

NEWSLETTER

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body "
Sir Richard Steele



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Dear Parents/Carers,

"Patience and Cowardice"

A couple of weeks ago, our thought for the week was George Jackson's "Patience has its limits. Take it too far, and it's cowardice". There are a couple of issues on which we have been very patient for a long time, but without any noticeable impact or improvement, and if we let them carry on into the next school year 2018-19, we could be accused of not addressing them. I refer to smartphones and College uniform. We are increasingly concerned about the impact of smartphones on learning, students' welfare, and behaviour; next week we will issue a very quick survey to gauge parents' opinion on three possible ways forward. The uniform issue is "waist down", ie skirts and trousers; colleagues are spending far too much time on these issues and interpretations of what is acceptable and what is not. We are currently investigating our options and will issue a proposal to parents before Easter, so that if we make changes there will be plenty of notice before buying uniform in the summer term or holiday.

Operation Encompass

Parents and carers you will receive a letter shortly explaining that Clyst Vale is now an "Operation Encompass" School, and very proud to be so. This is a Police-backed scheme whereby schools are notified of any domestic violence which might affect a child before the child gets to school in the morning. This is a brilliant initiative, as it can be extremely traumatic for a young person to turn up and go into lessons as if nothing has happened, or even worse get into an argument because they are upset and nobody knows why. Operation Encompass allows us to intercept the young person and support them appropriately, whether this is "business as usual" or time and space to think and talk..

The Battle of Boat

It's production time next month! The Battle of Boat may not be as well recognised as some musicals, but it's going to be another superb Clyst Vale show. It's set in World War I, appropriate as it's the 100th anniversary of that conflict ending; it involves strong themes of childhood including friendship, loyalty, finding your place in the world, and standing up to bullies; there are a range of songs, some beautifully poignant; it's described as "a courageous tale...heartwarming, funny, emotional and exciting, a true celebration of the steadfast British spirit that shone through during WW1". I was lucky enough to see Act One in rehearsal last week, and I'd vouch for that description. It has not been staged many times outside national theatres, so once again we're trailblazing. Put the date in your diary: Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th March (matinee *and* evening performances on Saturday), all performances at the Barnfield Theatre.

Year 9 Options Evening

The next big parents' event is the Year 9 Options Evening next Tuesday. There will be a talk outlining the process and the principles behind making a good choice at 4.30 pm, repeated at 6.00 pm. Representatives of all of the Options subjects will be present to discuss the different courses, assessment, skills and qualities required. For the early part of the evening, representatives of the Core subjects of English, Maths and B&V will also be present should parents have any queries. As I said last week, it is always helpful if students are able to attend: there is nothing we would say to a parent that we would not wish to say to a student.

Creative Subjects

There was a major news item this week about how Government policy promoting the EBacc and accountability changes emphasising "academic" subjects is driving creative and design subjects out of the curriculum. At Clyst Vale we believe in maintaining a broad curriculum, and continue to offer Art, Music, Drama, Food and Design Technology for all students in Years 7-9, and as GCSE options in Years 10 and 11. Numbers of students at GCSE vary from year to year, but there are no plans to cut creative or design subjects on a permanent basis. The BBC link is http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42862996

Funding: the "Worth Less?" Invoice

Also hitting the headlines in this week's national media were the "invoices" sent to Chancellor Philip Hammond on behalf of 32 local authorities; Devon Schools' was for £150m, which represents the shortfall in funding owed to us, compared to Westminster. The difference is stark. The age-weighted pupil unit (the amount of funding a school receives per pupil) in Hackney (lower than Westminster) will be £7840, but in Devon £4884. For a school the size of Clyst Vale, and not including Post-16, we would receive over £2.25m each year every year. This sort of funding could pay for twenty additional staff with plenty left over for equipment and refurbishment of key areas.

Safer Internet Day 6th Feb

Next Tuesday is Internet Safety Day, so we will be holding specially-themed assemblies and lessons in ICT. We had hoped to run special sessions with external input, but for reasons beyond our control our provider is not available until after Easter. In some ways, this does not matter – internet safety is an issue all year round, not just February.

Gurdwara Trip

I was very fortunate to accompany the Year 9 B&V visit to the Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Southall, London. Therefore, I saw at first hand the excellent organisation by Ms Brotherton, and how brilliant our students are when away from the College. Despite a 6 am start, the journey up was uneventful; the students observed all the expectations in the Gurdwara perfectly and respectfully, including eating the langar meal; many asked good questions of our tour guide; all were sensible and responsible in our brief time in Southall High Street to experience a multi-cultural environment very different to Devon; and although seemingly fuelled on sugar, the journey back was good, too. Thanks to Ms Brotherton, Ms Jenkins and Mrs Manaton for their skilful student management.

Sound of Sirens Singing Workshop

It was great to welcome back former student Abbe Martin, who sings in the band Sound of Sirens. Abbe led a singing workshop for particularly able singers, which went brilliantly and was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all involved. Abbe returns to run a second workshop after half-term.

