



BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 27th November

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today's Ignite Day has focussed on employability skills and future horizons. Each year group has taken part in a varied programme of activities designed to spark ambition, build employability skills and help students imagine their futures. This has included tailored sessions that have blended creativity, problem-solving and real-world career links, and the energy has been fantastic.

This day would not have been possible without the wonderful support from our wider community. We were delighted to welcome more than 45 visitors from local organisations, employers and parents/carers. Thank you so much for your support and for helping us to make this day happen and bring the Ignite Day to life.

I would also like to thank Mrs Pascoe, Miss Mather and Mr Seal who have overseen the organisation of the day along with year group leads, colleagues at Bath Hub schools and all staff who have set up for and led sessions.



Aspiration

Compassion

Independence

Respect





Year 7 – A Mission to Mars

Our Year 7 students spent the day travelling, imaginatively at least, to the surface of Mars alongside peers from Hayesfield and St Marks. Their “Mission to Mars” experience took them through a series of challenges linked to real STEM and creative careers. The day began with students designing rockets, learning how an aerospace engineer might consider structure, stability and aerodynamics. They then turned their attention to life on the Martian surface, testing different materials to insulate their Martian homes just as a materials scientist would.

The search for life captured their curiosity as they looked at what conditions living organisms need to survive and how an astrobiologist might look for signs of life on another planet. To round off the day, students used storytelling to imagine what thriving on Mars could look like, taking inspiration from the creativity and craft of authors. It was wonderful to see their imaginations and scientific thinking working hand in hand.

Year 8 - Entrepreneurship and Sustainability

Our Year 8 students (based at Hayesfield and working with peers from St Marks and Hayesfield) have learned about entrepreneurship. This included what it means and discussions about the risks and the benefits. Pupils identified character traits to organise their groupings and developed a product, brand name, price and considered both sustainability and selling points before presenting to other groups.

Year 9 – Looking Ahead to GCSEs

Year 9 students spent the day exploring what their future studies might hold. Through a range of GCSE taster lessons and talks, they sampled different subjects and experienced what learning at the next level will feel like. Alongside this, they used Unifrog to reflect on their strengths and interests, explore different employment sectors and begin thinking about which pathways may suit them best when making their GCSE options choices later this academic year. The day offered an important chance for them to make informed, confident decisions about their next steps.

Year 10 – Building Skills for Work Experience

For Year 10, Ignite Day marked the beginning of their preparation for work experience. They took part in a carousel of employer encounters, meeting professionals from a variety of sectors who shared insights into their jobs and the skills they use every day. Students asked thoughtful questions and gained a valuable first glimpse into the world of work.

A dynamic workshop from external provider Loud Speaker helped students practise public speaking and build confidence in presenting themselves. In classrooms, students worked through scenarios they may face during work experience and began preparing their responses. They also launched their work experience search online, researched local employers and drafted cover letters, making strong progress in developing their employability toolkit. They also took part in an assembly with guest speakers from the University of Bath and Bath College who let them know what their options might be for further education, apprenticeships and higher education in the future.

Year 11 – Mock Interviews and Real Preparation

Year 11 engaged in a day filled with practical preparation for their next steps. Students took part in interview preparation lessons where they explored common interview questions, practised model answers and built strategies to showcase their strengths..

The highlight of the day was the opportunity for every student to have a one-to-one interview with a visiting employer. This provided invaluable experience and helped students gain confidence in presenting themselves professionally. They also researched a variety of careers through a “Day in the Life” task, exploring skills, pathways and opportunities, before taking part in assessment centre style activities designed to mirror real recruitment processes rounding off their day was the “Game of Life” workshop from Loud Speaker. Year 11 approached the day with maturity, and it was clear how much they gained from the experience. In particular I was delighted with the following quote from a parent volunteer supporting our event:

“I wanted to share how focused, polite and professional I found the boys this morning. They were an absolute credit to Beechen.”

Year 12 – Beginning Their Post-18 Journey

Year 12 students spent the day launching their Unifrog profiles and began exploring life after sixth form. They completed skills and psychometric assessments, researched different careers and interests, and started their first MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) from a wide range of options. Whether delving into subject-specific courses or choosing more general preparation for the world of work, students made meaningful progress in shaping their post-18 plans.

Year 13 - Mock Exams Revision

With Year 13 mock exams beginning next week, Year 13 students have had the opportunity to complete revision and exam preparation.

It has been a busy and exciting day and I am very grateful to everyone who helped make this possible and provide these opportunities for our students.

