



12 September 2022

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Our return to school has been purposeful, positive and at pace. Our expectations of our students have been clear and I am delighted that the vast majority of students have returned and met those expectations.

I wrote to you last week with the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We held our assemblies on Friday to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth and as always our students conducted themselves with respect and compassion. We now know that Monday 19th September will be the day that she will be laid to rest and as such the school will be closed. We will return to school on Tuesday 20th September.

In the last 2 weeks, I have taken the time to remind students of our expectations regarding their responsibilities for their learning. We encourage our students to be resilient, focussed and engaged in their education. Over the last year we have seen an improvement in students' attitudes to learning. Lessons are challenging in content and the pace is appropriate.

I have also been delighted with the recruitment of new staff to our school and we continue to show improvement. This was shown by our pleasing exam results in the summer for both GCSE and Post 16 qualifications.

Travel to and from school:

Whilst students travel to and from school they are representing Cleeve Park. I ask that their behaviour is the same as we would expect during the school day. Calm and respectful of the community.

It is important that if your child travels by public transport, they carry their Oyster card or travel pass. Without it, they will not be admitted to the bus.

Languages:

We have a very mixed and diverse school community. I am mindful that for some of our students, English is their second language or they are confidently bilingual. If your child speaks another language fluently, and you would like to consider entering them for a GCSE in that language, please contact the school. Please do not wait until they are in Year 11 when they sit the exam as we will always try to facilitate support in understanding what the GCSE would look like, what staff support we would need to provide and to register for the exam.

Safeguarding:

Mrs Bonner will be delivering safeguarding assemblies to all students in the coming weeks. It is important that we maintain a high profile of safeguarding at school and that students and parents know who to turn to should they have any concerns. Our safeguarding team are:

Mrs Bonner - Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Lawrence
Mrs Mayzes
Mrs Harmer

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We also encourage use of our specialised safeguarding email address that is for students, parents and members of the public to use when raising a concern. The email address is:

Tellit@clevepark-tkat.org

Expectations:

Although most of our school community come to school well equipped and dressed appropriately I would like to remind all parents of the following expectations we have for all students. These are not new rules to the school and I ask that you support us with them. These expectations are to ensure that all students come ready to learn and allow others to learn without disruption. If you have any questions over jewellery/uniform/expectations, please contact your child's Pastoral Support Leader.

Issue	Rule	Consequence
Mobile Phones	Whilst on site, they must be out of sight	The phone will be confiscated In the first instance it will be returned to the pupil at the end of the day After that parents/carers will need to collect it. Please do not contact your son or daughter during school time. If it is an emergency, contact the school office
Jewellery	Only a watch may be worn	The jewellery will be confiscated In the first instance it will be returned to the pupil at the end of the day After that parents/carers will need to collect it. Ear piercing will need to be done at the beginning of the summer holiday
Electronic equipment such as headphones	Whilst on site, they must be out of sight	The equipment will be confiscated In the first instance it will be returned to the pupil at the end of the day After that parents/carers will need to collect it
Full school uniform to be worn	Shoes not trainers Tie School jumper/cardigan Blazer Coats and jackets are not to be worn instead of a blazer	School detention given for non compliance
Make up, nails & lashes	No false nails, coloured varnish or false lashes to be worn Make up should not be worn	Lashes/Nail varnish/excessive make will be removed Persistent use will be sanctioned through the Behaviour Charter
Equipment	3x blue/black pens 2x pencil 1x ruler	Behaviour point 30 minute detention for non compliance.

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		If students have an issue with the equipment they need to see their pastoral support lead during UPBEAT
Students must follow instructions first time	Students will have 3 clear warnings.	See Behaviour charter

School detention system:

15 minute detentions with class teacher
 30 minute after school detention Monday - Friday
 60 minute Leadership detention

If detention fails to have the impact required i.e they continue to use a phone, wear jewellery they will be placed in the IER. If students refuse to hand over any items such as earrings, phones they will be placed in the IER.

So, to conclude, I am looking forward to another successful year at Cleeve Park School. We continue on our upward journey where expectations are high in both academic and personal standards. I thank you for your continued support and I will close with a quote from a recent email I received from the parent of a Year 11 student:

“Our youngest daughter has just finished her GCSEs at Cleeve Park and I feel this is an appropriate time to share this with you. Your staff have made a huge difference in the life of my 2 girls and in turn to our lives....I would just like to place on record our thanks and admiration of your wonderful school”

Kind regards



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