



Welcome from the Head of School

Mr Matthew Bennett Head of School



At Clifton High the provision we offer goes beyond being just a school...

We believe the privilege of a lifetime is to become who you

truly are. Too many of us look back on our younger years with elements of regret. How many times do we hear: "I wish I had...", or "If only I...", or even "If I could go back and do it again...?"

The world in which our young people are growing up is more liberal and accepting than any time that has gone before, and yet it is perhaps more divided than it has ever been. This makes it harder and more confusing to become who you truly are.

This is where Clifton High School looks to intervene. Our values drive personal discovery and our desire to realise the individual brilliance of each of our young people. We want them to be curious about everything - learning, friendships and themselves - so they can all become comfortable in their

own skin. Only this comfort will deliver confident pupils, strong in their opinions and beliefs. Empathy and Love for others teach them respect for one another, working together to understand not all people see the world in the same way, a skill that will support them all as a community as they grow through our School and beyond.

With these values secured, our pupils will find Direction; a confidence to try things, be who they are, to follow their passions, so that when they look back, there are no elements of regret and they all realise the privilege of becoming who they truly are. Our School presents opportunity, challenges and support for our children to achieve just this, in their academic results but equally importantly in their personal development.

This booklet will provide you with the key information you need to know about our School. However, we truly believe that being here on our grounds, meeting our teachers, talking to our pupils and experiencing a typical school day is the best way to provide you with the unique feel our School has. We warmly welcome you to visit us soon.

School Life & Wider Community

As an all through school, it is important that all our pupils and their families are engaged in the wider community and School Life. Annual events such as Christmas celebrations, Sports Days, performances, assemblies, prizegivings, concerts and many more provide a vibrant social calendar that our parents and pupils alike look forward to being involved in.

In our Senior School pupils and Sixth Form students, we see a strong social conscious and desire to better the School and the world around them. Their charitable and pro-active attitudes towards change and giving to others is evident through group fundraising events and individual action. The positive impact that our pupils have on others, both in and out of School, is a distinctive quality of a Clifton High pupil and a true asset to our School.

Entry and Scholarships

As an independent selective school, pupils who possess sufficient ability may be considered for a Scholarship, which are awarded at the point of entry into Year 7, 9 and 12. Please visit our website or ask our Admissions Team for more information.

Academic

We are an academically selective school. Our pupils are intelligent, able and creative individuals who work hard to achieve excellent results in and out of the classroom. Class sizes are small with twenty pupils maximum. This offers an outstanding support and an individualised educational experience.

Each year group is allocated into mixed forms, of boys and girls with two Form Teachers, providing a 10:1 ratio. Their Form Teacher also acts as their tutor, providing academic and pastoral support on a 1:1 basis.

The Diamond Edge Model of Education

Clifton High is the only school in the area who adopt the Diamond Edge Model of Education, which sees boys and girls in Year 7-9 taught separately in English, Mathematics and the Sciences. This addresses national disparity in results, by allowing the classes to be taught in the best way for both boys and girls. The children come back together for the rest of their subjects and other more social and collaborative aspects of school. The model is hugely popular with pupils and parents alike and sees grades increase significantly.

GCSEs

In Year 10 pupils start their formal GCSE studies. Pupils make their choices in Year 9 and already start embracing a more advanced curriculum and level of study replicable of the GCSEs. Pupils are encouraged to choose nine subjects and undertake additional activities and programmes to ensure a well-balanced education. An unprecedented level of teacher and tutor support is offered to pupils at Clifton High.

Examination results at the School are well above national averages. Since the GCSE reform to Grades 9-1 (Summer 2018), our pupils have achieved over 20% Grades 8 or 9 in each of the past four years, with this proportion increasing incrementally each year. However, the true indicator of a child's individual success is the Value Added. This measure of progress since pupils began at the School, is something Clifton High prides itself on; we are the best school in Bristol for Value Added, showing the positive impact our education and approach has on each pupil.

Sport

At Clifton High we promote the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle and Sport is an important and enjoyable aspect of School Life. Exercise, teamwork and competitions

should form part of every child's life. Our talented team of Sports Teachers deliver lessons, clubs and coaching that produces local, regional and even global and Olympic sporting success.