T. D. Markall .

T.D. Markall

Headteacher

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.](#)

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 29th November

Year 7 Legoland Trip

Tuesday 2nd December

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

Menu for week commencing Monday 1st December

Monday: Chilli Chicken, Aubergine and Courgette Bake (D)

Tuesday: Zanzibar Chicken, Sweet Potato and Parmesan Rosti (D)

Wednesday: Roast Pork, Mushroom and Goats Cheese Quiche (W,D)

Thursday: Bang Bang Chicken, Stuffed Pepper with Coriander Olive and Feta Cous Cous (W,D)

Friday: Beef Burger (W,GF), Spicy Bean Burger (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

WINTER ATTENDANCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Class Reading Sets

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently purchased a number of new books to replace lost or old class readers, including new complete sets of Harry Potter, The Book of Dust, Percy Jackson, Mort and 1984.

These sets will be an excellent addition to our other class readers, which our KS3 boys enjoy in reading lessons. Reading teachers post reading homework each week on Google Classroom, and students need to read to a certain page before the next lesson.

We aim for all students to read at least three complete novels each year and completing some reading at home is vital to reach this target. Please check your son is doing this work.

Books are signed out to individual students on the library system. When a class has finished a book, their teachers will collect them back in and they will be scanned back in. A £5 charge will be made to replace books not returned when requested.

Thank you for your support with class readers!



Keep Reading! Mrs Bridge

Reading Records in Planners

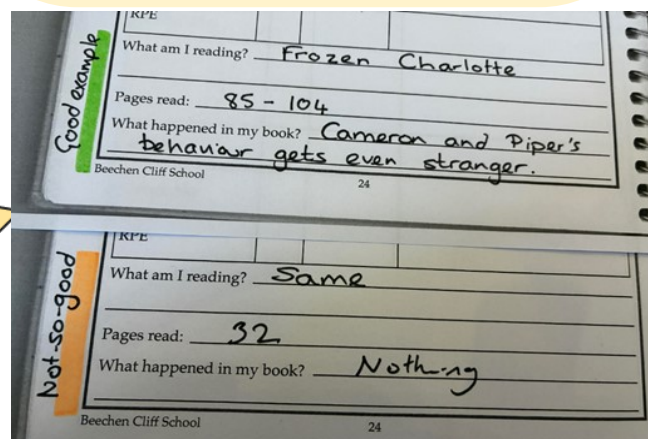
This year, reading is being monitored via planners. Students should be recording their reading in their planners each week and then recording completed books in the reading log at the back of their planner.

A recent check of all KS3 planners has shown that **35% of students have completed their planner every week**. These students have been rewarded with positives and some have received sweets for filling in their planners neatly and thoroughly.

The best tutor groups in each year will also receive prizes! These will be announced before the end of the term.

Another planner check will take place in the new year. Encourage your son to complete his planner regularly.

See below for examples of how planners should be filled in (and how they shouldn't). These examples have been shared with students in tutor time.



Messages:

Please check at home for overdue books and return to the library ASAP!



Artist of the Term!

Hugh congratulations to Albert J (Year 8) for being selected as Term 1's Artist of the Term. He is an exceptional artist!



Albert has always shown dedication, imagination and great skill in his work, and has every reason to be proud of his achievement. We are really pleased with the quality of his work done in the classroom and at home. His work is now on display in the Art block foyer, and a sample of his work is attached.

The Art Department

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

FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

This week, Year 10s have been cooking their end of topic assessment dishes. The brief was to create a dish to show off their knife skills from this topic and that the dish must include either a fruit or a vegetable



Mrs K Gallagher

Food Lead

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/>

Beechen's Got Talent-Postponed

Unfortunately Beechen's Got Talent has been postponed until a date in the new year. Details will follow in January.

If you are still interested in taking part, please contact jharriman@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Carol Service - Wednesday 17th December 2025

Our annual Carol Service will take place in Bath Abbey on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm. This is an important event in the school calendar and is always well attended by parents and pupils.

In previous years, it has been tradition for Year 7 pupils and parents to attend this service and we invite all to attend this year as well.

In addition, there is an open invitation to all members of the school community to join us for what is always a joyous and uplifting occasion that provides the opportunity for all students to join in a school community celebration of Christmas at the start of their festive break.

Please note, no tickets are required for the event.

We hope to see you there!

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music



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



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>

Recent Fixture Results

Date		Fixture	Results
Thursday 20th November	RUGBY	BCS U14a v Clifton College (A)	19-49
		BCS U15a v Clifton College (A)	22-22
Tuesday 25th November	RUGBY	BCS U15 v Lord Wandsworth College (H)	43-5
	FOOTBALL	BCS 1st XI v John Hampden (A)	4-0
Thursday 27th November	RUGBY	BCS U18A v QEH (H)	28-15

SPORTING RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Avon Schools Cross Country Championships

Following the B&NES Cross Country competition in October the following students have qualified for this year's Avon Schools Cross Country Championships, to be held at Kingswood School, Upper Playing Fields, on Saturday 17th January 2026.



