



# NEWSLETTER

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*"One of the greatest joys known to man is to take a flight  
into ignorance in search of knowledge."*

Robert Lynd

Dear Parents/Carers,

## The 39 Steps...

..was one of the very best Clyst Vale productions in the last twenty years, especially for sheer entertainment value, and Miss Ruscoe, the cast and crew are to be congratulated for their amazing hard work and skill. I am a big fan of this particular play, which made me potentially more critical than usual, but in fact the three performances were so stunning that it made me even more appreciative of all the work that had gone into it and the ingenuity in incorporating all of the touches from the West End version, and more. Such are the standards set that the cast and crew told me about all the glitches, cover-ups and technical hitches but very little of this was noticeable and the pace, comic acting, outrageous comic acting, puns and pauses, slapstick, hilarious Scottish accents, and tremendous sustained characterisation far outweighed the hiccups. Anyway, many many thanks to all involved (including parents for the off-stage crises and taxi services !); you really brightened up the end of November for everyone who came along to see the show at the Cygnet Theatre (who were marvellous hosts by the way).

## Year 11 Mocks

These take place next week, and students have been prepared as well as we can in the crowded curriculum. Sticking with the drama theme, they are a bit like a rehearsal: the setting is the real exam room; there are other real features such as external invigilators; the exam papers are similar or the same in structure as they will be next May; the exam rules and regulations will be as "real". There will be opportunities for students to do exams if they have been ill, but it's such a packed programme that this may not be possible if there are two or three days' absence. When not in exams, students must go to their usual lesson in the usual room at that time. Depending on the number of students present and the amount of time left in a lesson, students are likely to be allowed to revise independently for their next exam; so, they should bring something to revise! (Towards the end of the exam week, when there are not many exams left, it is more likely that teachers will want to teach a normal lesson, especially if most of the group are there. Students should expect this, too).

## Computer Science GCSE

You'll possibly have seen in the media that this is a national mess. Briefly, Ofqual has found evidence that some of the tasks in the non-examined assessment of students' programming skills (worth 20% of the overall 9-1 grade), have been posted on online forums with detailed solutions, and they have been viewed thousands of times. As a result, Ofqual considers that exam boards are unable to ensure grades for this qualification next summer will accurately reflect the ability of all students. Ofqual is consulting on alternative assessment arrangements that would apply to students sitting exams in 2018 and 2019. At Clyst Vale, our Computing students have spent about eight hours of the twenty required (not including preparation time) on this task; other schools will have finished it, other schools will not have started it yet. So, Ofqual are in a difficult position: scrapping the assessment would be an advantage to students who haven't started it by gaining an extra 20 hours' teaching time; keeping it at 20% of the final mark is patently unfair; so the least worst, slightly unfair option would be to retain it as a requirement but not allocate any marks. Ofqual's consultation ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, and we will do what is necessary to not disadvantage our students.

## **Staff News**

Leaving today is Mrs Amanda Farr, who has been in Clyst Vale's Additional Support team as a teaching assistant since 2004. In that time she has worked with some of our most vulnerable children, and her calm personality has helped many young people with learning and social difficulties. In recent years, Mrs Farr has also been a co-tutor, meaning that she has been able to share these skills and qualities with a wider range of students, and her Year 11 tutor group will miss her. She leaves to become a self-employed carer of the elderly, and we wish her every success while thanking her for her many contributions to the College. Also leaving today (but not permanently) is Mrs Anne-Marie Broomfield, who starts her maternity leave; Mrs Broomfield is a very popular colleague and teacher, and everyone passes on their best wishes to her. Mrs Broomfield's replacement is Miss Sophie Shire, who has been in College this week for a handover and to meet classes.

