



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our Autumn 2024 Clarendon Secondary Centre Newsletter. As another term draws to a close, I'm filled with pride reflecting on our students' achievements. From academic successes to sporting triumphs and creative endeavors, they've truly excelled. We also enjoyed a range of enriching activities, many of which you will see as you leaf through these pages.



Community engagement has been a cornerstone of our learning this term, and I'm pleased to see our students actively participating in and contributing to the community. A personal highlight was accompanying our Y11 pupils on their Outward Bound adventure to north Wales in September. The resilience they built will hold them in good stead as they prepare to complete their qualifications and graduate towards college.

A special mention must also go to the intrepid team of staff who braved Snowdonia over the October half-term, raising £3500 for school resources. A big thank you to anyone who contributed to the fundraising - together we have made a real difference for our pupils.

From a staffing perspective, we welcomed Jess Brown to the Clarendon Team as our senior Occupational Therapist, who has already had a big impact on practice in the school.

We have much to look forward to in 2025: Filipa Marsh will be rejoining our teaching staff, and construction of our new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will be completed, improving our PE offer.

I will conclude by thanking all pupils, staff and parents of the Clarendon community for your continued support and dedication to the school. A special thank you must also be reserved for Cecilia Tse, our tireless administrator, who spent many hours putting this newsletter together. I do hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful and prosperous Christmas and new year.

Niall Dumigan
Executive Headteacher

3CM TERM HIGHLIGHTS

This term has been full of fun events and kindness in 3CM.

To start, we have been working hard exploring who we are, where we are from and seeing what we know about our friends. Along with our class map showing where we are from, we enjoyed making playdoh versions of ourselves and our classmates.



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Before half term holidays we enjoyed carving some pumpkins for Halloween celebrations and recently we have been enjoying all things Christmas decorations.



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We have been fortunate to be given seeds to make our own Christmas Trees, so after some time planting them they have been coming on beautifully strong and look forward to sharing them with parents at the end of term.



3CO BUBBLE PAINTING FUN

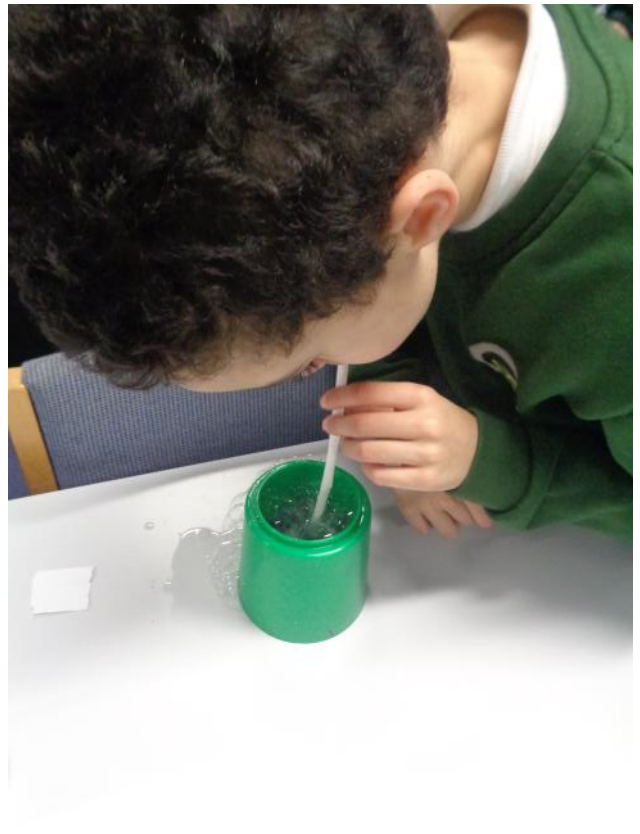
3CO had lots of fun seeing if they could paint with bubbles earlier this term.

All pupils had a go at blowing bubbles in water first before some went on to add paint and place paper on top.

Others just liked to make, watch and pop bubbles instead!



3CO BUBBLE PAINTING FUN



3JG POETRY

This term 3JG has been exploring poetry and using poetic devices - our favourite kind of poems we learnt about are called riddles. Riddles are like puzzles - see if you can figure out some of the riddles we wrote independently below...

<p>1) Alex</p> <p>What goes meow is fluffy and furry?</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>	<p>2) Tomiwa</p> <p>I have no arms and legs and I hiss. I can't talk. I eat animals.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>
<p>3) Darcy</p> <p>I have a beard. I have a black belt. I bring presents.</p> <p><i>Who am I?</i></p>	<p>4) Annabel</p> <p>I like to make the sound 'woof woof'. I am very friendly. I like to play with my friends.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>
<p>5) Callum</p> <p>I have a curly tail. I am big and pink. I go oink oink.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>	<p>6) Masha</p> <p>I am brown and sweet. I am delicious and you can drink me with marshmallows.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>
<p>7) Ella</p> <p>I can be purchased or made at home. You can draw or write on me. You can send me in the post or give me to someone in person.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>	<p>8) Nathaniel</p> <p>I have wings. I am colourful.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>
<p>9) Nedas</p> <p>I can swim. I have sharp teeth. I can bite when there are people around.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>	<p>10) Riley</p> <p>I am not that big but I am smart. I live in the sea. I am not a whale.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>
<p>11) Aisha</p> <p>I have 4 legs. I like jumping. I like sitting on a lily pad.</p> <p><i>What am I?</i></p>	

3JG REMEMBRANCE DAY

Here is our class proudly presenting the collaborative art display we created for Remembrance Day, featuring thoughtful designs and messages to honour those who served.



Answers
1) Cat 2) Snake 3) Santa 4) Dog 5) Pig 6) Hot Chocolate 7) Christmas Card
8) Butterfly 9) Shark 10) Dolphin 11) Frog

3LF EXCITING TERM ADVENTURES

3LF have had a great term. A highlight was a trip to the cinema to see the Super Mario Brothers film, which was enjoyed by all. They have also been enjoying their English texts - a biography of Anne Frank and Sir Gaiwan and the Green Knight by Michael Morpurgo. They have produced some fantastic pieces of work about both books.

Merry Christmas from 3LF.



3UK A VERY WARM WELCOME TO MRS KHAN

Mrs Khan is new to Clarendon School this year and I want to say a huge well done to her and to her Maths class for doing so very well this term. The class have settled in quickly and Mrs Khan has helped them all to find their feet and their confidence. All the students have really pushed themselves and their skills have greatly improved. They arrive happily into the classroom each day and work very very hard.

Well done on your first term Mrs Khan and well done students!

By Miss Nicholls



3UK COSTA TRIP



3VP ROALD DAHL VISIT

This year 3VP read the autobiography "Boy" by Roald Dahl. We followed this by a visit to the Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden where we could explore Roald Dahl's photos and look at his writing hut. We liked the chocolate doors - they even smelt of chocolate!



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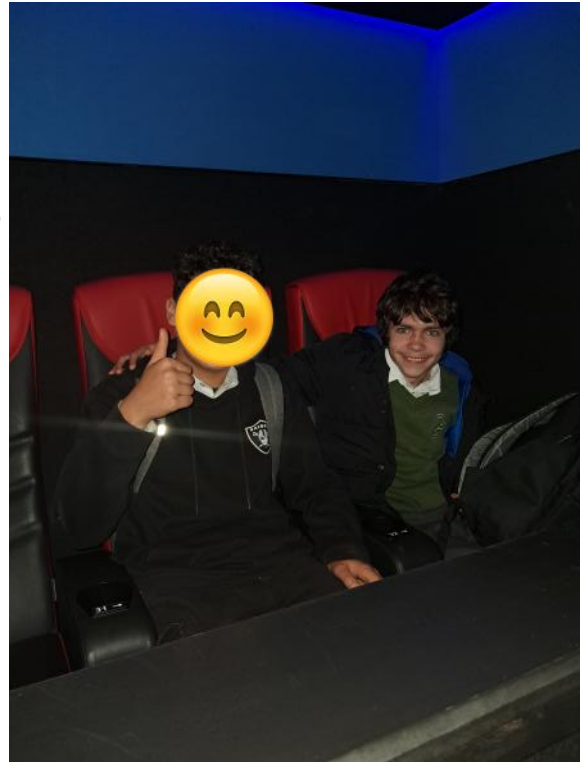
"Boy" focuses on Roald Dahl's early years but the museum showed us about his later antics as well!



