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Dear Clevedon Families,

The longer days and warmer weather brought a wonderful energy to school over Term 5, and it was fantastic to see students embracing the many opportunities available to them both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our exam cohorts have applied themselves diligently to the job in hand and it has been great to see so many of them create a calm routine for this period, including taking advantage of the 'Breakfast Boost' sessions on the morning of exams. These sessions continue throughout the exam period in the Black and Gold Diner from 7.45am.

For these exam cohorts, it is essential they focus on their work and success and do not become embroiled in any misinformation circulating on social media. Rumours of exam leaks, changing grade boundaries or mistakes in exam papers can all unnecessarily add to the pressure of the exam season. As ever, we are here to guide you through the process – do reach out if we can help with anything!

Term 6 really sees us operate in two modes: maximising what remains of this academic year, whilst simultaneously preparing for the year ahead. Please do have a read of the newsletter as it contains some important information including a reminder about the term dates for 2026/27, including the new two-week October 2026 holiday and a very early Easter holiday in 2027.

Looking Ahead – Changes to the School Day

Following a consultation period, and after much careful consideration, we will be moving to 60-minute lessons from the next academic year, replacing our current 50-minute lesson structure. This will mean students experience five lessons a day rather than the current six as learning time remains unchanged.

We believe this change will bring a number of significant benefits for students. Most notably, it will reduce the number of double lessons across the timetable, creating a more balanced learning experience and supporting students to maintain focus and engagement throughout the day. The revised structure will also mean fewer lesson transitions, allowing more time to be dedicated to teaching and learning.

Students will visit subject areas more regularly across the week, providing more frequent opportunities to revisit key concepts. This regular retrieval is an important part of helping students retain knowledge and make strong progress over time.

As part of this change, we will also be reviewing the start and finish time of the school day. Further details will follow.

I will be sharing further details regarding our decision and the positive impact we anticipate through assemblies with students this week.

Friends of Clevedon - Quiz Night Success

Our thanks to the 'Friends of Clevedon' for another successful fundraising event with over £1500 raised. Thank you to everyone who participated and Mr Thie for acting as quiz master. These events really do help us extend the number of enrichment activities on offer (look out for floristry coming soon!) as well as subsidising places for families on our school trips.

Look out for details of the next fundraiser and in the Autumn and in case you were wondering...the **Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale** is Friday 4th December (evening) and Saturday 5th December during the day!

English Schools Athletics Success – Regional Qualification

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our students who recently represented the school in the English Schools Athletics Association competition.

Our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 athletes performed brilliantly throughout the event, demonstrating not only their athletic ability but also the determination, resilience and sportsmanship that we value so highly at Clevedon School.

A special congratulations must go to our boys' team, who have successfully qualified for the regional competition in Exeter later this month. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work and commitment shown by students and staff alike. We wish the team every success as they prepare for the next stage of the competition and look forward to sharing more stories from the track and field in the weeks ahead.

Year 11 Leavers' Day

Last week also marked an important milestone for our Year 11 students as they celebrated their Leavers' Day.

Following their leavers' assembly, students were clapped out of the school by staff and fellow students in what proved to be a very emotional and memorable occasion. The assembly provided an opportunity to reflect on their journey through Clevedon School, with photographs and memories from across their five years with us reminding everyone just how much they have grown and developed during their time here.

Whilst many of our Year 11 students will continue to visit us for examinations over the coming weeks, it was a fitting moment to pause and recognise the contribution they have made to our school community. We wish them every success for the future and look forward to celebrating with them again on results day.

[Well done Year 11](#)

Battle of the Bands – Celebrating Musical Talent

The final day of Term 5 saw the return of one of the highlights of our House Championship calendar: Battle of the Bands.

Congratulations to all of our house bands who took to the stage and delivered an outstanding lunchtime showcase enjoyed by students and staff alike. The quality of the performances was exceptional and demonstrated the confidence, creativity and dedication of all those involved – it was most definitely a festival atmosphere!



