



**CLIFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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**HEADTEACHER:** Mrs M Smith

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

As we are approaching the end of the second term of this academic year, I thought I would write to you to share some of Y8's achievements which they have met during this period at Clifton Community School (CCS), and some updates.

### Causes for Praise

As a year group, at the time of writing we have so far amassed over **2400** CFPs in HT4, which is an outstanding achievement. The fact there have been over **2400** occasions this half term where a member of staff has felt that a Y8 student has gone above and beyond whilst at CCS is remarkable. At CCS, we want all students to be proud of their achievements, and each and every CFP is something in which our students should take great pride. Our highest CFP earners this half term achieved **31** and **26** respectively – a fantastic effort. Well done to both students.

### Attendance

At the time of writing, our current attendance as a year group stands at **89.4%** for the year and **88.2%** for the half term. I am disappointed with these figures as we are now below **90%**. Our school target is **97%** and we are currently falling short of that. Please help to support us by ensuring that appointments are made outside of school time and through encouraging your child to attend school as much as possible. I am pleased to be able to report that we have **97** students in the year group who have managed **100%** attendance over the course of the half term. **29** of these students have also managed to maintain **100%** attendance for the school year to date. Well done to each one of them.

We also still have a higher number of students being late to school and to lessons than I would have liked. There is no excuse for anybody arriving late. Students who are late will be expected to make the time up at break time or after school. It is nice to see many of our students with high attendance and excellent punctuality which is the standard which we strive for. We will be rewarding our top attenders with our **Easter 100 Club** event which will take place in the last week of the half term.

### Uniform

It is nice to see our students looking smart as they arrive at school in the morning. It shows that they represent themselves, our school and yourselves really well, both in the building and in the wider community. Please continue to support this by making sure your child leaves home every day with their School bag, Tie and equipment for the day including their Homework diary and PE kit on PE days.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

It has been brilliant to see our Y8 students getting involved in a large amount of extra-curricular activities. This is something I actively encourage everybody to do. Our Netball and Football teams have competed well in a number of sporting fixtures. Both teams have



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celebrated some outstanding victories in games against other schools. Since last time I wrote to you, I am pleased to say that our boys Football team won their semi-final tie against Aston. We travelled to Wickersley on the 21st March for a final tie against a strong Wales side. We were very unfortunate to come out on the wrong side of a 3-2 scoreline and finished as runners up for the second year running. Naturally, the team was disappointed but once more, making the final was a really good achievement and we are proud of the boys.

On top of all that, the Climbing, Basketball and Badminton clubs continue to go from strength to strength. We have also introduced a Fitness club on Wednesday evenings.

Many of our students continue to take part in Music groups and competitions along with Peri lessons. Some of our Year group were runners up in the Battle of The Bands competition which saw students from schools across Rotherham compete against one another. This was an amazing achievement considering it was the first time the students have taken part.

Our History club has proved to be popular and as demand from the students increases, new clubs are starting on a regular basis.

Overall, it has been an extremely positive first term of 2026, and I am proud of how the majority of our students are progressing during this academic year. Our Y8 students have continued to embody the Clifton Way every single day, by never giving less than their best and rising to each and every challenge which they come across.

As always, should you have questions or queries regarding Y8, please contact me, Ms Ormondroyd, Mr Clough or your child's form tutor.

I hope you and your child have a great Easter holiday. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

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