



Welcome

From Ms Cooper

I am very proud to be writing the end of year 2023 newsletter to our parents and families. This year has been a very successful year in CLF Post 16, our student community is a fantastic group of students, that work hard in their studies (even when some need additional encouragement!) and they are committed to achieving their full potential. We are very much looking forward to the summer results and supporting students in their next steps from Y13 and our Y12 students transition into Year Y13. Thank you to the exam team who have ensured the exam season went well.



We have had some great opportunities this year through our Careers programme and links with industry, links with work experience and many businesses that have visited the various curriculum areas. Our trips have been exciting and given students a different outlook to their world and how they view things, such as the drama, sport and enrichment as well as curriculum trips and celebrating our diverse community. This work would not have taken place so well without the hard work of the Career and Employability team.

The teaching staff are some of the most committed staff I have worked with and have always gone the extra to support and serve our student body well, I am sure you will share my appreciation of this hardwork and commitment.

The pastoral team are also a very strong team, they have formed good relationships with our community and students and I know students feel they can always approach our team for help when they have needed this.

We would like to wish all of our families a great summer break, a well deserved break for all of the CLF Post 16 community. We hope that the rest will help recharge us all ready for a positive start in September.

Community Action Day, 2023

On 27th June, CLF Post 16 Year 12 students participated in Community Action Day 2023, where they volunteered with charities across Bristol to give back to our community. Students went across Bristol to charity shops, parks, schools and community projects. We thank the organisations who agreed to take part in supporting our students to develop their skills in preparation for their future careers and thank our students for being such incredible role models who have genuinely changed the lives for the better for many people within our community.



What is in a Name .. Results

After a hotly contended poll completed by staff and students, we can reveal that we will be moving to 'Houses' from the new academic year. The names selected by staff and students are as follows:

- Mandela House - Values & Attributes: Integrity, compassion, empathy & bravery
- Parks House - Values & Attributes: Courage, resilience, self-worth & dignity
- Malala House - Values & Attributes: Truth, justice, forgiveness & equality

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Design Challenge 23/24

A Level Arts exhibition took place on the 22nd June which was a fantastic celebration of the talent and creativity of Post 16 Arts Students!

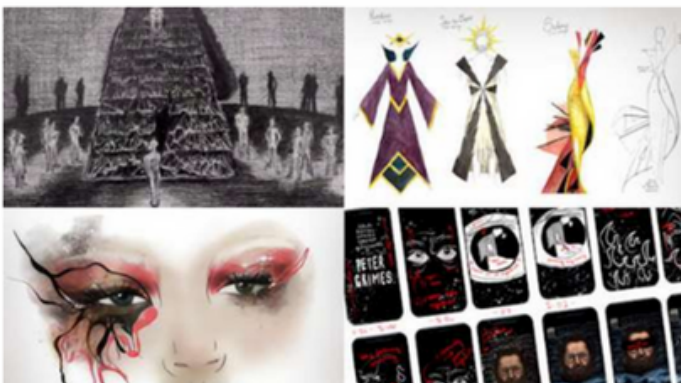
Parents and carers came to view the amazing work of our students.



Art & Photography students will be joining the Design Challenge Competition in September with the Royal Opera House.

WHAT IS DESIGN CHALLENGE?

National and powered by the world-class creativity and artistry of the Royal Opera House.



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Hands-on design skills through FREE access to four design pathways.

A great curriculum fit.

Eye-opening to careers.

More information...
[Design Challenge Overview](#)



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Girls in Maths Event

On Friday 17th June, CLF Post 16 hosted the Girls in Maths event.

This event was organised by the Advanced Maths Support Programme using STEM Ambassadors and CLF maths colleagues to encourage girls to enjoy working mathematically together,

consider careers involving maths and options beyond GCSE maths.



Year 9 and 10 students from Bristol Brunel, Bristol Metropolitan, Hans Price, John Cabot, King's Oak and Winterstoke Hundred Academies all came together in the Eye at Post 16 to take part. They found out about Florence Nightingale's work on data, looked into infographics and worked on examples of maths from journalism and the medical profession. In the final session students talked to women in a range of careers to ask them about their role and how they use maths in their workplace.

One John Cabot student said that "hearing about the women in jobs and their experiences and journeys to get there was interesting". Others said they enjoyed meeting other people from different schools and that the sessions were really good and interactive.



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PRIDE!

Pride Month is a great time to show how we embrace equality, diversity, and inclusivity in our academy although it is important to note that this month is not the only time when it matters.

Thank you to all staff and students who celebrated Pride Day with us in June. It was lovely to see so much colour around the academy!



Alumni Lunch at Post 16

This week we invited ex students in for an informal lunch to be able to talk to our current students about their career routes after Post 16.

Thank you to all staff, students and alumni who attended. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and to hear all about their destination routes after Post 16.



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Year 12 Pre-enrolment Day

On Friday 30th June we held a very successful Pre-enrolment day for our incoming Year 12 students for September.

Students in Year 11 joined P16 for the day where they were able to learn more about what life at P16 would look like in the new academic year. This included a brilliant performance from our World Champion Dancers,



Taster sessions on study skills, learning about our culture and ethos and how students can tap into all the amazing opportunities that are offered throughout the year. Students were able to meet some of the key staff that they will be working with too.