4CH CINEWORLD TRIP

In December, 4CH visited Cineworld in Hounslow as part of the Into Film Festival. We watched Kung Fu Panda 4 and had the best seats in the house!

A review from Wiktor: 10 out of 10. Best movie ever!



4CH CINEWORLD TRIP



4DW CAREERS FAIR

Our year 11 students had the wonderful opportunity to attend a careers fair, where they explored a variety of career paths and engaged with a range of employers.



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4DW JACK PETCHEY AWARD

To celebrate winning the Jack Petchey Award, one of our students treated their classmates to a special meal at a restaurant in Whitton.



4DW JACK PETCHEY AWARD

Everyone had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Café Venice in Whitton for their generous discount and for providing such delicious food!



4HK JACK PETCHEY AWARD

Christian won the Jack Petchey Achievement Award and chose to spend the money on a class meal of pizza and milkshakes while watching a film. We are all very proud of Christian and the class had a lovely time.



4HK BROOKLANDS MUSEUM

On 3rd December, 4HK travelled to Weybridge to visit Brooklands Museum.



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We went on a guided tour, took part in a glider making workshop, walked through Concorde and went to the aircraft factory where we learnt about aviation and the role Brooklands played in it.



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ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY NEWS

It has been yet another amazing term showcasing the work of our students in both Art and Design Technology.

In KS3 Design Technology our students were instructed how to safely use the machinery and equipment in the workshop. Mini projects included novelty door stops, puzzles and name plates.



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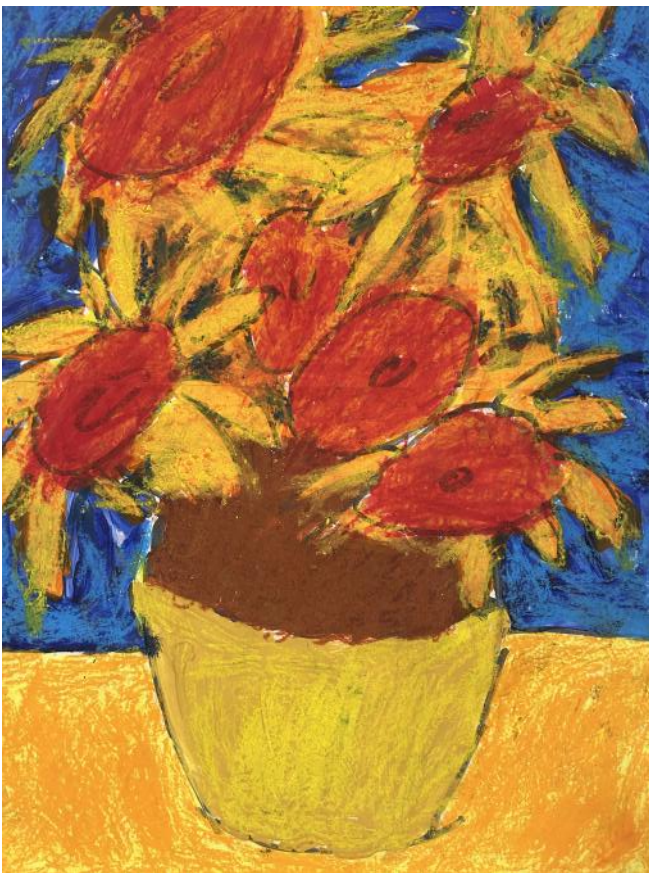
Our KS4, students completed their amazing wooden stools and they are now designing domestic storage solutions.



