



BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th February 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bands Night

Yesterday saw an amazing Bands Night with fantastic performances from Beechen Cliff bands and also bands from Hayesfield and St Marks. There was a fantastic atmosphere and our student Tech Team did an incredible job with all the lighting and sound. A big thank you to Mr Harriman also for all his efforts to arrange the event and to all the students and parents who supported on the night.



Aspiration

Compassion

Independence

Respect

U15 Rugby

Also this week the amazing run to the quarter finals of the National Cup for the U15 rugby team finally came to an end.



In a hardfought game of two halves against Millfield the team battled back from a 24-4 deficit to narrowly lose 31-26. Grit and determination was shown and the boys did their school proud. Whilst naturally there is disappointment not to reach the semi finals, this should not detract from a fantastic season and reaching a national quarter final is a brilliant achievement! We are really proud of the team and the wider U15 squad.

School Production (High School Musical)

Finally, tickets for the school production of High School Musical which is taking place from 30th March to 2nd April are now on sale. The production is taking place in partnership with Hayesfield and Bath Theatre School and performances are at the Roper Theatre. Students from both schools have been working hard to prepare for the production since October and it promises to be another fantastic show with 85 cast members across the two schools. I hope that many members of our school community will be able to support them and enjoy the performances.

Tickets are available via the following link: <https://baththeatreschool.com/tickets/>

Discounted tickets are available for Beechen Cliff students.

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

Tuesday 10th February

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

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

MENU - wc Monday 9th February

Monday: Beef and Vegetable Casseroles, Shakshuka

Tuesday: Chicken and Chorizo Pasta Bake (W,D,GF), Bean Enchiladas (W,D)

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Leek and Smoked Cheddar Quiche (W,D)

Thursday: TBC

Friday: TBC

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>



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. This will also be emailed.

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

Here is a link to the Year 13 Formal Mock Examination Timetable.

[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.

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ALL
IN.

[National Year of Reading 2026](#)

Book Club



This month's book club was 'crime' themed

Head of Maths, Mr Burnby, was our resident expert and arrived all dressed up as a detective! He explained how detective stories were similar to maths puzzles – you have to solve it make order out of chaos. Crime stories don't just teach us how to spot clues – they teach us how to think. The students had a go at solving some mysteries and puzzles, including some emoji-book titles, book cover clues and even a mini-murder mystery.

Next month's book club is all about relationships – friends, family, romance or pets. If you are interested in coming to book club, come and see Mrs Bridge in the library to see if there is space.

Here are some ideas for books in this genre: [Books about relationships](#)

Reading Tests

This week, we have been doing reading tests with our students who have been in reading interventions this year. We are really pleased with the progress they are making.

We now report and Reading Age Standardised Score (RASS) rather than reading age. Our ambition is that our students have a RASS above or as close to 100 as possible. We test all students in Year 7 – Year 11 annually.

If you would like more information about your child's reading level, please get in touch.

Audiobooks

If your child (or anyone under 25) has dyslexia or any other barrier to reading print books, you may be able to access free audiobooks through Calibre. Click on the link below to find out more.



<https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/>

Keep Reading!

Mrs Bridge



Food and Hospitality



We have had a busy week in the Food Room this week. It is the end of rotation for KS3, so dishes have been planned and executed by all, leading to some delicious smells and accurately finished dishes.

Our KS4 students are still developing their presentation skills, but by looking at what KS3 are producing it looks like they are all enjoying the creativity and freedom to make their own dishes.

