BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL

RUGBY NEWSLETTER | THIRD EDITION



WELCOME

Welcome to the third edition of the Beechen Cliff School Rugby Newsletter.

It has been another fantastic few weeks of rugby at Beechen Cliff, with some outstanding performances and results across the age groups as we head towards the final few weeks of the autumn term.

One of the standout results has been our **Year 10 team's superb 33–0 victory over Collegiate in the National Cup**. The boys produced an excellent all-round performance, demonstrating the quality, determination and teamwork that have been evident throughout the season. It was a thoroughly deserved victory and one that provides plenty of confidence as they look ahead to the next round of the competition.

Our **Year 7 boys also deserve huge congratulations following an impressive afternoon of rugby at Millfield**, with both the A and B teams recording convincing victories, 35–5 and 45–10 respectively. To achieve such positive results against strong opposition is a fantastic accomplishment, particularly for a group still in their first term of school rugby.

At the senior end of the school, both our **ACE 1st XV and Development 2nd XV** have enjoyed an excellent November, each recording two convincing victories. The ACE side secured impressive wins against Truro College and Sigma College, while the Development squad produced strong performances against Hartpury College and Bath College. Both teams have built some excellent momentum and will be determined to maintain their winning form, with the ambition of remaining unbeaten throughout the rest of the term and heading into Christmas on a high.

Beyond the results, it has been particularly pleasing to see the continued enthusiasm and commitment shown by pupils across all year groups. The hard work taking place on the training pitches is clearly translating into performances on matchdays, the willingness of the boys to develop, compete and represent the school with pride remains a real strength of our rugby programme.

Thank you, as always, to our parents, families and supporters for your continued encouragement and support of Beechen Cliff Rugby.

RECENT RESULTS

YEAR 7 vs Collegiate
A team 40 -10 win / B team 10 -0 win

YEAR 8 vs Collegiate
A team 30 -15 loss / B team 50 -20 loss

YEAR 7 vs Millfield
A team 35 – 5 win / B team 45 – 10 win

YEAR 8 vs Millfield
A team 50 – 5 loss / B team 50 – 10 loss

YEAR 9 vs Millfield
A team 22 -14 loss

YEAR 10 vs Millfield
40 – 24 loss

YEAR 9 vs Clifton College
A team 36 – 7 loss / B team 42 – 21 loss

YEAR 10 vs Collegiate (National Cup)
33 – 0 win

Development (2nd XV) vs Hartpury College
41 – 12 win

Development (2nd XV) vs Bath College
62 – 26 win

ACE / 1st XV vs Truro College
50 – 14 win

ACE / 1st XV vs Sigma College
50 – 0 win

ACE 1st XV Captain - Ewan Ross | Review of Stage 1

The past five games in stage one of the ACE league have tested the team, bringing about both positives and challenges. We started off the campaign with a tough first game against Gordons, where we fought our way to a 19-7 victory away at the cage. Then the following week we had another testing game against Hartpury - in the first home game of the season. The team ended up coming away with a 22-14 loss, with poor execution costing us the game. However, the team aimed to bounce back and fire into week three to redeem ourselves and keep the ACE championship hopes alive. This led to a dominant away display at SGS College, Bristol, coming away with a 36-7 victory.

We then had a long trip down to Cornwall for week 4, where we played Truro College, aiming to follow up a dominant display the week before. Unfortunately, we didn't come out the blocks firing on that day - leading to an early Truro lead. Beechen then clawed back into the game to come away with a 38-38 draw on the road, leaving a lot of work to do going into the final round of Stage 1. In the final game to retain our Tier 1 place, we hosted Exeter College, needing a five-point win while denying them any points. Beechen started strongly but trailed 14-12 late on, before Exeter pulled away in the closing moments to win 28-12.

This meant we moved into Tier 2 in Stage 2 of the ACE league - just falling short of second place. However, the team has started as they mean to go on - attacking this next block with great intent; winning the opening game 50-14 against Truro College, redeeming our draw down in Cornwall. Now the squad look to develop further, push each other to be the best we can be and most importantly enjoy this last block of ACE rugby before Christmas!



UPCOMING FIXTURES

YEAR 7
QEH, Bristol | Wed 25th Nov | Away

YEAR 8
QEH, Bristol | Wed 25th Nov | Away

YEAR 9
Cup games to be confirmed
QEH, Bristol | Sat 28th Nov | Home

YEAR 10
Cup games to be confirmed
Clifton College | Tues 24th Nov | Away
QEH, Bristol | Sat 28th Nov | Away

YEAR 11
QEH, Bristol | Sat 28th Nov | Away
Forest School, Winnersh | Thurs 3rd Dec | Home

1ST XV / ACE & 2ND XV / DEVELOPMENT
Bishop Burton | Wed 25th Nov | Away
QEH, Bristol | Thurs 26th Nov | Away
Bishop Wand | Wed 2nd Dec | Away

REMINDER - All players representing the school rugby teams must wear the BEECHEN branded SHORTS and NAVY SOCKS

Year 10 & 11 students represent Bath Academy U15's & U16's

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students who represented **Bath Rugby Academy U16's** during the October half-term break, facing Gloucester Rugby Academy U16 at Kingswood School.

