



## **Sports Day 2026 - Welcome from Mr Shane Cloete, Director of Sport**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Clifton High School's Sports Days 2026 here at Coombe Dingle. This is always one of the highlights of our sporting calendar, and it is wonderful to come together to celebrate participation, House spirit and the excitement of competition. I hope you enjoy the day's atmosphere and take great pride in watching our pupils perform with determination and enthusiasm.

Over the past year, sport at Clifton High School has continued to grow from strength to strength. We have seen increasing levels of participation across all age groups, with pupils embracing opportunities to represent the School and challenge themselves both individually and as part of a team. Their performances have been impressive, but even more so has been their resilience, commitment and willingness to get involved.

***"It's not about the medal. It's about going out there and giving your best."***

***- Jessica Ennis-Hill***

Our inclusive and diverse sports programme remains at the heart of our ethos. We are committed to ensuring that every pupil, regardless of experience or ability, has the opportunity to take part and thrive. In athletics especially, success comes not only from individual effort on the track or field, but from the collective spirit of the team; supporting one another, celebrating each other's achievements, and proudly representing their House.

It has been a privilege to witness the progress of our pupils this year, and I am confident that today will showcase not only their athletic ability, but also their determination, teamwork and House pride.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all our staff, particularly our dedicated Sports staff, whose enthusiasm, organisation and drive make events like today possible. Their passion for sport and commitment to our pupils are at the heart of everything we do, and days like today are a direct reflection of their hard work and energy.

Finally, thank you to all parents and supporters for your continued encouragement. Your support plays a vital role in the success and enjoyment of our School's sport.

I wish you all a fantastic and memorable day.

**Mr Shane Cloete**

*Director of Sport*