Mrs K Gallagher
Food Lead

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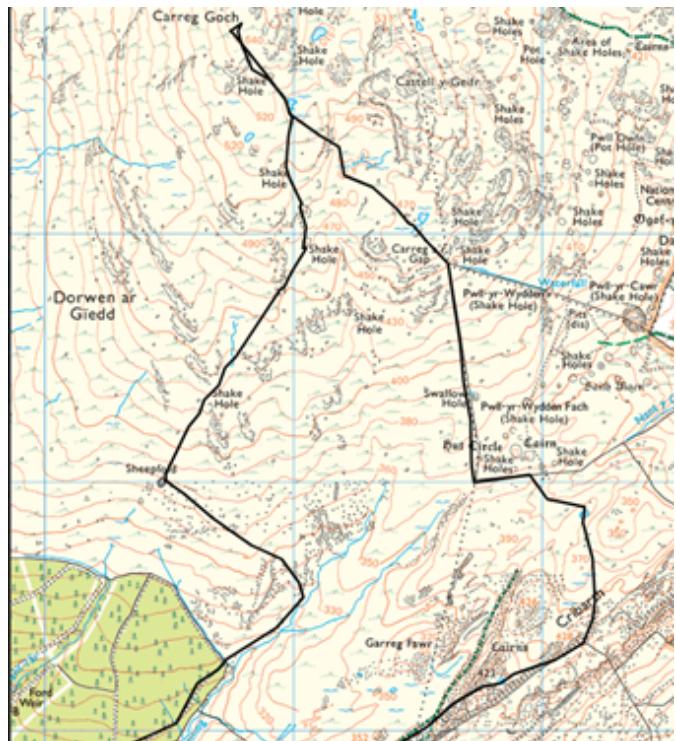
<https://www.goodhub.com/go/runforbim>

TEN TORS

On the Saturday campcraft skills were taught alongside how to stay safe in remote terrain and techniques to navigate accurately.

These navigation skills were put to use in the afternoon on the slopes of Carreg Goch. It was misty and wet and pupils had to navigate to small 'micro' features using techniques such as hand railing, aiming off and attack points. In the really misty spots pupils leap frogged each other to hold a compass bearing over 1200m and hit their target of a sheepfold spot on!

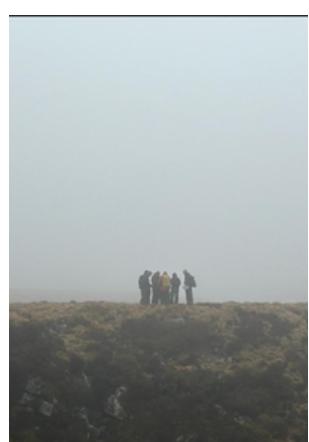
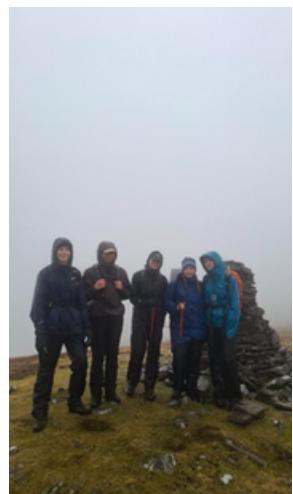
On the Sunday the weather was misty and wet again and the groups walked across the nearby mountains, at times in a blizzard to reach the finish in the Mountain centre near Brecon. Well done everyone involved and the staff and year 13 helpers (Dan Rowntree and Oli Eggleton) who gave up their time to run the weekend.



An example of a route



*Ten tors training day 1.
Micro navigation on Carreg Goch.*



PSHE - British Values Poem

British Values

Democracy gives us all a say
The rule of Law guides every day
Liberty lets us choose our way
With respect for all, come what may

This Poem by Barney H, Year 8 was written in a PSHE lesson.

Different beliefs, yet standing out
Tolerance matters most of all
Together strong, both near and far
These British values show who we are.

Recent Fixture Results

Fixture			Result
Thursday 29th January	Netball	BCS 1st VII v St Mary's Calne	20-28
		BCS 2nd VII v St Mary's Calne	0-0
Monday 2nd February	Football	BCS U12A v Queen Elizabeth's Hospital (QEHS)	8-1
		BCS U12B v Queen Elizabeth's Hospital (QEHS)	5-5
Tuesday 3rd February	Football	BCS U13A v Torquay Academy	3-2
Wednesday 4th February	Rugby	BCS U15A v Millfield	26-31
	Hockey	BCS U12A v Stonar School	4-8
	Hockey	BCS U13A v Stonar School	1-1
	Football	BCS U12A v Clifton College	0-0
		BCS U12B v Clifton College	0-0
		BCS U13A v Clifton College	2-8

U12 Football

Whilst many fixtures have been the victim of the weather in recent weeks the U12 football team had a good match away at QEHS. A great experience for the boys against a strong opposition.

