



BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29th January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holocaust Memorial Day

This week we have marked Holocaust Memorial Day (commemorated on 27th January) through assemblies for students in Year 7-12. In addition, it has been our Tutor Time Theme of the Week for Years 7-11 and we also welcomed Rob Angell, who works for The Holocaust Education Trust, as a speaker and who led an extra session for our Year 9 students on Tuesday afternoon as part of the Year 9 curriculum.

The focus for this year was 'Bridging Generations' and a reminder that remembrance doesn't end with survivors and we should actively engage with the past. This is to preserve the memory of the Holocaust, to learn and carry lessons forward and to build a bridge between history and hope for the future; an important message for us all in so many regards.

Parent Survey

I would like to thank all parents who have completed our parent survey and would be grateful for further responses from others who would like to give feedback.

[Year 7-11 Parent Survey - January 2026](#)

[Sixth Form Parent Survey - January 2026](#)

Looking forward...

In the week ahead we look forward to further Ten Tors training, sports fixtures, our winter Bands Night and much more. Let's hope we can avoid more torrential rain and I wish you all a good weekend ahead.

T. D. Markall .

Mr 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

Wednesday 4th February
Bands Night 5pm - 9pm

Tuesday 10th February
Year 10 Parents Evening 4.-8pm
(remote)

Friday 13th February
Term 3 ends

Monday 23rd February
Start of Term 4

Thursday 26th February
Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday 2nd March
Year 11 Mock Exams commence

Monday 9th March
Year 13 Mocks commence

MENU - wc Monday 2nd February

Monday: Chicken with a Spicy Tomato and Kidney Bean Sauce, Vegetable Stroganoff

Tuesday: Soy and Ginger Pork Steak, Veggie Sausage Casserole

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Cheese and Onion Pasty

Thursday: Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce, Pitta Bread Margarita Pizza (W,D)

Friday: Toad in the Hole (W,D), Quorn Shepherd's Pie (D)

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
(GF) = Gluten Free Option

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>



Punctuality

Arriving at school on time is more than just a rule; it is a fundamental habit that sets the tone for a successful day of learning - for pupils, tutor time is an important start to the day and it helps to ensure they get the day off to the best possible start. Tutors help to ensure pupils have everything they need and also deliver key messages. Looking further ahead, consistent punctuality is a life skill that will serve them well long after they leave secondary school. In light of this, I thought that this would be a good opportunity to explain what happens when a student arrives late.

To ensure we maintain a calm and focused environment, we have a clear process for students who arrive after 8.25:

- **Sign in:** Any student arriving late must report immediately to Mr. Hall in room L2 to sign in. Each pupil explains why they are late and we check that they have everything they need to start the day positively.
- **Report to Me:** To discuss the reasons for lateness and to help pupils avoid lateness in future "Report to Me" sessions are mandatory, but will only be for a few minutes

○ **KS3 Pupils (Years 7-9):** 12:30 PM

○ **KS4 Pupils (Years 10-11):** 1:30 PM

We see these sessions as an opportunity to support students in improving their time management. However, please be aware that failure to attend the "Report to Me" session will result in automatic negative behavior points.

We understand that occasionally there are unavoidable circumstances, such as significant transport delays. In these instances, we ask that you contact the school office as early as possible.

Please note that students arriving after 9.00 must sign in at the Attendance office and this will be dealt with by his Head of Year. Any pupils arriving late due to a medical appointment must sign in as normal

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students reach their full potential by being ready to learn every single morning.

Mr C Hall

Assistant Headteacher, Attendance and Designated Safeguarding Lead

PTA News

Beechen Cliff PTA received some wonderful news recently. As you are probably aware, we are raising money to offset the cost of the new laser cutting machine that has been installed in the Design & Technology department. Our target is £20,000 and, just before Christmas, we were thrilled to receive a substantial donation from local engineering firm Cross Manufacturing.

Cross Manufacturing is a local company, which many of you may recognise as you approach Wellsway from Midford Road. Their connection to Beechen Cliff runs deeper than geography alone, as Richard and Edward Cross are both proud alumni of the school, having attended during the 1980s.

The BCS PTA would like to send a huge thank you to Richard and Edward for their very generous support. Their donation makes a significant contribution towards our fundraising goal and will have a lasting impact on the learning opportunities available to our students. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support of Beechen Cliff and the wider school community.

Thank you also to everyone who has supported the PTA's fundraising efforts so far — every contribution brings us one step closer to our goal.

Beechen Cliff PTA



LAST CALL - Lost Property

Our Lost Property is groaning with lost items of clothing, in particular expensive winter coats. Most items are un-named which means that they cannot easily be returned to their rightful owners.

If your child has mislaid any items, please can you encourage your child to visit Lost Property (situated in the nurses room) as a matter of priority

And a gentle reminder please to name all items of clothing and equipment brought into School.

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.



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

Food and Hospitality

This week KS3 students are working on their final dishes which they have planned and created independently to a brief. Year 7s have made Healthy Snacks, Year 8s FakeAway-TakeAways, and Year 9s Great British Bake Off themed.



KS4 students have been focusing on presentation techniques across a range of activities including chocolate work, piping skills and creating whole dishes.

Mrs K Gallagher
Food Lead



THE LIBRARY NEWS

A calm, quiet space to read and work

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The National Year
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[National Year of Reading 2026](#)

National Year of Reading: Motivating Teen Readers

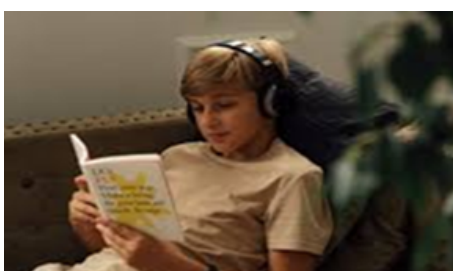
Finding out what motivates your teen may help encourage them to read. Perhaps they are struggling to find motivation with daily pressures of homework, sports, activities, friends and social media. The NYR research suggests there are three key motivators for reading: curiosity, mindfulness and social. Which one is your teen? Which one are you?! If you want any support in motivating your teen to read, please get in touch: lbridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Curious Readers



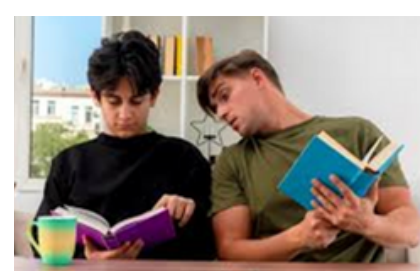
Curious readers read to find out information and understand the world. Encourage them to read non-fiction books and magazines on their favourite topics. In fiction, find novels with characters or settings that relate to their areas of interest - historical fiction or sports stories for example or that relate to their own life

Mindful Readers



Mindful readers read for escapism and for their own mental wellbeing. In short - they find it relaxing. Try fantasy or speculative fiction that whisks them into other worlds or perhaps a page-turning adventure stories. In non-fiction, they could read about the making of their favourite films, games or TV programmes.

Social Readers



Social readers read to connect with others. Up-to-date news and sport articles or magazines are an ideal way to get teens talking with their friends about the things they love. Why not suggest a mini book group. Could you and your teen read the same book together (their choice!) or at the same time and chat about it?