Many students opted into the enrichment activities that were offered at the end of the day which was great to see. Students also enjoyed a free Pizza lunch!

The event was very well attended and all the students that came did so with an open mind a very positive attitude, we were really proud of the students that attended, and can't wait to welcome them back in September. We are hopeful our new students left the day having made some new connections with people they will be studying with in September and a little more knowledge about how to have a great start at P16.

Bank of England Speaker

On 4th July, our Year 12 Economists welcomed Dr Swati Dhingra to CLF Post 16. Dr Dhingra is one of the 9 members of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) which is responsible for controlling inflation in the UK.

She shared her experiences of the challenges faced by the MPC when setting interest rates, especially in the knowledge of how this impacts upon the day to day finances of people who are already facing the cost of living crisis.



Dr Dhingra also talked about her own journey to joining in the MPC from University in Delhi, to her current day job as a Professor at the London School of Economics, and her work with the Resolution Foundation looking at poverty in the UK: a really inspiring life story.

Big Dance!

This academic year, our Post 16 dance students, many of whom are world gold and silver champions, have been volunteering their time to coach students across our federation.

Our students have taught over 100 children a dance routine and have been absolute ambassadors for our academy.

Thank you and well done!



Year 12 Work Experience Week

The last week of this academic year was set aside to allow all Year 12 students the opportunity to engage in work experience. We have also had many students complete work experience throughout the year to give them real insight into the world of work and potential destination routes after their Post 16 studies.

In addition, there were a range of on-site opportunities for students who have not yet secured a placement. These sessions were delivered by external guests.

Term 6 Trips

Our staff and students have had some great trip opportunities this term all linked to their curriculum.

Our geography team visited Porthcawl, London and Bristol to collect data for their NEA.

Our English and drama students had the opportunity to attend a bespoke research session at Bristol University Theatre Collection; a

world-renowned library of resources relating to all aspects of theatre. The students were shown materials relating to the key drama texts that they are currently studying which will directly benefit preparation for their A level examinations.

Students also had the opportunity to visit Exeter university to experience life on campus as well as a cultural visit to London.



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Year 10 Roadshows

In Week 6 of Term 6 P16 staff have been delivering our 'Subject Roadshow' to Year 10s across the CLF academies which involves all P16 teachers delivering short subject sessions to Year 10s in their home academies. Students were able to opt into sessions and subjects that they may not have previously had an opportunity to experience before.

Next steps and careers guidance are a crucial element to KS4 and our subject specialists were able to share with Year 10 what it means to be a student of the subjects we offer. They shared some insight into the skills and content they will access in these subjects, and the potential opportunities that following these subjects may provide in the future.

Year 10 responded brilliantly to these opportunities, and we hope these encounters have given some passion and inspiration to follow these routes following their GCSEs next year.

Year 12 Drama

The Year 12 Drama students completed their first official Drama practical assessment last week.

The students devised, wrote and performed a piece called 'The Unexamined Life' - a courtroom drama exploring what it really means to live a 'good' life. The students executed their performance with polish and professionalism, and they worked exceptionally hard, both in the run up to the performance and on the day itself.

We were all very grateful to the staff and students who came to see the performance and gave such positive and helpful feedback. The drama students should be extremely proud of their achievements in this assessment.



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Post 16 Academy Council

Update from Liz Tincknell, Head of Governance

Outstanding local governance is vital to the success of our Academy and we are looking for volunteers like **YOU** to join our team.

What does it mean to be an Academy Councillor at CLF Post 16?

- It is a **rewarding role** working towards a shared goal of providing a high-quality education for the young people in our communities.
- There are **6 Academy Council meetings** a year, one per term which are typically held from 4:30-6:30pm. you will be provided with an information pack to read ahead of the meeting.
- Meetings are chaired by the **Chair of the Academy Council** following an agenda with councillors given the opportunity to ask challenging questions about the running of the school. The clerk to the governors will take minutes at the meeting recording key decisions.
- Being a councillor provides the opportunity for **personal development**, building your skills and experience working as part of a team.
- The Academy council meeting once a term but also **visit the Academy** to see it in action and meet with school leaders.

As a member of our governance team you will:

- Get a chance to use skills you have developed during your working life.
- Be involved in strategic decisions about and future direction of the Academy.
- Increase your skills and knowledge in teamwork, negotiation and problem-solving.
- Increase networking opportunities by being part of the wider community.

We will provide members of the Governance Team with:

- Comprehensive induction.
- Leadership opportunities.
- Dedicated training and development opportunities.
- A place at the annual CFL Conference.

We would be delighted if you would like to join us. Please email **Governance@clf.uk**

Key Dates Term 1

Date	Event
04/09/2023	Year 12 Induction Day
05/09/2023	Year 13 Induction, Year 12 Induction Y12 & Y13 Enrichment Day from 12pm
06/09/2023	Lessons Begin
26-27/09/2023	National Apprenticeship Show at Ashton Gate
28/09/2023	Year 13 UCAS Information Evening
16/10/2023	UCAS Early Entry Deadline
18/10/2023	Last Day of Term 1 for Students
19/10/2023	CLF Staff Conference
20/10/2023	INSET Day

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