



### Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As we approach the end of this first term, I am filled with pride reflecting on how smoothly the school has settled into the new academic year. Our Year 7 students have made an excellent start, embracing their new routines with enthusiasm and quickly becoming a part of our school community. Our Year 11 and 13 students have completed their mock exams. An important milestone in their academic journey - keep up the hard work, you are all well on your way to success.

This term also saw us welcome year 6 students and their families to our open mornings. It's been fantastic to meet so many families excited about joining our school, and I look forward to welcoming many of these in the future. In fact, we've been so popular this year that we had to add extra sessions!

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you at our evening events. It's been wonderful to connect with parents and carers, hear your insights, and share our vision for the school. I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to visit the school, we truly want our entire community to be part of our exciting journey.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to what the rest of the year will bring!

**Mr. D. Portsmouth, Head of School**

### World Values Day

On 17th October we celebrated World Values Day. World Values Day is an annual campaign to increase the awareness and practice of values around the world.



At Cleeve Park our values **"Commitment, Pride, Success"** are embedded in everything we do, from our UPBEAT at the start of the day, to expected conduct both in and out of the classroom and how the wider community views us as a school.

The theme for this year is **Bringing Values To Life.**

If we can all bring our values to life as individual citizens, families, groups, organisations and communities, we can reach past the anger and negativity that divides us and change the world for the better.



### Sixth Form Psychology trip to the Freud Museum



During September Mr Scott, Miss O'Hare and 24 sixth formers visited the final home of Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, in North London.

Freud fortunately, as a Jew, escaped the Nazi takeover of Vienna in 1939 and settled here. We were able to see the famous couch where he would encourage patients to reveal their deepest and darkest unconscious thoughts, the room where he died, walk all around his house, we saw everything from a Dali portrait of Freud hanging on a wall to one of the clothes pegs Freud used to keep his mouth open so he could carry on smoking his beloved cigars even as he lay dying of mouth cancer.

We then had a brilliant but amusing talk by a practising Psychoanalyst who was able to show how Freud's ideas, so often ridiculed today, are still so relevant. The students were a credit to the school and showed real resilience getting to the venue in the face of train and tube chaos.

A good time was had by all and Mr Scott feels much better after his time on the couch and telling Stanley all about his childhood.



**Mr Scott, Psychology and Sociology Teacher**

### EAL (English as an Additional Language)

In August, we celebrated 100% grades 9-5, including 2 grade 9s and 3 grade 8s in Community Languages GCSE exams.

GCSE is available in the following languages: **German, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, Urdu, Gujarati, Bengali, Punjabi and Polish.**

If you are in Year 11 and speak, write, read and communicate in any of the languages above, come speak to Ms Kurasiewicz in D9 to discuss the possibility of taking GCSE in that language and to get a past paper. If you are not sure, come and chat to me, anyway!

Entries close in February 2025!

See you soon!

**Ms Kurasiewicz**  
EAL Strategy Lead  
English Teacher







### Our new Year 7

We have warmly welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students this term, as they embark on an exciting journey through secondary school. The transition from primary school can be daunting, but students are settling in well, embracing new experiences, routines, and challenges.

In the first few weeks, the Year 7s have been busy getting acquainted with their new environment, making new friends, and meeting their teachers. The school has a well-established program to ensure a smooth transition, including orientation sessions, buddy systems with older students, and regular check-ins from the pastoral team.

Students have already had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, from sports events to creative arts workshops, helping them settle in both academically and socially. Extracurricular clubs have also proven popular, allowing students to nurture their interests beyond the classroom.

Here at Cleeve Park we remain committed to providing a supportive environment for our students, with a focus on helping them grow academically, socially, and emotionally. I look forward to seeing the new Year 7 students thrive over the coming year.

**Mr Southby**  
RSL Year 7

### Rugby Returns to Cleeve Park

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September the year 7 Rugby team played against Beth's grammar school, there was a total of 60 boys who played to represent the school. In addition, the team also played Hurstmere on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September and drew 20-20. Man of the Match went to Sam Miah for his incredible leadership. It was amazing to see so many parents come along to support their child at the pitch side.

