



19th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The start of a new school year and recently a new half term is always exciting. Students settling into timetables, classes and re-familiarising themselves with routines. Many believe it takes around three to four weeks to form a new habit and get into a routine. We see evidence of that in school; the first few weeks back after a break can feel like hard work to many of our students, but as November rolls into December they settle well into the usual rhythm of school.

To help you fully support your child this half term I would like to outline a few important messages:

Homework

At Clifton, things move quickly; we are always thinking of new ideas and ways to improve our teaching and students' learning. I recently wrote to you outlining our new homework policy which we believe is clearer and a more robust calendar. Students have also received a diary to record their homework. It is expected that they bring this diary to school everyday and record their deadlines. It will also allow you to check what homework they are receiving too. The school runs a homework club Monday - Thursday until 4pm if your child needs support or a quiet place to complete.

Uniform

We have high expectations here at Clifton and expect all students to wear the correct uniform. It is also important that students have a school bag that they bring everyday so that they can carry stationery and their new homework diary. We will provide students with a plain black school bag if they do not have one.

Punctuality

We also have high expectations around being punctual to school and to lessons. A reminder that students need to be in school and sat in their form rooms by **8.45am**.

Celebrate successes

I am always thrilled to see how engaged our students are with the events and activities outside of lessons. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our Autumn Extra-curricular programme, detailed at the end of this letter. I also look forward to our end of term awards ceremonies in December which celebrates students' academic achievements.

And finally...

We have another packed half-term coming up, with many key events for your diaries:

- Year 9 parents evening Thursday 20th November
- Y11 Mock Exams taking place from 1st December
- Y11 Careers Day - Friday 21st November
- The launch of our reverse advent charitable event with students
- Christmas Concert - 17th December (further details to follow)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support - the combination of home, school, and students here at Clifton is truly unbeatable.

Yours sincerely,

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Day	Clubs		
Monday	<u>Break 1</u>	<u>Break 2</u>	<u>After School</u>
	KS3 Basketball - DFI		Climbing Club - BLG
	Maths Club - SBS		
Tuesday	<u>Break 1</u>	<u>Break 2</u>	<u>After School</u>
	KS3 Badminton - GRE		Gardening Club - BLG
	Chess Club - SBS		Science Club - KCO
	KS4 Rockband - MSO/JSS		Politics Club - ECM
			KS3 Girls Football Club - JLI
Wednesday	<u>Break 1</u>	<u>Break 2</u>	<u>After School</u>
	KS4 Badminton - GRE		Art Club - MSY/LCH
	Chess Club - SBS		Football Club - DFI/BLG/AMO/JLI
	Y11 Life Skills - BSN/EBG		Netball Club - GRE/LHA
			Drama Club - JMA
Thursday	<u>Break 1</u>	<u>Break 2</u>	<u>After School</u>
	KS4 Basketball - DFI		History Club - ORO
	Chess Club - SBS		Y7 & Y8 Football Club - AMO/BLE/DFI
			KS4 Girls Football Club - JLI
Friday	<u>Break 1</u>	<u>Break 2</u>	<u>After School</u>
	Cricket Club - GRE		

