



BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 20th November

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Mock Examinations are now completed and we have been really impressed with students' endeavours over the last few weeks.

Once papers are marked, reviewing them and subsequent follow up work will be the next important step in the journey to prepare for the exams next summer.

Last weekend Year 13 students applying to Oxbridge or for medical courses undertook mock interviews. We are really grateful to all the members of our local community who helped with this process. Year 13 mock exams get underway in a couple of weeks time.



Tomorrow Mr Sayles has organised Sustainability talks for pupils in Year 8 and 9 and workshops for selected Years 7's. These involve visiting speakers and are part of our actions from our School Climate Action Plan. We hope pupils will both enjoy and be inspired by these appointments. Finally, next week we have our second Ignite Day of the year (on 27th November). This focuses on Employability and Future Horizons and you will have received a letter containing the arrangements for your child's year group.

T. D. Marshall

T D Markall
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 20th November

PTA AGM—6pm at The Bear Inn

Thursday 27th November

Ignite Day: Employability and Future Horizons

Friday 28th November

Year 13 Mock Examinations commence

Saturday 29th November

Year 7 Legoland Trip

Tuesday 2nd December

Beechen's Got Talent—Main Hall 5.00pm
Drama Festival @Hayesfield 6.30pm

Friday 5th December

Year 11 Mock Results Day

Monday 8th December

Year 11 Ice-skating meet 4:15

Tuesday 9th December

Year 8 Ice-skating meet 4.15pm

Wednesday 10th December

Year 9 Ice-skating meet 4.15pm

Thursday 11th December

Year 10 Ice-skating meet 4.15pm

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch
Santa Run
Carol Service @ Bath Abbey 7- 8.30pm

Friday 19th December

End of Term 2

Monday 5th January

INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January

Start of Term 3

Aspiration

Compassion

Independence

Respect

Key Notices

REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

PLEASE
NOTE...

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.](#)

Menu for week commencing Monday 24th November

Monday: Honey and Mustard Chicken, Spiced Sweet Potato and Chickpea Cake

Tuesday: Steak and Kidney Pie (W,GF), Red Onion and Smoked Cheddar Tart (W,D)

Wednesday: Roast Lamb and Chicken, Beetroot Gnocchi with Parmesan Cream (W,D)

Thursday: Pork and Chorizo Casserole, Thai Vegetable Curry

Friday: Kedgeree, Creamy Pesto Pea and Spinach Pasta (W)

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

avoid disappointment.

(W) = Contains Wheat Products

(D) = Contains Dairy Products

(G) = Gluten Free Option

Mr D Keal
Head chef

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/>

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>

WINTER ATTENDANCE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the colder months approach, maintaining consistent school attendance and motivation can be a challenge for teenagers. At the secondary level, every day in the classroom is vital for academic success, preparation for exams, and maintaining crucial social connections.

We recognize that winter fatigue, early darkness, and increased academic pressure can impact a teen's willingness to attend. Here are some targeted tips designed to help your secondary student stay focused, resilient, and present this winter:

Combating Winter Fatigue and Sleep Disruption

- **Protect the Sleep Schedule:** Secondary students need 8-10 hours of sleep. Insist on a firm "device curfew" 30-60 minutes before bedtime. The blue light from screens suppresses melatonin and makes it harder to wake up when it's still dark.
- **Encourage Early Movement:** Suggest a small way for them to activate their bodies early—a five-minute stretch, a quick dog walk, or simply asking them to walk to school. Movement helps energy levels and signals to the body that the day has begun.
- **The Power of Fuel:** Ensure they have access to a quick, substantial breakfast. A protein-rich start is far more effective at sustaining energy and focus through the morning than an empty stomach or sugary snack.

Addressing Academic Pressure and Attendance

- **Connect Attendance to Goals:** Shift the conversation from "You have to go to school" to "This week of classes will help you master that concept for the upcoming test/exam." Help them link daily attendance directly to their longer-term academic aspirations.

- **Structure the Downtime:** Encourage a balance between schoolwork and rest. A teen who feels overwhelmed may seek avoidance (by skipping school). Help them set achievable study goals and ensure they schedule non-negotiable breaks and social time.
- **Stay Informed Together:** Use the school's online portals (for grades and assignments) *with* your child to monitor their progress. Addressing a minor concern now can prevent it from escalating into anxiety that leads to chronic non-attendance.

