BEECHEN CLIFF WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26th November 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we ran our Beechen's Got Talent event for 2026. We had some brilliant acts ranging from speed typing to instrumental pieces. The confidence shown by the students was fantastic and myself and the other judges (Mrs Garner and Mr Henly) were so impressed with all the performers.

Many congratulations to all involved and thank you to Mr Harriman and the student Tech Team for organising the event.



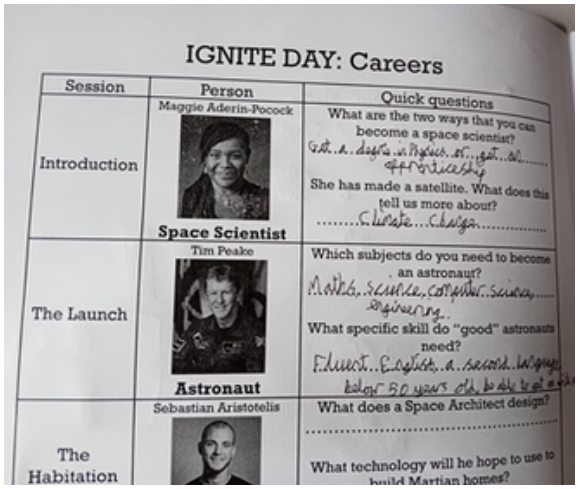
Earlier this week we saw some excellent rugby results including the U15s progressing in the national cup with a victory over Clifton College and the U18 team securing back-to-back wins in the ACE League. Further details on sports results are available later in the newsletter.

Finally, today we have had our autumn ignite day with students taking part in a variety of activities linked to personal development and careers.

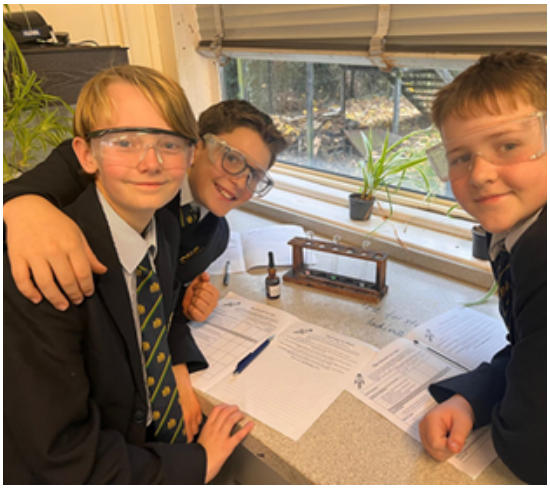
















It has been a very different type of day and students have both enjoyed the opportunity and participated well. Students in Year 7 and 8 have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside their peers from Hayesfield and St Marks.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff and visitors for enabling this to take place.

T. D. Markall.

T. D. Markall
Headteacher

KEY NOTICES

Reporting all Absences

All absences from School including late arrivals and medical appointments are to be reported to School promptly. Please take note of the following contact details.

Lower School Pupils
To report a Lower School absence please call the Main School direct on 01225 480466 (**OPTION 1**) 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 01225480466 (**OPTION 2**) 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.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 28th November
PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale - Clubhouse 10am-12

Tuesday 1st December
SEND Parental Support Session - Dyslexia - Identifying and Supporting 5-6 pm

Friday 4th December
GCSE results assembly for Year 11

Friday 18th December
Last day of Term

Lunch Accounts - Please Check

Can all parents and carers please check Arbor as there are an increasing number of pupil school lunch accounts that are overdrawn. We would not want any pupil/student to not enjoy a school break option or lunch.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Hilary Rogers
Pastoral and Safeguarding Manager - KS4

Menu of the Week - 30th November

Monday: Chicken with Smoked Bacon and Mushroom Gravy, Lentil Cottage Pie

Tuesday: 5 Spiced Pork Belly, Sweet Potato Goulash

Wednesday: Roast Chicken, Squash Spinach and Cheddar Frittata (D)

Thursday: Brown Stew Chicken, Pesto and Mozzarella Pinwheel (W,D)

Friday: Breaded Cod with Tartare Sauce (W), Mushroom and Parmesan Risotto (D)

Can I please ask that all accounts are topped up at all times to aviod disappointment.