We are looking for the following good quality donations for our school library:

- Audiobooks on CD
- Magazines (recent editions, all topics)
- Non-fiction books
- Books in foreign languages
- Quality contemporary fiction for older readers (including sixth form)

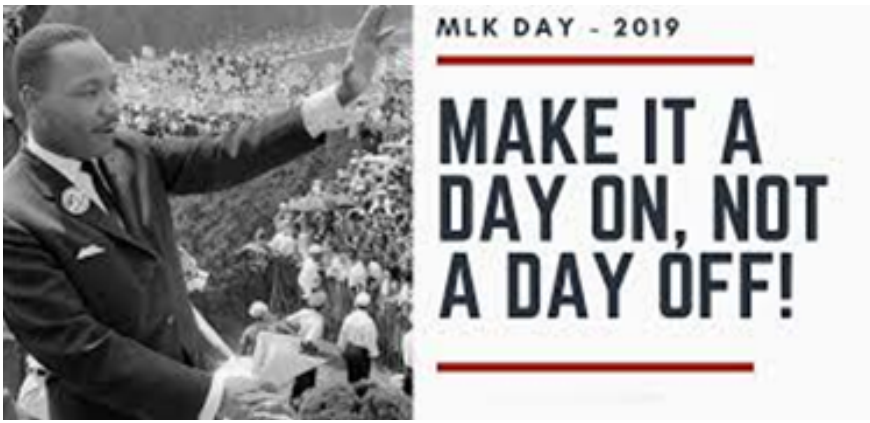
WANTED

If you have any donations, please bring them to the reception, in a bag marked 'Library'.

Keep Reading!

Mrs Bridge





Martin Luther King Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday of every January.

The day is designed to encourage people to take action to serve others and improve their communities.

Its traditions are rooted in the idea of promoting equal rights for all, regardless of their background.

People are encouraged to rise above their own concerns, and be concerned with the broader concerns of humanity - what do you think these are in 2026?



What can you offer to make your communities better? This could be small scale (local communities) and/or large scale (worldwide).

What lessons can we learn from Martin Luther King Jr?



How could we apply these lessons to life today?

Whilst MLK Day celebrates a great leader, in assembly last week we reminded students that it takes all of us to stand up against injustice to make a difference. Everyone has heard of MLK, and rightfully so, but here are some examples of brave black women who helped move civil rights forward in America in the 1960s. We asked students to consider these stories when thinking about how they individually can contribute to making the world a better place.

The people who didn't make the news

Everyone has heard of MLK and also of Rosa Parks- Mother of the Civil Rights movement, but it took a lot more people acting against injustice to make a difference - here are some examples.

Often people think that they individually can't make a difference, but the civil rights movement shows us that it was both great leaders and the actions of countless individuals who led to positive change.



Irene Morgan - was travelling on an interstate bus in 1944 that operated under federal law and regulations. She refused to give up her seat in what the driver said was the "white section", and was arrested.



Claudette Colvin - On March 2, 1955, she was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white woman on a crowded, segregated bus.



Lillie Mae Bradford - On May 11, 1951, Bradford saw that the bus driver had punched her ticket for the wrong price; Bradford asked to be charged the correct price, and after being told twice to return to the back of the bus, she sat down in the front. She refused to move from the front and was arrested.

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/2026/01/Extra-Curricular-for-Terms-3-4-2026-Terms-3-4-1.pdf>

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



Recent Fixture Results

FIXTURE			RESULT
Thursday 22th January	HOCKEY	BCS 1st XI v Avon Hockey Competition @Clifton	
	NETBALL	BCS 1st VII v Monkton Combe School (A)	17-24
		BCS 2nd VII v Mokton Combe School (A)	9-31
Monday 26th January	HOCKEY	BCS U15A v Avon Hockey Competition (A)	
		<i>BCS v KES</i>	1-1
		<i>BCS v Downside</i>	1-0
		<i>BCS v Collegiate</i>	0-2
		<i>BCS v Prior Park</i>	0-5
Tuesday 27th January	FOOTBALL	BCS U15A v Worle Community School (A)	2-0
Wednesday 28th January	RUGBY	BCS U17A v Ysgol Gyfun Glantaf (A)	14-26
	CRICKET (Indoor)	BCS U13A v Wellsway School	tbc

NETBALL

Well done to the girls netball teams who had some great fixtures against Monkton Combe. The 1st team suffered a narrow defeat against a strong Monkton team despite performing well. The 2nd team also competed well in another close defeat but showed great commitment throughout. All players represented the school really well.