Fostering Positive Connection

- **Keep the Dialogue Open:** Winter can sometimes amplify feelings of isolation. Maintain check-ins that focus on their friendships, their favorite parts of the school day, or current events, not just their grades. A strong home connection is a major stabilizer.
- **Identify the "Draw":** Ask them what they are looking forward to at school that day—a specific club, a meaningful class, or seeing a particular friend. Focusing on a positive reason to go can overcome the inertia of staying home.

We believe that there is great value in school and home working together to ensure our pupils make the most of every day in school. We know there are times when they will struggle to get into school, if this is the case, then please let us know and we will do all that we can to help. We are here to support you in any way so I would like to encourage you to contact your son/daughter's tutor if you are worried that their attendance is slipping.

Mr C Hall

Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead

THE LIBRARY NEWS

A calm, quiet space to read and work



Non-Fiction November

In Library-land, November is considered the month of non-fiction. In light of this, the non-fiction nook in the library has been sorted with old books weeded out, new books purchased and shelves re-organised.

Previously, non-fiction was categorised through the Dewey Decimal System, which is the standard for many libraries around the world. Now, the books have been ordered in more of a book shop style, based on themes. These still loosely follow the Dewey system, but give equal importance to topics that are more relevant today, such as computing, gender and race issues and environment and climate change.

If you have any up-to-date and good quality non-fiction books that you no longer need, we would be happy to take donations - particularly on curriculum-linked subjects (including A-level) and hobbies/sports. Thank you!



Keep Reading! Mrs Bridge



2026 will be a 'National Year of Reading'.

The government is working in partnership with the National Literacy Trust to promote reading and address the decline in reading for pleasure for people of all ages. The campaign's theme is "Go All In," suggesting that reading can deepen a person's connection to their existing interests

Why not get ahead of the game this Non-fiction November, by finding a book related to your own interests - be that sport, cooking, beekeeping, economics or DIY. If you are in to it, read into it. <https://www.goallin.org.uk/>



Messages:

The exams are now over and the library is back and fully functioning again.

Please make sure any overdue books are returned promptly.

Check out the reading opportunities on the next page and let Mrs Bridge know if you are interested.



Reading Opportunities

Please see Mrs Bridge if you are interested.



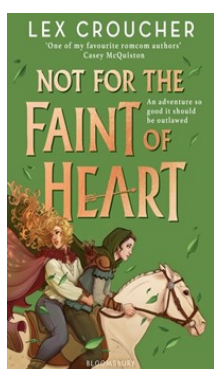
LITERATURE
ACROSS
BORDERS



Literature Across Borders brings students from the UK, the USA and India together to talk about books. Selected students will read one or two books on a theme, do some activities with Mrs Bridge and spend time on video calls with the other schools.

There are two themes this year: The Partition of India (a very important historical event) and Young People fighting for rights. The books are mainly suited to Year 7 and Year 8 but anyone is welcome to participate. Please see LBR for more information.

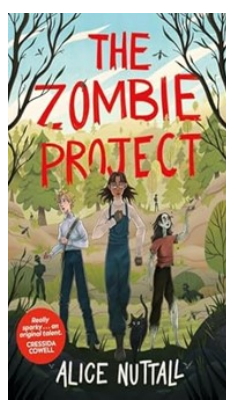
Parents - if anyone has any expertise about Indian Partition - please get in touch!



We are looking for a group of 14 students to take to the awards ceremony in Frome College in April. Last year this was a fun afternoon out of school. We met some of the shortlisted authors and listened to them talk about how they write their books. We also learned about how books are published.

If you are interested in being part of this group, you need to read at least two of the books on the shortlist.

Let Mrs Bridge know if you want to get involved.



School Challenge Quiz Update



Beechen Cliff has three teams entered into the Schools' Challenge Quiz this year: Juniors (Year 7/8) Intermediate (Year 9/10) and Senior (Year 11 and Sixth).

The first round of matches have now been played.

Our senior team (Alex B, Charlie G, Rowan W and Harry D) had their first round match against Bolton School, a large independent school in Bolton. The match was tense and both sides buzzed quickly, showing good knowledge on subjects from speed limits to historical events. Beechen took an early lead and Bolton never really caught up. Although they were close on Beechen's tail, the final score was Beechen Cliff 260, Bolton 190 so the team will progress to the Senior Cup.

