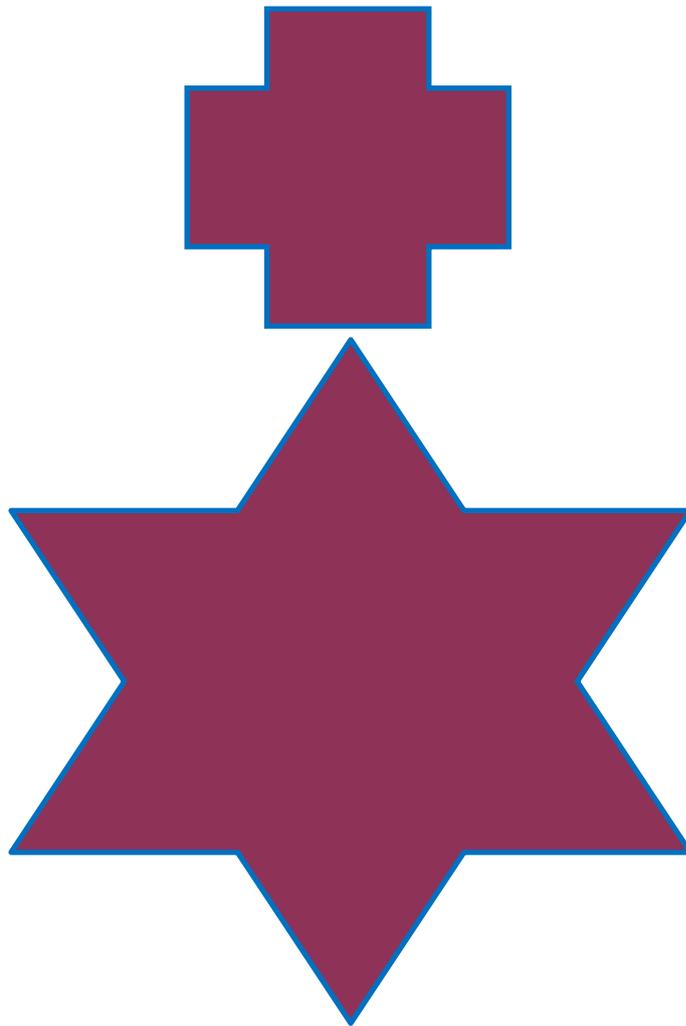


# WELCOME TO MOBERLY'S HOUSE

2014/15



**This is the House emblem and motto**



*STET FORTUNA DOMUS*

**“ May good fortune attend those who dwell here ”**

## **ABOUT THE HOUSE**

Formed in 1993 as an amalgamation of the old Brown's and Dakyn's Houses, residing in the old Brown's House building on College Road (see attached Map). The House was named after Mr William Moberly, who was a resident tutor in Brown's before becoming the Housemaster of Dakyn's. The House still retains some old photographs and memorabilia pertinent to both former Houses. The youngest pupils live in newly constructed mezzanine studies, the Fourth Formers and some of the Fifth Formers live in shared rooms, with a maximum of four per room, while the remainder of the Fifth Form and all the Sixth Form have single rooms. The House combines the best of the old with the requirements of modern boarding.

The pupils themselves would perceive Moberly's as a House strong at sport with a large number of pupils playing representative sport. On a school level the House has only lost three games of rugby in twelve years, has won every Clifton Chase bar one, and won school athletics for the last twelve years. In this context, however, it has been great to see the more talented sportsman support the less talented in all sorts of activities and also see characters becoming part of the community through participation in House activities. An hour spent by a visitor in The House Hall around the pool table or watching TV would reveal exactly what we mean by The House community. There is a very strong feeling of community and loyalty in the House, which is fostered by the older pupils and readily accepted by the Junior boys.

Moberly's has a strong history of achievement in Drama. The 2011 House production of Frost/Nixon starring and produced by Alex Mullan and James Hanson was regarded by many as possibly the finest piece of drama seen in the festival for many years, earning James a special award for his performance as Richard Nixon. While the 2013 Morris/Crocker production of "The Ladykillers" won five Clifton Oscars and was nominated for five more.

