



# NEWSLETTER

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Week B

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"...often, stepping outside your comfort zone is not careless irresponsibility, but a necessary act of obedience."* Andy Stanley

Dear Parents and Carers

### Covid Update

- The number of positive cases per day reached the mid-60s this week, although has now come down a bit; eight staff were also absent, now seven. I consulted Public Health Devon, and the advice is that there is no need to introduce any additional measures, just do our utmost to observe the usual "Plan A" protections.. That said, we are still strongly recommending masks in communal areas and corridors, and on transport. In addition to masks, this means:
- If students have covid symptoms (cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell, not cold symptoms) do not come in, go and get a PCR test.
- If it's a positive LFT, isolate for 5 days and come back as soon as there are two successive negative results.
- Test twice-weekly. Or daily, if you know your child is a close contact, or someone else in your house has covid. Please use TestRegister.
- Students must hand sanitise every lesson, whether or not a teacher reminds them.
- Tables will be wiped every lesson. This is being done well.
- Classrooms should be ventilated. Again, we're all in this together so students can remind staff.
- We passed our 400<sup>th</sup> student case last weekend, and are rapidly approaching the point at which 50% of students have had covid since September. I suppose this is doing wonders for herd immunity, but at times it feels like we're in a giant children's chicken pox party of the past.
- Our experience supports the experts' view that most cases are mild or asymptomatic, children are ill for a day or two and bounce back quickly. Most are back on Day Six, although others require the full ten-day isolation. However, even five days' absence is disruptive to learning, despite Teams. For a small number of students, symptoms persist and they feel below par for some time, including long covid. For some families, a covid case can be highly disruptive depending on parents' work, or upcoming medical appointments, or if family members are clinically extremely vulnerable. If a covid case is having these sorts of impacts on your child, please let us know.

### HPV and Covid Vaccinations: Urgent and Important

- You will have received a separate letter about this, sent yesterday (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>). The letter contains links to provide parental consent. There are TWO vaccinations: one is the HPV vaccine for Year 9 students which protects against cervical and other cancers; the second is the covid vaccination. This can be a first or a second vaccination, and is available to everyone aged between 12 and 15. I am very sorry about the short notice – consents close on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at midnight – as it's partly our fault: due to other major events we couldn't accommodate the NHS's suggested dates and were surprised to be offered one quite so early. (And although much of the practical concerns about

vaccines has reduced, I would like to reassure parents that students will not be vaccinated against their will or in defiance of parental wishes; if there is the slightest doubt, no vaccination will take place. As I said before, not that easy to take out a vaccination once it's gone in.)

## **Cultural Fortnight**

- There has been some great work, awareness-raising and thought provoked in the first week of the fortnight. There are brief discussion items and information in registration, including explaining what "culture" is and mental health. Our LGBT group organised a lunchtime session designing pride flags, with the discussion as important as the activity. In many lessons there is a "fact of the day" related to equality and diversity, which prompts discussion, and in other lessons the subject or topic lends itself to a focused activity relating to culture. Yesterday lunchtime there were well-being activities in the Hall, which will be repeated next week. Recognising and appreciating different cultures in a positive way is fundamental in modern Britain, as well as being a key part of our College ethos, so thank you to all my colleagues and to students for taking part so responsibly.

## **Exams and Assessments**

Little new to report, but a reminder.

- Year 13 have done their mocks this week, and Year 12s entered for AS have done a controlled assessment in class. These assessments will be used in a Teacher Assessed Grade folder of evidence IF summer exams are cancelled.
- Year 11 will do a series of practice exams in all subjects in March, week beginning 7<sup>th</sup>. This will feel very much like "mock exams", and students should prepare as such. Again, if the summer exams were to be cancelled, these exam papers will be used. If the summer exams aren't cancelled, then the exams will be a useful experience and practice before the real thing.
- Year 13 and Year 12 will also have a series of exams/assessments respectively, starting on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Similar to Year 11, the assessments would be used for a TAG folder, but if not exam practice is valuable.
- Next week Ofqual, who run exams in England, will be putting out "advance information" about the summer exams. We are not expecting any drastic reduction of what needs to be covered and revised by students, but any guidance on revision or topic lists would of course be helpful. This will be factored in by teachers and communicated to students. Watch this space.
- Otherwise, the clear intention of government is that summer exams will go ahead. A bit like my covid comments above, this will be fine and fair for the vast majority nationally; but there will be some students caught in the cross-fire (even some schools) who have been particularly badly battered by covid and lockdowns.

## **Head Students Meet the Catering Manager**

- Sounds a bit like those spoof Enid Blytons, "Five Go to Brexit Island", but in fact this was a really good meeting and a sign that we are building back student voice after a couple of difficult years. The Head Students had questions raised by their tutor captain teams and other students, which they put to Daniel Thompson, the new Catering Manager. As a result, there will be some more vegetarian and vegan options appearing in the canteen, better publication of menus (when received from Caterlink Central Office), pilots of soup and tea, and better separation of pizza slices. There have been Chinese, Italian and Lebanese menus to support Cultural Fortnight. And all food except some frozen products is locally sourced.