The intermediate team (Paddy B, Bill G, Clement S and Elliott P) lost their first match to Perse, an independent school in Cambridge. The Perse team were super-quick on the buzzers, so despite Beechen Cliff's fabulous knowledge, they couldn't get control of the questions. Our team persevered and should be proud of their effort. As last year, they will now progress into the championship plate, the competition for teams that lose their first round match.

In a stroke of good fortune, our junior team (Harry B, Ralph S, Ben P) got a bye in their first round as the school they were meant to be playing forfeited the match. This means they are now in the Junior Cup.

Well done to all our quizzers. I look forward to updating you on the next rounds of the quiz! If your child is interested in joining the quiz team, we meet on Tuesdays after school in the library.

Mrs L Bridge
Librarian

Violence Reduction Partnership—Knife Awareness Events

The Violence Reduction Partnership are holding a new series of Knife Awareness Events for Parents/ Carers across BANES.

Please find below a link for the events to be held at **Radstock Youth Club, Radstock** on Thursday 20th November starting at 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Admission is free and at the event there will be an opportunity about services across BANES that can support children and families and an opportunity to hear from an individual with lived experience relating to knife crime and a panel discussion.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1818745981189?aff=oddtcreator>

Mr C Hall
Beechen Cliff Designated Safeguarding Lead



Drama Festival

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 6.30pm

Beechen Cliff are teaming up with students from Hayesfield for a celebration of Drama. The event will be held in the Roper Theatre at Hayesfield and will provide an important platform for students to showcase the accomplished work they have developed.

Students who wish to participate in the event are warmly invited to perform and should contact Stephanie Harrison, LAMDA teacher at contact@stephanieharrison.me.



Hayesfield GIRLS' SCHOOL

SKI TRIP USA 27

If you are interested in our USA Ski Trip taking place in February 2027, and require more information, please contact the trip lead, Mr Macdonald, pmacdonald@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk



Friday 14 November

Over the last few weeks, we have been focusing on clearing the vegetables beds ready for the spring planting other jobs have been turning the compost bins and tidying the wood chip paths. Last week we planted three Damson trees in the orchard and these trees were chosen by Prince William (the land is owned by the Duchy of Cornwall) who visited the Grow for life garden in the summer. We had great fun digging the holes for the trees (finding many large stone rocks). One of the holes was deep. Then we filled the holes with compost and then covered it with soil and wood chips to protect them against the frost in winter.

Every week we talk about what we can smell, hear and see in the garden and talked about being in the moment and taking time to be in nature. This is a great way of supporting your own mental health. We also have conversations about being calm and coming up with ways to help ourselves.

Nishav says 'Going to the garden is great fun and relaxing'

Henry and Milan 'loved the digging the holes for the Damson trees because working together as a team is really important'.

'All the staff at the walled garden are really nice, kind, and easy to talk to. We love Friday afternoons'

Henry , Nishav and Milan





BEECHEN'S GOT T★LENT

Come and show us what you've got!

**TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 5PM, MAIN HALL,
DONATIONS WELCOME, RAISING MONEY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED
TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM OR EMAIL
J Harriman@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk**



Recent Fixture Results

DATE	FIXTURE		Result
Thursday 13th November	RUGBY	BCS U15A v Bishop Wordsworth's School (H)	31-12
	HOCKEY	BCS 2 nd XI v Kingswood School (A)	3-5
	TENNIS	BCS 1 st Team v Collegiate	7-6
Tuesday 18 th November	FOOTBALL	BCS U13a v Lytchell Minster School	4-0
		BCS U14A v The Blue School (A)	5-3
Wednesday 19th November	RUGBY	BCS U18A v Gordon's School U18Bs (A)	35-7
		Rugby 7s U12A v Millfield Preparatory School (A)	
		Rugby 7s U12B v Millfield Preparatory (A)	

SPORTING RESULTS AND ACHIEVMENTS

TENNIS—Victory in the senior students winter league

The 1st tennis team got their winter campaign off to a great start with a 7-6 victory against Collegiate School at Bloomfield Tennis Club.

It was a close and competitive fixture that finished 6-6 after the singles and doubles matches and had to be decided by a tie break shoot out, which was won by 10 points to 6.

Well done to all the team.

Next up is Monkton Coombe in a couple of week's time.