## **JOINING THE HOUSE**

You should by now have already received a pack of joining documents, together with a clothes list from the School, but here follows more information from the House with all the domestic details. There is plenty of information pertinent to your son starting at Clifton, but this booklet also serves as a Handbook for him, as he joins Moberly's House. Therefore it may be worthwhile sharing the information with him.

I would like all the day/flexi boarders in the Third Form to board for the first five nights of term as this will not only help the administration of the first few days, but also greatly assist in bonding the year together. There will be an outing for the Third Form on the Saturday evening. If you would like to take your son home after the Chapel Service on the Sunday (this is a compulsory service known as a Starred Sunday and found in the School Calendar) this is fine. It would therefore be helpful if your son comes prepared for these eventualities on the first day of term Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

There are a number of new boys coming to Moberly's of different ages, so not every piece of information below is necessarily relevant to you. You will find various enclosures, mainly for information. If you are joining the Lower Sixth (Year 12) and change your mind about 'A' Level subjects please deal promptly with the sheets from the Director of Studies regarding GCSE results and 'A' level choices.

Coming to a new school is both exciting and frightening and there is much to find out in the first few days. If you are confused about anything ask Jane who is your house matron or older pupils as well as Mr. Bull, who is the residential House Tutor, or myself. Jane is about the House all day except Wednesday morning and Sunday. She is of duty from 4 pm and is back at 9 pm after Prep. If anyone is ill in the night they can go and wake her up in her flat on the top floor. When she is not there Mrs. O'Sullivan takes over and can be contacted at night by pressing the bell on the first floor. Your son will be shown where this is. We have a registration each morning at 8.15 am (Call Over) which I take. Jane and usually Mr. Bull are at Call Overs. This is when I can give out notices and information for the day. We have another Call Over at 1.25 pm and information may be given out if games are cancelled due to weather etc. Call Over in the evening before Prep is at 7.10 pm. Every evening the "Out House Tutor" comes on duty at this time and can help pupils with Prep and give any advice and information on other matters especially when they are new. Contact details for all House Staff are listed at the end of this letter. I myself am about the House when I am not teaching and taking games. The best time to speak to me is between 8 and 8.15 in the morning or between 7.30 and 9.00 pm. However I check my emails often so don't hesitate to contact me using this medium.

Term officially begins on Tuesday 2nd September, and I would like to invite all parents of new pupils, for tea at 4.30 pm. Tea is followed by the Headmaster's talk to all new parents at 5.30 pm in the Redgrave Theatre. Your son will be shown around various parts of the school and/or play football with the dormitory monitors while you are in the Redgrave. Despite forward warning of term dates, which can be found on the term's calendar issued to your son for you and on the internet, some families try to nibble away at the days at the beginning and end of terms as well as exeats! Please try to avoid this if you possibly can as terms are short and action packed and pupils are usually needed for activities up until the very end of term. Normally the time for returning is 8.00 pm for the start of term and 9.30 pm at the end of school exeats. Whatever time your son arrives normal school rules apply. Term finishes officially on Tuesday 9th December at 3.30 pm. It is essential that you are absolutely sure of the arrangements your son has made at the end of term. If he is staying with a friend please check with me that this friend actually has adults supervising. If you need to return your son to school early, please contact me first as there is no guarantee that the House will be open, or conversely it could be full of other people on courses!

## ARRIVAL

The format when you arrive is to come to the Private side front door where you will be met by a member of staff or a senior pupil. They will show you to your bedroom where you can unpack (with or without the help of Mum/Dad). Please take big suitcases home. Trunks are very heavy to carry so please do not bring one. Storage is limited so overseas boarders take precedent. Bags which fold down are very useful. Parents then come down to our sitting room for a cup of tea at 4.30 pm. If there is not room for all your belongings then you have brought too much! Bring a little to start with and you can bring more. On Tuesday, after tea, you have been invited to the Headmaster's address to new parents in the Redgrave Theatre. Following this address you can either take your son out to supper, returning him by 8 pm, or he can say good bye to you and have supper with other pupils in school. For the 3rd form (Year 9) two of the Lower 6th (Year 12) are assigned bedrooms adjacent to the 3rd form area. They are specifically chosen so that they can help to guide the new pupils through the first few confusing weeks of term. New pupils in other year groups will be assigned a 'buddy' who will help them get to classrooms and find their way around the school.

