



CLIFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER: Mrs M Smith

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: December 2025 update

As the term draws to a close, I want to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. This time of year offers a wonderful moment to pause, reflect on the achievements of the term, and celebrate the progress made by our students. There has been a brilliant atmosphere over the past few weeks in school with lots to celebrate, as students take part in charity events, music concerts and other activities. Well done to all students involved.

Things at Clifton move quickly; we're always thinking of new ideas and ways to improve our teaching and students' experience. To help you fully support your child with their education, I would like to outline a few important messages:

Uniform

Our school uniform plays a vital role in creating a positive learning environment. We expect all students to wear full uniform at school. All students should have a CCS tie. Jewellery must be kept to a minimum with no more than one small stud per ear. No other facial or body piercings are allowed. Rings, bracelets, larger earrings and necklaces are not permitted. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. I appreciate your support with our uniform policy.

Other Equipment

In addition to school uniform, students are expected to have the following items with them each day:

- A bag large enough to carry an A4 book
- Homework school diary (a new half term diary will be given out Monday 5th January)
- Equipment for the day
- Homework
- PE Kit (on PE days)

Routines

The December and New Year holiday offers a fantastic break from routine. This is one of the reasons it is so enjoyable, a rest from the day-to-day that often leaves us not knowing what day of the week it is!

While the break from routine is good, it is also important to remember the importance of returning to those habits in January. Please encourage your child to maintain their school routines when they return on Monday 5th January. This includes packing a school bag with all the right equipment, such as their pencil case with a number of pens and pencils. The same applies to in-school routines, please encourage your child to arrive on time. After all, it can take weeks to form a positive habit, but as little as 18 days to break one!





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Punctuality: Please remember that the school gates close at 8:45 am.

On the topic of routines, it's important that students are on time, ready to begin the day. As you know, a positive start to the day works wonders.

With that in mind, form period starts at 8.45am and arriving after this time means that they are late and leads to a late mark. These form periods and morning intervention sessions are vitally important; they set the tone for the day and maintain a key routine. Please support your son or daughter in arriving at school no later than 8.45am.

Well done - celebrating efforts both inside and outside every classroom

It's been a busy term with lots happening in school. Our older students have been completing mock exams, with Year 11 mocks taking place the last couple of weeks. We've also hosted various events: fundraising, sporting wins, and of course, our music concert.

A huge well done to all students on their achievements this term, from "little wins" in the classroom, like improving effort in a difficult subject, to taking a risk and being involved in something larger. I look forward to seeing what else our students dedicate themselves to in the new year.

And finally...

We wish all our students and families a restful break. I hope the New Year brings fresh opportunities for reflection and improvement. We look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready to learn bright and early on Monday 5th January, when no less than excellent effort and hard work will do.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Smith
Headteacher

