



BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th February 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe another half term is nearly at an end.

This week we have focussed on safer internet day as our theme of the week sessions in tutor time with a focus on AI and harmful behaviours. You may also be aware that the government is launching a new online safety website on 16th February to support families and encourage regular conversations about what they're seeing online.

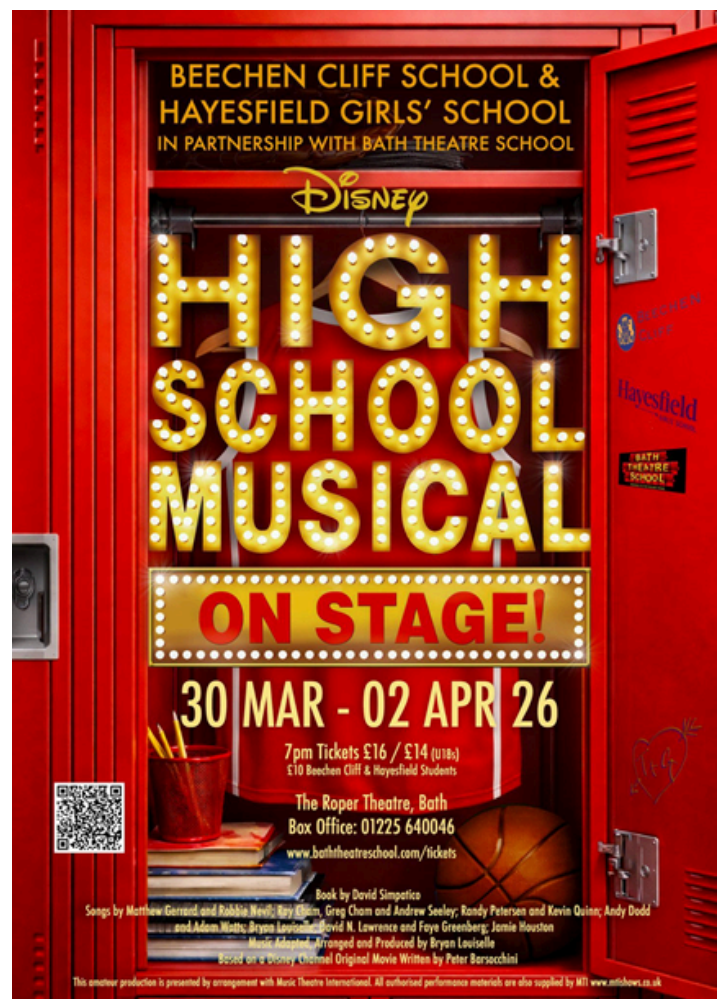
More information is available [here](#).

In addition, over the last two weeks we have also spoken with all Year 7-11 pupils in assemblies about the risk of cyberbullying and overly physical behaviour and reiterated our expectations of pupil conduct in relation to our school Core Values and, in particular, compassion and respect.

This week has also been National Apprenticeship Week and we have marked this with an assembly for Year 12 students and information provided on Google Classrooms for all year groups. Mrs Pascoe has also written to you with details of where to find out more information about apprenticeships.

Tickets for the school production in partnership with Hayesfield Girls School and Bath Theatre School are selling fast with the final night already sold out. Performances are taking place at the Roper Theatre from 30th March to 2nd April. Tickets are available via the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bath-theatre-school>



Over the half term break we have two international trips taking place with the ski trip to the USA and the Sixth Form World Challenge expedition to Morocco. We wish all the students and staff taking part an enjoyable, safe and successful experience.

Finally, over the upcoming half term break please check your child has all the correct equipment and uniform for next term. It's a good opportunity to 'top up' if required. Just a reminder that for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium Mrs Layton can be contacted to request support.

Have a good half term and we look forward to returning to school on Monday 23rd February.

T. D. Markall .

T. D. Markall
Headteacher

Key Notices

REPORTING ALL PUPIL ABSENCES

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

Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the School direct on 01225 485222 OR email the lower school attendance at attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Sixth Form Students

For a Sixth Form student absence please call the School direct on 01225 485221 OR you can email Sixth Form attendance at: sixthattendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

PLANNED ABSENCES

For planned absences please contact the attendance office attendance@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk for a copy of the 'absence request form' which can also be found on the school website:

[MNSP Absence Request Form.](#)

Calendar

Thursday 12th February
Year 7 Disco @ St Marks

Friday 13th February
Term 3 ends

Monday 23rd February
Start of Term 4

Thursday 26th February
Year 7 Parents Evening 4-8pm
(remote)

Monday 2nd March
Year 11 Mock Exams commence

Monday 9th March
Year 13 Mocks commence

BOYS IN MIND

**Mrs Wilmot and Mr King are
running the Bath Half
Marathon for Boys in Mind!**

Help raise money for **BOYS IN MIND**

Registered Charity No. 1198732

Share this fundraising page with your followers to show support.



