AVON 4.30-5.30PM. AGE 8-12

- + Meet up
- Make friends
- + Feel empowered
- Have fun!

## Join us and be part of something inspiring 💙

To learn more and book your place visit our website or email info@mightygirls.co.uk

www.mightygirls.co.uk



Wiltshire Council





## 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-prodution-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 opportunites 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.



Register your Interest at: wema.org.uk/adult-wind-band

## **BACK TO** SCHOOL? **BOOST YOUR GRADES!**

We are a team of knowledgeable and passionate Russell **Group University tutors** 



## Lessons:

1 hour with tutor + personalised homework



Any Year 4 - A Level subject!

£15 FOR FIRST LESSON. THEN £30



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- Flexible schedule 02 that fits your busy life
- Learn smarter with 03 fun and engaging methods
- Experienced tutors 04 ready to help you succeed



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## 5км Inter-School Cup Challenge!

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2025
WITHYMEAD PLAYING FIELD

Enter the Marshfield Mudlite – a 5km cross-country run. 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.
Your entry helps supports our village school. No entries on the day.



race-nation.co.uk/register/marshfield-mudlark/marshfield-mudlark-2025



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21st October -1st November

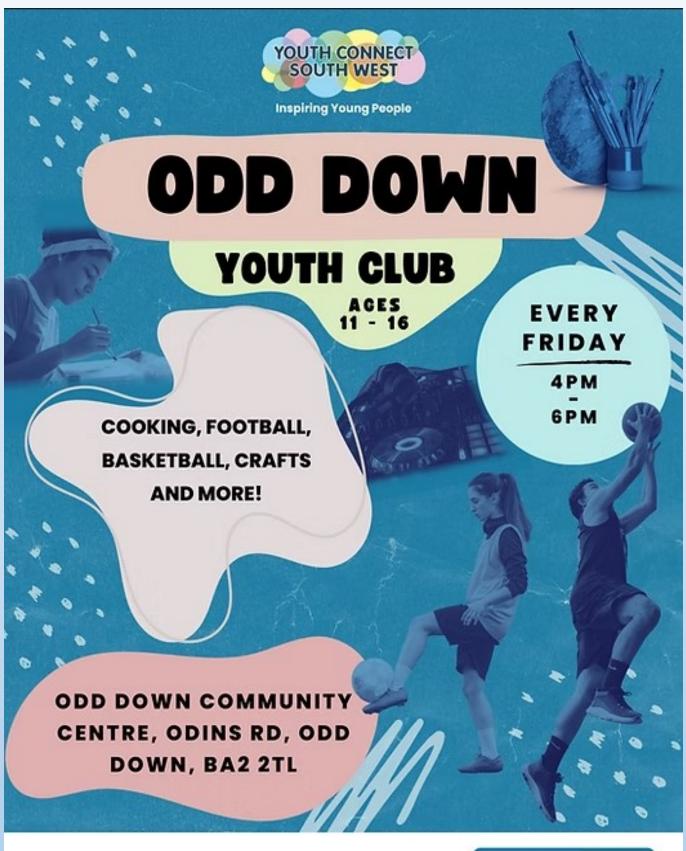
Open to the public Tuesday - Friday: 11am - 4pm Saturday: 9am - 12 noon Private View Thursday 23rd October 6 - 8:30pm

An exhibition showcasing a selection of GCSE and A-level work from the following Bath schools:

Beechen Cliff School
Hayesfield Girls' School
Kingswood School
King Edward's School
Monkton Combe School
Oldfield School
Prior Park College
Ralph Allen School
Royal High School
St Gregory's School
St Mark's School

at Burdall's Yard burdallsyard.co.uk 7 Anglo Terrace Bath BA1 5NH





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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

<u> 17-19 Dec - Camps</u>

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

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