## **"Make Your Mark 2022"**

- Mentioning Student Voice, "Make Your Mark" is an annual vote on the most important issues to young people, to inform the work of national and local Youth Parliaments. For the past two years we have been proud that one CVCC student was in the National Youth Parliament, and three others with Devon, although their term of office was affected by covid. All students have a chance to vote, which will take place on Monday. The issues are covid recovery, improved climate and mental health education, environmental issues, health and wellbeing, "jobs, money, homes and opportunities". Our rights and democracy, and ending child poverty.

## National Apprenticeship Week

- This week is National Apprenticeship Week, although our focus on it will be next week as there is a lot on !
- We have been asked to send parents, carers and students in Years 11-13 a letter from Alex Burghart, Minister for Skills, about the opportunities and benefits apprenticeships can bring to young people. The intention of the letters is to encourage students and parents to consider apprenticeships when they are thinking about career choices. This should be coming out on Monday.
- You may find the following government website of interest: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/naw-2022#>

## Staff Changes

- Today we say goodbye to Mareena Anderson-Thorne, who in her five years at Clyst Vale has held several important support staff roles. Mareena was my PA for a year (and survived...), and most recently has been our HR officer. She moves on to a role within the Fire Service, and we wish her every success.

## Online Safety Newsletter

- You will find this month's newsletter with this Newsletter. On-line issues and developments are constantly changing, so we hope that you find it accessible and useful.

## Stan Hacking, BEM.

- Older readers of the Newsletter and music lovers will be sorry to learn that Stan Hacking has passed away aged 86...Stan is best known in Devon for his Concert Band, which has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity. The Band will continue to perform under his name. Prior to this, after a 22-year career in the Royal Marines, Stan became a peripatetic music teacher, and conducted various ensembles including the East Devon Concert Band and the Devon Youth Wind Orchestra.
- Perhaps less well known is that Stan Hacking has a deserved place in Clyst Vale's history. Around 1970 he formed the Clyst Vale Big Band, which included adults from the community, teaching staff and students. One of the mainstays of the Band was Alan Hempstead, who was Clyst Vale's music teacher at the time, so there were firm links to the College, as well as providing rehearsal space. Some Clyst Vale Band members were as young as the second and third form (Year 8 and 9 nowadays), and the average age of the Band at performances was often below 25. Rehearsals were on Sundays, the Band typically numbered 40, and performances were at charity gigs and other schools. The Clyst Vale Big Band also cut a record, "recorded in the main hall of the Community College in the heatwave of June & July 1976", which raised funds for Vbranch House. These were the great days of community education in Devon, and it is clear that Stan Hacking contributed enormously to this, and provided fantastic opportunities for the-then students of Clyst Vale.

It's been great to have some dry, clear weather this week with a promise of Spring, which always has a calming effect. Lunchtime duty on the field yesterday was really quite pleasant. Long may it continue !



Kevin Bawn  
Principal

## Badminton: Clyst Vale vs Tiverton

Another super evening of badminton on Wednesday night as Clyst Vale hosted a strong Tiverton side. The sports hall was full of eager and talented players from the Y12 first team, right through to year 7s playing in their first match. With a few absences due to illness, substitutes stepped up and played their part. In Key Stage three Archie captained a side growing in confidence and starting to find the corners of the court. His second was Will, with Alex and Joe B showing some deft touches in their doubles. Aidan led the second squad and managed to beat the Tiverton number one player who was a couple of years older!

Nidal, JT and Jacob all played very well as a team, mixing power with drop shots and disguise. The Key Stage 3 girls were captained by the accomplished Bethan who used her fast whipping arm to great affect with her clears and smashes. Sophia and Lucy played keenly as a doubles and Sophia also battled hard in the singles. Holly, Esmae and Ameera showed what great all round athletes they are, playing singles and doubles against much older students and gaining a huge amount from the experience.

The older girls had a side decimated with illness but both Katie and Lily threw themselves into the matches with great determination. A strong pairing for the future without doubt.

The older boys suffered a shock early on with Marlon picking up a match finishing injury. Fortunately, the team rallied with Finn, Will and Harry showing the power we have come to expect.

The highest ranked four were a fearsome Rhys, Michael, Tom and Ben. Faultless in their matches Tiverton had no answer to the power, finesse, guile and movement on court. From Tom and Ben's effortless doubles play to the domination on court by Rhys and Michael, it made the other players stop and watch. A brilliant evening of competition with superb students.



*The Year 11 Boys*

Mr J Powell

Head of PE

## Post-16 Football: Clyst Vale vs Kings

On a fine, still and beautiful Wednesday afternoon at Dog Village, Clyst Vale Post 16 met Kings Post 16 in a thrilling end-to-end game. With the Clyst Vale players admiring the great view across the airport as the whistle blew, they saw themselves one nil down in the 1st minute! A long ball over the top of Adam caught him off-guard and his clearance fell at the feet of the Kings striker, who slotted it home for 1-0.

