



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week A

"You never know what you can do till you try"

Early 19th Century Proverb

Dear Parents/Carers

Students and staff return to College on Wednesday, 4th January 2017.
It will be Week A on the timetable!

Season's Greetings

This is the last Newsletter of 2016, and on behalf of my colleagues I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support throughout the year. We would also like to wish you a very pleasant holiday, and a happy and successful New Year.

Carol Service, Wednesday 14th December, 7.00pm

As usual, this was a delightful evening; one parent described it is a calm spot in the mad rush of Christmas materialism. Huge thanks to Miss Williams, Mr Green, Mr Colin, Miss Ruscoe and Mrs Sprenkel for their organisation and preparing of the students, and in Miss Williams' case for performing on three different keyboards, almost but not quite at the same time! Thanks to the Revd Chris Martin for hosting us once again at Whimple Parish Church, and to the PTFA and Mrs Crook for providing probably the best mince pies and mulled wine of the whole Christmas period. For me, the biggest thanks goes to the students who played, sang and/or read; they were just fantastic. It is one of my annual pleasures to admire the talent of our students, and to see each passing year how they have grown in confidence and skill. In addition, the camaraderie and mutual support among the performers is powerful: the support and friendships across the year groups are a great example of the "verticality" we seek to achieve at Clyst Vale.

Character Education

Parents will remember that during last year we were involved in a local collaboration to develop character education. We have maintained key aspects of this Building Character programme, and I had the pleasure of presenting £5 gift cards to one student from each tutor group recommended by their tutor for showing strong character traits. These traits include resilience, community spirit, leadership and "curiosity" (both learning and open-mindedness). Typically, the students were positive, enthusiastic members of their tutor groups, always prepared to take part, support others, and be excellent role-models to others; many also take part in other activities in College and outside. You will find the list overleaf in this Newsletter.

Internet Safety

As Christmas approaches, many students will be receiving new and exciting internet enabled devices, phones, tablets, laptops, computers and some perhaps less obvious ones like smart TVs, smart watches and games consoles. Being aware and promoting an ongoing dialogue within your family is the best possible way for you to keep your child or children safe. With that in mind here is a link to a quick list of useful resources for parents, aimed at ensuring you've the necessary knowledge to help keep your child or children safe - [How Safe Are You Online](#). This leaflet can also be accessed on our website via the Parents tab at the top of the homepage.

Uniform Push

If you'll be hitting the January sales with school uniform on your list, please check the rules on this Newsletter or in the planner first! And a brief reminder that in January we will be having a clamp down on uniform; the particular issues at the moment are facial piercings (especially nose studs), and hoodies. There are a few shoe infringements too, but experience suggests this will be better after the holiday. As I say repeatedly, the majority of students are absolutely fine, thanks in part to parental support, so much of the attention will be on persistent offenders.

Government Announcement Regarding Fairer Funding

This has been a major news item this week, although it is in fact the announcement of a consultation rather than any definite change. You might think that because Devon's children are each funded at £290 below the national average, we might have some good financial news. However, under the proposals, Clyst Vale would be one of 24 Devon secondary schools to lose funding, over £60,000 in fact. There is little we can do at the moment, as Parliament is in recess, but in the Spring Term I will give some guidance as to how parents can respond to the consultation and/or write to their local MP if they would like to do so.

Staff Changes

Leaving at the end of this term are the following colleagues: Mrs Rachel Leverton (Geography) has a new post from January in her home town of Bude, and leaves us after ten years at Clyst Vale. Mrs Leverton has been an extremely popular tutor and teacher, contributing greatly to the continuing success of Geography during her time with us. After fifteen years in Finance, originally with our Community Education Department and since 2004 in the main College, Mrs Wendy Bowen is leaving to a post at West Hill Primary School. Mrs Bowen has been Senior Finance Officer for several years, and her calm, thorough efficiency has made her invaluable behind-the-scenes. Mr Kevin Fearon is retiring after nineteen years in charge of the Hearing Support Centre, which he helped establish in 1997. The HSC has been an integral part of Clyst Vale, and has done much to promote inclusion and improved teaching practices; under Mr Fearon's management, he and his team have encouraged hearing-impaired students to make excellent progress. We thank all three for their commitment and contribution over the years, and wish them the very best for the next stage in their lives.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Dr Bawn

Character Education Awards

Clyst Vale is continuing the work that we began last year on the Building Character programme and wish to recognise the strengths demonstrated by students in one or more of the key strands of Resilience, Community, Leadership and Curiosity that underpin the project.

The following students were nominated by their tutors to receive the award this term.