Thank you

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

(W) = Contains Wheat Products
(D) = Contains Dairy Products
(GF) = Gluten Free Option

PTA News

Pre-loved Uniform sale - Saturday 28 November



Year 11 - Sixth Form deadline approaching - 11th December

Applications for Sixth Form are open but will close on the 11th December. Please apply before then to avoid being placed on the waiting list.

Your son has been sent his login details to his school email address. Please log in to Applicaa using these details and complete the form.
One-to-one Admissions Conversations with our Sixth Form team and SLT will take place in the spring, after mocks.

If you have questions or need your login details resent please email

sixthformadmissions@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk.



SEND Parent Support Sessions

An opportunity to find out more about special educational needs and ways to support young people at home.

Dyslexia: Identifying and Supporting

Date
Tuesday
1st December

Time
17:00–18:00

Who is it for?
Parents/carers of students in Years 7–13 who may or may not be diagnosed with dyslexia and who are seeking advice and support

Session lead(s)
Joanna Blair (SENDCo)

ADHD: Identifying and Supporting

Date
Thursday
28th Jan

Time
18:00–19:30

Who is it for?
Parents/carers of students in Years 7–13 who may or may not be diagnosed with ADHD and who are seeking advice and support

Session lead(s)
BANES Parent and Carer Forum
Joanna Blair (SENDCo)

Venue for all sessions:
Beechen Cliff School

Booking:
There is no need to book. Please arrive at reception 5–10 minutes before the start of the session and we will collect you.

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

LIBRARY NEWS



The New Books!

The first of our new books from the DfE funding for secondary school libraries has been delivered, processed and put on the shelves. We have 80 new 'leisure non-fiction' with title recommended by teachers with links to school subjects. A small selection is shown here.

A Great Start to the Quizzing Year!

Beechen Cliff School have made a great start to this year's Schools Challenge competition.

The Junior team (Alex H, Finlay W, Freddie F & Sam G) won 410-130 against Nottingham High School.

The Intermediate team (Ben P, Harry B, Ralph S & Will E) won 330-230 against Oxford High School.

The two Senior teams had close matches with Adam B, Alex B, Austin O'R Charlie G winning 340-330 against Oxford High School and Harry D, Paddy B & Rowan W losing 300-370 against Bryanston. A good effort considering they were down one player!

All teams will have a second match toward the end of this term or the start of next term.

If any student is interested in joining in with quiz club please come to the library during Tuesday lunchtimes.

Some of the questions for this round:

1. How many letters in the Welsh alphabet?
2. What is a carapace?
3. What is the current highest rank in the British army?
4. What is the only species of penguin that lives North of the equator?
5. What is wrong with the term 'Bayeux Tapestry'?

Answers:

1. 28, 2. A shell, 3. General, 4. Galapagos, 5. It is an embroidery, not a tapestry and it was made in Kent



Our Junior Winners and Reserves!

OPENING TIMES
Mon - Wed: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Thu - Fri: 10:00 AM - 2.15 PM
Homework Club:
Mon- Fri from 3.15-4.15

Questions? Contact Mrs Bridge (Library Lead & Literacy Coordinator) •
laura.bridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk
"The library is for everyone. Keep reading!"

Our library is a safe, welcoming space for all, supporting a love of reading and learning across the school community.

LIBRARY NEWS







SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

Come and visit the book fair (alone or with your child):
Monday 30th November, Tuesday 1st December or Wednesday 2nd December from 3.15 to 4pm
Easy Tap to Pay in person at school. Can't make it? You can still buy online!

Choose Books:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

Pay for books or buy vouchers for your child to spend in school:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

So we know what you have ordered, please forward the confirmation email to laura.bridge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk adding the title of the book to your email OR ask your child to come to the library to let us know their book title choice.

All KS3 students will visit the fair during reading or English lessons next week.
If we sell £350 of books, we get 20% of the money back for books for school!