After settling into the game, Clyst Vale had some nice passages of play down the right-hand side of the pitch with Liam, Elijah and Will causing trouble for the Kings defence with their 2-touch passing. On 30 minutes Clyst Vale conceded a second goal: with some poor marking and defensive play from the Clyst Vale midfield, the Kings midfielders proceeded towards goal without a challenge. A Kings midfielder unleashed a long range shot from 25 yards that caught the stranded Luke and sailed over the top of the keeper into the goal. Clyst Vale came back with a bit more fight, Sam finding space and making some darting runs, with the substitute Max getting in behind the defence.

At half time Kings led 2-0. Clyst Vale discussed tactics and came back out for the second half with a more structured style of play.

On 48 minutes the new game plan landed them a goal. Some great passes from the back that linked through the midfield and a ball played over the heads of the Kings back line. Excellent pressure from Liam and Max enabled them to nick the ball from the nervous and undecisive centre backs. The ball was played into Max who, cool as a cucumber, slotted it past the on-rushing goalkeeper and into the far corner. Max's lucky boots strike again!

On 52 minutes Kings struck again to make it 3-1. After a mistake and some miscommunication at the back the ball fell back to the Kings striker to shoot again. Tom recovered well and managed to clear the ball from the line—but only to another Kings player who had an open goal to score. Kings with a very attacking approach created more chances but didn't manage to extend their lead thanks to some great defending from Rob and his back 4. Luke's great saves kept the score at 3-1 but despite their best efforts, Clyst Vale couldn't reduce the deficit and the game ended 3-1.

A great match had by all with some outstanding passages of play, last ditch challenging and a great touch from the ref. Kings might be looking for a return leg!

Excellent effort and manners from all the Clyst Vale players who were a credit to the school. Well done.

**Dom Stapleton**

Teacher of PE



### Lost Property

If your child has lost something, please ensure they have checked Lost Property (located outside the Heads of School Offices) before Friday 18th February 2022.

All unclaimed Lost Property will be donated to charity on Friday 18th February 2022. Thank you.

**Sharon Down—Resources Assistant**



# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 BTEC/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Fitness	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battisill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh Award	1.30pm – 2.10pm	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Post 16 Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Ms Wat/Mrs Battisill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday Week A	IGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 10 Film Club	Lunchtime	IT4		Kate Jones
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Rosslyn Park 7s	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimble
Thursday	Vogloh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

• Colour coded refers to Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh only

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sat 5 February & Sun 6 February	DofE Overnight 2: Bronze All day
Sat 5 February	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Thurs 17 February	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Mon 21 – Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM
Fri 25 February	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Tues 1 March— Thurs 3 March	Y11 Food Practical Exams
w/b Mon 7 March	Y11 GCSE Assessment Week
w/b Mon 7 January	Week 2: Cultural Fortnight
Sat 12 March	DofE/Ten Tors Overnight 3
Sun 13 March	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Mon 14 & Tue 15 March	Further Y11 GCSE Assessment
Thur 17, Fri 18, Mon 21 & Tue 22 March	Y13 Assessments
Sun 20 March	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Wed 23 - Fri 25 March	Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s Tournament
Fri 25 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sat 26 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sun 27 March	Production: rehearsal in school Half day
Mon 28 March	Production: technical rehearsal & evening dress
Mon 28 March	Production: remaining cast to join rehearsal
Tues 29 March - Fri 01 April	Legally Blonde - Musical Production
Tues 05 April	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Wed 06 April - Wed 20 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

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# ***STUDENTS OF THE WEEK***



## **GREEN SCHOOL**

<b>7GCMC</b>	Samuel Hunter
<b>8GABR</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>9GAW</b>	Alice Davis
<b>9GBA</b>	Archie Walters
<b>10GHE</b>	Isla Cowie
<b>10GSW</b>	Freddie Fenner
<b>11GGT</b>	Libby Pearson
<b>11GMN</b>	No permission to publish name

## **RED SCHOOL**

<b>7RBAT</b>	Luca Batchelor
<b>7RZB</b>	Lily Nash
<b>9RMAH</b>	Finley Hopper
<b>11RSS</b>	Neve Hart

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

<b>7YTZI</b>	Sophia Blum
<b>8YPNE</b>	Rhys Williams
<b>8YSSC</b>	Eddie Marshall
<b>9YDST</b>	Lilyanna Ward
<b>10YMPr</b>	Harrison James
<b>11YRB</b>	Maddie Forty
<b>11YCW</b>	Amelia Boyden



## **Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence**

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps 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.

### **Medical Appointments**

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

### **For Years 7 - 11 Absences**

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

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

### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring Maria Murch on 01392 462697

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

copying in: [haynesc@clystvale.org](mailto:haynesc@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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts - Blue Tartan and knee length
- 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.
- 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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