Partnerships run with Bristol Sport, Bristol Rugby, Bristol Henleaze Performance Swimming Club and the University of Bristol. The newest addition to our sporting offering is the Elite Swim Scholarship, which gives young world class talent the opportunity to complete their intense training alongside receiving a first-class education.

Senior School Subjects

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Drama
- English
- Food Technology
- French
- Games
- Geography
- German
- Health and Wellbeing
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Product Design
- Religious Studies (from 2022)
- Spanish



Across the Senior School and Sixth Form

Pastoral & Parent Communications

Safeguarding is paramount to our offering, and a key part of that is Pastoral Care. The School has outstanding and well-established pastoral structures. Staff and parents both recognise that this makes a significant difference to a pupil's wellbeing, personal and academic development. Small class sizes allow for the staff to really know the pupils and form strong relationships with them and their families.

The tutor system provides each child with a number of people they know who are specifically there to support them. In addition to this, there is a Head of Year for each cohort and a Deputy Head specifically for Pastoral care.

In assemblies, during lessons and at extra-curricular clubs, social issues are discussed and explored openly and respectfully. Health and Wellbeing lessons take place and encourage pupils to recognise how best to tend to their own wellbeing as well as that of others where and when possible.

As well as the teachers, support can also be found in our School Nurses and Councillor to whom all the pupils have regular access.

At Clifton High we strongly believe in the three-way partnership between pupils, the School and parents. Providing parents with information they need to support their child is essential, and annual parents' evenings provide full and interim reports and for families. An open line of communication is encouraged and evident at the School, which is beneficial for the family and the child's overall experience.

Facilities

- Music Rooms, including Music Technology Suite
 - Senior School and Fiction Library
 - Rose Theatre and Main Hall for performances and creative arts
 - Science Laboratories & STEM Room
 - Food Technology Room
 - Art and Design Rooms
 - MAC Design Suite
 - Design Technology Rooms
 - Dining Hall
 - MUGA (multi-use games area)
 - Swimming Pool
 - Gymnasium
 - Climbing Wall
 - Health and Fitness Suite
 - Common Room (Year 11)
 - Presentation Space*
 - Student Café/kitchen*
 - Coombe Dingle Sports Complex
- *Sixth Form, coming Autumn 2022

Extra-Curricular and Educational Trips and Visits

Our extra-curricular offering is fundamental and enriching to life at Clifton High. It broadens the experiences of the pupils and develops new and key skills. Over one hundred clubs are offered, which are categorised into three different options: Skills Development, Academic Progress and Individual Brilliance. Children are encouraged to undertake activities from all categories, providing a holistic approach to individual development, a substantial provision for a range of interests, and inspiring a sensitive response to the world around them. Options include iPad Procreate Drawing, Eco Club, Grit Cardio and Circuits, French Film Club, Snowboarding and Ski Club and Chamber Choir.

Educational Trips and Visits provide insight, context and understanding that a classroom cannot. All subjects find interesting and unique places for pupils to go to and people for them to meet to show their subjects in real life settings, such as Classics tours to Italy, History Trips to London and Science Trips to Aerodromes to name but a few.

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SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form

Miss Katherine Rich Head of Sixth Form



A student's journey through Sixth Form has the power to be one of the most formative and memorable experiences in their school career, providing the foundation for adult life. The Sixth Form at Clifton High School is an extraordinary place to spend your final two years before making this next step. Offering a broad and diverse range of A level options alongside a wealth of extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities, our students are free to develop their strengths, pursue their passions and discover their potential in a uniquely close-knit and supportive environment. Our goal is not only to ensure that our students achieve excellent academic results, but also to foster in them the confidence, empathy and resilience needed to flourish in the wider world.

It is an especially exciting time to be a Sixth Form student with us. In 2021 we opened the first phase of our new Sixth Form Centre, with the second building due for completion in autumn 2022. The separate location of our modern, sleek Sixth Form Centre provides

a greater degree of independence and freedom, physically signifying a progression in their education and recognising their increasing maturity. A clear and open route to lessons and facilities on the existing school site ensure they remain a key part of the wider School Community, setting an example to our younger children.