Mr R Bowett
PE Department



INDOOR CRICKET



U13 Indoor Cricket

Well done to our U13 team who completed at Wellsway yesterday - securing victory over both other teams taking part. Broadlands by 7 runs and Wellsway by 65 runs. The boys were a credit to the school and I hope they enjoyed taking part.

FOOTBALL



U15 Football

Congratulations to the U15 football team who reached the quarter finals of the Somerset Cup this week with a 2-0 victory in wet and windy weather against Worle Community School.

A great performance!

Mr N Quintin
PE Department

SPORTS FIXTURES for w/c 2nd 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 2nd February	FOOTBALL	BCS U12a,b&c v QEH (a)	14:15	12:45		
Tuesday 3rd February	HOCKEY	BCS U15 v Stonar (a)	14:00	12:30	1xMB	
	FOOTBALL	BCS U13 v Torquay (Odd Down)	13:30	12:45		
Wednesday 4th February	HOCKEY	BCS U12a & U13a v Stonar (a)	14:30	13:00	1xMB	
	FOOTBALL	BCS U13b, U12a & U12b v Clifton Prep (a)	14:00			
	RUGBY	BCS U15a v Millfield (a)	15:00	12:30	1x35	
Thursday 5th February	FOOTBALL	1st, 2nd & 3rd XI v KES (a)				
	HOCKEY	BCS U12 @ Avon Hockey Competition @Monkton	10:00	09:00	1XMB	
		1st XI v Stonar (a)	14:00	12:30	1XMB	
	NETBALL	1st & 2nd v RHS (a)	15:30	14:15	1XMB, 1X9S	
Friday 6th February						
Saturday 7th February	TABLE TENNIS	U16 table tennis				
		U16 Prior 7s				
		U18 BGS 7s				

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

WELLBEING



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well. It's hard to believe that we are already approaching February. In this week's newsletter, we wanted to share something we regularly use with students who experience difficult or unhelpful thoughts. As we all know, this is a very human experience. Our brains are naturally wired to notice potential risks and to keep us safe. However, sometimes these thoughts can linger longer than we would like, even when they are no longer helpful.

One simple and practical tool we share with students is called the Three Cs: Catch it, Check it, Change it. This approach helps young people notice a thought, reflect on whether it is accurate or helpful, and then consider a more balanced or supportive way of thinking. The Three Cs is linked to ideas from Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and also fits well with our solution-focused work, as it supports students to build awareness and choice rather than feeling stuck in their thoughts.

We have attached a short video that explains how this works in more detail. We hope you find it useful and that it offers a helpful way to continue these conversations at home if needed.

<https://www.nhs/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/self-help-cbt-techniques/reframing-unhelpful-thoughts/>

Warmest Wishes

The Wellbeing Team

CAREERS

Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The most recent edition of our Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication (Edition 19) 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.