Mr L Mann
PE Department



SPORTS FIXTURES for w/c 9th 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 9th February	HOCKEY	BCS U13 @ Monkton	10:00			
		BCS U13 v St Katherine's (h)	14:30			
	FOOTBALL	BCS U14 v Monkton Wood (a)	13:30			
Tuesday 10th February	FOOTBALL	BCS U16 v St Gregs (h)	15:30	15:15		
	RUGBY	BCS U15 v Churchill (Combe Down RFC)	14:30	13:30	MB	
	CRICKET	BCS U13 indoor cricket @ NH	15:30	14:15		
Wednesday 11th February		U12b 7-a-side tournament @ RA	14:30	14:00		
Thursday 12th February	NETBALL	BCS 1st & 2nd v KES	14:30			
	CRICKET	BCS U15 indoor cricket @ Ashton Park	14:30			
Friday 13th February						



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 are very excited to share the news that we are delighted to be welcoming Louise Berisha who is this year's new social work student who is joining us at Beechen Cliff this year. She will be working alongside our in-school Solution Focused Trainer and Practitioner Tara Gretton, offering 1:1 sessions and group work for students.

Louise writes "*I am passionate about working with children and supporting their emotional wellbeing, and I cannot wait to start working with pupils using a Solution Focused Approach. I'm really looking forward to building on their strengths by discussing their best hopes and helping them develop strategies that are already working for them*"

We are delighted to welcome Louise to our team supporting our pupils and students as part of our whole school Solution Focused approach.

As always, if you feel your child would benefit from some Solution Focused support in school, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant pastoral team for your child.



The Wellbeing Team

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 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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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

CAREERS

Beechen Cliff Careers Newsletter

The 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

FUTURE HORIZONS CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

National Apprenticeship Week 2026 | 9 - 15 FEBRUARY 2026. This is a week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

As students, you can participate in NAV 2026 by taking part in online events, completing activities and focusing on expanding your knowledge and understanding of apprenticeships. Here are some events that you may want to take part in. If there are any events you think sound interesting but you cannot make the time, sign up anyway and in most circumstances, the recording will be shared with you.

Join KPMG's Apprenticeship webinar | 05/02/2026 - 16:00 - 17:00
"In this webinar designed for school students (and those supporting them), you'll get an inside look into KPMG. Led by KPMG's current and former apprentices, you'll learn all about their journeys. This is your chance to hear the real stories, from day-one top tips to project work from the outset."

Nestlé Academy Lunch and Learn | 04/02/2026 - 12:30 - 13:00
"Join our Nestlé Careers virtual webinar to hear directly from the Early Talent team. Discover how Nestlé supports students through apprenticeships and graduate programs, helping you build valuable skills, find purpose, and access a wide range of future career opportunities."

Skillsfest LIVE by Lloyds Banking Group | 07/02/2026 - 10:00 - 16:00
"Join us for Skillsfest LIVE - our virtual skillsfest welcoming students from across the UK to join us for skillbuilding, job simulations & more."

Kantar's AI Skills Sprint | 09/02/2026 - 13/02/2026 "Kantar's AI Skills Sprint is a free, five-day activity featuring challenges to help you use AI tools as your productivity partner. Delivered straight to your inbox, the sprint's activities are bite-sized, a maximum of 15 minutes, and designed for flexibility, allowing you to complete them at your own pace throughout the week with no daily commitment."

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

 Listen to this newsletter

JOB OF THE WEEK

 Teacher
A Teacher is a professional who educates others, helping students acquire knowledge, skills, and virtues. Teachers design lessons, deliver instruction, assess progress, and foster personal growth, acting as a mentor, role model, and guide within educational settings like schools or online platforms.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In 2024/25, there were 353,500 apprenticeship starts in England and 761,500 people were participating in apprenticeships. The proportion of learners with a learning difficulty or disability has increased from 11.2% to 16.1%. The proportion of learners who are BAME has also increased, from 12.8% to 19.2%.
Source:

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.

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!



Dates

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

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 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.



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

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

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



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
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DO YOU KNOW A BUDDING ROCKSTAR?

BUILD CONFIDENCE, MUSICAL SKILLS, AND FRIENDSHIPS IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

- ✓ 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

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



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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



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TENNIS



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.

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