



## BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*8<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope you all had some enjoyable time over the Christmas break.

It has been a chilly start to the term with some beautiful winter weather (this may change with a storm approaching!) and it has been great to have students back in school and to start getting back into routines.

With that in mind assemblies for Year 7-11 this week are focussing on both school and British values, general expectations and safeguarding.

Over the next few weeks we have a number of parents evenings and information evenings taking place (dates are in the calendar section of the newsletter) and we look forward to seeing you then. There is also a PTA uniform sale this weekend.

Finally, in the event of adverse weather conditions the intention will always be to keep the school running as normal. However, if for health and safety reasons this becomes not possible and we are required to partially or fully close, we will advise parents and carers via email and a notice will be placed on the homepage of the School Website.

*T. D. Markall* .

T.D. Markall  
Headteacher

## REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

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

### Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the School direct on 01225 485222 OR email the lower school attendance at [attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sixthattendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)

## PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please contact the attendance office [attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto: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.](#)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
PTA Preloved Uniform Sale 10am -12pm

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 9 Options Parent Information Evening 6-7.30pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 11 Parents Evening

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
Year 9 Parents Evening

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
USA Ski Trip - Parents Information Meeting 5.30-6.30pm

## INTERNET SAFETY TALK FOR PARENTS

**WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 6.30PM - 7.30PM**

We'd like to invite you to a parents evening "It is never going to happen to my child... ?" which aims to raise awareness of Child Exploitation, use of social media apps and gaming. The session will be run by Andri Nicolaou from Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Content:

Overview of online risks (gaming and social media).

Exploitation of children online / offline.

Top tips on starting a conversation with your child about the exploitation/grooming and how to work together to use the internet safely.

[click here for microsoft teams link](#)

# WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable winter break. It is genuinely lovely to see our students returning to school this week, bringing their energy and focus back into the classroom as we begin the Spring term.

We are very aware that the final weeks of the autumn term were particularly challenging for many of our families. We saw a significant rise in seasonal illnesses—including flu, Covid and stomach bugs—all of which impacted both student attendance and the health of many households.

We really appreciate the resilience you showed during that time, as well as your diligence in keeping us informed and ensuring your children stayed at home when unwell to help protect the rest of the school community.

As we settle back into the school routine, we want to reiterate both the importance of regular attendance and also that we are here to help. We understand that returning to school after a period of illness or a long break can sometimes feel overwhelming for students, whether they are catching up on missed work or simply readjusting to the early morning starts.

We hope your child is looking forward to the term ahead but if they are struggling with any of the following, please do not hesitate to reach out:

- Academic Catch-up: If illness caused them to miss key assessments or core content.
- Wellbeing: If they are feeling anxious about the return to school.
- Practical Support: If there are any other barriers preventing a smooth transition back into the term.

The Spring term is always a busy and productive time and we are committed to making it a successful and healthy term for every student. If you have any concerns or if there is anything we can do to support your family, please feel free to contact your child's Head of Year or Form Tutor

Mr C Hall

Assistant Headteacher, (Attendance and Designated Safeguarding Lead)

## 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>

# Beechen Cliff Christmas Auction and Raffle

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I just wanted to update everyone and thank those who bought raffle tickets and bidden on our auction of Bath rugby tickets.

Thanks to you all, we have managed to raise nearly £3000, which is an incredible amount and will go a long way to providing extra resources for extra curricular activities and the Library at Beechen Cliff.

Going forward, we will be holding an Easter Raffle next term and an Auction of Promises in the Summer term and will give you details in due course on what we will be raising money for and how you can support the School if you so wish.

Kind regards,

Mr C Greenhough  
Fundraising Lead

## PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE



**SAT 10 JAN**

10am - 12pm

At the Clubhouse  
outbuilding

# THE LIBRARY NEWS

A calm, quiet space to read and work

Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

GO  
ALL  
IN.

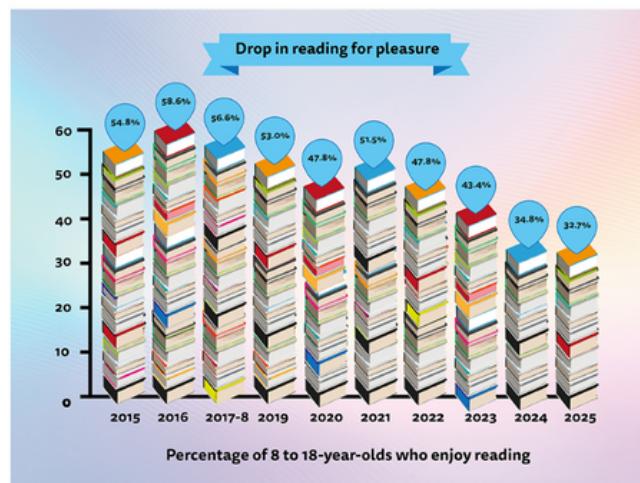
## The National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust to boost reading for pleasure across all ages.