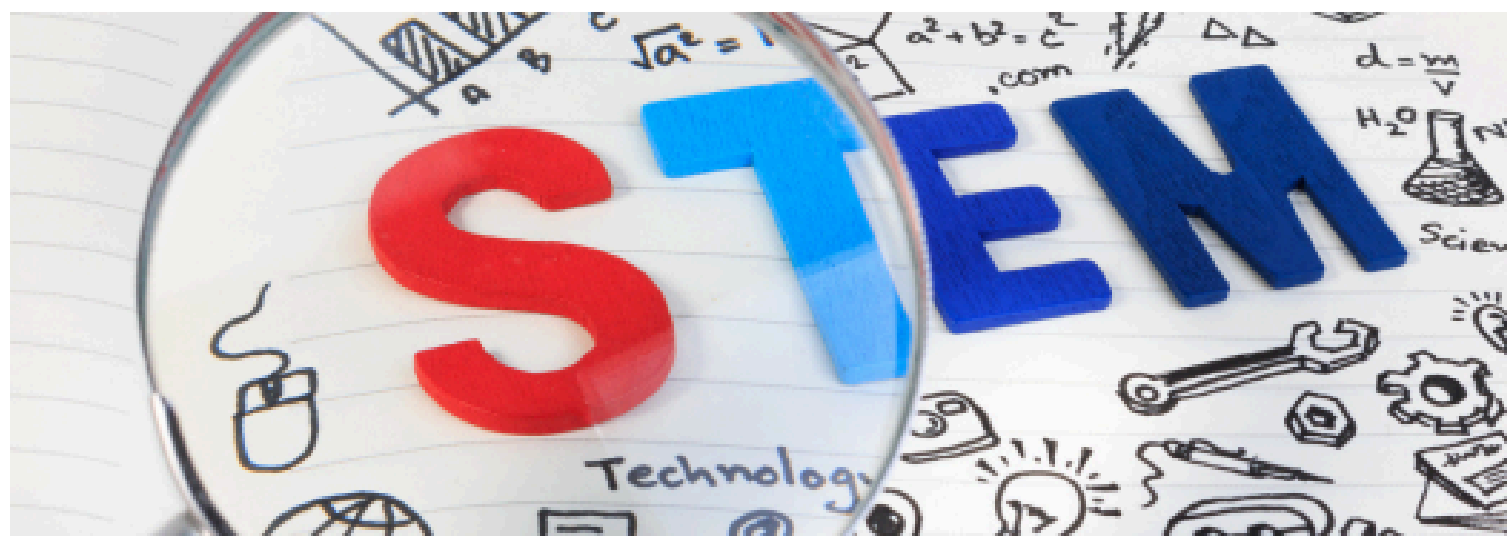
If you haven't used our system before, you'll be asked to register first. The application process mirrors what you might experience when applying for future jobs or university opportunities, so it's a great chance to practise.

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





THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM

For Yr 9 &
Yr 10/S3
and S4



Explore **STEM** careers in four key pathways during February half term!



What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience **delivered virtually in February.**
- **Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals** in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- **CV, applications and interview support.**
- **Interactive panel Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.**
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including **how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.**
- Achieve the **Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.**

Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Monday 16th - Friday 21st February.

Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

How to register or find out more

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!



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.

Relationship Works – the new name for Relate Avon

We know that parenting can put a strain on adult relationships. We're here to help. Whether you're facing difficulties, looking to strengthen your relationship, or want help talking things through.

We're your local relationship specialists with over 80 years of experience and over 100,000 people helped. Whatever your circumstances, whatever your background, no matter how big or small the issues, we're here to help.

Adult relationship counselling: either online or face-to-face from our premises in Bristol or Bath.

**Relationship
Works**

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BEECHEN CLIFF FACILITY HIRE



All available for hire evenings and weekends

For clubs, for community groups, for individuals

Floodlight 3G and Astro Pitches

Sports Hall

Indoor Cricket Nets

Gym

Classrooms



NEW SKILLS & UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

**IT STARTS
ON SATURDAY**



Free creative Saturday Clubs for
13–16 year olds at your local university,
college or cultural institution.



How it works

Local classes run every Saturday for up to 30 weeks of the year. These are led by expert tutors, introducing new skills and techniques. Club members are free to explore their creativity and develop their understanding of future education and career paths.

There are also opportunities to take part in national events including Masterclasses with leading industry professionals, an inspirational visit to London, and to exhibit work in a major public exhibition.

With a particular focus on reaching young people who may face additional barriers to success, the Saturday Club programme supports Club members to learn new skills and gain practical experience. Other long-term benefits range from improved wellbeing to increased confidence, independent thinking and creative expression.

What are the outcomes?

