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BEECHEN CLIFF SIXTH FORM BULLETIN



Aila F and Poppy F in the BANES Senior Cross Country Event

MESSAGE FROM MISS MATHER

This morning I was accompanied by **Sylvie B** (Year 12) who joined me in visiting her old school **St Marks** for a careers inspiration event. It was wonderful hearing Sylvie share the reasons **why she chose Beechen Cliff** and encouraging others at the school to follow in her footsteps!

We have had an eager group of Year 12 students completing their **Peer Mentoring** training this week with organisation Mentoring Plus. Sixth Form mentors are such a valuable resource to support some of our most vulnerable pupils in the lower school - thank you everyone for your time.

Finally, well done to the 22 Year 13 students who have now all submitted their '**early entry**' UCAS applications for **Oxbridge or Medicine** courses. I am looking forward to the next steps in the process, supporting with interview preparation next term.

KEY DATES

Inset Days
Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October

End of Term
Friday 23rd October

Start of Term 2
Monday 2nd November (**Week B**)

GCSE English Language & Maths Resits
2nd - 9th November

Year 13 Parents' Evening (in-person)
Wednesday 4th November
(details of the online booking system to follow)

Year 13 Mocks
Friday 27th November to Thursday 3rd December

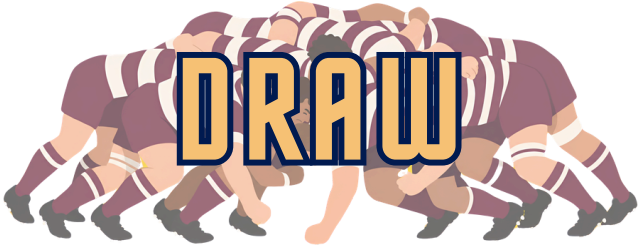
ACE MATCH REPORT

After a strong and dominant performance against SGS the boys looked to take more points from a trip down to Cornwall to play Truro College.

The game started fast with Beechen putting together some good attacking play leading to a try scored by **Will K**. Despite this, Truro came back and soon after scored twice to take the lead **14 – 5**. Beechen were not out of it already though and fought back through some slick backs moves and a well-placed grubber from **Alfie W** that found the hands of **Jordan I** who went over the whitewash, after the conversion from **Will K** the score sat at **14 – 12** to Truro heading into half time.
The second half started slowly for Beechen with Truro scoring almost immediately after the restart to take the lead **21 – 12**. Beechen spirits were not dampened though and the boys quickly worked their way up the pitch, culminating in a try scored by **Henry S** and converted by **Will K**.
What followed was a slew of Truro attack, relentlessly punishing Beechen errors, bringing the score to **38 – 19** heading into the final 15 minutes. It was now that the boys got into gear, securing ball off a lineout and driving a maul over to bring the score to **38 – 26** with the conversion. This was followed up quickly with a strong march into the Truro 22, and a try scored by **Noah H** and converted by **Will K**, this meant the score was **38 - 33** going into the final five minutes.
The game was finished with a try in the corner from **Piran M**, seeing the game finish **38 – 38**.
This means the boys take **3 points** heading into the **final round of stage 1**.
The boys now look ahead to Exeter college at home in the half term, after a short break for academy league fixtures.

BEECHEN 38 - 38 TRURO







Reported by Jacob S-F

Man of the Match Jordan I

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CAREERS UPDATE

Predicted Grades for all Year 13 students will be published via Arbor at the end of Term

Click on the images below to access the **Careers Newsletter**, the latest **Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies** and a video about the **Pathway to Bath programme.**







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OPPORTUNITIES



ENTER THE TOWER POETRY COMPETITION

Enter the Tower Poetry Competition

1st Prize: £5000,
2nd - £3000, 3rd £1500
Ten runners up of £500

CHRIST CHURCH
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

About the Competition

The Tower Poetry Competition offers the UK's most valuable prize for young poets. The competition is free to enter and it is open to students between 16 and 18 years of age who are educated in the UK.

The competition is judged by two guest judges and the Christopher Tower Student, Dr Anna Nickerson. Each year the theme is chosen with the intention of giving entrants free rein to interpret it as widely as they like.