Our Year 8 & 9 Team also played their first official game against Hurstmere on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, and despite losing 45-25 the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves and cannot wait for more competitive games.

We also held a mini tournament against Hurstmere and Haberdashers Crayford. Over 70 boys were involved in the event.

We can't wait to see what the next term brings us, fingers crossed the boys will be able to play lots more games against local schools.

**Mr Eydmann, Head of PE**



### 'Sport for all'

Our year 7 girls football team have also seen great success this term. They played Sydenham High on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and won 3-2.



This week our Year 7 Netball Teams enjoyed some competitive games at Chis & Sid - winning 3 and losing 3.

In years 10 and 11 students can take GCSE PE as an option. This course has a

mix of academic and practical elements, which this week saw our Year 11 students cycling around the Gravesend Cylopark in the rain for part of their practical assessment.

At Cleeve Park we want to encourage as many students as possible to participate, we offer a wide variety of competitive sporting opportunities including fixtures for: rugby, football and netball.

Each term we pick the 'team of the term' based on those students demonstrating our core values in training and matches which include commitment, pride and success.

### The PE Department

### Christmas Showcase Auditions



On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Cleeve Park School was buzzing with talent as nearly 50 students stepped up to audition for our highly anticipated Christmas Talent Showcase!

From jaw-dropping performances by our brilliant Year 7s to some seriously impressive new skills mastered by our Year 10s over the summer, the auditions were nothing short of spectacular.

You won't want to miss the big event itself on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**, where these rising stars will take the stage! Keep a close eye on ParentPay for the ticket release—it's going to be a show to remember!

**Mr. Idrees Oloyèdé, Head of Music, Miss Cutting, Drama Teacher and the Performing Arts Team**



### Evergreen Induction

Parents and carers of students in Year 7 who have an Evergreen pass attended a recent induction event where they heard about the main functions of the Evergreen and how students can use this service to support them during the day.

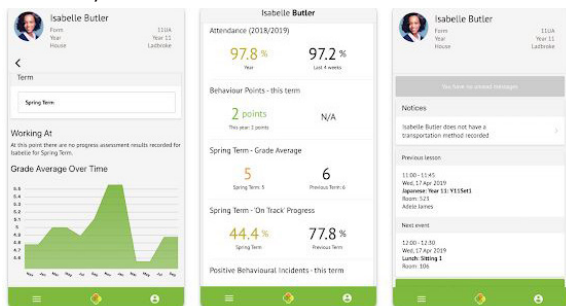
Our guest were also able to meet some of the staff who work and support in the Evergreen. Parents took home a flyer which outlined some Evergreen 'Dos and Don'ts' (this has also been shared with families who were unable to attend). Parents were pleased to hear about the support and how it was helping their children.

Mrs Viscovich  
SENDCO



### Arbor Parent Portal and App

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to the Arbor Parent Portal. The Portal can be accessed via a dedicated App on Apple and Android devices or via any web browser.



Once logged in, you are able to view your child's timetable, monitor attendance and view student reports. It also enables you to update any contact details and see the information and consents

we hold for your child.

The App also enables us to send free messages to you, instead of sending by SMS, which can help the school save money. Parents of students taking exams will also be able to see the upcoming exams timetable.

Email [enquiries@cleevepark-tkat.org](mailto:enquiries@cleevepark-tkat.org) with any questions.



**Remember** - homework is set via Google Classroom - ensure your child is regularly logging in and checking the Classroom Streams and their school email accounts.



## EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

|                            | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| <b>7.30 am<br/>8.25am</b>  | <b>Breakfast Club</b><br>All Years<br>Canteen                               | <b>Breakfast Club</b><br>All Years<br>Canteen   | <b>Breakfast Club</b><br>All Years<br>Canteen   | <b>Breakfast Club</b><br>All Years<br>Canteen   | <b>Breakfast Club</b><br>All Years<br>Canteen                                    |
| <b>1.00 pm<br/>2.00 pm</b> | <b>French Club</b><br>Year 7 to 9<br>1.00 - 1.30pm<br>D3 / Ms Duchalet      | <b>Choir</b><br>Year 7 to 9<br>1.15 - 2.00pm<br>M4  |   | <b>LGBTQ+ Club</b><br>All Years<br>1pm-1.30/1.30-2pm<br>D2 / Ms Mayzes  |  |
|                            | <b>LEGO Club</b><br>Year 7 & 8<br>1.00 - 1.30pm<br>Evergreen                | <b>LEGO Club</b><br>Year 7 & 8<br>1.00 - 1.30pm<br>Evergreen  | <b>LEGO Club</b><br>Year 7 & 8<br>1.00 - 1.30pm<br>Evergreen  | <b>LEGO Club</b><br>Year 7 & 8<br>1.00 - 1.30pm<br>Evergreen  | <b>LEGO Club</b><br>Year 7 & 8<br>1.00 - 1.30pm<br>Evergreen                     |
|                            |   | <b>Table Tennis Club</b><br>All Years<br>1.00 - 2.00pm<br>Sports Hall   |   | <b>KS3 Band</b><br>Years 7 to 9<br>1 - 1:30pm<br>M8<br>Mr Harley  | <b>KS4 Music Production</b><br>Years 10 to 11<br>1:30 - 2.00pm<br>M3 / Mr Harley |
|                            |   | <b>Chess Club</b><br>All Years<br>1.00 - 2.00pm<br>Library  |   |   |  |
| <b>3.00 pm<br/>4.30 pm</b> |   | <b>Drama Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 4pm<br>M2 / Miss Cutting<br>WEEK A ONLY                                       | <b>STEM Club</b><br>Years 7 & 8<br>3pm - 3.30pm<br>A10 / Miss Gentry  | <b>Football</b><br>Years 9 & 10<br>Boys & Girls<br>3pm - 4.15pm<br>Astro Pitch<br>Moulded boots and shin pads required  | <b>DofE Bronze</b><br>Year 11<br>3pm - 4pm<br>Study Centre<br>Mr Southby         |
|                            |   | <b>Dance Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 4pm<br>M2 / Miss Cutting<br>WEEK B ONLY                                       | <b>Humanities Club</b><br>Years 7, 8 & 9<br>3pm - 3.45pm<br>C13<br>Mr Oates & Mr Hoyle                              | <b>Rugby</b><br>Year 8 & 9<br>Boys Only<br>3pm - 4.30pm<br>Astro Pitch<br>Moulded/studded boots and gum shield required | <b>Art Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 4pm<br>E5 / Miss Fitzpatrick               |
|                            |   | <b>DofE Bronze</b><br>Year 13<br>3pm - 4pm<br>Study Centre<br>Mr Southby  | <b>Rugby</b><br>Year 7<br>Boys Only<br>3pm - 4.30pm<br>Astro Pitch<br>Moulded/studded boots and gum shield required | <b>Product Design Club</b><br>All Years<br>3 - 4.00pm<br>C10 / Ms Collins   |  |
|                            |   | <b>Football</b><br>Years 7 & 8<br>Boys & Girls<br>3pm - 4.15pm<br>Astro Pitch<br>Moulded boots and shin pads required | <b>Senior Band</b><br>Years 9 to 13<br>3pm - 4pm<br>M8<br>Mr Oloyedé  |   |  |
|                            | <b>Homework Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 3.30pm<br>Library<br>Ms Skingley | <b>Homework Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 3.30pm<br>Library<br>Ms Skingley   | <b>Homework Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 3.30pm<br>Library<br>Ms Skingley   | <b>Homework Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 3.30pm<br>Library<br>Ms Skingley   | <b>Homework Club</b><br>All Years<br>3pm - 3.30pm<br>Library<br>Ms Skingley      |

## Key Dates 2024

- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Half Term
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 8 Curriculum Evening
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 11 Parent & Carer Evening
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - INSET Day
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Sixth Form Information Evening
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Showcase (5-6pm)
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - Xmas Break

## 2025

- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 13 Parent & Carers Evening