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BOYS IN MIND

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/runforbim>

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>



Information for all Students sitting Formal Examinations this Summer

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS

Here is a link to the timetable for the Summer Externally scheduled Exams.

[Externally scheduled Summer Examinations Timetable](#)

Occasionally, students can have more than one exam scheduled for the same time. This is an exam clash and it will be resolved when your child receives their individual timetable later.

Before half term anyone taking formal exams should receive a Statement of Entry from their tutor or teacher. these will only be emailed to anyone who is unable to come into school to collect them.

Statements of Entry do not need to be returned.

Year 11 Formal Mock Examination Timetable

Here is a link to the Year 11 Formal Mock Examination Timetable.

[Year 11 Formal Mock Examination Timetable](#)

Year 13 Formal Mock Examination Timetable

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[Year 13 Formal Mock Examination Timetable](#)

Students will receive individual timetables for their Mock Examinations during the week before half term and any clashes will be resolved on these individual timetables. Individual timetables will also be emailed.

Mrs J Cotterell
Examinations Officer

THE LIBRARY NEWS

A calm, quiet space to read and work

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

GO
ALL
IN.

National Year of Reading 2026



This week, four of our avid readers took part in a regional heat in the Senior National Reading Champions Quiz. This quiz is organised by the National Literacy Trust and has been promoted as part of the National Year of Reading. We applied to be in the South West Region, but as it was full, we were put in a inter-regional heat with 25 schools from across the country. Ben P, Lucas A and Jem H (Y8) and Elliott D (Y7), spent the morning tackling 8 rounds of book-themed questions including picture rounds, quotations and even a video round. After a tense wait for the results, Beechen Cliff came third with an epic score of 52 out of 75 - a full 10 marks ahead of the fourth placed team.

Well done to the boys for being great quizzers and a special thanks to Lucas for stepping into the team at the last minute. All the boys win a £15 book token for winning 3rd place.

Thank you to the PTA for our fabulous new interactive screen, which was used for the first time for this amazing event. We appreciate all the fundraising you do to help our library!



Literature Across Borders

This week, our new interactive screen has been used for another fabulous activity - meeting students from India and America in our first Literature Across Borders meeting of the year. Zach, William, Oshi, Logan, Iggy and Rocco have been looking at books from the UK and India on the themes of 'Indian Partition' and 'Children Fighting for Rights'. We chatted to the students from the other countries about a range of subjects from the books they enjoy, the foods they eat and the news that comes to them from each of our countries. Later in the year, we will be meeting again to discuss the books we have read.

Keep Reading!

Mrs Bridge





Beechen Cliff PTA Race Night

If you are wondering 'what is a Race Night?', we'll be showing videos of classic horse races, and you'll have the chance to place bets on the winners. Bets are just £1 each, with all proceeds going directly to the PTA.

There will be a well-stocked bar, so you can enjoy your favourite drink while cheering on your chosen horse.

It promises to be a fun, relaxed evening with great food, good company, and a brilliant cause. Book your tickets early as this helps us with the planning and if you want to lend a hand email info@beechenpta.org.

BCSPTA Presents

RACE NIGHT

27/03/2026 6.30pm

Tickets through Arbor
£12(including a curry)

A Racenight is a fun event where we show you footage of old horse races and you bet on the results. It's easy, no racing knowledge is needed and its all down to luck...and there's a bar.

ALL PROFITS GO TO THE PTA!

GCSE Maths Calculators – Donated by Bath University

A big shout out to Bath University who generously donated 50 GCSE calculators to Beechen Cliff's Maths Department which were surplus to their examination procedures.

Mr Henly visited the University and collected the calculators from Jane Dicker, Programmes Administrator from the Department of Economics, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, who can be seen in the photo with the box of calculators.



These calculators will benefit our students tremendously and the Maths Department are extremely grateful for the University's generosity.