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This book is about a boy named Monkey D Luffy a young adventurer who gains a rubber-like body after eating a mystical gum-gum fruit which makes him unable to swim which will cause some challenge for an aspiring sea dog

The current storyline of *One Piece* takes place in the year 1541 of the Age of the Sea Circle, after Gol D Rogger (the past king of the pirates) hid the one piece somewhere in the Grand Line. The identity has not yet been revealed after 10 years. Luffy set out to find crew after he vowed to (red haired) Shanks . It took a turn when he got sucked into a whirlpool!!! Where he met Koby, a crewman of captain Alvada .After they met Zolo Nami Ussop and Sanji.



Shanks.

FORMULA 1 CARS



Author: Maurice Hamilton

Genre: Non fiction

Age Range: any age

Reviewed by:____Ayaan H 8SH_____

This book is about: The greatest formula 1 cars from 1950 to the present day

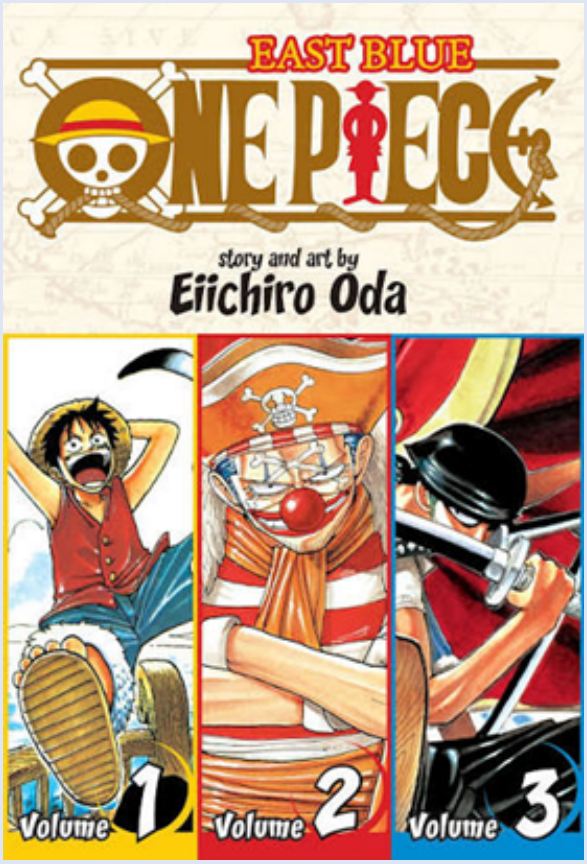
It is set in: Multiple locations like Silverstone in London, The Suzuka Circuit in Japan and circuit de spa Francorchamps in Belgium.

The main character is: there isn't one main characters, it is about the formula one cars from 1950 to now, the main cars talked about in this book are the Mclaren Ford MP4, the Redbull RB19 and the F2004

The key themes are: The greatest formula one cars throughout history in formula racing.

I recommend it because: It is a very factual book that is a perfect choice for new and learning formula one fans.

Star Rating 4/5



The main characters are

- **Monkey D. Luffy** - Captain (aiming to be King of the Pirates)
- **Roronoa Zoro** - Swordsman
- **Nami** - Navigator and treasurer
- **Usopp** - Luffy calls him the sharp shooter
- **Sanji** - Cook and fighter

All I have read so far

The key themes are:

How Luffy carries on to pursue his dream of going to the grand line finding the one piece and becoming king of the pirates

I recommend this book for those who like manga or would like to learn how to read the original format or likes that touch of adrenaline and adventure with a few laughs along the way

Here are some more recommended reads!

Year 8 Winner (Paddy) and Runner Up (Ayaan) in the recent Book Review Competition

Extra Curricular Activities

Beechen Cliff Annual Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will take place in Bath Abbey on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm. This is an important and well loved event in the school Calendar attended by parents and pupils alike.

An open invitation to all members of the school community to join us for what is always a joyous and uplifting occasion as pupils approach their festive break.

We look forward to welcoming you all.



Cricket at Beechen Cliff

Beechen Cliff have been included in the top 30 state schools for cricket by The Cricketer Magazine.