93% develop their skills

81% grow in confidence

78% understand more about further study and careers

78% found that attending improved their outlook on the future

“My daughter has made good friends, had fantastic experiences and has grown socially, emotionally and academically as a result of the Saturday Club.”

Club member's parent

“The Club gave me new ideas about my future.”

Club member

Across the UK and in your local area universities, colleges and cultural institutions are opening their doors on a Saturday to welcome 13–16 year olds to study subjects they love for free.

Why join?

Discover new talents

Saturday Clubs offer 13–16 year olds the opportunity to explore subjects they love and develop life-changing skills.

Meet new people

It's a chance for young people to make friends with like-minded people, supporting their wellbeing and building confidence. All abilities are welcome!

It's completely free

Club members benefit from free expert tuition, specialist facilities and special events totalling up to 90 hours of study a year.

Explore careers

Club members are connected with industry professionals and find out more about further education, higher education and rewarding careers.

Unlock opportunities

Throughout the year there are unique opportunities to visit creative and cultural places and spaces.

“It's such a great opportunity for our students. They've had access to the university's facilities, academics, cultural trips and all for free.”

Club member's teacher



Available subjects

Art&Design

Craft&Making

Fashion&Business

Performance&Theatre

Film&Screen

Science&Engineering

Society&Change

Writing&Talking



Find your Club

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**ART AND
DESIGN
SATURDAY
CLUB**

**FREE
TERM TIME
AGES 13-16**

**BATH SPA
UNIVERSITY
28.02.26
10:30-13:30**

At Bath Spa University's Art and Design Saturday Club, we believe everyone should have the chance to discover their artistic potential! Join us to explore a wide range of art forms in a fun, inclusive, and inspiring environment. You'll get hands-on experience in our specialist studios and technical workshops - and the chance to find your own creative voice.

You'll also take part in a Masterclasses led by a top creative industry professional, and exhibit your work at the National Saturday Club Summer Show!

Free
Ages 13-16

Every Saturday in
term time beginning
28.02.26
10:30-13:30

Bath Spa University
Locksbrook Campus
BA1 3EL

Find out more / apply



Deadline to apply:
18.02.2026



***tennis for all
ages + abilities***





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.

**NEW
PLAYERS
ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME!**



TRAINING
Mondays at 18:00
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Lansdown (summer)

GAMES
Sunday
afternoons

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

6-A-SIDE LEAGUE

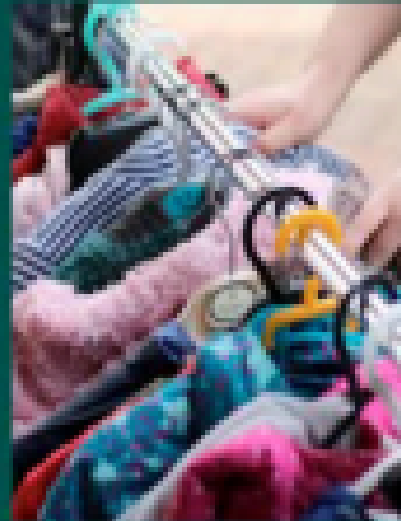
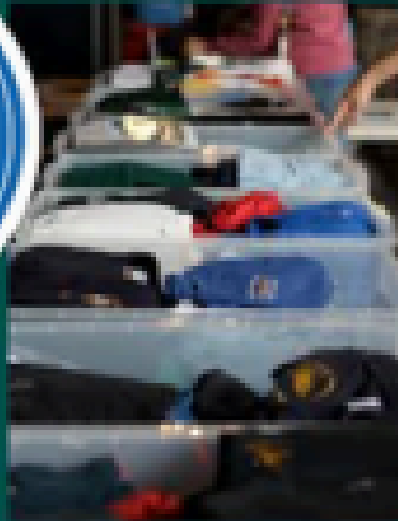


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Sunday 28th June 2026

2PM - 4PM

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