Whether you are a Clifton High pupil moving up to the Sixth Form or studying at another school and considering joining us, our Sixth Form provides a tailored and new environment for personal growth and discovery. There is great opportunity to develop new friendships and take on new challenges, all the while being supported by a dedicated team of Sixth Form staff who will help you to excel, both inside and outside of the classroom.

I would strongly encourage and welcome you to visit us to see for yourself what Clifton High Sixth Form can offer you.

Opportunities and Responsibilities

As the oldest members of the School, the Sixth Form have more independence, unique opportunities and added responsibilities. With Clifton Village on our doorstep, students are allowed to go off-site during lunch times. They adhere to their own smart business dress code and have study periods to manage their own workload

as well as personal study outside scheduled lessons. Popular programmes such as Young Enterprise, Three Peaks Challenges and Gold Duke of Edinburgh are offered as well as courses bespoke to Clifton High which prepare students for their next steps. These include Futures and Skills Evenings, where professionals provide a wealth of knowledge on their careers and industries to help the students think about their own future paths, and The Employability and Leadership Course which teaches students skills specific and applicable to the working world. Students are fortunate enough to be supported by the parent body as well as our Friends of Clifton High community and the Rosarians (former pupils) who generously offer time, advice and mentorship to them.

The Sixth Form students take on important roles of responsibility such as becoming part of the Head's Teams or Prefect body. Prefect roles offer opportunities to take on a diverse range of responsibilities within the School. These include Diversity and Inclusion, Charity, Community and Outreach, Eco Matters and many more. As issues become prevalent, new roles are created in response to the changing world these young adults are about to step out into. Students also take on senior roles in the Student Council's and as House Captains.

Academic

Our curriculum offering is now broader than ever, with twenty-seven subjects being offered. Students are encouraged to take three subjects alongside enjoying other aspects of School Life. There is flexibility in choice and there is a course combination to suit everyone.

Many students also opt to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside their A level courses. This highly respected endeavour develops students' capacity for independent study, academic research and time management, bridging the gap between school and undergraduate study.

With small class sizes, every student is guaranteed a high level of personal support from their experienced and knowledgeable Subject Teachers and first-rate pastoral care from an outstanding team of Tutors. They work alongside the Head of Sixth Form to ensure that each individual can successfully navigate their way through what can be a challenging period both academically and personally.

Each Tutor typically works with a group of between ten and twelve tutees and these tutor relationships last throughout the two years of Sixth Form. This allows tutors to get to know each tutee as an individual, recognise what makes them tick, and ensure

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their strengths are harnessed and their victories celebrated. Subject class sizes often have even smaller ratios, allowing for greater focus in lesson times on individuals' work, approaches and outcomes. This facilitates excellent individual progress, with the majority of students going on to study their first-choice university or higher education course. Academic success is similarly underpinned by the ethos we foster in our Sixth Form; staff hold high expectations of students and encourage high aspirations, academic curiosity and individual initiative. There are many resources and opportunities open to the students, including lectures in our Scholars' Forum, all designed to encourage intellectual growth in preparation for life after Clifton High. An unlimited amount of advice and support is offered in choosing and applying for universities, particularly navigating and submitting the UCAS process.

A level Subjects

- Fine Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics

- Music
- Music Technology
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physical Education

- Physics
- Politics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

Life after Sixth Form

Students are supported in realising and achieving their goals beyond School, whether that be at university, in industry, an internship at the School or even a gap year. The two years of study is aimed at preparing and equipping them for life after Clifton High. Students leave with a strong sense of self, high academic achievements, a love for learning, a social conscious and awareness of the world around them and a desire to improve it through their own individual vocation or passions.

Students are always warmly welcomed back and automatically become a Rosarian, ensuring they remain a valued part and member of the School beyond their formal days of education here.

Now you have read all the essential information, we would like to invite you to visit us! There is no better way to find out about Clifton High than being here and getting a true feel for our School.