



NEWSLETTER

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THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"The secret in education lies in respecting the student." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Parents/Carers,

Snow News is Good News (for some)

For a few minutes I was doubtless the most popular person in Clyst Vale with many students and possibly some of my colleagues. I don't like closing the College, and it weighs heavily on me, as students need their education, and I do appreciate the knock-on effects can be very difficult for families, especially with younger children. This is particularly bad when the weather comes in overnight, so the warning time is much reduced. On the other hand, I would never forgive myself if a student or car or bus had an accident. Today, the site was treacherous because of the ice, most CV coaches were not running, and there were significant numbers of staff missing, some of them key staff. Taking all these factors into account, I chose the safe course of action.

"Annie"

In terms of "news", this is my last chance to congratulate and thank everyone involved in the truly wonderful production of "Annie" at the Barnfield. There were four full houses, and two standing ovations, which says it all really. The credit goes to Miss Williams, the cast, orchestra and crew, and the amazing band of volunteers involved before and during the show. Incredible, and easy to forget that this was a school production, so high was the quality.

Apprenticeships

Year 10 had a useful and interesting assembly from the National Apprenticeship Service this week. Compared to even five years ago, apprenticeships are now a strong alternative pathway for young people. Unlike the traditional academic route (which is still a valid choice for many), apprenticeships are employer-led, paid, and attract no debt. The other key message was to "look behind the logo": in other words, retailers and fast-food outlets which have a very obvious brand image all have administrative teams, a finance department, HR, premises teams, and so on. Talking to Year 10 students afterwards, they particularly noted the range of companies offering apprenticeships and the range of apprenticeships themselves.

Staff Changes

This week we welcomed back Miss Ruscoe (Drama) from her maternity leave. Miss Ruscoe is working Monday to Wednesday, and the rest of her timetable will be covered by Mrs Ruskin, who is new to us but an experienced teacher of Drama and Head of Department in other Devon schools. This means that Mrs Bowring has left. As always, whether colleagues are coming or going, we wish them every success!

Year 11 Parents' Pre-Exam Information Evening, 5th February, 6.00 p.m.

Yes, this will be on next week, weather permitting! Year 11 parents/carers should have received a letter about this, going into more detail. In brief, it is an information evening, lasting around an hour, and will cover important issues relating to the conduct of the exams, regulations and "what ifs?"; there will also be information relating to revision and study support.

Year 9 Options Evening, Thursday 14th February, 4.30 p.m.

I am sure that Year 9 students and parents have this date firmly in their diaries/reminders, but just in case... This is another information evening, and is invariably packed. There will be two presentations at 4.30 and 6.00, and the opportunity to discuss courses with all GCSE and GCSE Equivalents teachers. I know that some children will have declared their ideal option choices in Year 7, but I would urge them to come along to challenge their thinking before finally deciding. For others, the issue is often deciding on four choices from five or six. GCSEs are challenging, so it is essential to make good choices based foremost on ability and enjoyment.

Principal in the Doghouse

In last week's Newsletter I had an aberration and described Fred, the understudy to the role of Sandy in "Annie" for two nights, as a spaniel. I must apologise to Fred, as anyone who saw the show will know that he is a border collie. This is particularly embarrassing as at different times I have owned both a collie and a spaniel. (More positively, Tally/Sandy fully recovered from her sudden illness and returned for both Saturday performances, and I have had the chance to mention Annie again). Never work with animals or children.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

REVISED TIMES FOR Y7, 9 and 10 PARENTS' EVENINGS

Times for these evenings have been amended.
Please see the Calendar page for details.

