



Clifton  
High School

# **THE YEAR AHEAD - YEAR 8 & 9**

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

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Deputy Head: Academic



## AIMS OF SESSION

- An overview of:
  - School wide Priorities
  - School Life - Lesson Delivery
  - Technology for Learning
  - Assessments and Reports
  - GCSE Options
  - Higher Education and Careers
- How to support your child academically:
  - Homework
  - Revision strategies
  - A Route to Independent Learning

# SCHOOL PRIORITIES

2024 - 2025

- ✓ Raising Expectations
- ✓ Excellent Academic Outcomes
- ✓ Technology for Learning



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# TIMETABLED LESSONS



## PERIODS PER SUBJECT, PER FORTNIGHT

### In Tutor groups:

Art - 2  
Computer Science - Y8 - 3 / Y9 - 2  
Drama - 2  
Food and Nutrition - Y8 - 3 / Y9 - 2  
Geography - 3  
Health and Wellbeing - 2  
History - 3  
Music - 2  
Product Design - 3  
PE - 2  
Religious Studies - 2

### English sets

English - 7

### Maths and Science sets

Mathematics - 7  
Biology - 3  
Chemistry - 3  
Physics - 3

### Whole year-group:

Games - 4

### Language groups:

Language 1 - Y8 - 3 Y9 - 4  
Language 2 - Y8 - 3 Y9 - 4

(Two languages from  
French, German, Latin,  
Spanish)



# **TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING**

Technology to enhance, support, and strengthen a pupil's learning journey...

- ✓ Balance,
- ✓ Multi Skilled,
- ✓ Review and Respond



# ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING SCHEDULE



## YEAR 8

Autumn Assessments	Spring Assessments	Summer Assessments
In Class	In Class	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Target Card Published Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Effort Grades and Spring Data Published Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Full Written Report Published Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

Parents' Evening Date  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

# ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING SCHEDULE



## YEAR 9

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In Class	In Class	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
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**Parents' Evening Date**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

# GCSE OPTIONS



English Language
English Literature
Maths

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Chinese
Computer Science
Drama
French
Geography

German
History
Latin
Music
Physical Education
Physics
Product Design
Spanish

Further Mathematics
Religion Studies Short Course

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
- Year 9 GCSE Options Evening



Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025  
- Year 9 Parents' Evening



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
- Final Deadline for Decisions

Any queries prior to this, please speak to  
your child's Form Tutor or to Head of  
Year 9 - Ms A Taylor



# EXPECTATIONS



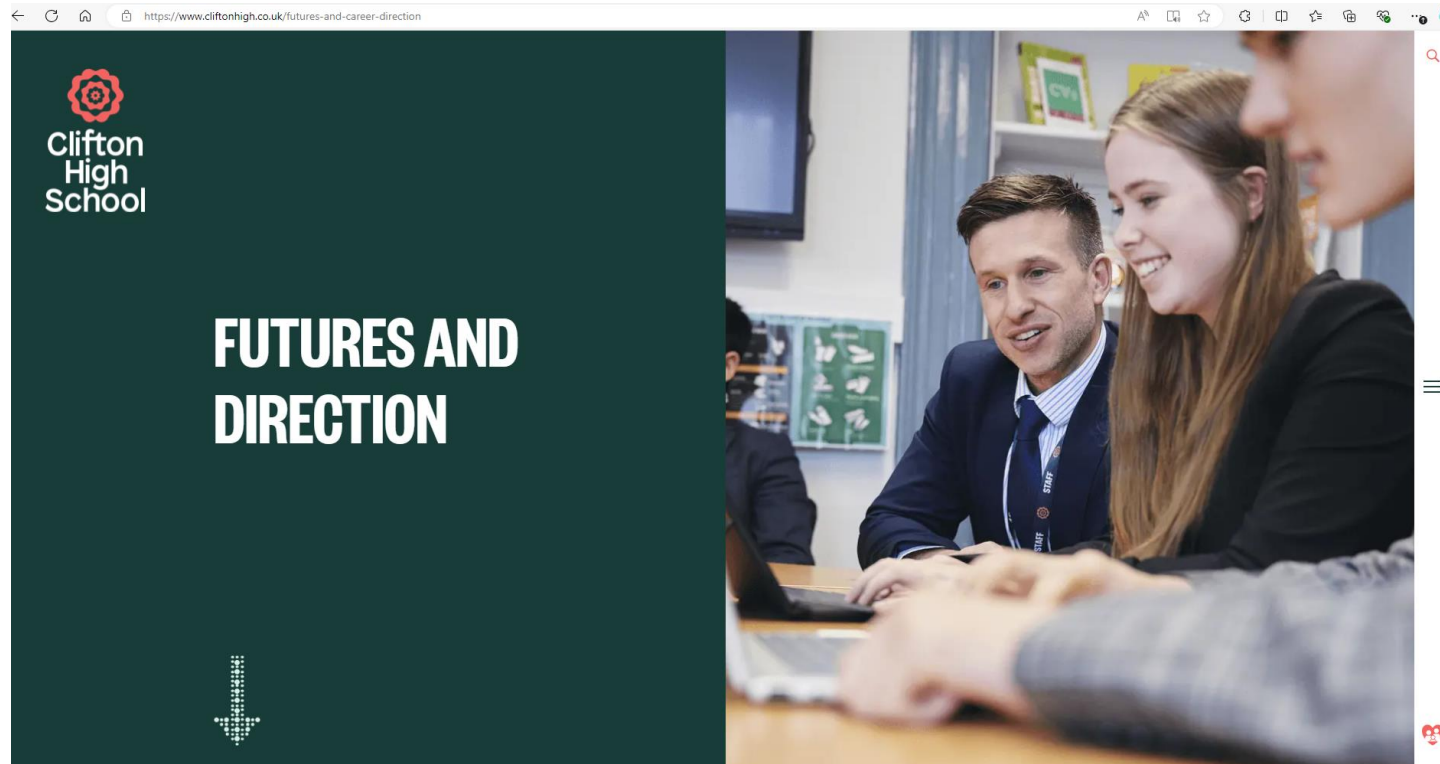
- Keep going – these are not the ‘lost years’
- Encourage curiosity and strengthen a love of learning
- Start to develop an idea of direction
- Continue reading for pleasure
- Start to develop greater independence
- Explore more opportunities
- **Keep enjoying the ride!**



# HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS



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<https://www.cliftonhigh.co.uk/futures-and-career-direction>

# HOMework



- Set on Microsoft Teams – Assignments
- Homework should be purposeful



# REVISION STRATEGIES



- Generating resources – mind-maps, flash cards, etc
- Testing – regular, spaced retrieval, use of past paper questions
  - Interleaving – break up your revision timetable

# COMMUNICATION



- Subject teacher, or Heads of Department, for subject-specific questions or queries
- Form tutor for anything else: [initialsurname@cliftonhigh.co.uk](mailto:initialsurname@cliftonhigh.co.uk)  
(contact School Office if unsure)

<https://www.cliftonhigh.co.uk/clifton-team>



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