The graph below, from The Day Newspaper, shows that the percentage of teens who enjoy reading for pleasure is in decline across the country.



Mrs Bridge and Senior Leadership Team pledging to 'Go All In' for the National Year of Reading 2026



The National Year of Reading will address declining reading habits by making it relevant, social, and linked to existing passions like music, films, or sports, under the theme "Go All In" to build a lasting legacy for literacy

At Beechen Cliff, we have already started our adventure into the National Year of Reading and are busy with plans for the coming weeks and months. We will keep you updated as things progress, but for now think about what you or your children love to do, and go all in by reading about it!



Year 7s, John S, Paddy S, Elliot H and Jake F, 'Going All In' with their reading teacher Mr Dodsworth-James



### Messages:

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

Keep Reading!  
Mrs Bridge



# Congratulations Max!

Many congratulations to Max Alleyne, former Beechen Cliff pupil, who made his Premier League debut for Manchester City yesterday in their fixture against Brighton. A fantastic achievement!



## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

A major strength of our school is our phenomenal extra curricular offering that the staff put so much effort into and the students gain so much from.

Beechen Cliff's Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities list for Term 3 and Term 4 is available on the School website at

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Extra-Curricular-for-Terms-3-4-2026-Terms-3-4.pdf>

The majority of activities will commence first week of term, however please check the website for see where this is not the case.

# BANDS NIGHT



£5  
ENTRY  
£4 on Arbor

04/02/2026

5:30pm

BEECHEN CLIFF  
MAIN HALL

FEATURING BANDS FROM BEECHEN CLIFF  
AND SCHOOLS ACROSS THE MNSP TRUST

WANT TO PERFORM?  
EMAIL  
[JHARRIMAN@BEECHENCLIFF.MNSP.ORG.UK](mailto:JHARRIMAN@BEECHENCLIFF.MNSP.ORG.UK)

## RECENT FIXTURE RESULTS

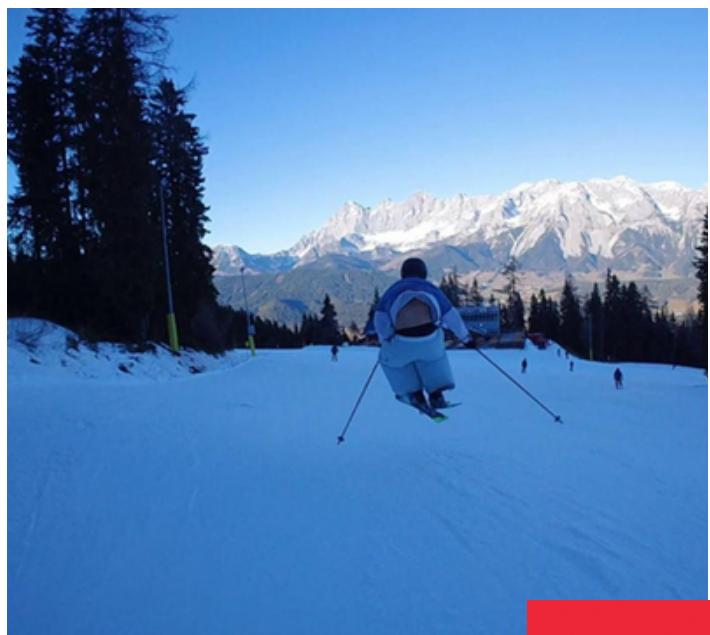
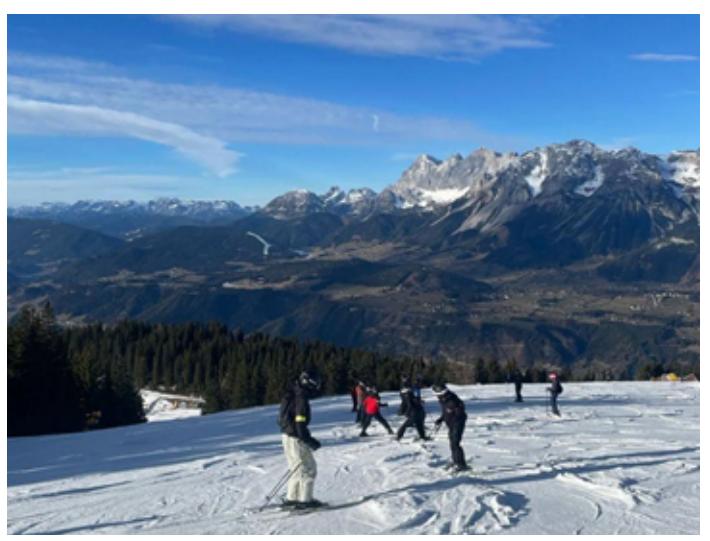
Fixture		Result
<b>Wednesday 7th January</b>	FOOTBALL	BCS U12a v Millfield Preparatory School
		6 - 1
		BCS U13a v Millfield Preparatory School
		9 - 0
		BCS U13b v Stonar School
		16 - 0