The Cricketer Schools Guide 2027 reveals UK's best schools for cricket

State and private schools are both represented, with the best all-girls and prep-junior schools also picked out by The Cricketer's judging panel for a coveted place in the Guide

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YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



REMINDER: Year 7 football training starts on:

Wednesday 2nd December (3.15-4.30pm) on the astro.

Running until Thursday 20th Jan from 3:15-4:30pm.

Games kit, shin pads, trainers/astros to be worn.

Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities for Terms 1 and 2

The List of Extra curricular Club and Activities on this term can be viewed on the school website.
Link to Extra-curricular List



Beechen Cliff Year 10 Rugby continued success

A fantastic 29-10 victory over Clifton College on 24th November sees our U15s (year 10) progress to the last 16 of the Continental Tyres Schools Cup!

A brilliant team performance! Well Done.

Ace Rugby team v Bishop Burton

Congratulations to the ACE Rugby Team on their back to back wins in the League.

Yesterday, 25th November, they won 29-0 against Bishop Burton in Hull.



Beechen Cliff Rugby Newsletter



Beechen Cliff's Rugby Newsletter (Edition 3) by Mr Geraint Lewis is published alongside this newsletter on the School Website.
Link
Future editions will be published alongside weekly newsletters.

Beechen Cliff Rowing

Our beginner rowers in the BCS rowing club were out on the river last week. A gorgeous crisp evening session!









On Saturday 14th November, Beechen Cliff Rowers raced at the Avon Big Boats 3.2k Head Race in their J18 4x. They came second in their category, narrowly missing out on the win.

Ethan, Ollie and Hugo put down a great performance, starting the season strong in the quad.

Recent Sporting Fixtures Results

Fixture			Result
Thursday 19th November	RUGBY	BCS U14A v Clifton College	7-36
		BCS U14B v Clifton College	21-42
Monday 23rd November	FOOTBALL	BCS U18A v Bishop Wordworth's School	3-2
Tuesday 24th November	FOOTBALL	BCS U14A v Lytchett Minster School	2-3
	RUGBY	BCS U15A v Clifton College	29-10
Wednesday 25th November	RUGBY	ACE v Bishop Burton	29-0

Sporting Fixtures for wc 30th November

Advance details below of fixtures planned for week commencing 30th November as at the time of publication. These are potentially be subject to change, so do please check the website (link) for any changes or updates.

Fixture			Start time/kick off
Monday 30th November	**HOCKEY**	BCS U14a v Avon State Schools	13;45
Tuesday 1st December	**FOOTBALL**	BCS U14 v Backwell	14:30
Wednesday 2nd December	**RUGBY**	BCS 1st XV v Bishop Wand (a)	14:00
		BCS 2nd XV v Bishop Wand (a)	14:00
		BCS U12b v Ralph Allen (a)	15:45
	TRAINING/ CLUB	*Year 7 FOOTBALL Training*	*15:15*
Thursday 3rd December	**RUGBY**	BCS 2nd XV v Clifton (a)	14:30
		3rd XV v Clifton (a)	14:30
		BCS U16a v The Forest School (a)	14:00
	FOOTBALL	BCS U16 v Broadoak (a)	14:00

CCF Biennial Inspection

The process is thorough; all aspects of cadet life are covered and staff and cadets questioned on the delivery of the syllabus, the exercises carried out, the training undertaken and the way resources are deployed. The contingent has a really impressive record within the inspection process and the senior cadets are always complimented on their confidence in delivering lessons, their knowledge of the syllabus, leadership skills and turnout. From my own observations of the cadet lessons being delivered and the response of the Brigadier I would imagine that the feedback will be as positive as ever.













The younger cadets moved between a series of stands, receiving lessons on the cadet small bore target rifle, archery, signals, first aid, drill, orders and a scenario envisaging a localised attack. For the Beechen Cliff cadets it was necessary to ask them to miss school for the day and,despite the obvious disappointment this entailed, they responded exceptionally well and presented well to the inspecting officer











At the end of the day all the stands were taken down, stores returned to various places and the contingent paraded down in front of the Brigadier, before being addressed by her prior to departure. We were very proud of all the one hundred cadets in attendance (more than half of whom were Beechen Cliff pupils) and the way they conducted themselves. All in all a very positive day and another inspection done. Just another two years and the exercise is repeated.



