



Summer Term Clifford Newsletter

I am delighted and honoured to announce that I have been appointed as the permanent headteacher for Clifford Holroyde School, many of you I have met over the past 4 months and I am very keen to get to know all parents.

From my experience of being a deputy headteacher at New Heights High School I have had the privilege of working with several of our students and families and supporting them towards finding their placements here, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together.

My philosophy for education is one which is based around the edict of the 'best by every child'. I hold a strong child-centred approach to teaching, where consistency, praise, encouragement yet challenge are key.

Parents make an enormous contribution to children's achievements at school, and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit.

We will be holding a number of events over the next term, which will provide an opportunity to meet all of you and discuss the building of a successful partnership. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend. If you prefer, you are also welcome to contact me by email or phone.

I am passionate and committed to my core values that include honesty, respect and integrity. I believe that exciting times await the boys at Clifford Holroyde and I will be outlining further my ideas and vision for the future of the school in due course.

Jane Pepa

Head Teacher



Although the weather may not have caught up the summer term is here and already at Clifford we are embracing the summer term with the Forest School Barbeque, Canoe qualifications for the year 11's and all main school pupils developing cricket skills.

Years 9, 10 and 11 will be entered for the examinations this summer so some good tips to ensure students are prepared for the exams are :

- It's important to get a good night's sleep before an exam, so discourage your child from staying up late to cram. And make sure he eats a good breakfast on the morning of the exam.
- The best way to support your child during the stress of revision and exams is to make home life as calm and pleasant as possible. It helps if other members of the household are aware that your child may feel under pressure and that allowances should be made for this.
- Try not to nag or make too many demands on your child during exam time. Arguments are counter-productive and will only add unnecessary stress and distract from revision.
- Explain that exams aren't an end in themselves but a gateway to the next stage of life - to another Key Stage or to GCSEs, A levels, university, college or work.



Online gaming concerns

Recent concerns have been highlighted by a number of schools over a game called Fortnite which many of our children appear to be playing at home. This is a link to a parents' guide to the game.

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/parents-guide-to-fortnite-peg1-12/>

School attendance a priority

Mrs H O'Flaherty has a new role within school and will be making home visits for pupils missing school. Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child achieve more, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behaviour and have a better chance of achieving qualifications.

Together let's make everyday count!

Changes to the building



- Over the next couple of weeks the front of the building will have a new facia, the blue design will support reducing down the temperature in the front offices during the summer months. The design is made up of thousands of spots visible from the inside.



- In the sports hall the British Values sign will support a competition by pupils to design the back wall
- In the canteen the pupils work will be replacing the current sparkling wall. Changes to the design do not allow me to show the picture on here but it will be on the next Newsletter.

University links

Lancaster University have asked Clifford Holroyde to be part of a study into how Restorative Practice is used in our school, we are only 1 of 10 schools to be chosen in the country and it will include Ofsted's Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare criteria, so that we will gain evidenced insight into how well Restorative Practice has worked for us on a whole school basis. The University is very keen to see how we use THRIVE in school to support our young people.

THRIVE
training
for parents
coming soon



Year 6 pupils will be coming into school over the next few weeks. Transition presentations have already been out to pupils and Year 11 will sadly be leaving us soon, the year 11 leavers afternoon will be Thursday 28th June. Good luck to all our pupils sitting their exams this term!