Mr T D Markall
Headteacher



Well done to Beechen Cliff's U14 football team through to round 4 (last 64) of the National cup after victory over St Bede school 5-1

SPORTS FIXTURES w/c 24th November (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	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return
Tuesday 25 th November	RUGBY	BCS U15 v Lord Wandsworth (H)	14:30	13:30		
	FOOTBALL	BCS 1st XI v John Hampden (A)	13:15			
Wednesday 26 th November	RUGBY	BCS U12a v QEH (A)	14:30			
		BCS U12b v QEH (A)	14:30			
		BCS U13a v QEH (A)	14:30			
		BCS U13b v QEH (A)	14:30			
		BCS 1st XV v Gosforth (A)	14:00	Out all day	Coach	
Thursday 27 th November	RUGBY	BCS 2nd XV v QEH (H)	14:45			
		BCS 3rd XV v QEH (H)	14:45			
Friday 28 th November	FOOTBALL	BCS U14 v Backwell (H) - Odd Down	13:15			
Saturday 29 th November	RUGBY	BCS U15 v QEH (A)	10:30	9:00		
		BCS U16 v QEH (A)	10:30	9:00		
		BCS U14 v QEH (H)	10:30	9:45		

Money Worries: Information for Parents and Carers

At Beechen Cliff School we understand that the cost of supporting your children through school can put pressure on your household budgets. Rises in the cost-of-living have seen increases in the costs of essentials like food, fuel and housing.

We want all our students to feel comfortable and confident in school and to be able to participate in everything that is on offer. We want to do all we can to make every school day affordable for all our families and to help you find the support you might need if you have money concerns. Local support services is included in this document and details of who you can contact at Beechen Cliff School follows.

Getting help

It can be difficult to talk about money worries. People finding it hard to make ends meet often hang on and try and sort things out themselves; not seeking help until the situation has become very difficult. Whatever the issues you are facing we would encourage you to ask for support before things get that way. There is no shame in seeking support when you need it and both the school and the help organisations listed below will help with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Please talk to us about your concerns so that we can work together to support you child.

If you are...

...entitled to Free School meals, contact

- tlayton@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

...KS3 and not entitled to Free School meals,

contact - mfitzpatrick@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

...KS4 and not entitled to Free School meals,

contact - hrogers@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

There are also many sources of support from both local and national organisations. Here are some key agencies that we recommend:

Local support

[B&NES Community Wellbeing Hub](#): 0300 247 0050 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. The team can link you up with organisations such as B&NES Citizen's Advice that help with money, housing, employment, and health issues. One call can get you in touch with a range of services, all under one roof, including several in the list below.

[B&NES Welfare Support](#) offers short-term emergency help with living, travel or housing costs through vouchers or direct purchase.

The team also offer help with Council Tax and Discretionary Housing Payments, clothing for

interviews and costs of moving home. All available for people in crisis and living on low incomes.

[St John's Crisis Fund](#) provides support to people who are struggling financially and funds essential practical items like beds, white goods, furniture, carpets, counselling, debt support and basic employment skills and training. You do need to be referred by a professional like a health visitor or housing association support worker.

[B&NES Citizen's Advice](#) :

FREEPHONE 0808 02787897 Mon-Fri 9.30am - 2.30pm. Free expert advice from an independent and trusted charity. Citizens Advice can also help with complex problems, where you might feel really stuck or overwhelmed including debt, benefits, housing, family issues, discrimination, and immigration.

[Clean Slate Quids In weekly emails](#) : Free sign-up for weekly email full of ways to help increase income and savings and manage on a low income. No distracting adverts for credit cards or loans, just straightforward, solid guidance on how to make the most of the money you have and how to maximise your income. Clean Slate also have local advisers in B&NES that you can speak to or see face-to-face.

B& NES [Livewell B&NES](#) links to many services for local families including childcare, health, money, learning and skills, social and leisure resources and more. Enter what you are looking for in the search box.

[Debt Free South West](#) provides help and advice to people in B& NES on matters such as rent arrears, council tax, utility bills, credit cards and loans.

Free clothing and uniform

[B&NES School Kit Project SKiP](#) provides new school related items such as uniforms and bags to local schoolchildren whose families, whether they are currently in work or not, are experiencing financial hardship. You need to be referred to SKiP by the school, so talk to us and we can help you access this support.

