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HEADTEACHER: Mrs M Smith

Dear Parent /Carer

As we are approaching the end of the first term of this academic year, I thought I would write to you to share some of Y9'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 11600 CFPs, which is an outstanding achievement. The fact there have been over 11600 occasions this term where a member of staff has felt that a Y9 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.

Attendance

At the time of writing, our current attendance as a year group stands at 87.4% for the year and 87.6% for the half term. I am disappointed with these figures. We are currently the second lowest attending year group in school and I want to see us improve on this. Our school target is 97% and we are currently falling short of that target. 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 is possible. I am pleased to be able to report that we have 102 students in the year group who have managed 100% attendance over the course of the half term. 31 of these students have also managed to maintain 100% attendance for the school year to date. Well done to each one of them.

We have also had 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 Christmas 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 a 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. This term we have introduced Homework diaries and I would like to see students bringing and using these every day in order to help them to be better organised.





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Extra-Curricular Activities

It has been brilliant to see our Y9 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 celebrated some outstanding victories in games against other schools. On top of all that, the Climbing, Basketball and Badminton clubs continue to go from strength to strength.

Many of our students continue to take part in Music groups and competitions along with Peri lessons. At time of writing, we are awaiting the Christmas Concert which takes place on Wednesday 17th December. This will give our budding musicians the opportunity to showcase their talents.

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

It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents evening in November. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and really makes a difference on your child's journey through Clifton. So many of the Y9 pupils have shown their teachers how great they are and it was nice to see how proud you were when hearing this.

Overall, it has been an extremely positive first term of Y9, and I am proud of how the majority of our students have started this academic year. Our Y9 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 Y9, please contact me, Miss Hughes, Mr Linacre or your child's form tutor.

I hope you and your child have a great Christmas holiday however you choose to celebrate it. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

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