## UNIFORM

### DON'T ARRIVE IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform is obtained from the school shop at the College. This is open during the holidays from 10 am to 4 pm. At the beginning of term it opens at 9 am and closes at about 6 pm but it is advisable to telephone and make an appointment if you require a lot of clothes as the staff are very busy in the days leading up to the start of term. Telephone number is 0117 3157 620 and Fax no. 0117 973 7619. There is a second hand uniform shop located in the Preparatory School and is a useful source of clothing for the Upper School. This is run by The Friends of Clifton. I recommend having a look here prior to purchasing new uniform. You will find it easier to organise the uniform in the holidays rather than waiting until term to starts. You should have already received a clothing list which I hope is self-explanatory. The number of each item is essential. Everything, including your casual clothes must be name-taped (sewn) with your initial and surname followed by the letters MH . Iron-on name tapes do not last. Please give your son a marker pen for emergency naming. The rationale behind the uniform and the school rules on uniform is it is smart, simple and easily maintained. If home clothes are special DO NOT BRING TO SCHOOL. Lower 6th (Year 12) it is advisable to have at least two pairs of trousers with your suit jacket as trousers wear out quicker than the jacket.

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

There is a limit to these and at the end of this letter is a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items. Please do not bring too much as you will have to carry it up four flights of stairs. **INSURANCE** Pupils will need to take out personal insurance to cover their laptops, mobile phones and other items of value whilst at School.

## LAUNDRY

The school organises and pays for the washing of smalls, shirts, bed linen and towels as well as sports ware. There is a collection three times a week. Socks are washed in a net bag and pants in a separate net bag. Please ensure your son has at least four net (strong) bags not smaller than 35cm x 35 cm. (Can be purchased from the school shop). Please sew a nametape on near the end of the zip. The school laundry washes at 40 degrees and has to tumble dry everything. If clothes do not conform and need hand washing it will be your son's hand! The school also arranges for a dry cleaning service to collect jackets, trousers and specialist clothes.

## CHIT SYSTEM

We do have your interests at heart and do try to ensure that such a facility is not abused. As in any boarding school pupils are able to put certain items on the bill. On the academic front, books may only be purchased with a member of staff's signature. The School Shop/Games Shop sells uniform and games kit where boys' purchases require a signature from me or the House Tutor. The chit system also covers essential taxis, train tickets and theatre tickets. Essentials like toothpaste, shampoo etc. can be purchased at the school shop and put on the bill. There are also House Charges. This is a small sum which will go on the end of term bill and covers the cost of Newspapers, Break and Milk which are delivered to the House. This charge is divided equally among the number of pupils.

## PHONES

The main house phone number is **0117 3157 310**. My contact number is **0117 3157 311**. This rings in my study and has a voice mail. My email address is

**ao'sullivan@cliftoncollege.com** Please use these to phone or e-mail any concerns. As I am a full time member of staff you are most likely to catch me between 8 and 8.15 am and after 6.30 in the evening until 9.00 pm when the boys have finished prep and I am likely to busy with them. If you cannot get in touch with your son I will gladly ensure that a message to contact you

reaches him. (E-mail your son with a copy to Jane or me ensures that we remind him to contact you.)

House phone for pupils use. This is located in the basement and uses 0800 numbers and emergency 999 for outside calls. Pupils therefore need a charge card for outgoing calls. Incoming calls are on 0117 3157317. Please do not ring during Prep Time 7.30 – 9.00pm or after 10 pm when pupils have had their lights out.

However we find almost no one uses this phone as they all have mobile phones and emails.

