



# Clevedon School

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Dear Clevedon Families,

The recent change of the clocks has certainly brought a welcome sense of lighter, longer days, and with it, a renewed energy across the school site. It has been lovely to see students enjoying the brighter evenings as we move further into the Spring term.

You may also have seen our recent April Fools' announcement regarding the "Clevedon Trail"! I can confirm that this was very much shared in good humour and we hope it brought a smile to your day. That said, given the enthusiasm and feedback it generated, perhaps there is something to explore in the future... Clevedon's very own Wallace and Gromit-style trail, maybe? Watch this space!

### **ECO Summit Day & The Green Shift Festival**

Our much-anticipated ECO Summit is fast approaching and will take place on Wednesday 22nd April. This annual event is a key part of our commitment to developing students' understanding of their role in protecting our planet.

On this day, all schools within the Futura Learning Partnership will come together, collapsing the usual timetable to allow students to take part in a range of engaging and thought-provoking activities focused on environmental awareness.

This year's sessions will center around two important themes. Firstly, students will explore and celebrate biodiversity, developing an appreciation of the incredible range of life on Earth and the importance of preserving it. In addition, they will deepen their understanding of key environmental challenges, including issues such as food waste and energy consumption, and consider the impact these have on the world around them.

We look forward to a purposeful and inspiring day that encourages all students to reflect on how they can contribute positively to the future of our planet.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind families of the Green Shift Festival which takes place from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April and some of our students will be performing poems that they have written to go alongside the film "Lost for Words". It would be lovely to see you there!

### **Well Done to Our Exam Classes**

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the exceptional commitment shown by all of our examination classes.

Across a wide range of subjects, students have demonstrated real dedication to achieving their very best. From final performances in Drama, Dance and Physical Education, to outstanding work in Music, students have risen to the challenge with confidence and professionalism. Equally, the quality of coursework produced in subjects such as Food Preparation and Nutrition, Art, Photography and Design Technology has been truly impressive, showcasing both creativity and technical skill.

Alongside this, our Year 10 students have approached their current mock examinations with remarkable maturity and determination. While we recognise that this period can be demanding, they have conducted themselves with focus and resilience, striving to achieve the highest standards possible.

We are incredibly proud of the attitude and effort demonstrated by all students and look forward to supporting them as they continue their journey towards their final outcomes.

### **House Championship – Going from Strength to Strength**

Our House Championship continues to go from strength to strength, and we have certainly been spoilt for choice when reflecting on what to celebrate this term. With sincere thanks to our House Championship Coordinator, Mr Thie, for his energy and organisation, students have been provided with a wide range of opportunities to contribute to their houses and demonstrate their talents.

Our recent choreography competition was of an exceptionally high standard, showcasing the creativity, commitment and courage of all those involved. It was particularly pleasing to see such strong support from the audience, with students enthusiastically encouraging their peers as they performed on stage. Congratulations to Conygar House for securing a well-deserved victory in this event.

In support of Comic Relief, our school community came together to raise over £800, thanks in no small part to the fantastic baking efforts of our students. My thanks go to families as well, who I am sure played a key role behind the scenes in supporting these contributions. A special mention must go to Mrs Mawer, whose impressive creation earned her first place in the staff cake competition, securing valuable points for Valley House – a truly remarkable effort.



Finally, our recent swimming gala provided yet another opportunity for students to represent their houses with pride. The standard of competition was excellent, and it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display. Congratulations to Valley House for taking the win, and well done to all students who took part and contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable event.

### **Sporting Success – Year 8 Football Champions**



We are delighted to share some fantastic news from our PE department. Congratulations to our Year 8 football team, who were crowned North Somerset champions following a closely fought and exciting fixture against Backwell.

This success represents a significant achievement for the team and is a testament to their hard work, commitment and teamwork over the course of the season. It is always a proud moment to see our students rewarded in this way, and we are thrilled to see yet another piece of silverware added to the cabinet.

Well done to all members of the squad—we look forward to seeing how you build on this success in the future, and perhaps even retain the title next year!