[Action Pantry Clothesline](#) offers free clothing for children aged 5-15 from good quality donated goods. Some school uniform items available. You can visit and choose from the clothes rails or ask for a bundle of age-suitable clothing to be made up for you.

[The Nest](#) Project provides free clothing and equipment for children aged 0-5 from good quality donated goods. They run drop-in toddler groups with a friendly welcome, a listening ear, and a cup of tea too

[The Uniform Cupboard](#) free, good quality donated school uniform for B& NES Schools. Situation on Lower Bristol Road, Bath

Affordable Food

[B&NES Food Finder](#) local listings for B&NES

affordable food projects including foodbanks, food clubs, pantries, and community cafes. The food clubs and pantries offer a range of fresh and store-cupboard food at very discounted prices so you can make your food budget stretch much further. They are also, increasingly, hosting teams who offer money advice for example from Citizen's Advice and Clean Slate.

National advice and information

[Money Helper](#) Government website offering comprehensive guidance on all aspects of money, benefits, debt and investments. Includes a 'Couch to Financial Fitness' tool to help you get back on track.

[Entitled To](#) is a website that helps you work out if your family is entitled to any benefits.

You might be surprised !

[Money Box on Radio4](#) There are lots of money-related tips in this programme on BBC iPlayer. You can listen any time. Topics have included surviving debt, tips for rented housing, coping with cost of living rises, avoiding scams and fraud calls, applying for benefits and much more.

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 an 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 Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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

Email the team at reeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

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

WELLBEING



November is recognized as Men's Mental Health Awareness Month in the UK, a time to challenge stigma and encourage men to talk about their mental well-being. The month-long event, also known as Movember, highlights the unique mental health challenges men face and promotes open conversation, support-seeking, and early intervention. Key themes include addressing mental health struggles, prostate and testicular cancer, stress, and suicide prevention.

Men experience disproportionately high-rates of suicide, with death by suicide being the biggest killer of men under the age of 50 in the UK. There are many reasons why men might talk less about mental health, such as societal expectations of masculinity. Each November, the charity Mental Health UK tackles this stigma and encourage men to talk. Poor mental health can affect people of any gender, but mental health outcomes for men and women aren't equal. Due to societal expectations of masculinity, men are less likely to talk to others about their feelings, so they suffer in silence. Please do have a look at some of the facts about men's mental health, and what we can do to change the conversation.

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/mens-mental-health/>

As a Boys' school that welcomes huge numbers of girls into the Sixth Form, and respects the needs of all genders, Beechen Cliff is so proud to provide therapeutic support to any pupil or student in need. Our in-school Solution Focused Practitioners, Tara Gretton and Susie Ingram are supporting record numbers of boys who are so much more willing to come forward for support compared to 6 years ago. It is wonderful to see how our boys are recommending their male friends to come forward for support, and our girls are too. This was always our best hope, but for the boys, the above statistics make this happening even more pleasing.

As a parent/carer, if you would like to learn more about the Solution Focused Approach used by staff and in therapy at Beechen Cliff, then please sign up for this free and exciting online training opportunity next Thursday 27th November at 6.00pm-7.00pm.

Tara Gretton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Solution Focused Beechen Parent Session

Time: Nov 27, 2025 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141358613?pwd=tNXa7IAUW0hYxheg0YwrsS6Zgq6Jlp.1>

Meeting ID: 881 4135 8613

Passcode: 584850

The Wellbeing Team

Careers

Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The most recent edition (11) 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

GCHQ Christmas Challenge – Registration is open



Last year, over 1,000 schools across the UK took part in the GCHQ Christmas challenge. This December it's back – with even more bonus puzzles – and we'd love your school to take part.

Created by GCHQ's own team of puzzlers, the Challenge is a series of fiendish brainteasers designed to inspire pupils aged 11-18 to:

- Work together
- Solve problems under pressure
- Use their STEM skills
- Discover skills they might need to become a spy.

These puzzles aren't meant to be solved alone and each student will bring something different to the challenge. Just like at GCHQ, we believe the right mix of minds enables us to solve seemingly impossible problems.

Register now

Register now to secure your spot and make sure your school gets early access to the Challenge.

Website: <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/get-ready-for-the-gchq-christmas-challenge-2025>

Registration Form: [GCHQ Christmas Challenge - Schools Registration Form – Fill in form](#)

Good luck!