The boys played their part in two fiercely contested matches, with Bath Academy securing hard-fought victories in both encounters.

A huge congratulations to Sam Balekinasiga, Charlie Craddock, Charlie Winfield and Max Manning on this fantastic achievement. We wish them every success for the remainder of the season!





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We also had Year 10 students compete in the Bath Rugby U15 PDG festival during October half term.

The festival was held at Newbury RFC, consisted of 12 teams, two from each of the Bath Rugby Academy sites across the region (Bath, Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Berkshire North and Berkshire South)

Congratulations to Joel, Louis, Bogdan, Theo, Otis, Issac, Jacob, Roan and Ellis.

Beechen Cliff School – OPRO Mouthguard

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More than 15 million athletes worldwide trust OPRO and over 600 clubs and schools recommend it.

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https://www.opro.com/products/beechen-cliff-school



A Taste of Professional Rugby with Bath Rugby!

Over the past few weeks pupils in Years 7–10 enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to experience what it takes to become a professional rugby player, thanks to a series of specialist sessions delivered in partnership with **Bath Rugby**.



The programme gave pupils a fascinating insight into life as an elite athlete, exploring three key areas of professional rugby:

- **Mental Performance** – Led by Kaitlin Crawford, Bath Rugby Academy Mental Performance and Player Welfare Lead, pupils explored the psychological demands of elite sport and the importance of a strong mindset.
- **Physical Performance** – Chris Offley, Academy Programme Performance Manager, introduced pupils to the strength, conditioning and physical preparation required to perform at the highest level.
- **Rugby Skills** – Pupils took to the pitch for a practical session alongside Bath Rugby players Vilikesa (Billy) Sela, Connor Treacey, Max Hooper and Issac Mears, together with current ACE League Sixth Form students, developing their skills and gaining valuable insights from those involved in the game.





It was a brilliant opportunity for our younger rugby players to learn from experienced professionals, develop their understanding of the game and discover the dedication, hard work and commitment needed to succeed in professional sport.

A huge thank you to Bath Rugby and everyone involved for providing such an inspiring and memorable experience for our pupils!

B C Technical Services - Rugby Programme Sponsorship

We would like to extend a huge thank you to B C Technical Services based in Peasedown for their generous sponsorship of our Senior Rugby Programme.

Their generous support will provide the boys with new tackle shields, match balls and pre-match warm-up tops, all of which will make a valuable contribution to their training, preparation and performances throughout the season. It is fantastic to have the backing of another local business and we are extremely grateful to B C Technical for their investment in our students and the continued development of our rugby programme.

B C Technical Services Ltd is a family-run engineering business based in Peasedown St John, near Bath. Specialising in the design and manufacture of electrical control panels, the company provides bespoke engineering solutions for a range of industrial and commercial applications. It is fantastic to have the support of a local business that is committed to supporting young people within the wider community.

To find out more, please visit their website: https://bctechnicalservices.co.uk/

Thank you once again to Heather, Brett and Charlie for their fantastic support of Beechen Cliff Rugby!

Help Our U18 Girls Rugby Team Make Their Mark at Rosslyn Park!

Exciting Sponsorship Opportunity – March 2027

Our U18 girls' rugby team is gearing up to compete at the prestigious Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens in March 2027 and we're looking for a sponsor to help them look the part! To celebrate this exciting milestone, we are seeking a shirt sponsor to help provide our players with a brand-new playing kit as they proudly represent the school at this fantastic event.

Could your business be part of their journey?

This is a brilliant opportunity for a local business or organisation to champion girls' sport, support our talented young players and be part of a memorable sporting occasion.

Interested in getting involved? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Geraint Lewis for further information at glewis@beechencliffmnsp.org.uk

CLUB SHOP

BEECHEN CLIFF RUGBY ODDBALLS BEANIE – £15

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

£15 — price includes a donation to the OddBalls charity

BEECHEN CLIFF RUGBY ODDBALLS BEACH TOWEL – £22.50

A bold, colourful design, it's a fun and practical present for any Beechen Cliff student. Whether it's for swimming, holidays or days at the beach, it's a gift that will be enjoyed all year round! A great stocking surprise this Christmas!



£22.50 — 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.