The poet who writes the single best poem on the theme receives £5,000. There will be a second prize of £3,000, and a third prize of £1,500. Along with these, there will be ten runners up, who will each receive £500. The top three winners will also be offered a place on the Tower Poetry Summer School.

The 2027 competition is now open and will close on Thursday, 18th February 2027 at 12pm (midday). The theme is 'The Deep'.

Enter Here

You must be between 16 and 18 years old and in full or part-time education in the UK

www.chch.ox.ac.uk/towerpoetry-enter

SPORTING NEWS

*Congratulations to **Josh K** in Year 13 and **Ben L** in Year 12 who have been called up to the **Wales U18 Rugby Squad**. A huge achievement alongside their continued success at Bath Academy.*

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*Congratulations to **Aila F** and **Poppy F** in Year 13 (front cover) for competing in the **BANES Cross Country Event** this week hosted by Kingswood School.*
Both students will progress to the Regional Competition, later in the year.

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UNIVERSITY OF BATH WIN WESSEX INSPIRATION NETWORK

The Bath Language Show 2026

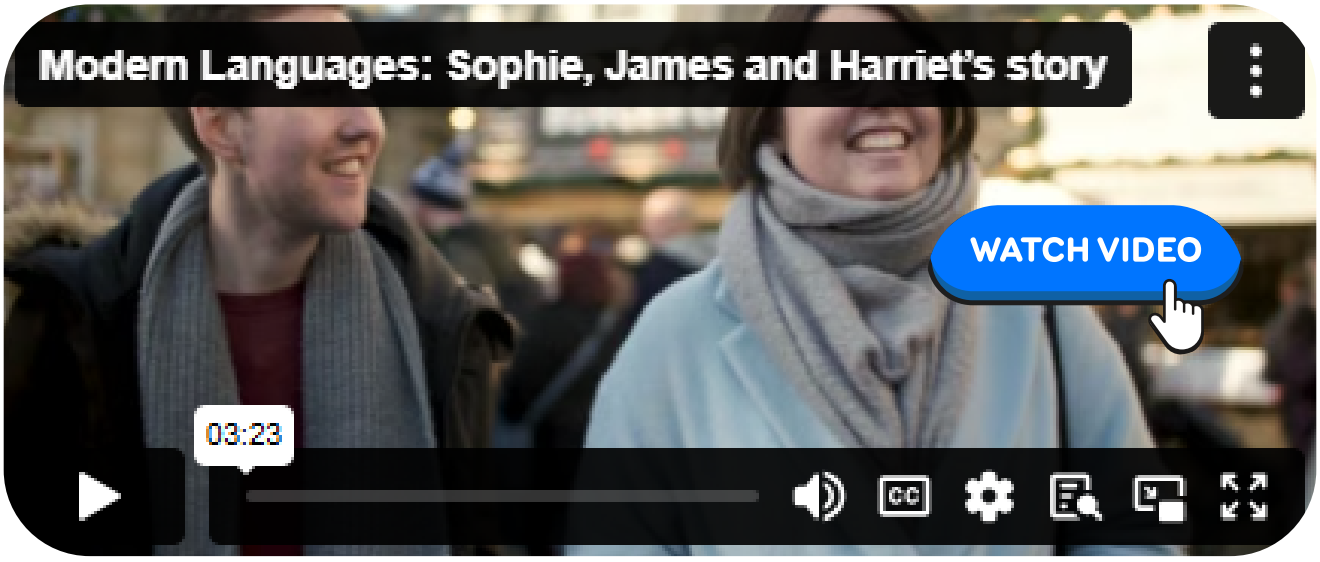
Calling all linguists! Attend an exciting celebration of languages, cultures and global citizenship. This event is open to Year 12 and Year 13 students.

6 Nov 2026, 9.30am to **3.00pm** GMT

University of Bath

This event is **free**

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH

World Mental Health Day

What if we talked about Mental Health differently?

Saturday 10th October was **World Mental Health Day**. When we talk about mental health, how often do we find ourselves focusing on what's wrong?

What's worrying us? What's making life difficult? What's causing stress, anxiety or unhappiness? These are important conversations, and sometimes we need to have them. But what if, alongside recognising life's challenges, we also made more space to talk about **what's going right?**

What if we became just as curious about people's strengths as we are about their struggles?

