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Dear Clevedon School Families,

We welcomed a previously frequent visitor to school this week – sunshine! It was a rare treat indeed! Hopefully, just a few more days of such Spring warmth will enable us to open the fields at lunchtime; but as many of you will be aware from cancelled weekend sporting fixtures, doing so too early renders the grass a mud bath and will cause long term damage to the fields. In the interim, students can use the netball court area for games and of course we have our covered marquee picnic area.

Well done to our Year 11 students who this week have completed their second round of mock examinations. They have approached this important period with maturity and determination, and we wish them every success as they continue their preparation for the summer series. We are proud of the focus they are showing and look forward to supporting them with their final run in.

Please read on for a round-up of our information from the last month.

A Level Physics Trip to CERN



Recently, our Year 12 and Year 13 Physics students had the extraordinary opportunity to take part in a residential visit to CERN in Switzerland, ably led by Mr Smith and Miss Pritchett.

CERN - the European Organization for Nuclear Research - is one of the world's leading centres for particle physics and home to the Large Hadron Collider, the largest and most powerful particle accelerator ever built. Scientists from across the globe collaborate there to better understand the fundamental building blocks of our universe.

During the visit, students participated in expert-led workshops and lectures, explored the facilities and deepened their understanding of the theory they study in the classroom. I am delighted to report that they represented Clevedon School with curiosity, maturity and enthusiasm asking brilliant questions and getting stuck into learning tasks throughout the trip. They were a true credit to our community.



Performing Arts – Taking to Stages Across the Region

Our Performing Arts department continues to go from strength to strength. Whilst we are fortunate to have a lovely stage here at Clevedon School, our team works tirelessly to ensure students perform on stages across the region and beyond.



Students recently visited the prestigious Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, gaining valuable insight into conservatoire training. Our dancers delivered vibrant performances for Chinese New Year at the Chinese supermarket in Bristol, and students also performed at the Spotlight Festival in Weston, embracing every opportunity to grow in confidence and professionalism.

We are incredibly proud to share that our Performing Arts team were recognised as finalists at the 2026 Music & Drama Education Awards, a prestigious national celebration of excellence in music and drama education and were awarded Highly Commended on the night. This is wonderful recognition of the dedication and talent of our staff and students.



Box Clever – Macbeth Brought to Life



Our Year 10 students, who are currently studying *Macbeth*, were recently treated to an unforgettable live theatre performance delivered by Box Clever Theatre Company.

With the audience seated in the round, students experienced an immersive and electric production.

Many found themselves invited into the performance space - some even coronated as King Duncan! Experiences such as this bring literature vividly to life and significantly deepen understanding. A sincere thank you to the English team for making this possible for our year 10 students.

Girls Get Set!

We were recently joined in school by “Girls Get Set”, which is a volunteer-run organisation aiming to inspire girls between 11-14 to see STEM-based subjects as a potential career path. We were joined by Bakers Hughes volunteer engineers, who set the girls some creative challenges.



Our girls will continue with this project over the next 18 months and their presentations will form part of a regional competition – best of luck!

Mobile Phones – “Gate to Gate” Reminder



May I remind families of our mobile phone “gate to gate” policy. Students must have their phones switched off and out of sight for the entire school day, from the moment they enter the school grounds until they leave. This includes break and lunchtime.

This expectation aligns with recent government guidance emphasising the importance of schools taking a firm approach to mobile phone use to reduce distractions and support calm, focused learning environments.

In some KS4 and KS5 lessons (Years 10 – 13) teachers may ask those students who have a phone to undertake a specific task on their phone before turning it off and placing it back in their bag.

Provision is made for those who do not have a mobile device.

This approach to phones in school is laid out in more detail in our 'Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices Policy' which also covers smart watches, headphones and tablet devices.

Should a student need to contact home during the day, they must speak to a member of staff and we will ensure they are able to do so safely using school facilities. Thank you to families for your continued support in reinforcing this important rule.

My Child At School (MCAS)

We are delighted that so many parents and carers have set up their My Child At School (MCAS) accounts and downloaded the app - thank you. However, overall usage remains lower than we would like.



MCAS provides a one-stop platform where families can keep track of homework, behaviour points, reports, achievements, timetables and key communications in one place. Regular use strengthens the partnership between home and school and ensures you have the most up-to-date information about your child's progress.

If you have not logged in recently, I strongly encourage you to explore the features available so you can fully support the progress of your child.

School Buildings

The school and Trust continue to work in collaboration with the DfE in planning the delivery of our new school buildings. Whilst we are making good progress, it may appear a little slow at present. Much of this is down to the team making revisions to existing designs and phasing because of the new and much improved 'Construction Framework 25'. In the long term this will see a much better finished product, making this delay time well spent. Hopefully there will be some news to share in the next newsletter – if not before!

And Finally

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. It is a pleasure to see our students enjoying all aspects of school life and we look forward to sharing further successes in the weeks ahead.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Kent', written in a cursive style.

Sam Kent
Head of School

Term 4 Key Dates

Wednesday 11 th March 6pm – 7pm	Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 12 th March	Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 13 Subject Consultation Evening
Thursday 2 nd April	Last Day of Term 4