Mr J Henly
KS5 Maths

Hospitality and Catering

Years 9 and 10 have been showing off their decorative skills this week. With some fantastic results! Well done to all of the Year 9 Food students and Year 10 H&C students of showing the Beechen values.



Mrs K Gallagher
Food Lead

New Year 7 and 8 Choir starting after half term

Singing in a choir isn't just about music, it's a chance for your son to grow in confidence, gain a sense of belonging, and thrive in a relaxed setting.

We are so excited to announce that we have partnered with West of England Music & Arts, and secured choral director Emily Coleman-Boyle to lead our new year 7 and 8 choir. It will be a welcoming, confidence-boosting space with music chosen with the students so it genuinely reflects what they love. This exciting opportunity will combine creativity, wellbeing, and excellent music making as we prepare for a large-scale performance at a major arts venue.

- Behavioural benefits: builds discipline, teamwork, resilience, and positive peer connections
- Mental health benefits: reduces stress, boosts mood, confidence, and sense of belonging
- Student voice matters: repertoire is shaped with the students, keeping it relevant and motivating

First rehearsal is on Wednesday the 25th February 12.30-12.55 in the Music centre. All year 7 and 8 pupils are welcome. I would be grateful if you could let me know if your son would like to be involved in this exciting new project either by emailing me (pcalvert@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk) or encouraging your son to speak with me to register their interest.

Mr P E Calvert
Head of Music



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Marcus G Year 8 – FENCING GOLD MEDAL

Outside of school, Marcus competes in fencing. He recently won the South West Regional Championship U14 boys, taking the gold medal at the event held at Millfield School.

As a result of this win, Marcus has qualified for the British Youth Fencing Championships U14, which will take place in Sheffield from 2–4 May. This achievement is amazing and represents a significant milestone in his sporting development outside of school activities.

Well Done Marcus!



Recent Fixture Results

Fixture			Result
Thursday 5th February	FOOTBALL	BCS 1st XI v KES (a)	1-2
	HOCKEY	BCS U12 @ Monkton - Avon Hockey Tournament	
	NETBALL	BCS 1st VII v RHS (a)	17-24
Sunday 8th February	RUGBY 7's	Rugby 7's	
		BCS U18A v QEH	19-21
		BCS U18A v Collegiate	10-22
		BCS U18A v Downside School	24-7
		BCS U18A v The Crypt School	27-12
		BCS U16A v Monkton Combe School	36-0
		BCS U16A v Dauntsey's School	26-7
		BCS U16A v Malvern College	0-12
		BCS U6A v Christ College	10-5
		BCS U16A v Prior Park College	26-0
Monday 9th February	HOCKEY	BCS U13 @ Monkton - Avon Hockey Tournament	
	FOOTBALL	BCS U14A v Monkton Wood Academy	5-1
Tuesday 10th February	RUGBY	BCS U15 v Churchill (Combe Down RFC)	62-0
	CRICKET	BCS U13 indoor cricket @ NH	

U14 Football

Congratulations to the U14 football team who are through to the Somerset Cup quarter finals with an assured 5-1 victory over Monkton Wood Academy.

Mr N Quintin
PE Department



U12 Football

The Year 7 football team played a round robin tournament against St Gregs, Oldfield and Ralph Allen yesterday. A great tournament played with plenty of enthusiasm and excitement.



Mr J Utton
PE Department

SPORTS FIXTURES for w/c 23rd February 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

		Fixture	Start time/kick off	Meet time	Transport	Finish/Return time
Monday 23rd	FOOTBALL	U13 v John Hampden (h- Odd Down)	13:30	12:30	MB	
Tuesday 24th	FOOTBALL	U16 v RA (Sulis)	15:45	15:15	MB	
		U15 v RA (h)	15:45	15:15	n/a	
		U12a v St Marks (h-astro)	15:45	15:15	n/a	
		U12a v RA (h-astro)	15:45	15:15		
Wednesday 25th	FOOTBALL	U13a v RA (a-astro)	15:45	15:15	MB	
		U14b v St Marks (a)	15:45	15:15	MB	
	RUGBY	U14 & U16 v Churchill (h TBC)				
Thursday 26th	NETBALL	1st & 2nd VII v Downside (a)	14:30			
	FOOTBALL	U14a v RA (h)	15:45			
Sunday 1st	RUGBY	U14 All England 7s				

Tennis Coaching

Blue Sky Tennis are delighted to continue their partnership with Beechen Cliff and reignite the Thursday Year 7-9 after school tennis session at Bloomfield tennis club just up the road next term. This club was a great success last year, with 18 pupils signed up and a waitlist! So we are excited to be able to offer this for the Beechen Cliff pupils once again.