Red School

Luana Dart, Will Jermey, Adi Whiteman, Lucie Halliwell, Robin Tooze, Dylan Pengilly, Ella Bibby and Holly Daniels

Silver School

Archie Andrews, Grace Jeffery, Adam Wallace, Harri Lawrence, Zac Miles, John Thurley and Jess Pascoe

Yellow School

Max Walker, Ben Folland, Rachel Davey, Laura Goss, Hebe Poole, Molly Dart and Maisie Bailey

Green School

Lara Gimbuta, Alfie Woodger, Charlie Blackburn, Tom Doherty, Katie Rigler, Ollie Manning and Coral Woodstock



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Lily Davey
8YME	Daisy Norris
8YMM	Jake van de Burgt
9YSP	Rachel Champion & Abe Alabaidi
9YJCO	Ellie Backway
10YMPR	Nieve Taylor
10YCW	Harry Price

RED SCHOOL	
7RCM	Adam Large
7RKC	William Franchi
8RZB	Lucy Reed

SILVER SCHOOL	
11SDJ	Amelia Hopkinson
11SSG	Lucy Pullen

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby Report

Year 9 Boys:

Exmouth 14-45 CVCC

The Under 14 squad found the going tough away to Exmouth in the return fixture. A tight first half ended with Clyst Vale 14-12 down at the break, with tries from Joe Blackburn and Charlie Sparkes, and conversions from Harrison Tarrant. Zack Killian tackled well, and there were also great performances from Joe Blackburn, Fred Worth and Ben Parsons along with Josh Urwin Barrett and Edwin Choi on the wings.

The squad: Ben Parsons ©, Joe Blackburn, Josh Bradley, Fred Worth, Charlie Roberts, Harrison Tarrant, Charlie Sparkes, Barnaby Bilton, Zack Killian, Abe Alabaidi, Fin Potter, Alex Rogers, Damien Beattie, Brad Maunder, Andy Dodd, Josh Urwin-Barrett, Harlan Nicholas and Ty Pardew.

Year 7 Boys:

St James' 15-15 CVCC

St Luke's 20-15 CVCC

Fifteen boys travelled to St Luke's on Thursday evening to take on both St James' and St Luke's in a round robin competition of eight-a-side. The boys were magnificent, racing into leads in both games, through tries from Captain Dom Boots-Hutchings, Harri Turner, Harrison Coles and wing Will Franchi.

Notable performances came from AJ Medcraft with his quick feet, Joe Tandy for some evasive running, Harrison Coles for some bulldozing runs and Josh Worlin for his bravery.

Well done to the squad: Dom Boots-Hutchings ©, AJ Medcraft, Oliver Tydeman, Sam Walters, Tom Lockett, Remi Morcrette, Josh Worlin, Harrison Coles, Joe Whitton, Jack Galliford, Will Franchi, Finley King, Luca Assante, Joseph Tandy and Harri Turner.

Mr Pearce

Personal Possessions

A reminder that students and parents are responsible for their own personal property and possessions while on school premises or engaged in school activities. We strongly discourage students from bringing high value items to school, and if they are brought in it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that they are kept safe.

In the event of any item becoming damaged, lost or stolen, Clyst Vale will not accept liability for such property and possessions or accept any responsibility for their recovery or replacement in the case of loss, theft or damage.



Robotics Workshop

On 23 November we were fortunate to have representatives from the organisation '2.times do' in College to work with 30 of our Year 9 students. These workshops have been funded through the East Devon Science project which has been designed to promote STEM subjects and encourage students to start considering career options.

Maddy Knight (9JCO) has written an account which demonstrates the value of having specialist equipment in school which otherwise the students would not be able to access.

The day started by building a chassis with our chosen partners, which would eventually become our robots. After we had finished building we connected raspberry pis to the computers to program our robots. To get our heads around the advanced electrical software we did a few programming starters. This was fun because we could make our robot do lots of things like make it go round in circles, go backwards, change the speed, or anything else you wanted to do.



For the last hour we attached an ultrasonic sensor to our robot, so it could sense if it was going to hit something. We then programmed the robot to, if it sensed a chosen distance, go backwards and turn around. I really enjoyed the day, it was a really unique and enjoyable experience and can't wait for more days like this!

The students had a really valuable experience and hopefully will be inspired to consider computing in the future.

Mrs Bennett

Red School Unsung Heroes Christmas 2016



Well done to all in Red School for their efforts for the College. We are blessed with some great students, especially our conscientious, caring and creative unsung heroes. As a thank you, a small party was held which included a quiz and party nibbles. A fun time was had by all including Mrs Albutt and Mrs Grant.



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

Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Choir	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	GCSE PE Workshop/Revision	1.40pm to 2.15pm	PE5		Miss Garman
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm			Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett
Tues	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision (AFTER XMAS)	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 7 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Wed	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thurs	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Lunch Clubs—Fri

Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/ Mrs Elliot/Miss Garman
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Games Club - Year 7	1.30pm - 2.00 pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

CALENDAR DATES

Wed 4th January 2017	Start of Spring Term 2017
Sat 14th & Sun 15th January	Ten Tors 3 rd Walk/short overnight
24th January	4.30 – 7.00 Y11 Parents' Evening
Sat 28th & Sun 29th January	Ten Tors 1 st overnigher
Mon 30th January - Fri 3rd February	Geography Lake District Trip
Tues 7th February	4.30 Y9 Options Evening
Fri 10th February	Non Uniform Day
Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February	Half Term & Ski Trip
Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week



Public Consultation

School Admission Arrangements for state-funded schools and Education Travel Arrangements and Relevant Area for Admissions

consultation open from 1 November 2016 to 6 January 2017

You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council and by academy, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools in Devon** which are their own admission authorities.

**and the following academies in Plymouth: Oreston Community Academy, Old Priory Junior Academy, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery and in Torbay: All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, St Marychurch CofE Primary, Upton St James CofE Primary

To view the proposals, please visit:
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019
for a paper version.

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

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

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 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.

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