



CLIFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER: Mrs A Leng

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Clifton Community School, we aim to ensure that every student leaves our school able and qualified to play their full part in an ever-changing world. To help us achieve this, we are always looking to enhance our curriculum offer to all students. It is for this reason that we are making some changes to our school day from Monday 27th June (Rollover), which will allow us to dedicate an additional 100 minutes per week to Reading for Pleasure.

Timings	Period
8.45am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 9.20am	Reading
9.20am – 10.35am	Period 1
10.35am – 11.50am	Period 2
11.50am – 12.20pm	1 st Break
12.20pm – 1.30pm	Period 3
1.30pm – 2.00pm	2 nd Break
2.00pm – 3.10pm	Period 4

We are all familiar with the impact that reading widely and often has on a child's education and well-being. Research shows that, with greater exposure to reading, students will improve their attainment in both reading and writing and these benefits translate across the curriculum to include Maths and Science as well as English.

Changes to the School Day

As you'll see in the table, we have shortened each of our four timetabled periods by five minutes to incorporate 20 minutes of structured reading time each day, which will be led by Form Tutors. This will consist of a Year Group Novel, Thematic Non-Fiction reading and debate as well as Independent Reading to keep your child's reading diet varied, engaging and purposeful.

Start and finish times to the school day will be unaffected and remain the same.

By increasing the amount of curriculum time allocated to reading, we expect to expose all of our students to up to 2 million words from the beginning of Y7 through to Y11.

We hope that you support the changes that we are making and we thank you for continuing to encourage and model reading at home for your child.

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GCSE Examinations from Mrs Leng

For the first time since 2019, students nationwide are sitting their GCSE exams. This is quite understandably a hugely stressful time for everyone involved but so far our Year 11 students have acquitted themselves superbly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for all of their hard work during this time, and to our staff for facilitating an intense schedule of revision sessions and exam boosters. As a parent of a Year 11 child myself can I also express my thanks and gratitude for the support you are giving your child at this time. It is an anxious wait each day for parents to find out how the exam went, help to calm nerves the night before and motivate them to keep revising. Thank you so much - your input is also invaluable and appreciated.

Welcoming Year 6

On Monday 27th June, we'll be welcoming our new intake as they complete their transition from primary school into secondary education. These students will no doubt be eagerly anticipating this exciting next step in their education and we're delighted that our new Year 7 cohort will become our largest year group in school with 246 students. We take our role in supporting these students extremely seriously and that's why we are continuing with our longstanding Rollover programme, which allows our students three and a half weeks in school prior to the summer holidays to form friendship groups and adapt to their new surroundings. We've also invited all of our Year 7 students to take part in our second annual WPT Summer School where they can take part in a wide range of exciting activities and experiences such as Watersports, Musical Theatre and STEM.

As this half term draws to a close, I'd like to wish you and your child a restful half term holiday and we hope that you enjoy the extended Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee with your family.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A Leng
Headteacher



Mr J Skirrow
Deputy Headteacher