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# NEWSLETTER

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"Take care of your body. It's the only one you have to live in."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 7 Parents' Evening.**

Thank you to Year 7 parents for an excellent attendance at last night's Parents Evening: 83% of students were represented. It was a very positive evening: not a surprise, as Year 7 have settled very well, and the vast majority are both working well and displaying very good attitudes and behaviour. Clearly, "Year 7" is made up of 150+ individual young people, and the evening also provided an opportunity for dialogue about the minority who have found it harder to settle or are experiencing difficulties. Personally, I had a great time: I spent the whole evening in the middle of the Hall meeting almost all of the parents of my Year 7 group, who were just as delightful as their children!

### **Parent Group Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Another reminder that the next PG meeting is next Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30 pm, in Post-16. The presentation is on Drugs Awareness, led by Dave Walter (Policeman and Governor), with a short business agenda. Please come along: the group is rapidly transitioning away from a stereotypical "PTFA", and is at an exciting turning-point.

### **Ten Tors**

Elsewhere on this Newsletter you'll see an article from Chris Eales, our Ten Tors Manager (and full-time ICT Technician). I completely support his best wishes for all of our students participating this year, whether through other organisations or in the CVCC teams. Quite rightly, he praises and thanks colleagues, parents and volunteers for their support – this is a great example of the Clyst Vale community working together. One name is missing, though: Chris Eales himself. The amount of time he invests, voluntarily, to run Ten Tors practice weekends including the transport, staffing, routes, and checkpoints is phenomenal. While the students are on the moor next weekend, he will be camping at Okehampton (from Thursday to Sunday). Chris thanked a lot of people; a lot of people have cause to thank him!

### **Exams**

Although the formal exams are still over a week away, the exam season has in effect started. This week there were GCSE French oral exams; next week there are some BTecs, GCSE Spanish orals and A-level Art and Photography. Every student is different, of course, and has a different exam timetable according to their subjects. However, it is a challenging time, with a fine balance between working hard, careful planning, breaks, and getting sufficient, good quality sleep (much underrated). Please let us know if you have any concerns about your son or daughter.

## Early Lunches during Exams

We're still receiving queries about this, so please excuse me mentioning it again. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June inclusive, lunchtime will be from 12.25 (after lesson 3) until 13.10 (when there will be afternoon registration followed by *two* lessons).

## Rights Respecting School

This very important initiative continues to roll along, and we will be assessed for the Silver Award in July. However, RRS is far more important than just the award, and we anticipate it will take 3-5 years to embed fully. A key part of RRS is "student voice", which includes student councils and consultation, but also student contributions to other organisations. Last week I mentioned our students who contributed to a CAMHS consultation about BAME students and mental health. I was delighted to receive this from CAMHS: "Thank you so much for letting us come along and run these workshops at your school. The students that have participated have been a real joy to work with. They have shared the most enlightening and inspiring stories and I feel that I have learned a great deal during my time with them. They have engaged enthusiastically in the activities we have done and have been willing to discuss the issues that have arisen with honesty, intelligence and sensitivity. They have been supportive of each other and of us as trainers...". In a related development, a group of Year 8 students received some specialist guidance from Virgin Care in being mental health ambassadors, and are in the process of visiting our local Primaries to make a presentation to pupils about well-being.

## Rough Play

It's that time of the year again. It's mostly Year 7s with some Year 8s, and it's mostly boys. The onset of Spring and early summer makes some students run around more, push and pull more, and play roughly. It's rarely bullying, and most of the rough play is within friendship groups or extended friendship groups. It's a fine balance: we have some of the finest school fields in Devon, and we encourage students to get fresh air and run around as part of the contribution to their well-being. On the other hand, we simply cannot have students getting injured because of boisterous behaviour. Clearly, we will give strong messages in school; please reinforce them at home.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

## Year 11 Prom

This event is being held at Reed Hall, University of Exeter on Friday 28th June 2019. The ticket cost is £29.50 which includes a mocktail on arrival, a food and sweet buffet, disco and photographs. Payment can be made online through the Schoolcomms online payment system – [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) - which can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>.

**Payment must be made by Friday 24th May 2019.**

We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30 pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00 pm. The evening will finish at 11.00 pm and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter.