Mr A Davies
BCS CCF Liaison







Wellbeing



Understanding our young people as they grow

Dear parents and carers,

For this week's edition of the wellbeing newsletter, we thought we would share some reflections from our work with young people.

Tara Gretton, our resident solution focused practitioner, shares a story of a young person she worked with in her private practice. The young person recalled a time when, at around the age of 14, she began spending much more time on her own, away from her parents and in her bedroom. One of her parents had said to her, with love and care

> *"I'm not sure where my little girl has gone."*

Reflecting on this experience as an older young person, she shared with Tara that she remembered thinking at the time:

> *"I don't know where she's gone either."*

This is something that Tara has carried with her as an important reminder when seeking to understand young people and the significant changes they experience during adolescence.

The adolescent brain is quite remarkably preparing young people for greater independence and, eventually, adult life. Young people often become more introspective and increasingly aware of the world around them, particularly in relation to their peers. It is almost as though they need to go within themselves to begin to discover who they are.

Their growing interest in their peers is also an important part of discovering who they want to be, what their values are and how they might wish to live their adult lives.

Throughout childhood, much of their learning and understanding of the world comes from their parents, caregivers, siblings and wider family. As they enter adolescence, they begin to cast their net a little wider, exploring different perspectives, experiences and relationships.

Whilst this can sometimes feel like a loss of connection for parents, it does not necessarily mean that young people need us any less. They may simply need us in different ways.

This story came to mind again this week when a young person shared with Tara that they were beginning to want to reconnect with their parents. They recognised the difference it might make if they were a little more communicative and were able to describe the potential ripple effect this could have on their relationship and family life.

It was a lovely reminder that relationships continue to evolve throughout adolescence, and that the foundations of love, connection and belonging that we have built with our children remain important, even when they are not always visible.

A small suggestion for the week ahead

Perhaps this week you might find yourself noticing the small moments when your young person naturally seeks connection with you. It might be when they come into the kitchen, share something funny on their phone, sit alongside you on the sofa or begin chatting during a car journey.

In these moments, we might gently put aside what we are doing, show curiosity about their world and enjoy their company without feeling the need to ask too many questions or offer advice.

You might also notice what you are already doing that seems to make it a little easier for your young person to connect with you, and consider how you could do a little more of this

Sometimes, the smallest moments of connection, without expectation or pressure, can make the most meaningful difference. Rather than seeking to reconnect with the child they once were, we have a wonderful opportunity to get to know the person they are becoming.

We hope that sharing these reflections might offer a little reassurance or make a small difference to the way we understand and navigate this remarkable, and sometimes challenging, stage of our children's lives.

Warmest wishes, as always,

The Wellbeing Team

CAREERS



This week's Beechen Cliff Future Horizon Careers publication (edition 11) is published alongside this school newsletter.

If you would like any further support or information please let me know at emma.pascoe@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Mrs E Pascoe
Level 6 Careers Adviser

Year 11s visit South West Futures Fair



Last week a group of our Year 11s visited the South West Futures Fair where they met with different employers, colleges, the Army and more, where they explored their Post 16 options. They took part in useful mock interviews and had the opportunity to use their pratical skills as they tried out welding.

One Beechen Cliff student won a competition at the Fair and won a Samsung Galaxy Watch!

BATH&WEST
EDUCATION HUB
SOUTHWEST FUTURES FAIR
WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Miss J Daniels
Careers Coordinator

Want to learn more about Apprenticeships, come along to find out!



Thinking about an apprenticeship after school or college? Join us for an informative evening designed to help students and parents understand the opportunities apprenticeships can offer.

CLICK HERE FOR THIS EVENT

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.





Dear Parents and Carers,

Cleveland Pools Trust is currently gathering community feedback on how families across Bath might like to use Cleveland Pools in the future. As part of this, we are inviting parents to complete a short questionnaire about potential family use of the Pools — including swimming, wellbeing activities, accessibility needs, and family sessions.