### **POCKET MONEY**

I would advise approximately £10 per week as a more than adequate sum for Block 2 pupils for the whole term and a maximum of £20 per week for 6th form pupils. The House Tutor Mr. James Bull 0117 3157 312, runs a House Bank so that boys may withdraw their money as they need it. We recommend this system as it is not good for pupils to have money lying about the house and there is not much time to get to a Bank. Cheques should be payable to Moberlys House account. I feel giving your son access to too much money can have less than desirable consequences: however too little may cause problems. Younger boys have very little on which they need to spend money other than extra food and cinema tickets.

### **ROOMING**

I decide who shares with whom for the first term, based upon interests and academic choices. After that we may change everyone round each term, or leave things as they stand. Specific room-mate requests involve a little more negotiation! If there is a disastrous rooming situation we usually manage to sort it out between us. Unilateral decisions are not permitted! In the 3rd form if you would prefer your child NOT TO SLEEP ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR please advise us before the beginning of term.

### **FLEXI/DAY BOARDERS**

Day Boarders must advise me of their sleeping arrangements each day at lunch time call over. Then they must sign out before they go home. Failure to do this will result in a phone call to parents to find out where they are.

## HOUSE RULES (in no particular order)

- Common sense, truthfulness and courtesy prevail, but inevitably some things need to be spelt out.
- Rooms should be kept tidy, beds made and with nothing left on the floor.
- Posters, photos etc. only on the pin board provided (tasteful!)
- Personal kettles, toasters, heaters, electric blankets etc. NOT ALLOWED
- Bedtimes must be adhered to
- Timekeeping is essential and all deadlines must be kept.
- Silence during prep.
- Breaking out, smoking and drinking it goes without saying are FORBIDDEN.

Offenders are sent to the Deputy Headmaster.

- Music may be played but during prep and quiet hours headphones must be used.
- The door security code (pm only) is secret and must be divulged to no-one.
- All new pupils and Lower 6th pupils are photographed at the beginning of term for their new door entry cards. These are electronic and enable pupils to gain access to the house and to the class rooms, music school etc. It is important that pupils keep their cards safe and do not lend them to other pupils. Until the new pupils receive their door cards they will be given a code to press into the electronic entry machines.
- Security is important to the school and consequently those who leave doors ajar will be taken to task. There are cameras on the entrance doors and in the Moberly's Yard. There is a door bell on the Boys' Door but it does sometimes take time for it to be opened so pupils need to take responsibility for carrying their door cards with them safely
- All visitors, i.e. parents, siblings etc. must make contact with a member of the House staff on entering the House in the interest of security/privacy.
- Sisters/mothers visiting rooms whilst pupils are changing leads to embarrassment! We request they remain downstairs except at the beginning of term when helping with luggage.
- Pupils from other houses visiting their friends in Moberly's have to sign in and out. Girls do not venture beyond the House Hall.

## DISCIPLINE

Few boys complete their career at Clifton without some misdemeanour! For offences such as being late in (sometimes they are gated for this depending on the circumstances or put in detention) I would not normally contact you. But for more serious breaches of school rules (e.g. breaking bounds, drinking, smoking) I would discuss the matter with you. He would also be sent to the Deputy Head who would probably send you a letter about the matter. In all circumstances do not hesitate to contact me and remember you probably get a highly edited version of events from your son.

## ACADEMIC MATTERS

- a) If you have any minor queries about academic matters they should, in the first instance, be addressed to their tutor. For the Third Form this is Mr. Bull. Major issues should be referred to me and I will then discuss the matter with the Director of Studies.
- b) Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13) is known as Block 1. The 3rd , 4th, and 5th forms, Years 9, 10 and 11) are known as Block 2.
- c) For Block 2 only, every three weeks boys will be awarded grades between 1 (very poor) and 5 (excellent) for their effort in all subjects. Parents please ask your son for regular updates! The dates when they are awarded are in the school calendar – your son is given one or two of these and is asked specifically to send one home.
- d) All pupils have prep books in which they record the work they have to do, their grades for effort and any good or bad comments remarked upon by their teachers.
- e) At half term you will receive from School a progress report on your son.
- f) If at any stage your son decides that he is doing the wrong subjects I am here to advise him but I expect him to discuss the matter with you and seek your approval before I will sanction any drastic action.
- g) I complete your son's UCAS form (the current form for university entrance) and will give him guidance but he is expected to seek advice from his tutor, his academic staff, and the Head of University admissions, Mr. Greenbury. The whole system of university entrance has changed radically in the last few years so please make sure that any additional advice you seek is up to date.
- h) The more your son puts into his academic work and the life of boarding school the more he will be able to offer universities. The competition for places is getting more difficult as European students are now keen to come to the U.K.
- i) If you, or your son have thoughts about Oxbridge remember they basically need a set of GCSE 'A' grades with at least 6 stars. There are exceptions.

