



Dear families,

This term has been packed full of wonderful events, some of which you can see in this bumper edition of Cleeve Life. Again our students have done us proud, both in and out of the classroom and this is our opportunity to celebrate all their great work. We hope you all have a fabulous break over the Christmas holidays and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 8th January 2024.



Happy holidays!!

Mental Health Support in School

Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) have been supporting some of the young people in our school with their mental health and well being. Their focus is on early intervention and prevention.



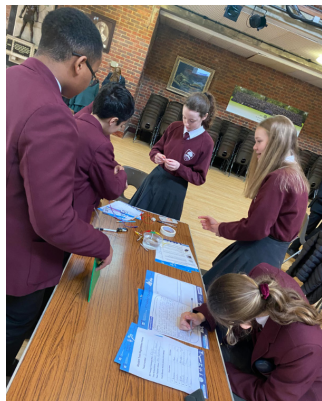
The MHST support has had a very positive impact on our students. Recently a small group worked with the MHST team to create a Mental Health Logo. The students were awarded a £10 gift voucher for their creativity and sharing of ideas around the meaning and values of mental health support.

We are very proud of them all!

IET Farady Challenge

In November six Year 8 students went on a trip where they were up against different schools for the IET Faraday Challenge day at St Olave's Grammar school.

The students were given a brief in which they had to create a prototype to make the roads safer for everyone. What they came up with was brilliant, they thought about how some roads get flooded easily and how to prevent that from happening, they created a mechanism where water will be drained and recycled for other purposes. They created a working prototype which included a sensor.



Students showed great resilience and worked on their teamwork skills throughout the day. Although they did not win, they still managed to keep up with the other grammar schools and the score was very close.

I was really proud of how the students performed and how well they represented the school.

**Ms Amphandang,
Teacher of Science**



KS4 Results Celebration

It was great to have so many former KS4 students back to join us at the KS4 Results Celebration event along with our KS5 Students.



And thank you to former student Alfie Basham, who has recently qualified as a pilot, for being our guest speaker.

Year 11 'Preparing to Succeed Week'

During the first week of December Year 11 spent time focusing on their long and short term goals and the tools and support that they needed to achieve them. We reflected on their October mock exams and how to make progress and learn from them as well as our future aspirations.

During their form time and in their lessons Year 11 learnt about and practised 'The Cleeve Way' to study and revise. Using our 3 key techniques to set them up for study success.

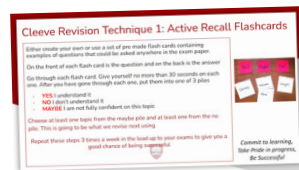
Both at school and at home we will have experienced the fact that when students hear us say the word 'revise' they don't always know what to do or they do things that don't actually help them remember the information. By being able to give them a specific activity to do such as making and using flashcards or completing a low stakes quiz, we can actively support them in retaining knowledge.



They also used **Unifrog** to research their future pathways and set themselves long term goals for their future as well as understanding how to achieve them.

It was a great week for students to better understand how to study effectively and focus on what is motivating them in their next steps.

If you want to find out more about how our brain can effectively retain knowledge check out Andrew Wright from Action Your Potential on their Youtube channel. He worked with our current Year 11 in the summer and taught them about learning and their brain!



AYP Youtube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/@AndrewWright100>

Year 11 Revision Guides - <https://bit.ly/cpsyear11rev>





DRYAD Art Competition

Each year Dryad Art, Design and Tech suppliers run a competition for students' work to be entered.

Sarah Jane Creasey and Olivia Hockley were entered and were both chosen as runner ups. They both received a £25 voucher and their work is featured in the new Dryad on-line catalogue.



Football Academy Update

A big shout out to the football academy boys who have been having a great session thus far. We have two teams Central Squad and North Squad. Central Squad are ranked 3rd out of 11 whilst the North Squad are ranked top of the league.

Top Goal scorers so far are **Toby Corner** (Central) and **Frankie Desanges** (North).



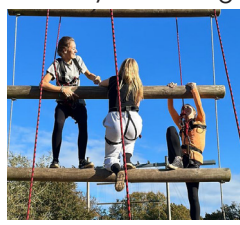
Year 11 PGL Trip

As Year 11 finished their mock exams in October we packed our suitcases and jumped on a coach and headed off on a PGL weekend away. Year 11 spent the next 3 days climbing, jumping, swingingand singing! I was so proud of the team work, acts of kindness and calls of encouragement and support I saw from all of our students throughout the weekend and couldn't have been more impressed by their fearlessness!