**Miss Prunty**



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Joseph Rees-Lee
7YMPR	Harrison James
8YRB	Mia Rice
8YKHO	Kayleigh Martin
9YMBR	Caleb Smith
9YJPU	Emilie Atwell
10YMM	Connor Brooks
10YZK	Jay Arthurs
11YMHI	Rhiannon Seaton, Holly Browning & Tamzin Street
11YSP	Brandon Pym & Freya Harris

## RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Keon Byrne
7RHCH	Tabitha McLennan
8RHC	Sophie Pepper
8RTMA	Ruben Muscatt
9RCJ	Oscar Bowden
9RCM	Will Jermey
10RZB	Ellie Bradner

## GREEN SCHOOL

7GSW	Michael White
7GTB	Adam Cross & Chloe Turner
8GDJ	Fraser Brown & Ruby Davison
9GHE	Ryan Sherwood
9GIM	Libby Hallett & Natalia Hannaford
11GBA	Josh Askew & Molly Munro
11GBAR	Taila Howe & Barnaby Bilton

**NETBALL CLUBS**

YEAR 9, 10 & 11  
MONDAYS  
3.20 - 4.30PM

YEAR 7 & 8  
THURSDAYS  
3.20 - 4.30PM

## Ten Tors Challenge 2019

Since last November a group of approximately 30 Year 9 & 10 students have been training hard for this year's Ten Tors Challenge which takes place on Dartmoor 11th and 12th May 2019. There's just a few days left before departing for Dartmoor and finding out which 35-mile route the teams have been allocated. It's the eighth year Clyst Vale has had teams in the Ten Tors event, and we wish all of the students taking part every success on their 35 mile routes around the hills and tors of Dartmoor. It will be possible to follow their progress around the route on the Ten Tors website ([www.tentors.org.uk/](http://www.tentors.org.uk/)) using our team code which is 1234. Depending on the variable mobile signal on Dartmoor, we also hope to keep our Twitter page @CVCCOutdoors up to date too...



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 were safe out on the moor in all the varied weather conditions. So a big thankyou must go to those that helped this year. In no particular order: Graeme Robb, Cathy and Jamie Horwell; Year 11 students Mattie, Rosie, Gabe, Laurie, Tom, Benedict, along with Harry Price, Dan Wollen, Ciprian Gimbuta, Mr Hewlett, Miss Watt, Miss Barratt and Simon Sanger-Anderson. Many thanks to all of you for all your help, we couldn't have done it without you so no matter how big or small your contribution, it's most appreciated! A further thanks to Cathy for running a mock scrutineering (kit check) session on a recent Friday night so the students know what to expect on the Friday of the main Ten Tors event.

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. Look forward to seeing many of them around the Army 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 Saturday morning!

**Mr Chris Eales**





# Ski Italia

2021



If your child is interested in being part of the next **Ski Trip in 2021**, they need to collect a letter from Dr Turl or Mrs Elliot.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70km of pistes, offering high-altitude snow-sure skiing for everyone, from complete beginners to those who have skied at a high level. The price will be **£1029.00** which includes the following:

- Travel, from Clyst Vale to resort, and return journey (luxury 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
- Clyst Vale ski hooded sweatshirt

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



## 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 let the College know, 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](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [barringtonj@clystvale.org](mailto:barringtonj@clystvale.org)



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

### CHARITY FACTS... TO BE PROUD OF

Since 2011 (8 years ago) we have raised **£29,901.11** for charity

..... helping 48 different charities

This academic year (so far), we have raised these amounts:



Harry Patch Day £112.77



Devon Air Ambulance Trust  
(Charity Collection Box) £4.57



Royal British Legion £367.95



Young Minds £406.80



Force Cancer £402.27



Guide Dogs for the Blind £412.27

**Total so far..... £2,486.63**

### **Library Opening Hours**

The library is open from 8.45am - 3.45pm on Mon, Wed & Fri.

PLEASE NOTE: The library will be closed every Tues and Thurs

The library is open to the public on:

- Mon & Wed - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

- Thurs 4.00pm - 6.00pm



# CALENDAR DATES

<b>SUMMER TERM 2019</b>	
Thurs 2 May	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.15
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 6.30
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

## 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)*

## 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](http://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.

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