

RUGBY NEWSLETTER | FIRST EDITION



WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the Beechen Cliff School Rugby Newsletter. Through this newsletter, we aim to keep pupils, parents and the wider school community up to date with everything happening across Beechen Cliff Rugby. From training and fixtures to performances, achievements and player development.

Week after week, pupils across all age groups work hard in after-school training before putting their skills into practice in competitive fixtures against leading independent and state schools across the region.

AT A GLANCE

14

teams across the school

90+

fixtures before Christmas

300+

pupils represented Beechen Cliff last year

OUR RUGBY PHILOSOPHY

Beechen Cliff has a proud rugby tradition dating back to the 1970s. We aim to provide an ambitious, enjoyable and challenging environment where every player can develop and reach their potential. Our mission is to inspire a lifelong passion for rugby. Through curriculum rugby, after-school training and competitive fixtures, we encourage maximum participation for pupils of all abilities.

This week, more than 60 x Year 7 pupils played competitive rugby against Kingswood School, with over 300 pupils representing Beechen Cliff across all age groups last year. Our positive, attacking style encourages ambition, confidence and appropriate risk-taking, helping pupils develop both on and off the field.

RECENT RESULTS

YEAR 7 vs Kingswood

A team 25-10 win / B team 30 -15 win

YEAR 8 vs Kingswood

A team 25-45 loss / B team 25 -20 win

YEAR 9 vs Kingswood

A team 33 -14 win / B team 32 -17 win

YEAR 10 vs Kingswood

A team 36-22 win / B team 31 -17 win

YEAR 11 vs Kingswood

A team 43 -17 win / B team 24 -12 win

Development (2nd XV) vs City of Oxford

20 – 14 win

ASE / 1st XV vs City of Oxford

37 – 7 win

MEET THE COACHING TEAM

Year 7	Mr K Morris, Mr Hill, Mr Boyle & Ollie Lewis	Year 8	Mr Hawkins & Ollie Lewis
Year 9	Mr Utton & Geraint Lewis	Year 10	Mr Thompson & Geraint Lewis
Year 11	Mr Bowett & Tommy Mclean	3rd XV	Mr Hall & Tommy Mclean
1ST XV ACE & 2ND XV DEVELOPMENT	Geraint Lewis & Tommy Mclean	1st XV / ACE	Louis Messer, Luke Charteris & Mr Hall

FEATURED OPPORTUNITY

PROFESSIONAL RUGBY PLAYER TASTER PROVISION



We are delighted to offer pupils in Years 7–10 an exciting opportunity to experience some of the key elements involved in becoming a professional rugby player, delivered in partnership with Bath Rugby. The programme complements our existing rugby provision and includes three specialist sessions:

MENTAL PERFORMANCE

Psychological demands of elite sport with Kaitlin Crawford, Academy Mental Performance and Player Welfare Lead.

PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE

Strength, conditioning and physical preparation with Academy Programme Performance Manager Chris Offley.

RUGBY SKILLS

Advanced skills and technique with senior Bath Rugby players and current ACE League Sixth Form students.

KEY DATES

Session	Years 7 & 8	Years 9 & 10
Mental Performance	Mon 2nd November	Mon 12th October
Physical Performance	Fri 6th November	Fri 16th October
Rugby Skills	Thurs 5th November	Thurs 5th November

All sessions take place after school. The Skills Session will run from 15:30–17:00, with pupils split by age group.

COST & REGISTRATION - £45 per pupil

Includes entry into a raffle to win two Bath Rugby tickets after Christmas.

Register by: **Wednesday 30th September, 17:00**

Payment deadline: Wednesday 7th October via Arbor.

SUPPORTING SCHOOL RUGBY

Pupil Premium funding support is available — please contact Mrs Layton for further information.

All money raised goes directly towards supporting the Whole School Rugby Programme.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

There is plenty of rugby ahead over the coming weeks, with teams across the school representing Beechen Cliff School

YEAR 7

Prior Park College | Wed 23rd Sept | Away
Cheltenham College | Wed 30th Sept | Away
King Edward's School | Sat 10th Oct | Away

YEAR 8

Prior Park College | Wed 23rd Sept | Home
Bristol Grammar School | Mon 28th Sept | Away
Cheltenham College | Wed 30 Sept | Away

YEAR 9

Marlborough College | Wed 30th Sept | Away
King Edward's School | Sat 10th Oct | Away
Millfield School | Wed 14th Oct | Away

YEAR 10

Marlborough College | Thurs 1st Oct | Away
King Edward's School | Sat 10th Oct | Away
Millfield School | Wed 14th Oct | Away

YEAR 11

Marlborough College | Thurs 1st Oct | Away
King Edward's School | Thurs 8th Oct | Away
Millfield School | Wed 14th Oct | Away

1ST XV / ACE & 2ND XV / DEVELOPMENT

Gordon's School | Wed 23rd Sept | Away
Hartpury College | Wed 30th Sept | Home
SGS College | Wed 7th Oct | Away

CLUB SHOP – BEECHEN CLIFF RUGBY ODDBALLS HAT – £15

Keep warm on the touchline this winter with a Beechen Cliff Rugby beanie - perfect for players, parents & supporters.

£17.50 — price includes a donation to the OddBalls charity.

Purchases can be made via Arbor.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF BEECHEN CLIFF RUGBY

The support of parents and families is an important part of the Beechen Cliff rugby experience, and we warmly welcome you to our matches throughout the season. Your encouragement from the touchline makes a real difference to the players.

We look forward to seeing many of you at fixtures over the coming weeks and to sharing the successes, challenges and memorable moments from across all of our teams in future editions.