STUDENT ABSENCES YEARS 7 - 11

The number for absences is 01392 - 463911 or
email studentabsence@clystvale.org



LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Mon (A/B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
Mon	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	All Years – Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Year 10 & 11 – Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Mon	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Mon	Week A – ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Tue	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tue	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	Maths Rooms		All Maths except Dr Turl
Tue	Year 11 Top Set Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tue (A)	Assembly/Concert/Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
Tue (A) Tue (B)	Year 10/11 Food Practical Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3 IT4		Mrs Crook
Tue	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tue	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tue	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tue	Year 10, 11 & Post 16 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tue	All Years Dance	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Year 11 French GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolcott
Wed	Week A – General Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
Wed	Drug & Alcohol Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 12 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA4		Miss Prance/Dr Turl
Wed (A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wed (B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wed	Week B - ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Wed	Year 9 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed	KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Wed	Week A – Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Thur	Week B - Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Thur	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thur	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thur	Hula Hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Gillespie
Thur	Year 10 & 11 Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield

LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM continued

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Thur	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/ Mr Powell
Thur (A) Thur (B)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up Year 10 Food Practical	Lunchtime	IT4 DT3		Mrs Crook
Thur	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thur	KS4 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thur	Year 9 Netball Club	1.40pm	Netball Courts		Mrs Elliot
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	KS4 Photography Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Food Tech - Drop In Homework	1.40pm to 2.10pm	DT4		Mrs Routledge
Fri	GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Fri	GCSE Netball Practice	1.40pm	Netball Courts		Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Week A – Assembly/Concert/ Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Dance	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Fri	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/ Mr Powell

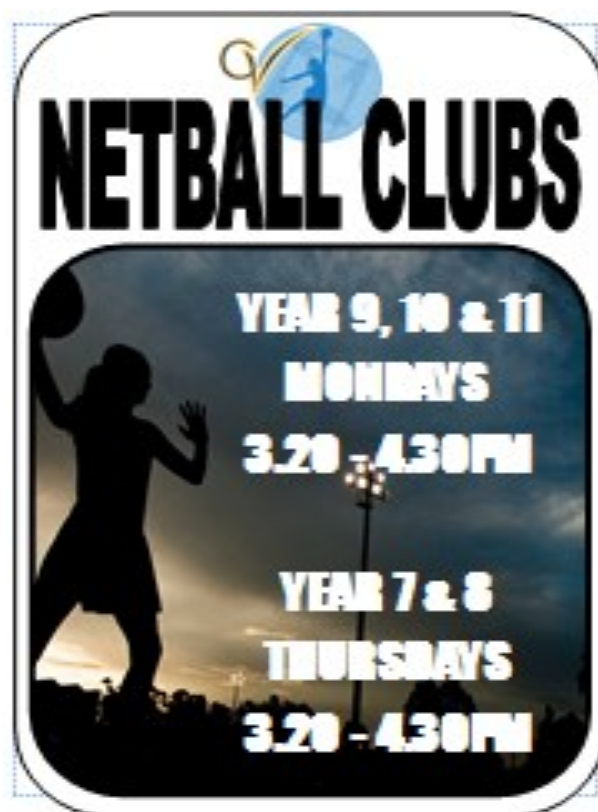
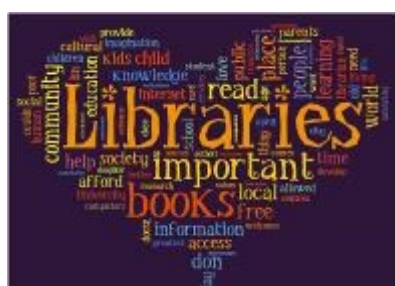
Library Opening Hours

From Monday 21st January, the library will be open from 8.45am - 3.45pm on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: The library will be closed every Tuesday and Thursday

The library is open to the public on:

- Monday & Wednesday - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Thursday 4.00pm - 6.00pm