U12 A team.

# Year 10 and 12 Ski Trips

At the end of December and at the start of January two trips to Schladming for Year 10 and Year 12 students took place. These were fantastic experiences and saw students progressing well with their skiing. Thank you to the staff for leading these trips.



# SPORTS FIXTURES for w/c 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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>

Below details were correct at the time of publication, however please check the website for up any changes/updates

Date	Fixture		Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 12th January	CRICKET	Year 8 cricket	7:15			
		Year 7 cricket	15:15			
Tuesday 13th January	FOOTBALL	BCS U15b v Stonar (h)	14:30	13:45		
	RUGBY	BCS U15 v Clevedon (Chip)	14:00	12:30	MB	
	FOOTBALL	BCS U13 v Churchdown (Odd Down)	14:00	13:15	MB	
	CRICKET	Year 7 cricket	15:15			
Wednesday 14th January	CRICKET	Year 9 cricket	7:15			
	FOOTBALL	BCS U14b v Millfield (a)	14:15	12:45	MB	
		BCS U15b v Millfield (a)				
		BCS U16b v Millfield (a)				
	RUGBY	BCS U17 v Richard Huish (a)				
Thursday 15th January	FOOTBALL	BCS 1st XI v Queen Elizabeth (h)	13:30	12:45		
	FOOTBALL	BCS 2nd & 3rd XI v Dauntseys (h)	14:30	14:00		
	RUGBY	BCS U14 v RA (a- Sulis)	15:00	14:15	MB	
Friday 16th January	CRICKET	Senior cricket training	7:15			

# Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The most recent edition (15) 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.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:careers@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk).

Mrs E Pascoe  
Head of Careers

## **University of Bristol Work Experience application form closing 1st Feb 2026**

Please see the pre-16 website for further details:

[www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/pre-16/work-experience-year-10](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/pre-16/work-experience-year-10) and use the Year10 Work Experience (WEX) application form to apply.

The 8 different Yr10 WEX programmes on offer are: ·

Biochemistry and Cellular Medicine - Cells and Molecules (30 places)

- Biological Sciences - Animal Minds: Evolution and Behaviour (20 places)
- Biological Sciences - Green Planet: Plants and Ecosystems (20 places)
- Biomedical Sciences Technical (12 places)
- Engineering (35 places)
- Geographical Sciences (6 places)
- Physics and Maths (15 places)
- Arts, Law and Social Sciences (10 places)
- All Year 10 programmes will take place from 29th June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 at the Clifton Campus

Lunches may be provided, and you will be informed nearer the time if they are.

You will need to be able to get to campus for the correct start time each day and stay for the whole day to get the most out of the week.

Core hours for WEX programmes are 10am -3.30pm

# Virtual Work Experience Opportunities - Google

Digdata has collaborated with Google to bring virtual work experience opportunities to our students on the 28th and 29th January. These sessions will be hosted on Zoom outside of school hours:

## **FIRST STEP - suitable for students in Year Groups 7-9**

Wednesday 28th January at 4.30 pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you go viral

- A 45-minute briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion

[Register now! \(student link\)](#)

## **NEXT STEP - suitable for students in Year Groups 10-13**

Thursday 29th January at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

Google joins forces with Gen Z Creators to launch the Pixel 10!

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion

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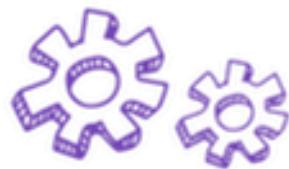
Head of Futures & Level 6 Careers Adviser



FREE 6 week mentoring programme for 13-19 year olds run by STEM Learning in partnership with GSK. Students can explore opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and maths; from engineering and coding to research and pharmaceuticals.