This World Mental Health Day, we'd like to encourage everyone to think about mental health through a slightly different lens.

In **Solution Focused Therapy**, we believe that even during difficult times, people have strengths, resources and abilities that can help them move forward. Sometimes those strengths are simply harder to see when life feels overwhelming.

And sometimes, all it takes is a different kind of conversation to begin noticing them again.

Rather than focusing entirely on the problem, we might gently ask:

- **When are things just a little bit better?**
- **What's helping you manage, even on the difficult days?**
- **What's something you've done recently that you're proud of?**
- **Who notices when you're doing well?**
- **If tomorrow felt just a little easier, what might be different?**

These questions aren't about ignoring difficulties or pretending everything is fine. They're about recognising that **our challenges are only one part of our story**.

Helping our young people recognise their strengths

Growing up has never been without it's challenges, but today's young people are navigating a world of academic expectations, social pressures, friendships, technology and constant comparisons.

As parents, carers and trusted adults, our natural instinct is often to step in, offer advice or try to fix things when we see a young person struggling.

But sometimes **the most helpful thing we can do is simply listen**, show curiosity and help them recognise what they're already doing well.

Instead of immediately asking 'What's wrong?', perhaps we could also ask:

- **What's been the best part of your day?**
- **How did you manage that?**
- **What helped you get through it?**
- **What would you like to happen next?**

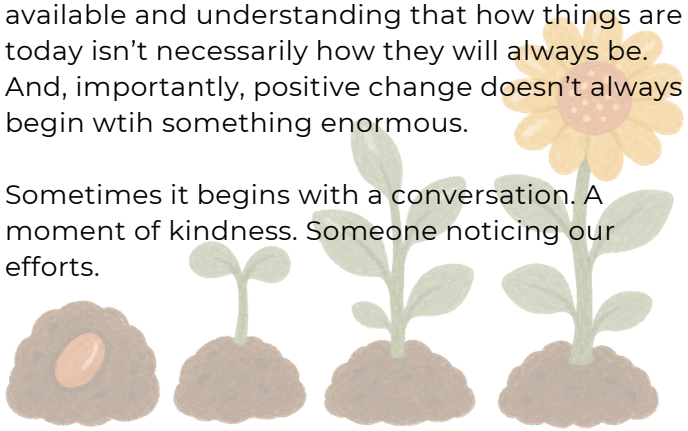
These small changes in conversation can help young people being to recognise their own resilience, develop confidence and discover that they have more resources within themselves than they might realise.

Small steps really do matter

Good mental health doesnt' mean being happy all the time. It doesn't mean never feeling anxious, sad, frustrated or overwhelmed.

It means recognising that **difficult feelings are part of being human**, knowing that support is available and understanding that how things are today isn't necessarily how they will always be. And, importantly, positive change doesn't always begin wtih something enormous.

Sometimes it begins with a conversation. A moment of kindness. Someone noticing our efforts.



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a safe, confidential space to talk, at your own pace, with no pressure

Academic coaching
catch up on missed work, manage deadlines, and rebuild confidence in your subjects

Support that fits around sixth form life
flexible sessions that work with your timetable, exams, and UCAS deadlines

Discounts for Beechen students

Minerva SERIES

Reimagining Welfare in Times of Crisis



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The Mission Theatre
32 Corn Street, Bath, BA1 1UF
Monday 2 November, 18:00-19.30

National Emergency Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Bear Flat

St Luke's Church
22th October 2026. 18:30 for 19:00

Come along watch the film and join the discussion

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www.nebriefing.org



Fairtrade talk

14 October 2026 | **9.30AM TO 11 AM** | Museum of Bath at Work, Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2RH

Join us and learn about...

- the life of Yesenia Palacios, a Fairtrade producer from Nicaragua, who explains her story about the difference Fairtrade has made.
- the origins of the Tony's Chocolonely story, as an impact company that makes chocolate, not the other way around.
- Cafédirect, proving that making money for coffee farmers, and not out of them, is a sustainable business model.

Free Fairtrade goody bag for all EventBrite registered attendees.

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