### **Drama Success – A Remarkable Sixth Year of Achievement**

We are absolutely delighted to share that our Drama students have once again retained the Eyris Jones Cup at the County Drama Festival - for the sixth consecutive year. This is a truly exceptional accomplishment and a testament to the sustained excellence of our students and staff.



Our Youth Theatre group delivered a powerful performance of *Tuesday* by Alison Carr, a contemporary play which thoughtfully explores themes of memory, connection and the quiet significance of everyday moments. Their interpretation was both moving and assured, capturing the attention of the audience and adjudicators alike.

Such continued success is no coincidence. My sincere thanks go to Miss Davies for her tireless dedication, and for the care, encouragement and expertise she brings to developing our students. Her commitment ensures that every student is supported to grow in confidence and to achieve their very best.

We are incredibly proud of all those involved in this production and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next.

### **Celebrating Creativity – Bath Festival Success**

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our students who recently took part in the Bath Creative Writing Festival in mid-March. This prestigious event provided a wonderful platform for students to showcase their talents in creative writing and performance.



My thanks go to Mrs Carrington, who has been a true champion for literacy throughout the year. Through her passion for reading and writing, she has inspired in our students not only the skills to succeed, but also a genuine, life-long love of literacy. Opportunities such as this enrich our school community and leave a lasting impact on all who take part.

### **Reminders**

A brief reminder to families of a few key aspects of school life, which play an important role in supporting a positive and focused environment for all students.

### **My Child At School (MCAS)**

Thank you to the many families who are actively using MCAS to support their child's progress. The platform provides a valuable overview of homework, behaviour, timetables, reports and key communications. We encourage all parents and carers to log in regularly to ensure they are fully up to date and able to support their child effectively. **Please ensure you have set up your account – all of the details you need are here: [Clevedon School - My Child At School](#)**

## Uniform Expectations

Maintaining high standards of uniform is an important part of our school culture. We appreciate the continued support of families in ensuring students arrive at school dressed appropriately and ready to learn each day. All of our uniform expectations can be seen on our website, including details regarding UniformD, our “pre-loved” items available to buy: [Clevedon School - Uniform](#)

## Mobile Phones – “Gate to Gate”

A reminder that our “gate to gate” mobile phone policy remains in place. Phones must be switched off and kept out of sight throughout the school day, including during break and lunchtime. This approach supports a calm, focused learning environment and aligns with national guidance. Should students need to contact home, this can be facilitated safely through the school office.


## And Finally

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

I hope you enjoy the break from the term time routines, looking forward to an excuse for some chocolate, fresh hot cross buns and time with friends and family.

Wishing you all a relaxing Easter break!

Best wishes,



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



Queen's Square | Clevedon Library  
**Green Shift '26**  
The Barn  
Curzon Cinema & Arts  
**Threads, Webs and Wonder**  
Reconnecting Nature, Soil and Community

### Events for Children and Young People

**Saturday 18th April**  
Queen's Square,  
**Morris Dancing**  
10.30 & 11.30  
I've got a Tree in my Head, two stories of wonder, weirdness and delight with **story-teller Michael Loader** For ages 6 and up (little ones welcome too). FREE

**Saturday 18th April**  
The Barn 10.30 -12.30  
**Children's activities** at the Green Community Fair. FREE

**Tuesday 21st April**  
Clevedon Library  
11.15 - 11.45  
**Little Green Frogs**, stories, songs and rhymes for under 5s'. FREE - book in advance at Library.

**Saturday 25th April**  
Clevedon Library,  
11.30 - 1.00  
**The Green Read**, readings of 'easy' Nature based poems with Annie Robinson and Grace Hewson For ages 8 - 108±. FREE

**Sunday 26th April**  
Curzon Cinema and Arts, from 6.00pm  
**Poems written and presented by young people**, from Clevedon School to accompany the film 'Lost for Words'. Tickets from <https://www.curzon.org.uk/film/green-shift-festival-lost-for-words-with-katlyons/>

**Saturday 18th - Sunday 26th April**  
Clevedon Library & Curzon Cinema and Arts  
Display of **glass sun catchers**, inspired by Nature, made by pupils at Clevedon Primary schools. Regular venue opening times. FREE

Details at [sustainableclevedon.org/greenshift2026](https://sustainableclevedon.org/greenshift2026)