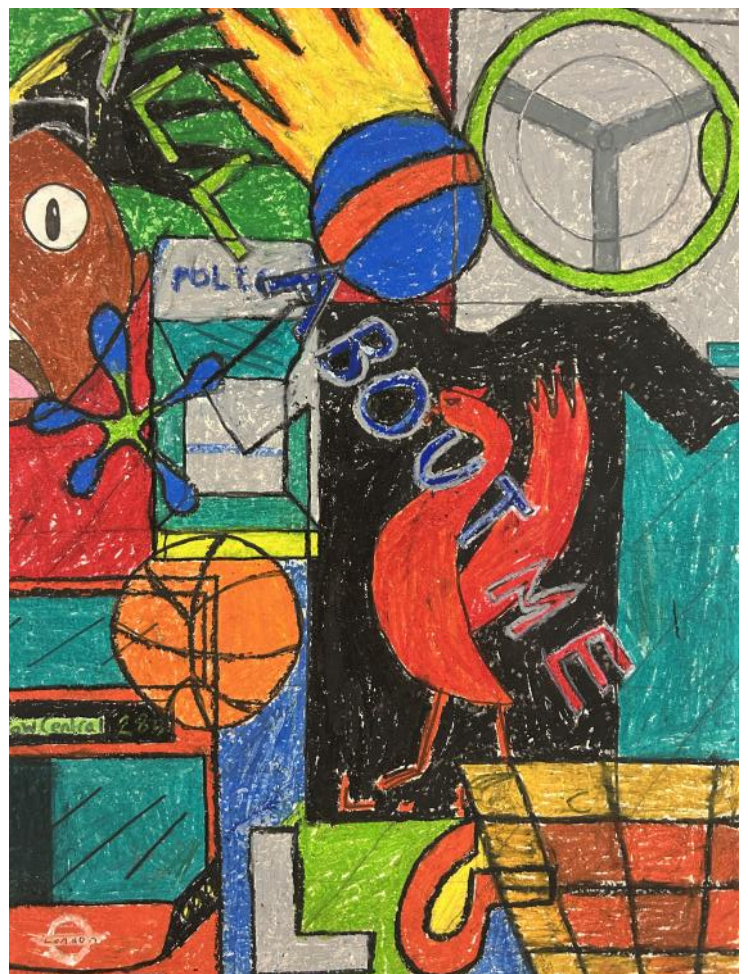
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In KS3 Art, our students have been exploring the qualities of mixed media to produce amazing and vivid artwork. They have also created abstract face designs inspired by the artist Piet Mondrian.

Our KS4 students have completed a major self portrait project highlighting their interests and they are now working on sculptures inspired by the Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti



ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY NEWS



CHARGE UP BY MRS REECE



Supporting our Young People at Clarendon

ChargeUp is an intervention run by

Mrs Reece

The teenage years are a period of change. The transition from a dependent child to an independent young adult can be a challenging time with big changes happening, physically, mentally and emotionally.

ChargeUp is a programme of lessons that focus on helping teens understand and manage their emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

CHARGE UP BY MRS REECE



Benefits for Young People

Help reduce stress and anxiety

Helps improve sleep

Improves mental health and wellbeing

Gives mindful tools to help self-regulate

Increases self awareness and empathy

Helps improve learning and performance

Increases attention, focus and concentration

PE DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Nedas (Yr7), Callum (Yr7), Alex (Yr7), Riley (Yr7), Vinny (Yr8), Alfie (Yr9), Jamie (Yr9), George (Yr10), Alfie (Yr11) & Harvey (Yr11) participated in a surrey special school dodgeball competition. The team played exceptionally well and won many games. They ended up winning the championship playoff match to secure the plate trophy. Congratulations team Clarendon.



BESPOKE BE HEARD



This term we have had students progress from learning how to ride a bike, to improving their skills, and then going off site mountain biking. Well done to Kyrelle, Eesa, Becca, and Alex for great progression!



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We have had a lot of interest from external schools sending students to do our City and Guilds mechanics qualification - this year has been the busiest yet.

APPROVED
CENTRE

We have a recently qualified City and Guilds Level 2 mechanic (Nico) now volunteering with us on Thursdays when we services for: students, staff, parents and the public's bicycles.



We will have two additional students doing work experience with us in January, Arun (former student) is one of them, and they are coming from Richmond College.



