

# PARENT BULLETIN

## Term 1



## A message from our Principal

A year ago, I would never have envisaged the 2020-21 Academic Year starting like this one has, but what a start it has been!

Having our students back with us has been a real pleasure and all of our staff have been impressed by their resilience and adaptability.

In just a few weeks, students have settled in well, embraced the College system, accessed blended learning and virtual assemblies, started course work and taken initial tests and even attended our first ever virtual Academic Mentors Evening.

Our staff have upheld their normal outstanding quality of teaching and we are now confident that we have the right students on the right courses. With this in mind, we are fully prepared to face the year ahead.

### Key Dates

26-30th October - October half term holiday  
 2nd– 9th November: (mornings)- External exams (GCSE English and Maths)  
 2nd—6th November (afternoon) Mocks  
 9th December - Subject Parents Evening  
 17th December - Last day of teaching  
 18th December - Inset

*“CLF Post 16 is a wonderful community.. The students and the staff all work together brilliantly and we all achieve great goals”*

*-Akthar, Year 13,*

*introducing the [Virtual Tour of Post 16](#)*

### Blended Learning

With many students isolating due to Coronavirus, we are pleased to confirm that all of our lessons can be accessed both on site and via Teams.

If your child needs to isolate, please contact the attendance line on 0117 992 7117 or email [attendance@clfpost16.org](mailto:attendance@clfpost16.org) to inform us. Your child's teachers will be informed and will email them the link to all online sessions, as well as to the educational

### Student Leaders

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Leaders.

They all do a fantastic job of representing students in deciding how Post 16 operates and have already made their voices heard during Academy Council and Youth Parliament. We're looking forward

### Student leadership, student voice

	AM Reps	COLLEGE Council x 4	P16 STUDENT COUNCIL	ACADEMY COUNCIL
Who?	2 Reps per AM group	12 Reps and HoC	2 Reps from each College/AC Reps/VP Rep/Principal	2 Reps (Y12 and Y13)
Role?	To represent and get the student voice of AM group and feedback through the College Council	To represent the AM group through the College Council and share broader issues back to AM group	To represent the College and share broader issues back to College Council and AM group	Attend Termly Academy Council Meetings after school – represent the student voice
When?	In AM Week 1 and Week 3 of each Term	Meet HoC Week 2 and Week 4 of each Term	Week 6 of each Term	Once a Term

## Careers and Guidance

Congratulations to all of the students who got their UCAS applications in for Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary science and dentistry. We wish our students the best of luck in their early exam tests.

Please note that the internal deadline for all other UCAS applications is the end of Term 2 (17th December).

Bristol University has opened its Widening Participation scheme, in order to give students a taste of university life and what it means to be a student at Bristol. On completion, students receive a guaranteed contextual offer from the UoB and may also be eligible for the Access to Bristol bursary.



## Academic Mentoring

Academic Mentoring this term has focused on study skills, including note taking, debating and essay writing.

We had many high-quality entries for our Essay Writing competition and are looking forward to announcing the winner after half term,

## Wellbeing

We recognise that life is turbulent and difficult for many at the moment and that exams will exacerbate this situation, both for yourself and for the students in your care.

This [simple strategy](#) is excellent for managing feelings of overload and this [free app](#) is a great tool for dealing with anxiety.



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## Exams

Exams (both GCSE resits and Mocks) will be taking place in the first week back after the holidays. You will find the timetable attached with this bulletin.



For early morning exams students should be lined up outside Cabot Eye by 8:45 am.

· For exams in the afternoon students should arrange to meet outside Cabot Eye by 12:45

· On the Friday when we have exams after breaktime, students will need to be lined up outside the Eye by 10:35am.

## Staying in contact

Regular updates can be seen on [our website](#) [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

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