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Aim high, stay grounded

Clifton College

Preparatory School

— It is important to make the most of our time at school.

We encourage our pupils to embrace the exciting adventure that school represents. Any good adventure involves challenges, fun, success, risk and ambition and we encourage them to meet these head-on, and to follow three golden rules – to aim high, be kind and be brave.

It is our pleasure to support our pupils in exploring and developing their unique skills

and talents as they progress through the school.

As part of this progression, we believe that it is key to develop the whole person. In helping our pupils develop a range of skills and attributes, not least compassion, empathy and the ability to build lasting relationships, we aim to enable them to seize all the opportunities life has to offer and to go out into the world ready to make a difference.

Jim Walton
Headmaster

Integrity, spirit, resilience

Integrity—

We treat each other with kindness, sincerity and respect. We are liberal and open-minded, free from prejudice and pretension.

We strive to make a positive difference in everything we do.

Spirit—

We are determined to explore and develop what excites and motivates us, to fulfil our potential and realise our dreams.

We are curious, adventurous and intellectually agile.

Resilience—

We believe everyone should be empowered and supported to take risks. We are not afraid of setbacks. We learn from our successes and challenges.

We encourage bravery and, through reflection, build inner strength.



Home from home

— Strong pastoral care is a fundamental asset in securing your child's happiness.

Each day and boarding pupil is a member of a House which becomes their home from home. There are eight Houses dedicated to children in Years 4 to 8, each a community in its own right.

The Houses give pupils a base during the day, as well as affording parents the opportunity of daily contact with pastoral staff, who get to know the pupils well and are a constant support.

Our Houses are run as families and we pride ourselves on the warm atmosphere

and community spirit they each hold. Each House is run by a Housemaster or Housemistress and a team of tutors and matrons.

The school provides wrap-around care and offers late pick-ups so that pupils can complete homework, spend time with their friends or join after-school clubs. Our wide array of co-curricular activities include judo, dance, creative writing, swimming, karate, swing band and lego club.

The school also offers holiday clubs that run each school holiday and provide an extensive range of fun and stimulating activities.

Boarding & Day Houses

— Boarding sits at the heart of the Preparatory School.

We are proud of the outstanding boarding experience on offer, not only for our full, flexi and occasional boarders, but for each of our day pupils too.

Our Houses feature comfortable modern facilities in beautiful historic buildings where pupils can relax during the day and evening. Alongside spending time with friends and classmates, boarders also enjoy spending

time with their younger and older siblings.

Pupils enjoy a wide range of activities after school and later in the evenings and at weekends. There are endless opportunities for the boarders, who benefit from having their own input to the choices they make with their free time.

Each House provides pupils with a common room and a study area in which to complete homework, as well as kitchen facilities where the matrons make drinks and snacks during a busy day at school.





Where friends become family

— At Clifton, friends and housemates soon become family.

The bonds in each House are close and Inter-House competitions form a fun and exciting part of College life. Sporting competitions and the House Song Competition are some of the most anticipated events in the school calendar. They provide pupils with the

opportunity to represent their House and also bring the Houses together.

While pupils form strong friendships through their class, co-curricular activities and the many other shared activities in the school calendar, the friendships they form within their House are also a very valued part of their Clifton College experience.

— We offer our pupils access to first-class facilities and quality teaching staff, helping us to provide a world-class education.

At every stage of learning, pupils are nurtured and prepared for life ahead. This includes the academic skills they need to pass examinations and, just as importantly, the knowledge, experience and attitude which will allow them to become successful adults.

Whilst acknowledging the national targets set by the

Government in numeracy and literacy, our independence allows us to achieve these skills at levels well above national norms and retain a broad and rich curriculum geared to educating the whole child.

We aim to make the learning experience as hands-on and interactive as possible, from workshop sessions with visiting authors to rocket-making in the Science labs, or dressing up for the History Department's Viking Day. Pupils learn best if they are motivated, engaged and inspired.

Academic excellence



Enable, empower & support

— We offer an all-round education which nurtures the talents of each individual child.