Events such as this serve as another reminder of why Clevedon School is such a unique and special place. Students from every year group, from Year 7 through to Year 13, performed

together, collaborated with one another and supported each other throughout the event. We even had the occasional member of staff joining in the performances!

It makes me incredibly proud to see the relationships our students build across year groups and the sense of community that exists within our school. The atmosphere throughout the event was fantastic and reflected everything that makes Clevedon School such a vibrant and inclusive community.

Outdoor Learning in Wales!

We have been delighted to see so many students embracing opportunities beyond the classroom in recent weeks, with a number of memorable visits taking place across Wales.



Our Year 12 students recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons, experiencing a wide range of challenging weather conditions. Despite this, they were a credit to the school, showing excellent teamwork and resilience throughout. Successfully navigating their route to and across Pen y Fan is no mean feat, and they should be very proud of their achievement.

Students studying A Level Biology also enjoyed a fantastic field trip to the West Wales coast, developing key fieldwork skills including mammal trapping, line transects and river sampling. Staff at the Field Studies Centre praised their commitment, particularly their willingness to continue learning well into the evening to refine their techniques.



Finally, 30 students attended the Outward-Bound Centre near Aberdovey, where they stepped outside their comfort zones through activities such as kayaking and abseiling.

Staff commended their resilience and positive attitude throughout. Although tired on return, students clearly loved every minute of the experience.

These visits provided valuable opportunities to build confidence, independence and teamwork, and we are incredibly proud of all students who represented the school so positively.

A Reminder for the Warmer Weather –

As temperatures continue to rise, I would like to remind all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day and ensure they remain well hydrated throughout lessons and breaktimes. Water refill stations remain available across the site.

Wherever possible, students should also remember to apply sun cream before arriving at school, particularly on days where they may be spending extended periods of time outdoors. Taking these simple precautions will help ensure everyone remains comfortable, healthy and able to make the most of the opportunities available throughout the school day.

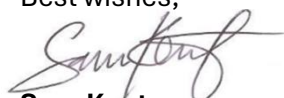
We recognise that the warmer weather will warrant blazers being optional - students do not therefore have to wear them to school for the remainder of Term 6.

And Finally

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The final weeks of the academic year are always busy, but they also provide many opportunities to celebrate the achievements, talents and successes of our students. As a reminder, lots of our events and updates can be found on Instagram @clevedonschoolnews

Whether on the sports field, the stage, in examinations or within the classroom, our students continue to impress us with their commitment, character and enthusiasm. We look forward to sharing many more successes with you as we move towards the end of another memorable school year.

Best wishes,



Sam Kent
Head of School

Term 6 Key Dates

Date	Event
June 11 th	Year 10 Consultation Evening
June 18 th	KS3 Additional Consultation Evening
June 24 th	Celebration of Voice Event
June 29 th	INSET Day
July 6 th – 9 th	House Award Evenings (Walton, Valley, Marine, Conygar)
July 9 th	Futura Kindness Day
July 16 th	House Championship Day (House Colours can be worn)
July 17 th	End of Term (12.05pm dismissal)
TBC	Summer Music Concert

Term Dates 2026/27

Term	Dates
Term 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 – Wednesday 21 st October 2026 (<i>Students finish Friday 16th October due to INSET days</i>)
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026 – Friday 18 th December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 th January 2027 – Friday 12 th February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 nd February 2027 – Thursday 25 th March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 th April 2027 – Friday 28 th May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 th June 2027 – Friday 23 rd July 2027

INSET Dates 2026/27

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Day 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Day 2	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Day 3	Friday 9 th October 2026
Day 4	Monday 19 th October 2026
Day 5	Tuesday 20 th October 2026
Day 6	Wednesday 21 st October 2026 (students finish Friday 16 th October)
Day 7	Monday 4 th January 2027
Day 8	Friday 9 th July 2027