CALENDAR DATES

SPRING TERM 2019	
Tues 5 Feb	Y11 Pre Exam Support Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Sat 9 - Sun 10 Feb	Ten Tors Practice/Bronze D of E Weekend
Thurs 14 Feb	Y9 Options Evening 4.30 - 6.30
Fri 15 Feb	Non-Uniform Day (Force)
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	SPRING HALF TERM
Thurs 28 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.00 *
Fri 8 March	Y9 BCG Vaccinations
Tues 12 March	Y10 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.00 *
Wed 20 - Fri 22 March	Y12 Geography Residential - Dorset
Fri 29 March	Take Your Child to Work Day
Thurs 4 April	PE Sports Awards Evening 6.00 - 9.00
Fri 5 April 2019	Non-Uniform Day (Guide Dogs for the Blind) LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
SUMMER TERM 2019	
Wed 24 April 2019	START OF SUMMER TERM
Sat 27 - Sun 28 April	Ten Tors Practice Weekend
Thurs 2 May	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.15 *
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30
Fri 10 - Sun 12 May	Ten Tors Main Event
Fri 24 May	Y11 and Y13 Study Leave Starts
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019	SUMMER HALF TERM
Wed 12 June	Y6 Non Feeder Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Fri 28 June	Y11 Prom 6.00 - 11.00
Mon 8 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Tues 9 July	Sports Day
Fri 12 July	Y12 Final Day
Mon 15 July - Fri 19 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Thurs 18 - Sun 21 July	Y12 Gold D of E Practice
Fri 19 July 2019	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

* Revised times

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

You need to let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs. If you do not notify the College, then you will be contacted to identify the reason for absence.

This will help to reduce unauthorised absences and truancy.

Please note, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if a student is absent from College due to illness.

For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please ring:

Penni Ball (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@clystvale.org

School Transport

1. Clyst Vale supports the (DCC) Devon County Council's "No Pass No Travel Scheme" that operates on transport to and from this College.
2. Only students who show a valid travel pass to the driver **on every journey** will be allowed to travel. Students must travel on the vehicle indicated on their pass.
3. **Please ensure that your child has their travel pass before they leave home every day.**
4. Please ensure that your child knows what to do in the event they are not allowed to travel or the bus does not arrive (e.g. because of breakdown or traffic conditions or severe weather). College attendance is very important and it is best to be prepared for any of these eventualities.
5. DCC will carry out regular pass checks throughout the year.
6. Drivers are not allowed to carry passengers who cannot show a valid pass.
7. If your child loses their pass during the day they should go to the AtHoS offices to ask for a 10 day temporary pass. Replacement passes cost £5 each and can be ordered online, or by sending a cheque with a replacement form.

Further information is available at: http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport



Do you use twitter? Then why not follow us @clystvale to find out what's going on in the College community.

COLLEGE DRESS

Clyst Vale aims to maintain a simple pattern of College dress to promote a clear sense of identity and enable students to come sensibly dressed, at reasonable cost, for a range of learning activities. If a student is improperly dressed, correct uniform will be provided for that day or the student may be sent home to change his/her clothing, at the discretion of the Principal. **If parents are in any doubt about the suitability of an item of uniform they should check with the College before buying it.**

Uniform for all students in Years 7 to 11

- White collared shirt
- School colour tie
- Clyst Vale V-neck jumper with College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- **All trousers must have Clyst Vale logo rivet on waistband.**
- Skirts - Blue Tartan.
- Trutex Senior stitched down/Taylor Tartan (blue) skirt and may be worn no more than 2" above the knee. Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Black sturdy shoes or **all black** trainers.
- White socks or black tights with skirts.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

All uniform and PE Kit can be purchased from Thomas Moore, Exeter. Thomas Moore offers both a personal service in their shop and also the opportunity to order on line at www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk.

- Eyebrow jewellery, facial, tongue, nose and lip studs are not permitted.
- Leather jackets, all denim garments and all hoodies are not permitted.
- Hats should not be worn indoors.
- Outer coats should be predominantly plain in colour and without large logos.
- A plain white t-shirt or vest may be worn under the shirt.
- On health and safety grounds, shoes should be appropriate for a work place. Flipflops, open toes, Uggs, Dr Martens (or equivalent) are not permitted.
- Jewellery may be worn, providing it is not excessive or potentially hazardous. However, it is a legal requirement that all jewellery must be removed before undertaking sporting activities. It is the responsibility of the wearer to do this.

The Principal, in consultation with the Governors of the College, will decide on the suitability of the appearance of a student attending the College - extreme hair styles, of either cut or colour, are not permitted.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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