Alongside academic subjects, there is a strong focus on arts subjects with a wide range of art, music and drama activities both within and beyond the classroom, including productions at the school's Redgrave Theatre and informal recitals in the Joseph Cooper Music School. Pupils also enjoy a whole host of activities at our award-winning Forest School.

We provide a wide range of co-curricular activities to offer additional opportunities for pupils to explore and expand their knowledge.

The wealth of activities available helps ensure pupils are happy, stimulated and inspired. The co-curricular provision includes archery, choir, horse riding, ski racing, creative writing, book club, programming, ballet and many more.

Pupils also attend school on a Saturday morning. The morning starts with a whole-school assembly and includes sports fixtures or practice for all year groups. Year 7 and 8 pupils also take part in enrichment activities, which develop capabilities, such as cookery and bushcraft, that do not necessarily fit into the academic provision but are nonetheless important life skills.



Music

— Music is an integral part of the rich cultural and academic life on offer at Clifton.

Our pupils are passionate about music in all of its forms and regularly perform in concerts and at events, ranging from the annual musical and large-scale concerts to the House Singing Competition.

All pupils are encouraged to explore their musical creativity both within and

beyond the classroom, whatever the level of their ability.

Facilities at the school include a recital hall and other performance venues as well as recording studios and a computer suite with the latest music technology.

Pupils can take advantage of a whole host of co-curricular groups covering a range of musical styles, from Chapel Choir, Orchestra and Glee, to Swing Band and Pop Groups.

Drama

— Drama is just one of the ways we help instil quiet confidence in our pupils.

Drama also helps children to improve communication skills and express their emotions in a supportive environment.

Drama lessons form an important part of the school curriculum and there are numerous opportunities throughout the Preparatory School to take part in school productions as well as joining co-curricular Drama and LAMDA clubs.

The school's Redgrave Theatre allows children the opportunity to perform in a professional environment and

is a great backdrop for the fantastic performances given by our pupils. Recent shows have included Madagascar, Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland and High School Musical.

There is a wealth of acting talent throughout the College and recent Clifton graduates have gone on to prestigious drama schools. Well-known Old Cliftonian actors include Sir Michael Redgrave, Sir Simon Russell Beale, John Cleese and Trevor Howard.

Art & Design

— Art encourages children to think creatively, experiment and explore, and make discoveries of their own.

We have a very strong Art Department with first-class facilities in the Hornby Arts Centre.

To inspire our pupils' learning, we arrange regular visiting artists. Recent workshops have included henna design and willow sculpting, and

recent visiting artists have included Bristol-based illustrators Fiona Willis and Emma Dibben.

We also have an excellent Design and Technology Department with a range of facilities, such as a laser-cutter, 3D printer and CAD software.

As well as studying Art and Design, pupils can also join our co-curricular Art and DT clubs and get involved with projects like designing, building and racing our own F24 car.

Sport at Clifton

—We place equal importance on the benefits of fresh air and exercise, as well as the new skills and interests that sport brings to our pupils.

Sport provides an environment where children can learn about teamwork, leadership, how to overcome challenges and how to be gracious in defeat and magnanimous in triumph.

Pupils are encouraged to take part in an array of physical activities from a young age. Through regular PE lessons and co-curricular activities,

we offer pupils a wide range of sporting options including athletics, cross country, fencing, rackets, swimming and judo, as well as relatively recent additions such as girls' rugby and girls' cricket, which continue to grow in popularity.

As pupils progress through the school, they are encouraged to represent their House through inter-House sport and their school through team fixtures at a range of ability levels. Our pupil numbers mean that we can field a large number of teams in sports like rugby and hockey and we play regular fixtures against neighbouring schools.

Sporting success

— Clifton College pupils have gone on to play at national and international level in a range of sports.

A number of former pupils have gone on to represent their country in sports like rugby, hockey and cricket, including recent pupils who have played cricket for the England young lions on tour and hockey and rugby players who have played for England and Wales.

We have an experienced and dedicated coaching team and

excellent facilities which help drive the standard of sport. We also organise sports tours, such as our regular cricket tour to Oxford and festivals for our Preparatory School pupils.

Our aim is to enable our pupils to fulfil their sporting potential across a wide range of team games and individual sports. We believe that the key to all sporting success starts with enjoyment and hope to lay the foundations for our pupils to enjoy lifelong participation in sport at every level.