## MEDICAL MATTERS

From a practical view point, if your son has any medical condition I should know about I would be grateful to receive the details. Similarly, if he is a vegetarian or has an allergy. It is essential that the Health Centre know of any medical issues and they need to know the dates of his injections (The school has sent you a form for these). It is very important that we have this form when you son starts at Clifton.

Tetanus is particularly important in the hurly, burly of Clifton life. If a Full time Boarder he will spend most of the year at school so it is sensible if he transfers to the school doctor but this does not prevent him from seeing the family doctor in the holidays. A Day/Flexi Boarder can see the Medical Centre staff who will advise him if he should see his own doctor.

When your son feels unwell he should see Jane or Mrs. O'Sullivan/Tutor on Duty when Jane is off Duty. If he has a mild head or stomach ache he will be given some medication, if other symptoms he will be sent or taken to the Medical Centre to see the School Nurse, Mrs J. Blanning and her team and/or the School Doctor.

Boys are usually kept in the House in their own bed, unless the Health Centre staff feel isolation or 24 hour care would be more appropriate, in which case they will be admitted to the Medical Centre. If you live close we will ring you as you may wish to fetch him and have him at home. I do recommend the School Medical Insurance Scheme if you do not have one of your own. We are fortunate in being surrounded by consultants and it is much quicker to get X-rays etc. done locally and Physiotherapy if required (the NHS referral is very slow). Should anyone require a special diet please tell me as the catering manager is delighted to accommodate requests.

If your son is ill for more than 24 hours Jane or I will telephone/email you. We have so many 'bugs' and viruses it is not practical to contact you every time he has a headache or day in bed. If however you would like a more regular or instant communication please let me know. If you are worried, perhaps he has telephoned more than usual please do not hesitate to ring us. Jane's direct number is 0117 3157 313. Should he sustain an injury of any kind, of course we would inform you as soon as possible. We need therefore a contact telephone number at work and home, Email and a telephone number of a close relative etc. in case we are unable to contact you.

## SCHOOL MATTERS

a) Exeats will be granted. These should be planned well in advance. We need written confirmation by letter or email by the Wednesday before. This confirmation is needed from a parent, guardian, granny etc. Many parents, when and where they can, pop in on Sundays and take their starving children and friends home or out to lunch. This is fine so long as the boys tell the person on duty and sign out. Please do not hesitate to phone me to check on your son's arrangements for an Exeat.

b) An Email regarding your son's arrangements for flight times at Exeats, half terms and end of terms to Jane is most helpful so she can arrange taxis, coaches etc. Email address is [jgunn@cliftoncollege.com](mailto:jgunn@cliftoncollege.com). This is essential now due to Visas. Pupils who live outside the European Union need Visas and sadly in this suspicious world we have to know where these pupils are going to be when not at school. This means we need flight times and destinations direct from the guardian, or preferably the parents, in writing with their arrival times when they return to school (email to myself with a copy to Jane) at least two weeks prior to travel

c) Most written requests concerning your son are sent straight from the Head to me to deal with so for most ordinary things use me as your first point of contact.