Junior Boys

Albert J

Oscar B

Inter Boys

Gabe D

George G

Senior Girls

Poppy S

Poppy F

Aila F

Sally B

Congratulations to everyone selected and we wish you good luck as you progress in this competition.

Mr G Hawkins
Physical Education Department

BCS 1st XV secure a win over Gosforth

The 1st XV took a long trip to Keighley in Yorkshire for our penultimate game in the Ace league second stage against Gosforth.

After a tough battle, we were able to come away with a 26-10 win securing another bonus point for tries scored. We move on to our final game at home next Wednesday against Loughborough where a win will secure the league title.'

Mr A Hall

Head of Rugby



BCS U15 make the last 8 in the National Cup

Please see attached a photo from Tuesday's victory against Lord Wandsworth.

It was an outstanding victory for the U15 Rugby Squad to win 43-5 in the last 16 of the National Cup.

We now progress into the quarter finals, which puts BCS into the top 8 rugby schools in the country!

Mr R Bowett

Year 10 Rugby



Bath Rugby Residential Camps—Under 12-16



BATH RUGBY

Easter Residential Camps

Boys U12-U16

Walhampton School



30 March – 3 April
School Ln, Lymington

Prior Park



13 – 17 April
Ralph Allen Dr, Bath



SPORTS FIXTURES w/c Monday 1st December (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

		Fixture	Start time/ kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/ Return time
Monday 1 st December						
Tuesday 2 nd December	RUGBY	BCS U15b v Frome (H)				
		BCS U16a v Prior (H)				
Wednesday 3 rd December	RUGBY	1 st XV v Loughborough (H)				
Thursday 4 th December	RUGBY	BCS U18C v Kings School Bruton (A)	14:30			
		BCS U15A v The Kings of Wessex Academy (A)	14:30			
Friday 5 th December						
Saturday 6 th December	RUGBY	BCS U12a v Collegiate (H)	10:30			
		BCS U12b v Collegiate (H)				
		BCS U13a v Collegiate (H)				

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 V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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

Email the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

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

Wellbeing

CHANGE THE THOUGHT

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you are having a good week and are coping well as we move into the colder days of November.

Today, we would love to share with you a simple and supportive idea you may have heard of before. It is often linked to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and we regularly use it in our conversations with students when exploring ways to manage negative or unhelpful thinking. It is called Catch it, Check it, Change it, the Three Cs.

In our solution focused work with young people, we use the Three Cs to gently invite them to notice a thought, pause with it, and consider what might be more useful for them to think instead.

Catch it: Notice the thought that has popped up.

Check it: Is it true? Is it helpful? Is there anything I can realistically do about it?

Change it: If not, what could I say to myself that would be more useful or encouraging right now?

This approach supports self compassion while still helping young people stay motivated. It also strengthens their sense of agency over their thinking, something we invite with care and gentleness in all our wellbeing conversations.

Over time, practising the Three Cs can help create new habits and form new neural pathways, giving young people more choice in how they respond to challenging moments.

We thought it might be helpful to share this with you for use at home and hope it brings something supportive to you and your families.

Warmest wishes,

The Wellbeing Team

Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The most recent edition (12) 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>

HPE Bristol: NextGen Innovators

- Are you a Year 10–13 student (as of September 2025) with a passion for STEM?
- Get ready to innovate, create, and compete at the HPE Bristol NextGen Innovators Challenge!
- Form a team, build an exciting project in advance, and then bring your ideas to life at our **in-person showcase event, running from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the HPE Bristol office.
- Present your work to a panel of industry experts, gain real-world feedback, and connect with professionals in tech.
- Empowering tomorrow's thinkers to create, code, and lead today.



Wednesday 8th April



10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



**Hewlett Packard Enterprise,
Lake View, Stoke Gifford, Bristol
BS34 8SW**

HPE



HPE HPE Bristol: NextGen Innovators

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) Bristol are offering teams of students from Years 10–13 studying a STEM subject (as of September 2025) the opportunity to take part in our NextGen Innovators project. You will work together with your team of up to 5 people to develop a project that fits our brief. You will then attend our office from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM event, where you can showcase your work to our panel of expert judges and learn more about HPE!

Hackathon details:

- Problem statement:** How to make your day-to-day life better with technology?
- Themes:** Sustainability, Productivity and Social Value
- Judging Criteria:** Presentation, Innovation and Feasibility

What will I do?