Women into Science

We have invited Ed Horncastle of the Institute of Physics to run lunchtime sessions to encourage more able Year 9 girls into thinking about Science. Starting after half-term, Ed will be running one lunchtime session each half-term.

"Inherit the Truth"

Four Year 9 students Daisy, Lilly, Jack and Keera, accompanied by Mrs Padden and Miss Matthews, attended the Inherit the Truth recital at Exeter Cathedral yesterday, part of the city's commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Attendance letters

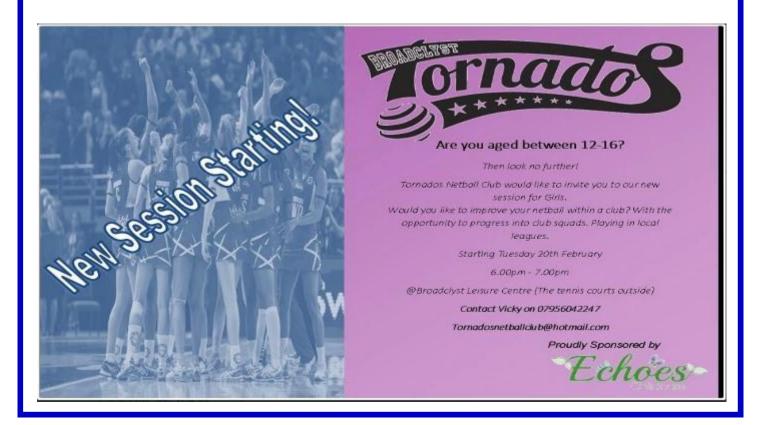
Recently, we sent out letters to parents of students with attendance below 90%. Although this is standard practice in most schools, and not a new thing at Clyst Vale, it caused some concerns. The basic principle is both common sense and evidenced statistically: there is a strong correlation between good attendance and good achievement; in other words, the more a child goes to school, the better they do, while students with low and patchy attendance fare worse. The position on attendance is reasonably straightforward; it is a performance indicator for schools, because schools are expected to encourage and if necessary enforce good attendance. "Good" attendance is not defined, but is universally recognised as 95% for both a whole school and an individual. Therefore, we will inform parents where attendance is below 90%, and have a conversation: in many cases there are genuine reasons for a temporary "blip" in attendance, in others we can offer support, and in a small number we will be advised by our Education Welfare Officer to follow the route of prosecution for non-attendance.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

I'm sure all parents and carers of Year 8 students upwards have been thinking, "where's the annual Kirkland Rowell parent survey?". It's on its way! For Year 7 and other new parents, we conduct a major independently assessed survey of our provision every Spring Term, and publish the results. It helps us in our self-evaluation and gives a good idea of parents' priorities. The exciting news is that unlike the reams of paper we used to send home by pupil post, we are experimenting with running the survey on line. A letter will go out next week, and the survey will be open from Monday 19th February until Friday 6th March.

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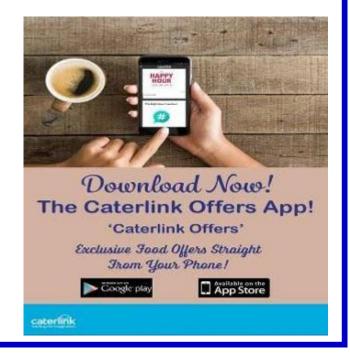
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL		
7REW	Joe Fellows	
7RTMA	Ruby Worlin	
8RCJ	Charlotte Pullybank	
8RCM	Amelie Isaac	
9RZB	Keera Stowe & Ellie Bradner	
10RAR	Nathan Squire	
10RLA	Tiff Bament	
11RDH	Ben Parker	
11RGG	Laura Sibley	

	YELLOW SCHOOL
7YRB	Joe Clark
7ҮКНО	Harrison Rees
8YMBR	Oliver Tydeman, Luke Williams, Harri Turner & Dom Boots-Hutchings
8YJPU	Emily Kellaway
9YMM	Lily MacPhee
9YZK	Courtney Jones, Daisy Norris & Lily Schamroth
10YMHI	Chris Harvey
10YSP	Tom Biden & Dylan Mizon
11YNS	Elsie Andrews
11YMPR	Ellen Blacker

GREEN SCHOOL		
7GGT	Jake Leighton	
8GHE	Eleanor Francis & Sophia Harris	
8GIM	Jesse Davey & Breanna Leach	
9GAO	Max Lockyer & Grace Jeffery	
10GABR	Jessie Narramore & Jacob Drinnan	
10GBA	Jack Lockett & Gabrielle Johnson	
11GSW	Lottie Gilmour & Taylor Davie	



SPORTS NEWS

U13 Boys Rugby Play Out Entertaining Draw with Haygrove School

Congratulations to the U13 rugby squad which played out a very entertaining 25-25 draw with Haygrove School, Bridgwater on Wednesday evening.

The lads, bolstered with students from both Year 7 and Year 9, played very well and with grit and determination in a high scoring game. Tries from Man of the Match, Tom Massey, skipper Dom Boots-Hutchings, Josh Worlin and Year 7 Harvey Tarrant put Clyst Vale in a strong position to win the game, however Haygrove pegged them back with late scores for a fair and deserved draw.



Congratulations to the squad: Dom Boots-Hutchings, Luke Williams, Jack Galliford, Josh Worlin, Tom Massey, Joe Tandy, Sheykie Campbell-Lowe, Harri Turner, Oliver Tydeman, Ed Sleep, Dylan Cadwallander, Charlie Blackburn, Tom Brooking, Joe Fellows and Harvey Tarrant.

Joe Blackburn (10GBA) represents Exeter Chiefs Academy U15's

Congratulations to Joe Blackburn who represented the Exeter Chiefs U15 Academy last Friday evening in a match against the Newport-Gwent Dragons. Joe played at Outside Centre for the game and thoroughly enjoyed his experience.



Pictures show Joe with team mates and playing. We wish Joe all of the very best for his future training and experiences.

Mr Mr Pearce Head of Green School Teacher of PE

Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	Teacher
				Rooms	
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Girls Netball - Year 8	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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	Battle of Boat cast rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
			IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm 1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		
Tues	Amnesty Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	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	эрог (3 пап	
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Sprenkel Miss Ruscoe
Tues Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
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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	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1	THE BIOCK	Miss Ruscoe
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	Lunchtime	MA4		Ms Prance/Miss Mann
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	Year 8 & Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
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Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Lunch Clubs - Thursday - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
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	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
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 Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime Lunchtime	VO2 Courts	New Block	Mrs Bennett/Ms Chandler Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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 Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 11 French Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Year 7 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

CALENDAR DATES

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
Tues 6 March	6.30 YR 8 Bude Information Evening
Thurs 8 - Mon 12 Mar	Y11 Core Mocks
Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar	Y10 Mocks
Fri 23 Mar	Non Uniform Day - Sport Relief
Thur 29 Mar	End of Spring term
Tues 17 Apr	Start of Summer Term
Sat 21 April - Sun 22 April	Ten Tors Overnight 4 - Dartmoor
Tues 24 April	4.30 Y7 Parents' Evening
Thurs 3 May	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 11 - Sun 13 May	Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor
Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Summer Half Term
Sat 9 - Sun 10 June	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition
Wed 13 June	5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening
Wed 27 June	7.00 Y13 Prom
Thurs 28 June - Sun 1 July	Y12 DofE Practice Gold Expedition - Dartmoor
Fri 29 June	7.00 Y11 Prom
Mon 9 July	6.00 New Intake Parents' Evening
Tues 10 July	Sports Day
Fri 13 July	Reserve Sports Day
Sun 15 - Wed 18 July	Y8 Bude Residential
Wed 18 July - Fri 20 July	Belgium Residential
Wed 18 July - Sun 22 July	Y13 DofE Gold Expedition - Brecon
Fri 20 July	Last day of Summer Term
Wed 5 Sept	First day back for students
Mon 22 Oct—Fri 26 Oct	Half term

CATERLINK

February Marketing

Hi we're Caterlink, your schools caterer. We want to share some of the great offers, promotions, events and deals we are having coming up this month - In February we have Chinese New Year, National Yorkshire Pudding Day, Pancake Day, Valentine's Day, Destination USA and your In Season Food Hero is... Bananas to support Fairtrade Fortnight!

CHINESE New Spear

Chinese New Year

This year Chinese New Year falls on Friday 16th February so we will be celebrating with an array of Asian inspired dishes. Chinese New Year aka the Spring Festival in modern China, will introduce traditional and non traditional food and recipes to pupils. Some of which will include: an array of noodles and fragrant flavoured rice dishes, an abundance of sweet and sour flavours and other regional dishes.



Food Hero Bananas

Not only are bananas full of potassium and fibre but they are also delicious! We will be using them in everything from desserts, to pancakes to smoothies and even to make fresh banana bread.



Pancake Day

Who doesn't love pancake day? We certainly do! To celebrate we will have a variety of sweet and savoury toppers such as lemon and sugar, fruits, honey, cheese and tomato, creamy mushrooms and many more that pupils may not have tried before.



Lovalty Gards

Hot meal loyalty cards are always available so that pupils can benefit from rewards and redeem a free hot meal.



National Yorkshire Pudding Day

Yorkshire Puddings have been around since 1737 so we have some traditional recipes and we have put our Caterlink twist on a few out of the box recipes such as the Yorkshire Burrito! Of course we have the classic toad in the hole and roasts as well as options for vegetarians so everyone can enjoy.



Destination USA

For Destination USA we have some recipes from across the pond for pupils to try. Some of these include buffalo wings, our Mac n Cheese concept, pumpkin pie and hot dog and burger bars.



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



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 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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