A request not to attend Chapel on a Starred Sunday should be e-mailed to the Deputy Head [atebay@cliftoncollege.com](mailto:atebay@cliftoncollege.com) with a copy to me please. Starred Sundays occur usually twice a term and are a part of the traditional life of Clifton College. The choir sing at these Chapel services and the music is very much part of the wonderful musical and choral customs of this School

## **HOUSE STAFF**

Housemaster	<b><u>Alan O'Sullivan</u></b>
Housemaster's Wife	<b><u>Catherine O'Sullivan</u></b>
House Matron	<b><u>Jane Gunn</u></b>
Assistant Housemaster	<b><u>James Bull</u></b>

**3rd Form Tutor**                      **James Bull**                      **Business Studies**

### **Non Residential Tutors**

**4th Form Tutor**                      **Dominic Harris**                      **EAL**  
**Gary Catchpole**                      **Mathematics**

**5th Form Tutor**                      **Matthew Preston**                      **Physics**

**6th Form Tutors**                      **The Rev. Peter Hansell**                      **School Chaplin**  
**Dr. Chris Waller**                      **Languages.**  
**Dr. Tim Greene**                      **Chemistry (Deputy Head)**

Please do come and see us at any time. If there are any questions, no matter how small, just drop me an email or telephone me.

Parents who are bringing Third Form boys for Pre-Season Rugby training on Tuesday 2nd September (finishes at 3 pm) please feel free to come to Moberly's first, in order to leave suitcases etc. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of ability.

You may be interested in visiting the House Website which can be found on the upper school section of the college website via pastoral care and boarding house.

Here you will find an extensive photograph gallery and recent House Letters and various other pieces of information and interest. The Clifton College website gives information regarding Term and Exam dates, and in fact the whole term's calendar with parents' evenings, musical evenings and concerts plus all the sporting fixtures etc. There is also the Parents' Portal, so that school reports etc. can be accessed. A password will be required for this and will be issued to all new parents at the start of next term.

### **What to bring with you on the first day of term**

Please mark all clothes with stitched name tapes in the NECK and in the WAIST for trousers, track suit bottoms etc. Please do not mark shirts at the bottom. It is advisable to mark games kit on the outside as well so other pupils do not borrow your son's kit.

DUVET AND TWO COVERS (matching pillow cases are allowed)

The school provides pillow cases and pillows, bottom sheets and mattress covers.

TOWELS, 2 BATH SIZED AND 2 HAND, PLUS SWIMMING TOWEL.

Dressing gown (can be a towelling robe) and slippers/flip flops. Pyjamas,

Outdoor coat.

4 (strong) net bags for washing socks, pants and games socks, not smaller than 30 cm x 30 cm and name taped on the outside near the end of the zip. One net bag can be bigger in case some items ie T-shirts have lost their name tape.

Plastic mug, fork, spoon, knife, bowl and plate – all named

Plastic box with lid, for keeping cereal and plates etc. Ideal size is 35 cm wide x 45 cm long and 25 cm high - not bigger as this size fits nicely in the bottom of the wardrobe)

A second plastic box with lid to put dirty clothes in at the beginning and end of term. (These can be purchased from any supermarket and can be the same size as the food plastic box)

A third plastic box, not bigger than 45 cm x 35 cm x 15 cm high can be kept in the desk cupboard for tuck/grub etc. This cupboard needs a strong padlock (numbered) to keep pupils' valuables (and food) secure.

Sports equipment i.e. tennis, squash rackets

Desk Lamp - must be electrically sound and with bayonet fitting

Cash box - advise a spare key for matron to keep

20 minimum name tapes

Alarm clock for Third Formers

## **PERMITTED ITEMS BUT NOT ESSENTIAL**

SMALL SIZED computers, music playing equipment plus headphones, radios, mobile phones and hairdryers. These must be electrically sound and will be PAT tested annually. NO MINI FRIDGES

## **NOT ALLOWED**

Kitchen electricals. The House kitchens are equipped with cookers, microwaves, kettles, fridges and toasters.

## **CASUAL CLOTHES**

These can be worn at the end of the school day and at weekends. Storage space is adequate but not like home! Therefore please only bring a manageable amount of clothes and paraphernalia (not too many pairs of trainers!). Everything has to be taken home at the end of each term unless you live overseas, when it is packed up and placed in the Library for safekeeping.

If the item is very precious **LEAVE IT AT HOME**

**Alan O'Sullivan**

**June 2014**

## Map of the Clifton College Campus.



**This is where  
Moberly's  
House is  
located on  
campus.**