- Get together with your team** of up to 5 people of students in Year 10–13 studying a STEM subject (as of September 2025) and start brainstorming ideas.
- Register your interest** using the QR code below (places are limited and offered on a first come first served basis and will be confirmed **by 30th January 2026** – but don't wait until then to start your projects!).
- Start Hacking!** You should develop a project that addresses the problem statement and fits into one of the themes. Do you want to create a planning app to help with managing schoolwork? Maybe you have a great idea to gamify the efforts towards sustainability? Or perhaps you could use AI tools to provide social value?
- Prepare a short presentation** (~10 minutes) and **printed poster** (any size) to show off your work.
- Attend our HPE Bristol office** from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in April, where you will learn about HPE and the work we do and share your work through a short presentation and poster fair session. A panel of expert judges will assess your efforts and award prizes for the best performing group in each of the judging categories.

Why should I sign up?

- An experience **looks great on UCAS applications**, gain a fresh **insight into working in tech** and a host of valuable **soft skills** such as teamwork, time management and presentation skills.

*if you have been successful in gaining a place, a member of our team will be in touch with additional details and to offer support if required.

For any questions, please contact hpe-education-bristol@hpe.com

Scan the QR code to apply!



HPE Work Experience



13th – 16th April 2026

or

13th – 16th July 2026



10am – 4pm



**Hewlett Packard Enterprise,
Lake View, Stoke Gifford, Bristol
BS34 8SW**

- Calling students in Years 10–12
- Join us for a 4 day on site work experience at Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE).
- You'll develop new skills and experience what its like to be a software developer

Scan QR Code to Apply!



HPE 4-Day Onsite Work Experience

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) are offering students from years 10–12 to attend our Bristol office for work experience.

HPE is a technology company providing solutions to businesses worldwide using cutting-edge technologies like AI, cloud computing and cybersecurity. We work with like Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 and Red Bull Racing (processing race data in real-time), and the NASA Space Station (managing critical systems in space).

So, whether you love technology or just a bit curious, join our Bristol engineering office for a 4-day work experience to explore what a career in tech looks like.

We are offering 2 work experience events in 2026:

- Monday 13th – Thursday 16th April**
- Monday 13th – Thursday 16th July**

Each day in the office will be from **10:00–16:00**.

What will I do?

- Hear from HPE colleagues from a range of areas across the business about how they got where they are and what a typical day looks like
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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!



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DECEMBER 1ST, 2025**



Bath Street

KITCHEN

Bath Street Kitchen Christmas Drive

We are currently putting together care packages to distribute to those in need this festive season. If you would like to help, we are looking for donations of the following:

***New Socks
Fingerless Gloves
Packets of Wet Wipes***

These small items can make a huge difference in helping someone feel seen, supported and cared for during the colder months.

We are happy to arrange collection or drop-off times to suit your schedule and are aiming for all donations by 05/12/2025 to allow time for packing and distribution.

Your support means a great deal to us and even more to those receiving the packages.

Follow our journey here:



Bath Street Kitchen



@bathstreetkitchen

Christmas Tree Sale in support of local youth charity Mentoring Plus

Buy your Christmas tree from local youth charity Mentoring Plus this year and help change young people's lives. Pre-order your sustainably UK-farmed Nordmann Fir now to collect, or choose and buy on the day.

Collection days:

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

Collect from: Riverside Youth Hub, York Mews (next to Morrisons), London Road, BA1 6AE (parking available)

A colorful poster for Girlguiding Rainbows and Brownies. The background is blue with red and yellow geometric shapes. A yellow folder icon is at the top center. A magnifying glass icon is in the top right. A yellow gear icon is in the bottom right. The word 'Rainbows' is in a blue banner at the top left, and 'Brownies' is in a yellow banner at the bottom right. The main text is in large blue letters. A QR code is in the top right, with a yellow box below it containing registration information. The bottom section is a light blue box with black text.

Rainbows

Girlguiding

JOIN RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES!



Scan here to register to join our unit. We are the 25th Bath Rainbows and Brownies!

Come and join your local Rainbows and Brownies Unit!

We meet every Saturday morning (10-11am) at Twerton Village Hall for an hour of fun, games, crafts, baking and earning badges!

Rainbows is for girls aged 4-7 and Brownies is for girls aged 7-10. Both groups meet at the same time so no need to make two trips if your daughters are different ages!

£17.50 per half term
(Financing and grants available to ensure that any girl who wants to can join!)

No waitlist, register and your child can start straight away!

Message Ellie at 07585898059, email 25thbrownies@girlguidingbath.org.uk or use the QR code above to join!

Brownies

LUX Christmas Fair Fundraiser

Roundhill Hub, Mount Road, Bath, BA2 1LG

6 December 2025, 10-1
Fun for all the family

Table Top Games, Craft, & Goodies
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To pre-order your Christmas Tree visit our shop
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*Subject to availability



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



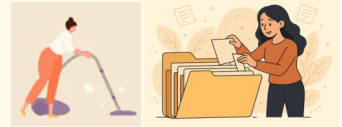
NEED HELP AT HOME?

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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