As staff we also learnt some valuable life lessons from Year 11, Mr Moloney now puts his Croc's in 'sports mode', Mr Hoyle learnt about the dangers of riding on a seesaw the hard way and I learnt that all water sports end with everyone falling in...including me!

It was a fantastic trip and the sun even came out meaning that everyone could make the most of it!

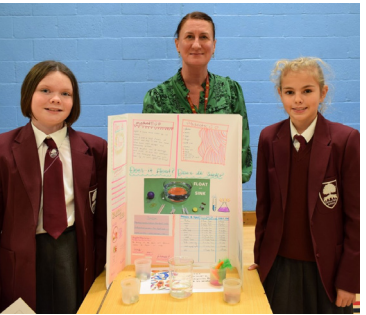
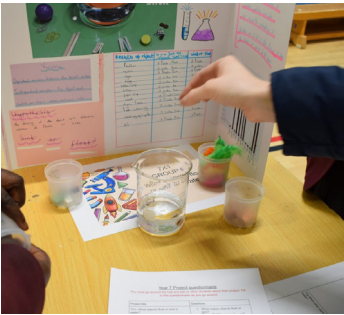
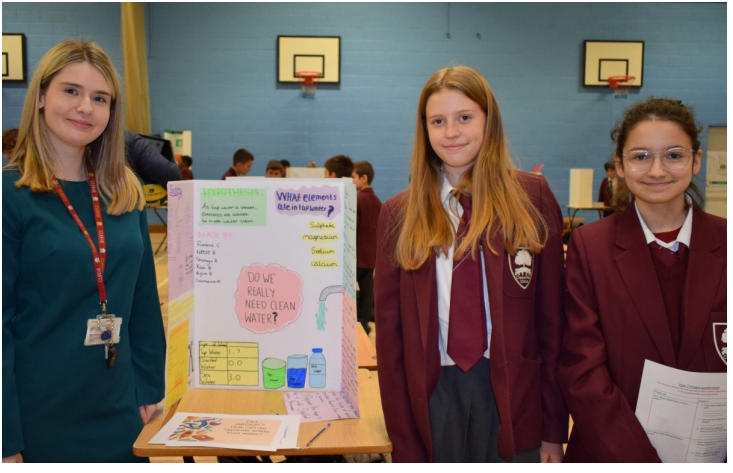
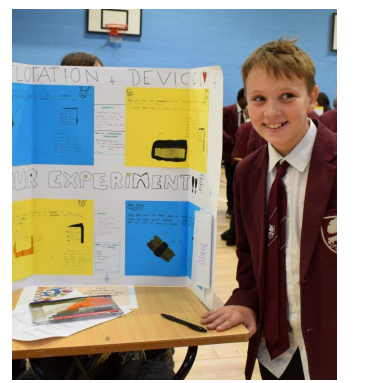
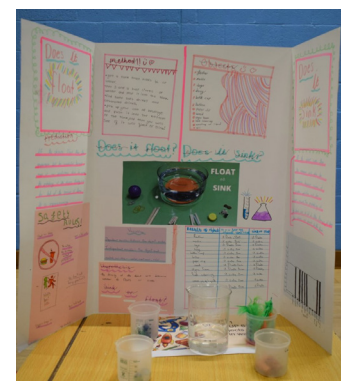


Mrs Dixon, RSL Year 11

Year 7 Science Fair

Over the last term year 7s have been working hard in lessons to answer the question **"do we really need clean water?"**

On the 15th December students took part in a Science Fair where they presented their projects to other students and members of staff. They have all worked extremely hard and should be very proud of their achievements this term.





The Music Department

With the Christmas extravaganza just around the corner and the incredible talent blooming at Cleeve Park, now's the perfect moment to ignite your child's interest in learning a musical instrument.

Our vibrant music department is always bustling with students eager to enhance their skills, often practicing during break and lunchtime. With dedicated one-on-one guidance from our expert instrumental teachers, it's only a matter of time before your child takes centre stage and showcases their passion. We offer an array of lessons including singing, drums, guitar (covering bass, electric, and acoustic), music production, piano, clarinet, and saxophone. For further details, please reach out to us at

music@cleeveparkschool-tkat.org.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year from all of us in the Music Department.

Mr. I Oloyédè

Duke of Edinburgh

The DofE team had a fantastic weekend of training at Cudham Campsite in November. The students tested their skills at map reading, hiking and of course the cooking on a tranjia. Lucky for the team the weather held off and they were able to hike in the beautifully sunny and crisp British autumn.



The team found themselves lost at points but knew that the staff team were steps behind them smiling and waving them on. It was a great weekend that I know the team enjoyed and are very much looking forward to the final expedition hike in March. Well Done!

Enrichment

Since our return in November, Year 12 students have begun their enrichment tasks and are enjoying involving themselves in the wider community. We have had students undertaking a range of roles including: lunch time sports coordinators, KS3 mentors in both the ACE and SEN Departments, Reading Leaders and Mental Health First Aiders. Some students have also been offering Teaching Assistant support in lessons such as Drama, PE, RS and Music.

Finally, twelve of our Football Academy students have created **'The Little Academy'** for invited Year 7 students to help support with developing social skills and integration.

All of the Year 12 students are finding enrichment very beneficial and are enjoying the challenges of supporting the younger years.

GCSE & A Level 3D Design Trip to Tate Modern

On 13th November the GCSE and A Level Design and Technology students studying 3D design went to the Tate Modern to look at and photograph art works for the research section of their coursework.



They were also inspired by architecture on the journey along Bankside and the Thames, the work will be used in their sketch books to support their ongoing studies.

Ms Collins, teacher of Art & D&T

Mikey Brisenden

In Year 10 we have the exceptionally talented Mikey Brisenden taking part in the Go Karting Championships Club 100, Brentwood Karting, Lakeside Karting and The Sodi World Finals. An outstanding and exhilarating performance by Mikey, well done!



Ms Tebbutt, RSL Year 10

Christmas Showcase

It's the most wonderful time of the year and our students have been rehearsing exceptionally hard to bring to you...



We are inviting you to an unforgettable night with solo singers, dancers, our school choir and many more incredible performances.

Tickets are £3.50, available from ParentPay.

We have a limited number of seats so be sure to book as soon as you can. We look forward to welcoming you to the Auditorium for the most festive night of the year!

Mrs Celeb Head of PEPA



University Applications

Year 13 have been working on UCAS applications throughout this term and this needs to be completed on our return from the Christmas holidays. All students are expected to complete a UCAS application even if they are not intending on going to university as this is how references are generated. The cost for UCAS is only applied to those making an application for University.



Congratulations to Oliver Kenny & James Amamize who have just completed the interview process to attend Cambridge and Oxford University. We are so proud of you both and the effort that you have put into this very arduous process. Our fingers are crossed for you and we wish you the best.

What Career Live Event - Year 13, 10th November 2023

Year 13 students got the chance to attend a National Event at Olympia to help support students interested in higher education or apprenticeships which were facilitated by experts to answer any questions that they might have and help with next steps.

The students made their own way to London and students were able to watch a wide range of presentations and panel sessions covering topics such as women in STEM, diversity in leadership and much more.

Students also took part in advice-led chat-rooms that were facilitated by participating organisations ranging from universities to employers and support charities.



Year 7 Panto Trip

On Friday 15th December 40 Year 7 Students went to see Cinderella at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley... You know the drill.....

"He's behind you!"

"Oh no he's not....."

"Oh yes he is....."



Sixth Form Applications for September 2024

Many thanks to all who attended our Sixth Form Information Evening.

It may seem far off to our Year 11 students but applications to join our Sixth Form are now open online here.

<https://www.cleevepark-tkat.org/sixth-form/how-do-i-join/>

Please take a look at our subject offer and the minimum expected requirements (normally grade 5+ in English and Maths for A Levels and grade 4+ in English and Maths for BTEC or OCR subjects.

We offer 3 pathways –

Academic: 3 x Level 3 subjects (A Level/BTEC/Applied)

Football Academic: Scholarship from Welling FC and 3 x Level 3 subjects

Football Academy: OCR Sport Diploma (equivalent of 3 x Level 3 exams) or OCR Diploma (equivalent of 3 x Level 3 exams) with Scholarship from Welling FC.

All applicants for the Football Scholarship must attend the Welling FC trials
<https://wellingunited.com/club/academy/scholarship-trials/>

Key Dates for 2024

Back to School - 8th January 2024

Year 9 Parents Evening (Online) - 11th January 2024

Careers Expo 2024 - 17th January 2024

Year 11/13 Mock Exams - 22nd Jan to 7th Feb 2024

Half Term - Mon 12th to Fri 16th February 2024