Dates: 5th March - 26th March - 4 week block plus a week extra to make-up if we get hit by bad weather

Times: 3:45-4:45pm

Cost: £8 per session (same as last time) so £32 in total for the 4 weeks

Who: Year 7-9 pupils, more aimed at the beginner/improver level to help build confidence and develop their fundamental skills and technique.

Booking link - this will take you straight to the class booking page:

<https://www.classhub.com.au/secure/registration?providerAlias=blueskytennis&classId=CAD03D8C-BEA3-4D58-A5B7-0B19E53BEFEE>

We are also looking to run this as a 10 week block in April-July too. More details to follow in due course.

Shaun Hitchcock
Blue Sky Tennis





Rugby Sponsorship Opportunities at Beechen Cliff School

Beechen Cliff School is pleased to invite local businesses and organisations to partner with us through rugby sponsorship opportunities that support school sport while promoting your business within our community.

We are currently seeking sponsors for:



Junior Rugby Football Kit

- **Main Kit Sponsor**
- **Sleeve Sponsor**
- Sponsor logo displayed on official junior rugby kits worn at matches, tournaments, and events



1st XV Pitch Post Pad Protectors

- Sponsor branding displayed on **post pad protectors** on the 1st XV pitch
- High-visibility exposure during home fixtures, training sessions, and school events

Additional Sponsor Benefits

- ✓ Promotion in the **Beechen Cliff School newsletter**
- ✓ Promotion across **Beechen Cliff School social media channels**
- ✓ Regular visibility to students, parents, staff, visitors, and the wider community

Why Sponsor Beechen Cliff Rugby?

- Support youth and school rugby
- Increase local brand awareness
- Align your business with teamwork, commitment, and excellence

For more information or to discuss sponsorship packages, please contact Mr Macdonald
pmacdonald@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

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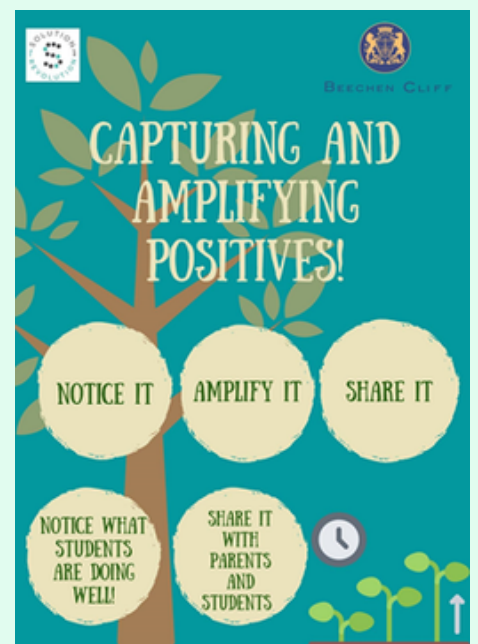
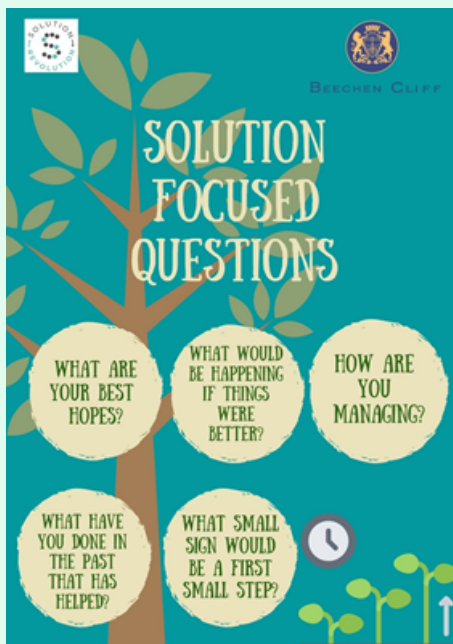
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and looking forward to the half-term break.

We wanted to share with you our new posters that will be displayed around the school. You may already have noticed our existing solution-focused posters when visiting. These include simple, practical questions that help guide everyday conversations in classrooms and corridors.

