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Term Dates for 2022-2023

Term 5Monday 17 April 2023-Friday 26 May 2023Term 6Monday 5 June 2023-Friday 21 July 2023

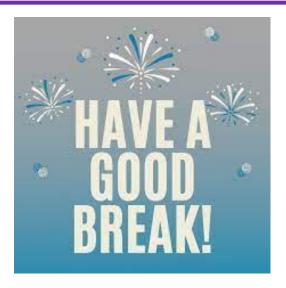
Inset Days Friday 7 July 2023 (CLF Inset Day)

Parents' Evening Dates

Year 10 Wednesday 19 July 2023

Year 12 and 13 Wednesday 26 April 2023

*Should any of the above dates be rearranged we will inform parents/carers.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been delighted to see how hard all our students have been working this term. Their commitment and progress towards their studies is tangible and culminated in a wonderful exhibition of artwork and successful parents' evenings this term.

On behalf of all the staff at Digitech, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful break. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing all next term.

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Thank you to everyone who attended/helped during the Post 16 Open Evening the other week, a special mention to our LGBTQ+ club who helped set up and for being tour guides!



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Enterprise Week 2023 - This week our year 10s have taken part in Enterprise week, during which we have had a focused time of looking at transferable skills and raising aspirations. Students have participated in a range of activities with visiting speakers, been challenged on how what they are learning now is relevant to the working world, and had their minds enlarged as to what they could achieve in their future. This has been a great preparation for their work experience week taking place in July.







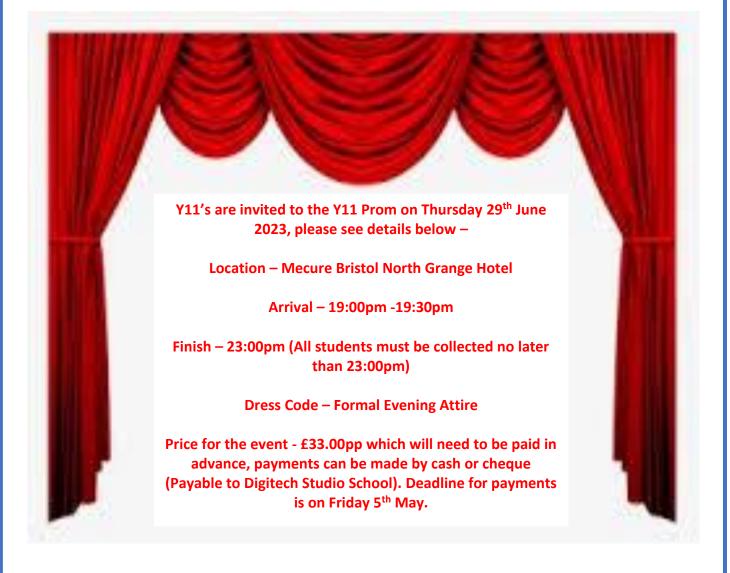




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Prom 2023



Leavers Hoodies 2023

Leavers Hoodies are now avaliable to order. Your child will be given an order form. The cost of the leavers hoodie is £22.00 and the deadline to place an order is Friday 31st April.



Please order by this date to avoid disappointment. Once ordered the hoodies will be delivered to school. If your child needs an order form please ask them to come to reception.

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Providing NHS services

NHS



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Free, safe and anonymous mental wellbeing support.

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If you're looking to lighten your mind, join over half a million other young people finding support on Kooth. It's easy to sign up, it's completely free and we don't even need to know who you are.



Chat to our team



articles



Community Support



Self-help activities

Sign up today at

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Additional support

CHILDNET

Provides **online information** for parents around supporting children with gaming at different ages.

Family agreement template

CHILDLINE

If you're under 19, you can confidentially call (0800 1111), chat online or email about any problem big or small (opening times: 9am - midnight, every day)

- <u>Sign up</u> for a free Childline locker (real name or email address not needed) to use their <u>free 1-2-1 counsellor chat</u> and email support service.
- Can provide a BSL interpreter if you are deaf or hearing-impaired.
- Hosts <u>online message boards</u> where you can share your experiences, have fun and get support from other young people in similar situations.

THE MIX

Offers support to anyone under 25 about anything that's troubling them (opening times 4pm - 11pm, every day)

- Email support available via their <u>online contact form</u>.
- Free <u>1-2-1 webchat service</u> available.
- Free short-term <u>counselling service</u> available.
- Phone: 0808 808 4994

YOUNGMINDS CRISIS MESSENGER

Provides free, 24/7 text support for young people across the UK experiencing a mental health crisis. Text: YM to 85258

 All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors. Texts can be anonymous, but if the volunteer believes you are at immediate risk of harm, they may share your details with people who can provide support.

MEETOO

A free app for teenagers (11+) providing resources and a fully-moderated community where you can share your problems, get support and help other people too. Can be downloaded from <u>Google Play</u> or <u>App Store</u> (not a crisis support).

ASK ABOUT GAMES

Online information about specific games and age ratings – including short videos parents can watch to give them an idea of a game's content.

YOUNG MINDS

Young Minds website - a guide for parents about online safety.

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PARENTS PLUS Adolescents Programme

An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years. An 8 week course taking place every Tuesday evenings

From Tuesday 2nd May 2023-Tuesday 27th June 2023 (excluding half term break)

It will take place at Staple Hill Children's Centre from 6pm to 8.30pm. The course will be facilitated by workers from the Families Plus 5-18 team

For more information, or if you would like to make a referral, please contact our Compass Team through Access and Response on: 01454 866000

> For further information, contact the course facilitators Lauren Codd 01454863442 Karen Limmer 01454866386



Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems.

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REMEMBER!

Year 10 Work Experience Week Monday 10th – Friday 14th July 2023

All students should now be searching for placements and contacting potential employers for this summers Work Experience week and ideally by now should have some idea of the placement they would like to attend.

Deadline for completed paperwork by both employer and parent/carer is Friday 31st March.

If you have already secured your placement, then please email <u>jane.morgan@clf.uk</u> (Careers and Employability Coach) or <u>emma.dodd@clf.uk</u> (Admin Assistant)

If you need any support with an application, please speak to Jane or Emma

EXAM INVIGILATORS REQUIRED

We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our exams team here at Digitech. Exam Invigilators will assist the Exams Officer in the efficient delivery of internal and external exams. You will ensure that the conduct of internal and external examinations takes place in accordance with Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) regulations and Academy procedures. You will ensure the candidates exam experience is a positive and supportive one; enabling that each candidate has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their abilities.

This is a casual position so workload will vary depending on the exam season. The working hours for this role can also vary as exam environments have to be set up before the beginning of the school day and on occasions can sometimes continue after the school day has finished.

This position requires flexibility as there are various exams held throughout the academic year; these usually fall within November, January and February/March, and the summer exams are held in May and June. There are also mock exams for Years 10 and 11 at different times throughout the year. It will also suit someone looking to work

Salary: £10.10 per hour plus holiday pay. Total hourly rate £11.51

Please pass this onto family and friends who are looking for casual work.

For further information please go to <u>www.clf.uk/careers</u> - select Vacancies/Educational Support/Exam Invigilator (Bristol and South Glos Cluster)





PLEASE READ

Attendance procedure

What to do when your Child is unwell

- Call the absence line on 0117 9927100 and press option 2 before 8.30am.
 Please provide a detailed reason for absence. This will need to be done for each day of the absence, we cannot accept they will be off for number of days. This is to always keep your Child safe.
- If you receive a text message that your Child was absent at morning registration. It's very important you contact us either by replying direct or calling the office. Please don't respond to this message any other time as your response may not get picked up.

What to do if your Child has an appointment

- Please provide details of appointment. A copy of your hospital/doctor or dental letter is preferred but an appointment card or text is adequate. if you are unable to send in a copy, you can email, scan or screen shot of the letter. Please send advance notice of any appointments where possible.
- On the day of the appointment, please call the school reception or leave a message on the absence line to advise of the appointment and what time you require to collect your Child or their approximate return time.

When we have received evidence the of appointment, we can then authorise the absence.

What to do if your child will be late

- If you know that your child is going to be late, please notify the school office as soon as possible on 0117 9927100.
- If your child is late, you will receive a text message. Please discuss this with your child.