The survey takes just a few minutes and will help shape how Cleveland Pools can best serve local families when it reopens.

You can complete the questionnaire here: https://www.clevelandpools.org.uk/have-your-say

Your views will make a real difference, and we are very grateful for your time.

With best wishes

Cleveland Pools Trust

CLEVELAND POOLS

Gap Year in Spain

FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND SCHOOLS

Planning a gap year? Join a free online sessior

30 minutes online with our team in Barcelona, with time for your questions.



What we cover

- How to plan a worthwhile gap year, and how deferring a university place works
- What a gap year in Barcelona looks like, week by week
- Work experience as an English teacher, with the Trinity CertTESOL
- Spanish classes, accommodation, safety and support
- Dates, costs and US college credit
- Live Q & A

How it works

1. Choose a date and sign up. Students, parents and teachers are all welcome.
2. We email you the link to join before the session.
3. Join from home. We send a recording afterwards for anyone who can't make it.

Sign up

Gap Year in Spain [Brochure - Click Here]



Where? Riverside Youth Hub (near Morrisons, London Road), BA1 6AE

Collection days: Sat 5, Sun 6 & Sat 12 Dec, 10am-3pm

Pre-order for collection / buy on the day

HARRY PLOWRIGHT MATHS TUTORING

I'm Harry, an ex Beechen Cliff student, now studying Maths at the University of Birmingham. I've been providing onine Maths tutoring at a variety of levels, ranging from Year 9 to Year 13, for the past three years, with tutees seeing great improvement in their confidence and ability within Maths.

If you're interested in receiving online tutoring, please contact me on the email below.

Email: harryplowright@icloud.com
Session rate: £30



Wreath making workshop at Riverside Youth Hub

5th December 10:30-12:30

Join experienced wreath maker, Marina Beare for a festive and relaxing workshop at Riverside Youth Hub. From 11-2pm, enjoy a guided workshop and leave with a beautiful, natural wreath to hang at home or give to your loved ones.
Buy your tickets here https://buytickets.at/mentoringplus1/2476848

A Cantamus Christmas

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 7.30PM
HOLY TRINITY, BRADFORD ON AVON

Mike Daniels - Conductor
Steven Hollas - Piano & Organ

An irresistible selection of seasonal music wrapped up with readings and a flurry of favourite carols celebrating the magic of Christmas

Tickets: £18 (£5 students & U18s)
Book Online: cantamuschamberchoir.co.uk

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Chamber Choir
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BEECHEN CLIFF
ASPIRE BELONG ACHIEVE

Music Changes Lives

CREATIVE CONFIDENT CONNECTED

DRUM LESSONS AT BEECHEN CLIFF

Spaces available now

PLAY LEARN PROGRESS

Calvert Creative Music School is offering individual drum lessons at Beechen Cliff with our new drum tutor, Mr Tom Andrews.

Tom is an experienced drummer and tutor who also teaches at Bath Spa University and Music Workshop, and regularly performs across the UK and Europe.

Lessons take place during the school day and are suitable for both complete beginners and more experienced players. Students work on technique, coordination, songs and musicianship, and are encouraged to work towards graded drum exams.



- 1-to-1 lessons during the school day
- Beginners welcome
- Learn songs, technique and musicianship
- Encouragement towards graded drum exams
- Experienced professional drummer and tutor

To register your interest:
Jordan Calvert
jordan@calvertcreativemusicschool.com

Calvert Creative Music School

INSPIRING MUSICAL JOURNEYS

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youth GEEK CAFE

Bringing geeks together and to God



EVERY OTHER
SUNDAY
9:30AM-11:30AM
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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-18

A FREE SPACE TO MEET FELLOW GEEKS, ENJOY LOADS OF GAMES AND EXPLORE SOME OF THE BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFO









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PERCY YOUTH PROJECT

Providing activities and experiences for young people from age 11.

Our skilled team are excellent listeners, fun, energetic and determined to champion our youth!

Come along to one of our youth nights and find your fit. We offer sports, art, music, cooking and more.

It's also **FREE!**

If you have any more questions, contact:

Liz@percycentre.org.uk