First-class facilities

— Our commitment to nurturing talent in sport is reflected by our international-standard sports facilities.

We have a wide selection of sports facilities spanning more than 90 acres across the Preparatory and Upper Schools, as well as a 25 metre swimming pool and specialised dance studio. Beggar's Bush is one of the largest sports grounds in the

South West, and includes a selection of indoor and outdoor pitches as well as a 3G rugby pitch. The Dome is a fantastic facility especially designed for indoor tennis, netball and cricket, while the water-based hockey pitch offers pupils the opportunity to play on a pitch of Olympic size and international standard.

As well as traditional sports facilities, Beggar's Bush also offers a low ropes centre, an activity centre and an archery range.



Inspirational environment

— Our combination of heritage and modern facilities make for a magical learning environment that inspires our pupils.

From the historic Preparatory School Hall and original College Chapel, to the well-equipped ICT suites and Science Department, the

Preparatory School provides a rich mix of facilities to cater for the wide range of subjects and co-curricular activities.

We are very proud of the facilities available at the school, including the Clifton College Sports Centre, Joseph Cooper Music School, the Hornby Arts Centre and the Redgrave Theatre.

A love of reading

— Clifton College has a deep commitment to encouraging a lifelong habit of reading for pleasure.

Pupils have access to an age-specific school library as well as the Percival Library on the Upper School campus. The Preparatory School Library is situated at the heart of the school, providing not just a wealth of literature, DVDs, audiobooks and a computer

suite, but also hosting author visits and workshops, as well as reading groups.

Our librarians run a series of events across the academic year to inspire and captivate pupils. The school also participates in local events such as Bath Children's Literature Festival, and national events such as World Book Week, where we celebrate reading, share stories and talk about the books we love.



Unforgettable experiences

—Unforgettable experiences and inspirational challenges help our pupils develop into confident, decent, conscientious adults.

Our pupils benefit from a wide range of trips and excursions, whether it's related to their academic subjects, sports teams or co-curricular activities.

Recent trips have included Normandy, where pupils enjoyed climbing, raft building and archery, Dubai, where they went on a desert safari and rode camels, and Passo del Tonale in Italy, where the Clifton College Ski Team competed against 230 schools at the IAPS Championships.

Spiritual development

— At Clifton, we believe a first-rate education also caters for a pupil's moral and spiritual development.

Our magnificent Chapel sits at the heart of the College and plays an important part in school life. It provides an oasis of calm in pupils' busy daily lives and forms a powerful link between past and present. It is the place where we mark our milestones and celebrate our successes, where we come for quiet contemplation or spiritual guidance.

The College is of an Anglican foundation but pupils of all faiths are welcome.

For 140 years Clifton College has supported a vibrant Jewish community within the school and is the only

public school with its own synagogue. The school's relationship with the Jewish community dates back to the founding Head Master, John Percival, and the establishment of a boarding house for Jewish pupils in 1878.

While there is no longer a separate Jewish boarding house at Clifton, an educational trust was established as an independent charitable organisation that provides means-tested scholarships and bursaries to Jewish children at the College. Jewish pupils are encouraged to celebrate and nurture their Jewish identity, not just for their own benefit but also to the benefit of the wider school community.



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— We sit at the centre of a bustling, well-connected local community.

Our pupils are empowered to make a positive difference through the relationships they make with each other, and with the community and city that surrounds them.

The College retains very strong community links, organising a large variety of on-site events and providing support for off-site events within the city. We have forged strong connections with Bristol businesses,

engage in music and theatre events, and provide a wide programme of activities for schools across the South West.

For the past three years we have also sponsored the Bristol Life Education Award and recently joined the Bristol 24/7 Better Business network.

Alumni events are also an important part of our community engagement activity and we host regular networking breakfasts and other events for our Old Cliftonians.

Connected to the world

Admission information

— Families can discover more about Clifton by attending one of our termly Open Days or by paying a personal visit.

This incorporates a whole school tour, a house visit and an opportunity to meet

with the Headmaster. Pupils can take advantage of a full taster day, or taster night in a boarding house, to appreciate fully the day-to-day life of Clifton.