## **Traffic News: road works, buses and lateness**


If you or your son/daughter come from Exeter or through Pinhoe, you have the delights of the roadworks at Westclyst. Most parents who drive have successfully managed to prise their children out of the bathroom or away from their breakfast a few minutes' early so that they are arriving at College on time. However, students who use the Stagecoach service really need to get an earlier bus. Almost every morning we have a stream of late arrivals. Clyst Vale starts for students at 08.50, and (just like the world of work, except without pay being docked) students should adjust their schedules to get to College on time. The little spate of poor behaviour on some buses seems to have passed: in reality, it is usually one or two students whose behaviour then gives the whole bus a bad name. So, if your son or daughter has particular concerns about the behaviour on a bus, please contact us; bus drivers don't see everything, and in any case should have their eyes on the road.

## **Year 10: University of York Research**

I would be immensely grateful if Year 10 parents could check their e-mails about this doctoral research and about forty of you get back to me.....all will become clear when you read the e-mail! Many thanks.

## **End of term: some dates and details**

The last day of term is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, which is not the same as Devon's (although some of our feeder Primary schools are in line with us). This will be a normal 3.20 finish following a whole-College assembly, although we would like to introduce a slightly earlier finish in a year's time. There is a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December not the last day of term (to allow for processing of monies). The Carol Service will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.00 pm, in St Mary's Church, Whimple. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> staff will wear Christmas jumpers for ELF (Exeter Leukaemia Fund) in memory of former colleague Kevin Birch's wife Shane, who died recently (this is a staff fund-raiser, but students and others are welcome to contribute).



**Dr Bawn**



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## YELLOW SCHOOL

7YRB	Holli Morley
7YKHO	Freya Butler
8YJPU	Lily Davey
8YMBR	Destiny Woodhouse
9YMM	Charlotte Lacey
9YZK	Brooklyn Roberti
10YSP	Abe Alabaidi
10YMHI	Ellie Backway
11YNS	Sam Darke
11YMPR	Gaby Dart

## RED SCHOOL

7REW	Evie Gilbert
7RTMA	Harvey Tarrant
8RCJ	Luana Dart
8RCM	Kayleigh Cutting
9RZB	Louie Gray
10RAR	Matt Wood
10RLA	Hannah Hewald
11RDH	Robert Clarke
11RGG	Braden van Wijk

## Ski Pila 2019

If your child is interested in being part of the next Ski Trip in 2019 they need to collect a letter from Mrs Woolcott or from the folder outside of the PE office.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70kms of pistes offering high altitude, snowsure skiing for everyone from complete beginners to those who have previously skied. The price will be **£969.00** which includes the following:

- Travel from College to resort and return journey (luxury 49 seater coach fitted with seat belts), plus ferry, together with use of coach whilst in resort
- Ski lessons (morning and afternoon for six days)
- Hire of skis, boots and poles
- Full area lift pass
- Full insurance (including 24 hour Medicare, ski breakage and snow guarantee)
- Full board accommodation, including hot lunch on the slopes
- Après-ski activities, such as ice-skating, tubing, ski test and Presentation Evening
- College ski hooded sweatshirt



Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.

# December Marketing Bulletin

Welcome to the December edition of your Marketing Bulletin. We're Caterlink, your schools' caterer. We want to let you know about the great offers, promotions, events and deals we have coming up this month - So, in December we have National Hot Chocolate Day, In season food here is Brussel sprouts and the long awaited Festive Period and all that goes with it.



## FESTIVE PERIOD

The very exciting, festive time of the year is upon us again. We at Caterlink are celebrating by providing lots of festive treats, everything from some exciting baguette and sandwich fillings and traditional Roast Turkey lunches or for those with less time, our Roast on the Go - turkey in a baguette packed with stuffing and cranberry sauce. For those with a sweet tooth, there will be lots to choose from.



Not only are Brussel sprouts a must at this time of the year, they are also our in season hero of the month - the Marmite of the vegetable world! They will be used in soups and slaws, savoury breads and even grated into cakes just like we would with carrots. Of course sprouts will be one of the main stars on the traditional roast day and lets not forget they are packed full of Vitamin C....

## BRUSSEL SPROUTS



**NATIONAL HOT CHOCOLATE DAY** will be "celebrated" and offering extra toppers, chocolate stirrers, biscuit fingers and much more, perfect to warm the pupils at the cold December break time.