These prompts act as gentle reminders of how we can use a solution-focused approach in our daily interactions. They invite all of us, staff and students alike, to notice what is working, to build on it, and to recognise what people are already doing well.

This week we have introduced a new set of posters and wanted to share this development with you. They are an invitation to our whole school community to continue noticing progress, amplifying successes, and strengthening self-efficacy together.



We wish you a wonderful and restful half-term.

The Wellbeing Team

Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

This week's 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 at epascoe@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

In addition further information about upcoming careers opportunities are available on the next few pages

Mrs E Pascoe
Head of Careers



University of Bath - now accepting applications for Work Experience 2026!

Dates - 29th June 2026 to 3rd July 2026

Work experience is an important way for you to gain insight into the world of work. Our work experience placements will allow you to get a taste of some of the different career pathways available within the University.

Our work experience programme is for Year 12. You must be living in the local catchment area. This includes Bath, Chippenham, Corsham, Melksham, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, Frome, Radstock, Keynsham, Brislington and surrounding villages.

To apply, select the 'Register your interest' button and follow the instructions using this link - www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/Vacancy.aspx?ref=WEX2026.

If you haven't used our system before, you'll be asked to register first. The application process mirrors what you might experience when applying for future jobs or university opportunities, so it's a great chance to practise.

Please note that demand for placements is high, and spaces are limited. While we cannot guarantee a placement, we aim to accommodate as many applicants as possible.

For full details of departments that are offering spaces and the application process please look here - www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/display.aspx?id=1847&pid=0

Mrs E Pascoe
Head of Futures & Level 6 Careers Adviser



West of England Legal Early Careers Network

ABOUT US

West of England Legal Early Careers Network (WLECN) was established in 2022. In July of that year the network brought together 6 law firms and 5 schools to provide an opportunity for year 10 students to experience the work place through a week long insight programme. The scheme has been running every year since then, supported by more than 15 legal organisations including law firms of varying sizes, in-house legal teams, universities and a Judge! We have supported more than 25 schools and over 200 students by providing week long insight placements for year 10 students across Bristol and Bath, over a four week period, offering invaluable hands-on legal experience.

WHY WLECN?

In the legal sector, we know that the struggle for social mobility persists. Historically, it's not about what you know but who you know. Securing work placements, vacation schemes, and training contracts can feel like navigating a maze without connections. For those breaking new ground in their families, by obtaining GCSEs and A-levels, or heading to university, the lack of connections may be a barrier.

The West of England Legal Early Careers Network is a collective effort to move the dial on social mobility in the legal sector. Our network provides a platform for first-hand exposure to legal experience and invaluable connections.

APPLICATION

All applications must be submitted by 27 February 2026. Places will be confirmed by 13 March 2026.

Be part of a movement that opens doors for aspiring legal professionals. Join WLECN and contribute to a culture shift that makes legal careers accessible to everyone!

OUR PROGRAMME



A week-long experience, spending each day in a different law firm



Learn about a typical day at a law firm



Discover career paths into law



The chance to undertake interactive mock tasks



Receive guidance from experienced legal professionals

“The programme was ran excellently, and our daughter gained so much out of the exposure to the programme content. She felt fully supported by those looking after her each day which is great for her confidence around how things may work in further education and eventually in the workplace.”



Bristol & Bath



Sam Lee (WBD)
Sarah Cook (VWV)
Ellen Marsh (Foot Anstey)



admin@WLECN.com

Community Links

We are happy to promote local businesses and community events. Please note these are not the responsibility of / or endorsed by Beechen Cliff School.

THE UNIFORM CUPBOARD

Giving away good quality
second hand school uniform
& coats



Sunday 26th October 2025
Sunday 22nd February 2026
Sunday 28th June 2026
2PM - 4PM

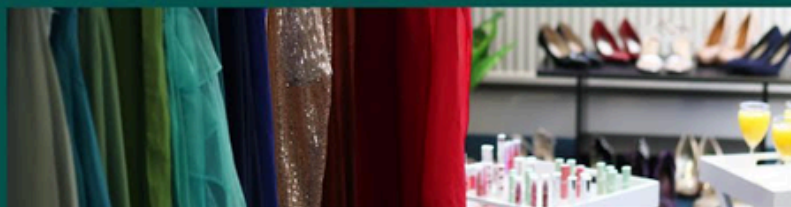
Freedom House, Lower Bristol Road,
Bath, BA2 1EP

Email us for enquiries
thecupboard@soundchurch.co.uk

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



The Wardrobe



Good Quality Promwear:

Dresses & Suits ready for Year 11's and School Leavers across B&NES and the surrounding areas.

