



# Clevedon School

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Dear Clevedon Families,

Despite the recent spell of inclement weather, it has been wonderful to see how focused and determined our students have remained. Our Year 13 students started off the year with their mock exams whilst Year 11 have begun their Sixth Form admission interviews. Students continue to work hard in lessons and of course make the most of the wide range of enrichment opportunities that Clevedon School has to offer.

### **Become an Inclusion Ambassador!**

We used our INSET day on 6<sup>th</sup> January to focus on inclusive teaching and how we ensure that *all* students are able to thrive in our classrooms. Staff worked together to revisit and refine best practice, with a strong emphasis on creating learning environments that support every learner through a clear, universal offer.

As part of our ongoing work in this area, we would like to invite parents and carers to be part of the Futura “Flourishing Futures Parent forum”, an opportunity to become an inclusion ambassador for the school. We truly value the insight and experience of families, and we believe that working together will help us continue to strengthen our provision. Please see the information below for further details on how you can get involved.

### **Winter Warmers – A Community Success Once Again**

January saw the return of our much-loved Winter Warmers, and once again the programme has been a resounding success. Every Wednesday throughout the month, we opened our doors to the community, welcoming guests in for warmth, conversation and delicious food.



Our brilliant Food Ambassadors have been at the heart of these events, taking responsibility for every aspect - from front of house and serving meals, to clearing tables and washing up. They have risen to the challenge with maturity, pride and professionalism, and it has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence

week by week.



One of the most special aspects of Winter Warmers is the incredible diversity of those who attend. This year we welcomed guests ranging in age from just 12 weeks to an impressive 93 years old, alongside a rich mix of cultures and religions. It is a true reflection of the community we are proud to serve.

Kate Davies, our Head of Food, has been instrumental in creating a lasting legacy through Winter Warmers. Across January, well over 600 guests joined us, and the feedback on both the food and the event itself has been overwhelmingly positive. We already look forward to welcoming even more guests next year.

### **Year 9: Options and Drama Showcase**

Year 9 students have been very busy indeed over the past few weeks, with a strong focus on their next steps as they prepare for Key Stage 4. A great deal of time and thought has gone into the options process, during which students select the subjects they will study in Years 10 and 11.

Our recent Options Evening was a huge success. The hall and science block were packed to the rafters, with subject showcases, staff presentations and a wealth of information available for students and families. It was wonderful to see such high levels of engagement, thoughtful questions, and meaningful conversations taking place about future pathways.

A reminder to our Year 9 families that all students must submit their subject choices by **9<sup>th</sup> February**. All guidance and supporting information can be found on our website under **our options page here: [Clevedon School - Year 9 Options 2026](#)**

Year 9 have also been making their mark on the stage. As part of our recent Drama Showcase, students performed their most recent work to an audience of parents and families. They approached the evening with confidence, commitment and enthusiasm, and it was clear that every student gave it their all. What a fantastic way to signal the beginning of their transition into Key Stage 4 next year.

### **North Somerset School Debating Competition**

Just last night, the school was proud to host the North Somerset Debating Competition, chaired by Saddik Al-Hassan, our local MP.



Our Sixth Form students performed brilliantly throughout the evening and were beaten by a whisker by some excellent competition from local schools. Well done to all schools and students who took part in this excellent event, and a big thank you to Mr Al-Hassan for giving his time to chair the competition.



### **Join Us on Instagram – #Clevedonschoolnews**

We are pleased to remind families that our main social media presence has now moved to Instagram. Parents and carers can now keep up to date with everything happening at Clevedon by following our official Instagram page, where you'll find snapshots of school life and key announcements throughout the year.



Whilst on the subject of social media, please may I remind parents and carers that we would always prefer feedback to be sent to the school rather than posted on social media. This is largely to safeguard readers against any unwanted consequences and to ensure that we do not unintentionally damage the strategic work and reputation of our brilliant school community.

## My Child At School and ParentPay

We would like to remind families about **My Child At School (MCAS)**, our one-stop shop for everything relating to your child's school life. It is essential that all families download the app and ensure they are able to access their account.



Through MCAS, parents and carers can view key information including exam and homework details, timetables, class information and other important updates. Having access to this platform helps you stay informed and supports effective communication between home and school.

If you have not yet set up your account, or if you need support accessing MCAS, please use this guide: [Clevedon School - My Child At School](#), which provides step-by-step instructions on how to get started.

Following on from my December newsletter, please can I remind families that we are no longer able to hand out notes for food from our canteen. Students will need to have their accounts topped up on **ParentPay** if they wish to purchase food.

As ever, if you need support with food payments or think you might qualify for Free School Meals, please do not hesitate to contact the school [office@clevedonschool.org.uk](mailto:office@clevedonschool.org.uk).

## “Gate to Gate” – our mobile phone policy

Please can I remind families that we are a phone-free school and that all students should have their mobile phones switched off and in their bag as soon as they enter the school grounds. We call this our “gate to gate” policy which students need to adhere to. We will be considering the news coming from the Department for Education schools minister this week, which has emphasised the importance of schools taking a zero-tolerance approach with regards to mobile phones in schools.

## Rock and Roll Bingo – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Friends of Clevedon School are organising a terrific night of ‘Rock and Roll Sing-a-Long Bingo’ on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm. Full details can be found in a separate letter being sent to families.

This event was great fun last time round and raised lots of money for the school. You can purchase tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FYGN>



## And Finally

A reminder that term finishes on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more positive news with you very soon as the term continues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Kent', written over a white rectangular background.

**Sam Kent**  
**Head of School**

### **Become an Inclusion Ambassador**

Inclusion Ambassadors will meet **once each term** to share ideas and collaborate on initiatives such as improving classroom accessibility, supporting staff training on SEND, and co-designing opportunities that foster belonging and success for all pupils.

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in joining the **Flourishing Futures Parent Forum**, please complete the short form by following the link below to send an Expression of Interest

[Parent - Inclusion Ambassador- Expression of Interest Form \(Copy\) – Fill in form](#)

### **Key Dates – Term 3 and 4**

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 9 Consultation Evening
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> February	E-Safety and Children's Mental Health Week
13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY / End of Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Term 4 begins (Week A)
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Mocks Begin
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 13 Subject Consultation Evening
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Mocks Begin
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	End of Term 4