We hold three Open Days a year and host personal visits on request. For more information or to find out our Open Day dates for the upcoming year, please visit www.cliftoncollege.com



A guide to the process

At Clifton, we assess each pupil by considering potential along with educational background and profile, including conduct and attitude.

In admitting a pupil to the College we want to feel sure that we will be able to educate and develop them to the best of their potential so that there is every chance that they will benefit from the education provided.

Testing

Before testing, we will ask for an applicant's recent school report. If the report satisfies our entry criteria, we will ask for a registration form to be completed and for a £150 non-refundable registration fee to be paid.

Pupils wishing to join into Years 4 to 8 will be invited to the College to sit our online academic assessments. For those unable to attend

the College for testing, written papers in English and Mathematics may be able to be arranged at the current school. The minimum standard normally required is the average national Standard Attainment Test level for the age group, based on National Curriculum stages of attainment. A place will only be offered at the Preparatory School if we are confident an applicant will thrive in both our Preparatory and Upper Schools.

All applicants will meet with a senior member of staff, either the Headmaster, a Deputy Head or the Head of Preparatory Admissions on their visit to Clifton College.

A reference from the current school is required for all applications to the Preparatory School.

Offers & Scholarships

Offers

Once an offer is accepted, we require (i) confirmation in writing from the parents, (ii) completion and return of the Acceptance Form and (iii) payment of the deposit. A deposit of £1,250 is required for pupils where both parents are UK / EU citizens and resident within the EU. For all other pupils a deposit of one term's fees is required. These requirements do not apply to pupils moving from Clifton College Pre-Preparatory School. The repayment of deposits is linked to the settlement of final fee invoices upon the departure of the pupil from Clifton College.

Scholarships

There are Scholarships at 11+ for entry into Year 7 offered in Sport, Academic and Music. Scholarships are merit based and competed for via examination, audition or other appropriate assessment. The maximum award for Scholarships is 25%. For further information and our Scholarship dates please see our website or contact our Admissions Team.

International pupils

As an English boarding school, Clifton College places a high value on the religious and cultural diversity brought to the College by its international pupils and we ensure they are fully integrated into the life of the College.

We are happy to receive enquiries from international families, either directly or through one of the many agencies with whom we work. The agencies can provide help with translation, entry tests and admissions procedures.

Pupils applying for a place in Years 6, 7 and 8 who are resident overseas will be asked to sit the online UKiset aptitude tests. This replaces the written papers in Maths and English. All other aspects of the admissions process remain the same. There will also be a face to face interview or Skype to assess the current level of spoken English.

Our legal partner, who we work closely with, will be able to assist and guide parents through the Tier 4 Visa application process.

Guardians

In cases where both parents of a College pupil reside outside mainland UK, they must appoint an education guardian to care for their child while they are in the UK. Education guardians of College pupils are appointed solely by their parents, not by the College. The College can accept no responsibility for any detriment caused by the failings of an education guardian or guardianship agency. It is important to note that, whilst the College is not directly involved in the appointment of education guardians, it does regard their careful selection as an important safeguarding concern. To this end, the College insists that parents arrange for the appointment of an education guardian through a professional agency that is registered with the Association for the Education & Guardianship of International Students (AEGIS).

A guide to fees

For details of our fees, please visit our website at www.cliftoncollege.com

What's included

The fees cover all the teaching that takes place in the ordinary course of education and all the expenses of practical work in the Science laboratories, for example.

The cost of providing Learning Support is not included in the standard fees.

Moreover, parents should anticipate some additional charges associated with House, co-curricular and other activities, such as certain games, trips and theatre outings.

Reduction for siblings

A reduction of the net school fee (but not extras) is currently provided to parents who have two children or more

at Clifton College, excluding the Nursery. The reductions, which are applied to the younger children, are 5% for the second child, 20% for the third child and 50% for the fourth and subsequent children whilst they all simultaneously attend the school. This discount remains the subject of annual review.

HM Forces

The Preparatory School offers a 20% Forces Bursary for the sons and daughters of serving members of HM Forces. The HM Forces Bursary is applicable from Year 4 onwards.





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