As more parents and pupils face the impact of a national cost of living crisis, The Wardrobe steps in so every pupil can celebrate and be celebrated without worrying about what they have to wear.

Come along to a drop in session
10AM-12PM

February
16th, 18th & 20th
April
13th, 15th & 17th



thecupboard@soundchurch.co.uk
Freedom House, Lower Bristol Road, BA2 1EP



PLAYERS WANTED!

Under 14 — School year 9



Everyone welcome — all abilities, all confidence levels.

No trials, no pressure. Turn up, have a go, and see if you enjoy it.

Players from lots of different schools across Bath.

Coaches are friendly, supportive, and focused on helping kids feel comfortable, not judged.



TRAINING
Mondays at 18:00
St. Marks (winter)
Lansdown (summer)

GAMES
Sunday afternoons

NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

For more details, please email
larkhallathleticfc@gmail.com
mentioning this flyer.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2026

HEAT #1
FEATURING

ALCOVE DAMNATA PLUGIN

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

DOORS AT 7:30PM - £6 ENTRY
THE NEED COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE
HIGH STREET, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 3ER

WWW.RIVERBANKCHIPPENHAM.CO.UK/TAKETHESTAGE



Need Community
& Arts Centre
Chippenham Town Council



Perfect family show for half term, involving students from Beechen Cliff.
Award winning Bath-based youth company. Tickets selling fast!

HALF TERM TREAT - ZENITH YOUTH THEATRE 18 - 21 FEB 2026



Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* comes alive on stage in a spectacular new musical adventure from **Zenith Youth Theatre Company**. With huge dance numbers, sparkling costumes, and all the songs you know and love — like "*Be Our Guest*" and "*Beauty and the Beast*" — it's the perfect show for kids, families, and anyone who believes in happily-ever-afters.

Zenith Youth Theatre Company has been delighting Bath audiences for over 60 years with award-winning musicals performed entirely by young people.

Friday & Saturday MATINEE — you can even meet the cast in costume after the show for photos and a chance to say hello to your favourite characters!

BOOK AT WWW.ZENITHYTC.CO.UK



TICKETS

Fri & Sat Eve £15 / Wed & Thurs £14 (£12 Conc) Fri & Sat Mat £12
FAMILY TICKET (4 tickets max 2 adults) Wed & Thurs £42
TIMES Wed & Thurs 7:30pm, Fri & Sat 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Kingswood Theatre, Fonthill Rd, Lansdown, Bath BA1 5RG

DANONE GetPRO Bath miles ²⁰/₂₆

JOIN OUR FIRST-EVER JUNIOR PARKRUN & THE DAILY MILE WAVE!

WHEN: Saturday 14 March

START LINE: Royal Victoria Park

WAVE START TIME: 11:00

Be part of the Bath Half Marathon Weekend and take on this free, fun event suitable for the whole family.

Bath Miles offers participants of all ages and abilities the chance to be part of the action by running, jogging, walking or wheeling a one-mile course in Royal Victoria Park.



Scan the QR code to register!

WHAT YOU GET:

- Timed results
- Finisher's medal (optional)
- Free access to the Fanzone in Royal Victoria Park



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- ✓ All abilities welcome!
- ✓ Ages 7-11 & 11-18
- ✓ Choose from bass, guitar, drums or singing
- ✓ Learn, play in a band and gig!
- ✓ No instrument? Use ours!

SESSIONS IN YOUR AREA

Monday @ **Beechen Cliff School, Bath**
Ages 7-11: 5-7pm / Ages 11-18: 7-9pm

Tuesday @ **Emmanuel's Yard, Trowbridge**
Ages 7-11: 4-6pm / Ages 11-18: 6-8pm

Wednesday @ **Sheldon School, Chippenham**
Ages 7-11: 5-7pm / Ages 11-18: 7-9pm

Thursday @ **Wellsway School, Keynsham**
Ages 7-11: 5-7pm / Ages 11-18: 7-9pm



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Ages 7+, Booking essential

BEECHEN CLIFF FACILITY HIRE



All available for hire evenings and weekends

For clubs, for community groups, for individuals

Floodlight 3G and Astro Pitches

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Indoor Cricket Nets

Gym

Classrooms



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