A reminder to parents of the offer from Bespoke Be Heard:

- **15% discount for all parents and siblings** of children within the academy for services, repairs, parts, accessories & clothing.
- **10% discount for all parents and siblings** within the academy for second hand bicycles.
- Trade price for **all students** within the academy for second hand bikes, parts, accessories and clothing and **free services and repairs**.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024-2025



Class	Councillor	Deputy Councillor
3CM	Woody Stokes	Hermann Maciejczyk
3CO	Manav Nahar	Charlotte Lacau
3JG	Riley Smith	Aisha Ali
3VP	Peter Williams	Mateo Advincula
3UK	Seamus Parker-Maher	Jessica Prior
3LF	Nargis Bayat	Kairon Sheehan
4HK	Siobhan Metcalfe	Malakai Blue-Trayers
4DW	Rahat Korim	Chantelle Masiwa
4CH	Leandro Salem	Tommy Mermina

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024-2025

The school council meets regularly, and allows pupil representation on important issues concerning the school. The School Council gives pupils an opportunity to contribute to the School Development Plan and to debate and formulate changes to the school charter. School Council members help in senior appointments to the staff and also manage a budget to provide some additional resources for break times.

Pupil voice is very important at Clarendon so pupils are encouraged to suggest ideas for our themed days and our fun day at the end of the year.

It is lovely to see the School Council work on projects together such as the indoor directed play initiative.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your donations to make the indoor directed play initiative a success. It is not too late to donate any unwanted toys or games in the New Year.

The school council would like to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



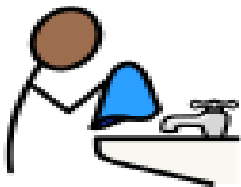
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

During the autumn terms we have been focussing on life skills relating to health and hygiene and some classes have continued with the zones of regulation.



In life skills we have covered themes such as:

Washing hands



Germs



Sleep

Why washing is important

Dental Hygiene

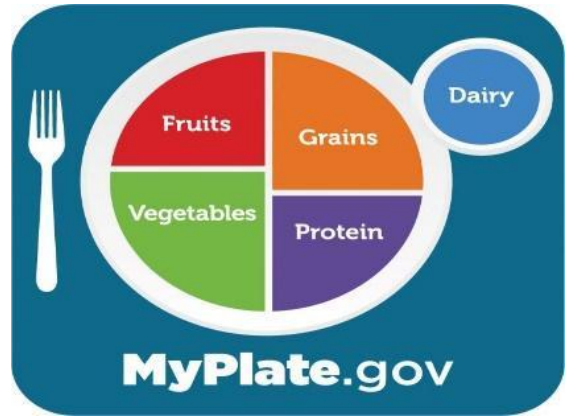


OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Dressing skills



Eating well



Dressing appropriately for the different seasons



JESSICA BROWN

Hello, I am the new Occupational Therapist for Clarendon School (primary and secondary) and I am very happy to be here working with you all. I am from the United States where I studied to become an Occupational Therapist. I worked there for several years before I moved to the United Kingdom to work as an OT and travel, and I never left! I have been practicing as an OT for 25 years and my area of specialty has been working with children and young people within education (schools) to help them access their education to their best ability to achieve progression in learning and independence in life. I look forward to working with you all and joining your team!

Jessica Brown, OT



SEND FUTURES CONFERENCE

On Thursday 24th October, four students were part of The Auriga Schools Choir along with pupils from Capella and Strathmore school and performed the song 'Unstoppable' at the SEND Futures Conference in Twickenham. We rehearsed together at Strathmore before taking to stage at The Stoop, Well done to all!!



SEND FUTURES CONFERENCE



TEDDINGTON LIGHTS UP

On Thursday 28th November, pupils past and present were invited to be part of our performance at The Teddington Constitutional Club for the 'Teddington Lights Up' event this year. We had a few rehearsals in school before giving a fantastic performance in our usual spot! Well done to all who took part in rehearsals and the performance!

Organised by  **Teddington Christmas Lights Up** **In association with** 

Thursday 28 November 2024

Santa's Grotto
4:30pm - 7:30pm
The King's Head

Lantern Parade
4.30pm - 4.55pm
Starts on Church Road
procession along Broad Street

Children's Rides
4:00pm - 8:00pm
Cedar Road Car Park

Late Night Shopping & Carol Singers
5:00pm - 7:30pm
Throughout Teddington

RNLI & Fire Engine*
5:00pm - 7:30pm
Next to The King's Head
& Holmes & Daughters

Indoor Market
4.30pm - 7.30pm
Teddington Con Club
Stanley Road

Outdoor Stalls
4:00pm - 8:00pm
Church Road

NEW! Elf Hunt
Collect entry form from
Teddington Con Club
or Holmes & Daughters

Partners

Sponsors

Winner of the poster competition - Beau McDonald - 8 years Old
*Dependent on Emergencies on the day

TEDDINGTON LIGHTS UP



HOLLY LODGE

On Thursday 5th December, select pupils performed at Christ Church in East Sheen for the Holly Lodge Christmas Concert. This is the tenth year we have taken part in this event, singing three songs on our own but also in collaboration with Sheen Gate and Sheen Mount Primary School choirs. Pupils were a hit with many members of the audience wanting to say well done to all who took part! Thank you to Mr Dumigan and Vicky from Primary for supporting the event too.



SANTA VISIT

Pupils enjoyed visiting Santa in the sensory room during the final week of term.



SANTA VISIT



OUTWARD BOUND

Our students recently embarked on an incredible residential trip with Outward Bound, spending a week away from home tackling a variety of exciting challenges. They showed determination and gave their very best in every activity. Most importantly, they created unforgettable memories and had the time of their lives with their friends!



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SNOWDONIA

During the October half-term, 7 staff members climbed Snowdonia in Wales and raised £3500 for the school. A BIG thank you to everyone who donated, supported and sent positive vibes and messages. It was a wonderful experience inspired by the amazing young people which we work with every day.



SNOWDONIA



Thank
you

HAMPTON YOUTH ZONE



Hampton Youth Zone

XMAS HOLIDAYS

December 18th - January 4th

Free Art, Baking, Gaming, Music, Sports
Activities and lots of Trips to go on

The White House Family Hub,
The Avenue, Hampton,
TW12 3YH

FUEL /
HAF

AGES
8-16
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contact: justin.johnson@achievingforchildren.org.uk

HAMPTON YOUTH ZONE

Hampton Youth Zone

Xmas Timetable

Weds 18th December - 3-7pm

Archery, Bauble making, Mince pie making + multisports, gaming, etc

Thursday 19th December - 3-7pm

Air Clay Crafting, Puff Pastry Xmas Trees, Xmas Kareoke Competition + multisports, gaming, etc

Friday 20th December - 3-7pm

XMAS Roller disco, Christmas canvas bag making and Reindeer hot chocolate cone making + multisports, gaming, etc

Thursday 2nd January - 11-4pm

Trip: Sensas Escape room + Graffiti Tunnel + Food

Friday 3rd January - 12-5pm

Trip: Gravity Max Go Karting, Bowling & Crazy Golf + Food

Saturday 4th January - 12-4pm

Trip: Hampton Court Ice Skating + Food

Trips are completely FREE for young people accessing FUEL/HAF.



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CHRISTMAS TREE



PINES AND NEEDLES

Clarendon School has kindly been donated a Christmas tree by Pines and Needles and they would love to offer parents a discount on Christmas trees in their pop up stores! Their local pop up store is located in Richmond Rugby Club at the Richmond Athletic Ground.

DISCOUNT CODE: CLAREDON10

Keep an eye out on Pines and Needles social channels
@pinesandneedles for fun activities at our local stores.



MUFTI DAY

We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of £41.10 All funds collected will be donated to the Red Cross, helping them continue their essential humanitarian work. A big thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to this great cause!



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NOTICE BOARD

New Build Updates:

In September 2026 Clarendon will be opening a new provision for 78 pupils with complex educational needs, and this term has seen pleasing progress towards our goal of opening on-time and with state of the art facilities.

In September the build entered an intensive 10-week design window, where final decisions on layout, fixtures and fittings were made. This means that the project can progress to the next stage, where aspects such as IT, site security and finishes are decided.

Due to the delays in the build up until this point, opportunities to update parents have been limited, however, through the course of 2025 you can expect more detailed information about the plans for opening to be shared through our school website, and in-person events.



Key Dates:

INSET Day : Monday, 6th January (School Closed to Pupils)
1st Day of Term: Tuesday, 7th January
Half Term : Monday, 17th February – Friday, 21st February
Last Day of Term: Friday, 4th April at 1:30pm

Wishing you all a joyful and restful Christmas break! May it be filled with festive cheer and relaxation. We can't wait to welcome everyone back on **Tuesday, 7th January 2025 at 8:40am.**



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