The GCHQ Christmas Elves

About GCHQ

GCHQ is one of the three UK Intelligence and Security Agencies, along with MI5 and the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6). GCHQ protects the UK and its citizens from individuals, groups and countries who wish to do us harm, or damage us financially. Find out more about our mission: <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/section/mission/overview>

OXFORD INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

25TH NOVEMBER, 5-6:30PM



Applied to Oxford?

Thinking about how you might prepare for interviews?

Register for our free online workshop today!

SCAN TO BOOK



Run by Oxford for South West



Sustainable You(th) Challenge

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Does your child have a passion for tackling global challenges, driving climate-positive change, and finding innovative solutions for a more sustainable future?

Are they excited by topics like sustainability, environmental science, technology, or the agri-food sector?

If so, they should apply to take part in [LEAF's \(Linking Environment And Farming\) Sustainable You\(th\) Challenge: Growing a Better Future.](#)

This Challenge is a unique opportunity for your child to **explore their interests, gain valuable skills, and discover pathways** that could shape their future career and contribution to a sustainable world.

Open to students in the UK aged 15–17, this challenge offers them the chance to **turn their interests into action**

What the Challenge involves:

- **A Challenge Day at Harper Adams University***, one of the UK's top universities for agriculture and food studies. Here, they will get a first-hand look at sustainable food production and innovation through a day of hands on activities and challenges.
- Engage with **Open Farm Sunday**, visit a farm or talk with your community discovering how food production connects with people.
- **30 finalists** will be invited to a **residential weekend at Harper Adams University***, where they will explore the agri-food sector and discover future career pathways in sustainability, food production, and environmental science.

Applications open on 18th October 2025. To apply students will submit an online form including a response to a question about their views on sustainability. Applications close on 4 January 2026.

** Travel bursaries available to support participation. In addition, free shuttle buses will run from local stations to Harper Adams University on event days.*

Why should your child get involved:

Gain insights into careers in sustainability, food production, and environmental science
Develop teamwork, communication, research, and problem-solving skills

Connect with industry leaders and like-minded young people

Exclusive prizes: opportunities to engage further with industry, bursaries to attend further

education, grade reductions for university places, and more still to be announced!

Build confidence, discover strengths, and have hands-on fun

Interested? Share with your child and get them to [sign-up](#) to be the first to receive the application form via email.

For any questions, please contact: education@leaf.eco.



The poster for the Sustainable You(th) Challenge features a green background with a white leaf logo. The text 'Sustainable You(th) Challenge' is prominently displayed, followed by the tagline 'Growing a better future.' Below this, a section titled 'Are you...' lists four criteria with checkmarks: 'Aged 15 - 17 & keen to make a difference to our world?', 'Passionate about sustainability?', 'Curious about how your future career paths can have a climate positive impact?', and 'Eager to explore, experience & understand an industry at the cutting edge of driving a more sustainable future?'. To the right, a section titled 'Prizes include:' lists three benefits with trophy icons: 'Bursaries to support further education opportunities.', 'Exclusive industry placements.', and 'Grade reductions helping to secure a place at a top university.' Below these, it says '...plus more!' and 'Express interest: be first to receive more info!' with a QR code. An image of hands holding soil is also visible in the top right corner.

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.

FIRST STEPS BATH X UNIVERSITY OF BATH

Aim of Fundraiser:

We are a group of students from the University of Bath who are raising funds to help First Steps Bath continue providing healthy meals and care for the local children in the Twerton community, making a difference one meal at a time. Every little counts!



RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

TICKET
£2.50/£5

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Collection days:

Sat 29, Sun 30 Nov, and Sat 6 Dec – 10am–4pm

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LUX Christmas Fair Fundraiser

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6 December 2025, 10-1
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A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day

Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day



More Information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



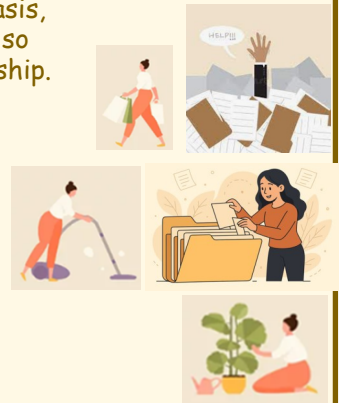
NEED HELP AT HOME?

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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