# SPORTS NEWS



## RUGBY NEWS

### U16 Girls Rugby

#### Uffculme 5-0 Clyst Vale

The U16 girls put in an outstanding display of attitude and determination against Uffculme School on Wednesday. Despite losing by a try to nil, the girls' tackling and handling were nothing short of superb, in fading light and greasy conditions.



The U16 Girls Rugby Squad at Uffculme School for their recent fixture

Well done to all of the squad:

Fay Beer, Emily Blatchford, Rachel Champion, Lauren Elliot, Lauren Harker, Ebony Hayler, Becca Nisbet, Dulcie Sanders, Rhiannon Seaton, Marli Watkins, Nikita Watkins and Megan White.

### U12 Boys

#### Clyst Vale 15-20 Honiton

The Y7 boys registered another impressive performance against their Honiton counterparts and look in good shape ahead of the festival in a week's time. Clyst Vale led with three tries by Harvey Tarrant, however faded in the second half, despite playing down the slope! The boys must remember that they were playing against a side that almost make up the whole of the Honiton RFC club side that play together twice a week! The boys are always reminded to endeavour to play externally for a club as this will create a pathway for them to play this great game for a lifetime!

Well done to the squad:

Thomas Brooking, Felix Bilton, Niall Beuchler, Joe Fellows, Jake Leighton, Harrison Rees, Jed Wade, Ben Waycott, Jonny Baker, Josh Blatchford, Joe Clark, Oliver Clayton, Jamie Horwell, Sam Knee, Harvey Tarrant, Lorenzo Amatuzzo, Charlie Webb, Max Kerslake and Joe Pipe.

*Mr Pearce  
Teacher of PE*

## Lunch Clubs - Monday - Thursday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Netball (to start in a few weeks time)	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Needs
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Science Club - WEEK B	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	All Years Dance & Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Surgery - WEEK A (Starting after Half Term)	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt Ms Prance
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 8 & 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Girls Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

## Lunch Clubs - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield/ Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

## CALENDAR DATES

Mon 4th Dec - Fri 8th Dec	Y11 mocks/practice exams
Sat 9th Dec	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 2 Dartmoor
Tues 12th Dec	4.30pm Y8 Parents' Evening
Fri 15th Dec	Non Uniform Day - Alzheimer's Society
Mon 18th Dec	Y12 Geography Fieldwork Trip, Plymouth 7.00pm Carol Service - Whimple Parish Church
Thurs 21st Dec - 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Wed 3 Jan	First day back for students
Thur 11 Jan	Y10 Parents' Evening
Sat 13 - Sun 14 Jan	Ten Tors Overnight 1 Dartmoor
Mon 15 Jan	Y11 Photographs
Sat 20 - Sun 21 Jan	DofE Bronze Practice/Ten Tors Overnight 2, Dartmoor
Mon 22 - Fri 26 Jan	Y13 mocks/practice exams
Tues 23 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening
Tues 6 Feb	Y9 Options Evening
Fri 9 Feb	Non Uniform Day - MIND
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb	Spring Half Term (Ski Trip & Washington Trip)
Thurs 22 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 24 - Sun 25 Feb	Ten Tors Overnight 3, Dartmoor
Wed 28 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip, Swanage

## 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 your Assistant to Head of School (AtHoS) will contact you 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 contact the relevant AtHoS

Yellow School: Claire Turner (01392 463914; turnerc@clystvale.org)

Green School: Catherine Hellier (01392 463913; hellierc@clystvale.org)

Red School: Pam Grant (01392 463910; grantp@clystvale.org)

### For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington Post-16 PA

Direct line: 01392 462697

(answerphone available)

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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport)*



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## 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 School colour logo.
- Trousers should be plain, black, formal and full length. This means no jeans, leggings, chinos or any trousers with rivets or studs. Trousers must be worn on the waist.
- Skirts should be plain black, and may be worn just above the knee. Skirts must be A-line or straight, but not stretchy or “skater” style.
- Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Black sturdy shoes or all black trainers.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

**Main uniform, PE kit and reversible jacket can be purchased from Thomas Moore.**

- 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.**

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