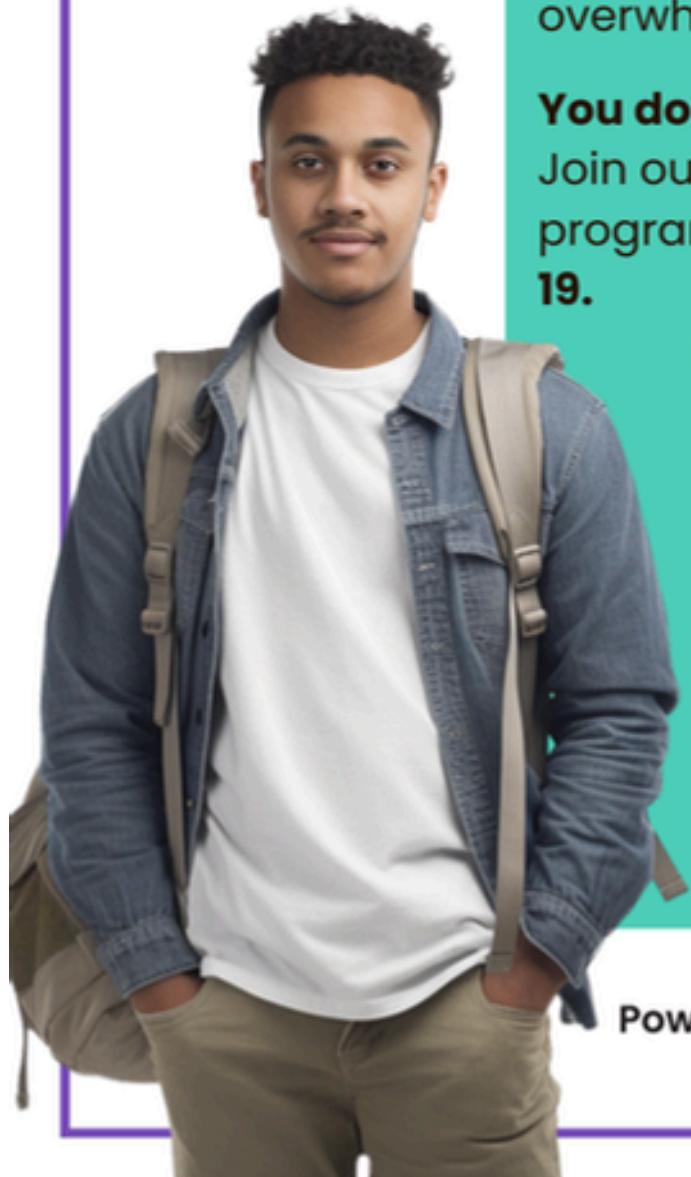


# DESTINATION **STEM**



## Your Future. Your Choice. Your Support.

Sign up  
by 4<sup>th</sup> Feb



Thinking about college, uni,  
apprenticeships, or jobs?



It's exciting – but it can feel  
overwhelming too.

**You don't have to figure it out alone.**  
Join our **FREE** online mentoring  
programme for UK students **aged 13–19**.

### Why Join?

- 1:1 support from a mentor who listens
- A safe space to talk about your options, challenges, and goals
- Reliable info to help you make confident decisions.

Powered by



Contact: [ruth.l.bennetts@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.l.bennetts@cornwall.gov.uk)

# 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.*

## FOSTERING

- \***There are Children in Bath and surrounding area right now**  
who need a safe loving home.
- \*You don't need to be perfect – just patient, caring and willing to learn.
- \*Could fostering be something you've never consider...but should?

### Fostering Myths – Busted!

- You have to be married **X**
- You need a spare mansion **X**
- You have to be a stay at home parent **X**
- You can be single **✓**
- You can work **✓**
- You just need a spare room and a big heart **✓**

Contact Five Rivers Fostering – 0333 0603 962  
[carer.enquiries@thefosteringcompanyletd.co.uk](mailto:carer.enquiries@thefosteringcompanyletd.co.uk)



# THE UNIFORM CUPBOARD

Giving away good quality second hand school uniform & coats



Sunday 26th October 2025

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Sunday 28th June 2026

2PM - 4PM

Freedom House, Lower Bristol Road,  
Bath, BA2 1EP

Email us for enquiries

[thecupboard@soundchurch.co.uk](mailto:thecupboard@soundchurch.co.uk)

Find us on Facebook: [/soundchurchcupboard](https://www.facebook.com/soundchurchcupboard)



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## Facility Hire at Beechen Cliff



For clubs, for community groups, for individuals

*Floodlight 3G and Astro Pitches*



*Sports Hall*

*Indoor Cricket Nets*



*Gym*

*Classrooms*



All available for hire evenings and weekends

All availability and prices, contact Jo Davis - [jdavis@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:jdavis@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk)