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Dear Parent/Carer,

>>student name<< may have already shared the good news with you regarding our Progress 8 score, which was announced in assembly this week.

The Department for Education (DfE) publish performance tables to show how well schools are doing and the first draft of the performance tables were published on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The Performance Tables have 4 accountability measures for all secondary schools:

- Attainment 8 – how well the children in a school are doing
- **Progress 8** – how much progress the children have made i.e. how much they have learned compared to what they knew when they started in Y7
- Reading and Mathematics – how much progress the children have made since Y6 in Reading and Mathematics
- The percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in both English and Maths
- The percentage of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate. The EBacc is: Maths, English, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, History, Geography.

**Progress 8 is the most important of the four measures because this is used to judge how well pupils have progressed since joining our school in year 7 compared to what they might have achieved had they gone to another school.**

If the school's Progress 8 score is less than **minus 0.5** i.e. less than half a GCSE Grade, in every subject, compared to what they were expected to achieve, the school will be considered to be inadequate. This minus 0.5 is referred to by Government as the floor target.

**The draft Progress 8 score for our school is +0.03, well above the government floor target. This does not currently include our music results so this will go up!**

This clearly shows that our collective efforts are improving outcomes for pupils and that our pupils are now doing better at Clifton than they were predicted to do when they joined us in Y7.

With your continued support, particularly with the points we make over the page, we can ensure that this continues.

Great strides will continue to be made and our already good performance will march relentlessly on to outstanding. We make no apology for our impatience and our determination to accept nothing less than the very best from everyone involved.

I have said it before and I will say it again, the combination: home, school and student here at Clifton will prove to be unbeatable.

I wish you all a restful and happy half-term break.

Yours sincerely

T Hardcastle  
Headteacher

Some points to note:

- 100% attendance should be the norm to ensure that pupils do not miss lessons/work and are then best placed to pass their exams. 95% attendance is the whole school target, but 95% attendance per student should not be regarded as "good" since it represents 2 full weeks absent from school.
- Excellent effort in lessons is what we expect at Clifton. I know you will support us in tackling lack of effort. Any work that pupils miss because they have not put 100% effort into learning, must be caught up with, either at home or in a detention with their teacher.
- Pupils are expected to wear correct uniform at all times and have a school bag, PE kit, planner and basic stationery (pen, pencil, ruler). Jumpers worn over the top of the school uniform do not replace coats. Jewellery – no more than one small earring, sleeper or stud in each ear, one ring only. No facial piercings – clear retainers only.

**Forthcoming dates to remember:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - school closed/staff training day  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - return to school 8.45am as usual  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Clifton Factor Final – 6.30pm in the Performance Hall  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Y11 parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm