



NEWSLETTER

No. 510
w/c Tuesday 3 May 2016
will be Week B

“You can lean over backward so far that
you fall flat on your face “

Ben H Bagdikian

Dear Parents/Carers,

4x4

Last Friday at Silverstone our 4x4 teams Sector and Axzium performed well, and were a credit to themselves, their families and Clyst Vale. Team Sector finished third overall, and also achieved the Best Track Performance Award (our Clyst Vale team has won this three years in succession). Our students were gracious in defeat, recognising that the best team won on the day. It's also fair to say that the standard of engineering has gone up a notch, and it was bitter-sweet that many teams have adopted as standard some of the innovative technology our teams developed a year or two ago. However, it's too easy to focus on the competition: our teams, including the teachers, have demonstrated phenomenal commitment, teamwork, creativity, inventiveness, design and engineering ability. These are the skills which employers seek, and we already have evidence that 4x4 experience has been of benefit in securing a prestigious apprenticeship.

Sports Award Evening

The PE department will cover this in detail, but I would like to thank them for staging this annual event, and inviting Exeter Chiefs' full-back Phil Dollman as guest of honour. It was a great evening, celebrating the range of sporting talent we have within Clyst Vale. Unlike many club sports, we also have a duty to encourage and maximise participation alongside competition, so it is great to see how students who perhaps weren't "sporty" in Year 7 find their niche and progress significantly through the years. It is always good to hear the stories of top-level sportsmen and women; as with others, Phil Dollman started playing rugby at a very young age for fun, identified a talent, worked extremely hard to develop his game, took opportunities when he could, and never lost sight of his goal, even when suffering knock-backs or when injured. He also made the telling point that very few people make it into professional sport, so it is essential to achieve the best possible education alongside the sport.

Ten Tors

Ten Tors excitement is building towards next weekend's event. This year we have at least 27 students taking part in Ten Tors, in three Clyst Vale teams and in conjunction with two Scout teams (there may be more walking with other organisations, too). We have never had so many students participating in this challenge, which is wonderful, and huge thanks goes to Mr Eales and the members of staff and parents who support him in running the training events.

Rough Play

Sport is one thing, rough play is another. Every year, in the first few weeks of the summer term, we have issues with students, mostly but not entirely boys, mostly but not entirely in Years 7 and 8, playing too roughly. This includes over-aggressive hugging, pulling bags, overreaction when playing football and, in some years, games of “tag” or “bulldog”; this year it seems to be bulldog. My theory is that there are rhythms in the growing adolescent human which mean this sort of behaviour occurs every year, similar to skipping lambs or running rabbits. However, it has to stop as people can get hurt. We have issued reminders to students, intervene when rough play starts to happen, and would be grateful if this can also be mentioned at home.

Skirts

A quick Google search will reveal that skirt length is a big issue for schools around the world. Some have banned short skirts because they are distracting to male staff and male students; some because the schools consider short skirts to draw a lot of attention, be a safeguarding risk, and objectify girls; some because they are unflattering to larger girls! One or two schools have banned skirts altogether in favour of trousers. In each case, there has been a backlash on social and print media, often along the lines that a girl’s education is far more important than what she wears, and that girls are being victimised when they are sent home to change; in one part of New Zealand the debate has widened into one about whether males are sufficiently evolved or not and should be able to keep their minds on their work! Here at Clyst Vale, we always try to be sensible with sensitive issues: blanket bans only sometimes work and almost always create bad feeling. For me, the real issue is whether a skirt length is decent, dignified (in a school setting, including lots of stairs, and sometimes sitting on the floor) and suitable in the sense of fit, given that all girls are different. Our uniform rules are designed to achieve this, not deny individualism or set up petty battles. However, my colleagues and I would appreciate all the parental support possible in reinforcing the points about decency, dignity and suitability; this may not be book learning, but it is part of “education” and contributes to the stage in teenage development out of which young women come to realise what works and doesn’t work for them. And, yes, I am concerned that as the summer term warms up there will be too many skirts which may not be dignified or suitable, and I hope that common sense will prevail.

Considerate Parking

If you’re picking up students at the end of the day, please park considerately! There have been one or two grumbles from local residents about entrances being blocked, and parents (other than those of disabled students) should not use the staff car park; some members of staff, especially support staff, have to do their own school pick-up from other local schools!



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

10RTMa Millie Pascoe

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YPG Emily Dunn
 7YME Harrison Ware
 8YJC Abe Alabaidi
 8YJCO Sam Johnston
 9YMPr Harry Tandy
 10 YCJ Tia Humphreys
 11YJPU Tom Crees
 11YSP Megan Parsons & George Hosking

SILVER SCHOOL

7SAO James Readman
 10SDJ Paige Galliford

GREEN SCHOOL

7GAP Chloe Elliott & Sam Roberts
 8GABr Barnaby Bilton
 8GTGa Jack Lockett
 9GSW Anne Merel van der Giezen
 10GGT Jasmine Dolman
 11GIQ Nathan Elliott

CLEANERS WANTED

We are looking for two enthusiastic, permanent cleaners to join our site team. Experience is not essential, but you must have a can do attitude, be flexible and work well as part of a team.

Hours of work:

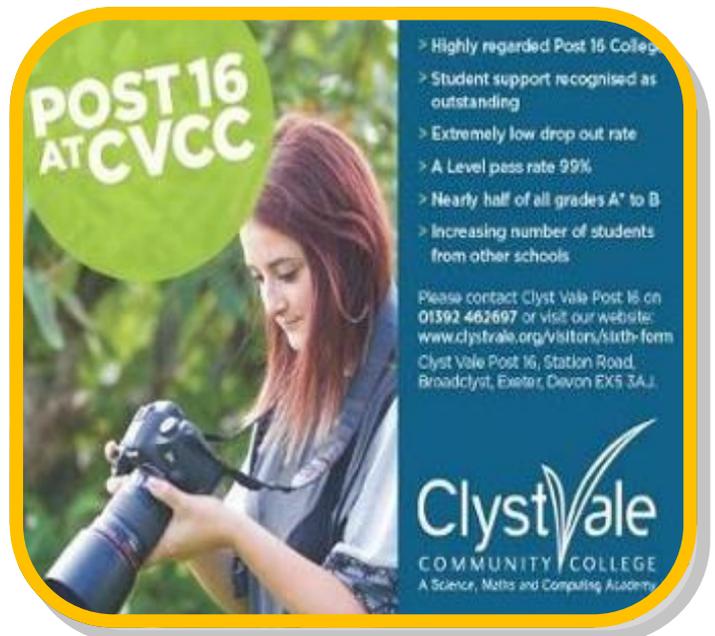
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Monday – Thursday 3.30 – 8.45 (including 15 minute break); Friday 3.30 – 6.45

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For more information and an application form please visit our website or contact Linda Smith (01392 463931/email smithl@clystvale.org).



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Ten Tors Challenge

Since last October a group of Year 9, 10 & 11 students have been training hard for this year's Ten Tors Challenge which takes place on Dartmoor on 7th and 8th May 2016. There are just a few days left before departing for Dartmoor and finding out which 35-mile route the Year 9 and 10's have been allocated and which 45-mile route the Year 11s have been given. It's the fifth year Clyst Vale has had teams in the Ten Tors event, and this year we have the highest number of students ever taking part. We wish all 27 of the students involved every success on their 35 and 45 mile routes around the hills and tors of Dartmoor. It will be possible to follow their progress around the routes on the Ten Tors website (www.tentors.org.uk/) using our team code which is 1234.



The last training weekend before the big event was 16th /17th April when, after meeting at College at 6am, the students set off walking from Okehampton Army camp at 7am. They had an amazing two days with almost perfect weather on Dartmoor with high visibility and sunshine though a chilly breeze. All the teams made it approximately two thirds of the way round their route on Day 1, including the amazing Year 11s who completed two thirds of their 45 mile route on the first day. Day 2 was an early start: up at 4:30am to start walking at 6am (just like the real thing!) and everyone would very likely have made it back to the finish had we not stopped them early to save their legs for the main event. So they are well prepared and ready for the challenge to come...



All the Ten Tors training events could not happen without the help and assistance of many volunteers, freely giving up their weekends to ensure the students are safe out on the moor in all the varied weather conditions. So a big thank you must go to those who helped this year: Graeme Robb and his daughter Jo, Mr Hewlett, Ms Barratt, Mrs Manaton, Mrs Sharkey, Simon Sanger-Anderson, & Cipri Gimbuta. We also need to give a big thank you to Year 13 students Alex, Etienne, Amalia and James who have also helped out this year. Many thanks to all of you for all your help, we couldn't have done it without you, it's most appreciated!



We would also like to wish all other Clyst Vale students participating in the Ten Tors challenge with other organisations like the Cadets, Explorers and others, every success too. We look forward to seeing many of them around the camp on the Friday as they attend the mandatory safety briefings, the scrutineering (kit check), and enjoying the atmosphere before embarking on the challenge at 7am on Saturday morning!

Chris Eales



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

History Department Holocaust Memorials

As part of our work in Year 9 our students study the Holocaust. The students were set a homework asking them to plan a suitable memorial to the victims of the genocide.

As in previous years we have had some remarkable work. Jonah Holding, Lizzie Anderson and Lily Collins (all from 9GSW) have produced work of an amazing standard. Jonah made a model of two hands covered in ashes. Lizzie made a model of two discarded shoes and Lily produced a garden with railway tracks and memorials to Jewish victims.

The work from all students has been impressive, and they all responded with a huge degree of compassion and empathy.



Mrs Padden

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

LUNCHTIME CLUBS Monday—Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Minecraft for Girls/IT Girls Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Mon	Music Club	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Art Club	1.30 - 2.15	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	B&V 'help clinic'	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Year 11 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8, MA5 & MA4		Miss Barrett/Mrs Adie & Mrs Prance
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Borny
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman/Miss McGinley
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 7 Tennis	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolacott
Mon	Dance (All Years)	1.35pm	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Mon	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Mon	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	IT Club/Robots	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Miss Borny
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Manaton
Tues	Basketball (Year 7, 8 & 9)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 7 - Year 11 Dance	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Mr Olde
Tues	Year 8 - 11 Tennis	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Courts	
Tues	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Gardening/Eco Club	1.40pm	SC7		Science Techs
Tues	Ten Tors (Year 9 and above)	Lunchtime	IT1		Mr Eales
Tues	B&V KS3 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	STEM (FULL)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Miss Borny
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Maths	Lunchtime	MA7		Miss Mann
Wed	Year 9 Maths	Lunchtime	MA6		Miss Gale
Wed	GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Miss Fraser-Roe
Wed	A Level Dance (Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Miss Arnold
Wed	Year 7 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 9 - Year 13 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett & Mr Powell
Wed	Yr 11 Controlled Assessment Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Wed	Yr 11 Controlled Assessment Catch Up - Child Dev	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	1.45pm to 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

LUNCHTIME CLUBS Thursday—Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Athletics	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett & Mr Olde
Thurs	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Thurs	Games Club (Year 7 & 8)	1.25pm to 2pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Thurs	B&V Revision (Year 11)	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Miss Borny
Thurs	Year 8 & 9 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	Sports Hall	Mrs Elliot & Mrs Bennett
Thurs	Year 10, 11 & Post 16 Weights	1.35pm		Dance Studio	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Revision	1.35pm	PE5		Miss Garman
Thurs	STEM (Full)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Thurs	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Thurs	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Staff IT Club/IT HW Help	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Art Club	1.30pm to 2.15pm	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Fri	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Various	Sports Hall	Mr Everett/Miss Garman/ Mr Powell/Miss McGinley
Fri	Year 10 v Year 11 v Year 12 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	Yr 11 Controlled Assessment Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Fri	Yr 11 Controlled Assessment Catch Up - Child Dev	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Fri	B&V KS4 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	B&V Revision	1.30pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
	Games club will recommence after the Year 11's have left				

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

Silver School: Julia Knowles (01392 463906; knowlesj@clystvale.org)
 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

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, around knee length and certainly no more than 10cm higher than the centre of 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 can be purchased from SWI online shop or Thomas Moore.

PE kit is only available from SWI online shop.

The reversible jacket is only available 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.

CALENDAR DATES

2015-16

Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 3rd May	Year 7 Parents' Evening	4.30pm
Fri 6th-Sun 8th May	Ten Tors Main Event	
Monday 16th May	GCSEs/GCEs commence	
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Summer Half Term	
Monday 6th June	First day back	
Thursday 9th June	Year 8 Parents' Evening	4.30pm
Wednesday 15th June	Non-feeder schools' Parents' Evening	
Mon 20th-Fri 24th June	Year 10 Mock Exam week	
Wednesday 29th June	GCSEs/GCEs finish	
Wednesday 29th June	Sports Day/Festival on the Field	
Friday 1st July	Deep Learning Day	
Friday 1st July	Year 11 Prom	
Tuesday 5th July	Reserve Sports Day	
Wed 6th-Fri 8th July	New Intake Days	
Monday 11th July	New Intake Parents' Evening	6.00pm
Mon 11th-Tues 12th July	Year 9 Belgium Trip	
Mon 11th-Fri 15th July	Year 10 Work Experience Week	
Friday 15th July	Post 18 Preparation Day	
Friday 15th July	Non-uniform Day: Poltimore House/Urafiki/Kenya	
Sun 17th-Wed 20th July	Year 8 Bude Residential	
Monday 18th July	College Awards Evening (tbc)	
Mon 18th-Tues 19th July	Post-16 Taster Days	
Wednesday 20th July	Last day of Summer Term	

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