



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work." William Arthur Ward

Dear Parents and Carers,

The First Week Back

- The first week back has gone well. We could have done without three wet lunchtimes, but students have generally returned well and adapted to their rapidly altered sleep patterns successfully..... Thank you to parents for your help and support, and in terms of encouraging punctuality and proper uniform. We have held assemblies every day to spell out our expectations, and of course 80-85% of students meet them by being on time, properly equipped, ready to learn, prepared to let others learn, with good friendship groups, and a generally positive attitude.

The Second Week Back

- Next week we have Year 11 assessments each day. In the increasingly extremely unlikely event that exams are cancelled in the summer, these will be used for Teacher Assessed Grades (as will Year 12 and 13's later in March). This affects everyone to an extent: the Hall is out of action, so next week's assemblies will be in the Sports Hall; students need to be quiet and sensible crossing the playground during lesson changeovers, as exams are also in Additional Support. The windows work drags on, affected by manufacturers' supply issues; next week there will be some room changes in Science. And we will continue gently and firmly to maintain our standards and expectations.

Attendance

- This is still unfortunately causing a bit of friction with a small number of families. If a child does not have a valid reason for non-attendance, the absence is not authorised. If the absence meets certain thresholds, warning letters will be sent, and eventually the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) is involved. Support can be offered at any stage if there are genuine reasons. The bottom line is that students do not succeed academically or developmentally if they do not attend school.

Ukraine Invasion

- Wars and international conflicts are always tricky for young people, parents and teachers. The Gulf Wars involved UK forces, and created a lot of racial issues around Muslims and certain nationalities. The Serbian Civil War and the current conflict in Ukraine are in Europe, which feels close to home even if 1600 miles away. Media and social media coverage is everywhere.
- A school's role is to try to educate students about the conflict: understanding the background doesn't make the conflict any better, but knowledge is important and can reduce worry. Reducing students' anxiety is a school's second big priority, although of course students range from highly anxious to not at all. We have provided assemblies and tutor activities to address some of the issues, with more to follow; that said, there is a fine balance between saying too much and too little. That's partly why I am sending out links, and a copy of the First News special issue to students about Ukraine (First News is an on-line and hard copy news magazine for children, particularly 10-14 or 150).
- There is also a strong need to remind students about misinformation and disinformation. This a standard feature in modern schools anyway, covered in many curriculum areas at different times, but especially important now. What is reliable information? Which sources can be trusted? How can you check evidence? Don't believe the first thing you see on social media. As I said, these are lessons for life, not just in desperate times of war.
- There is also the sense of wanting to help, which is often strong in the secondary school-aged child. Miss Watt and the student Amnesty group are surveying all students to see what they think. The survey isn't complete yet, but it's looking like students would like a special "Ukraine Day" on perhaps 16th March with non-uniform and fund-raising. I will confirm next week. Clearly, our focus will be very much on the humanitarian aspects of the conflict, especially the impact on children.
- There is also good advice on the internet for parents about discussing Ukraine with their children. Here are two examples from the BBC:

[How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine: tips for parents and carers - Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

Camps International: Cambodia Scuba Expedition 2023

- Once again we are delighted to be working with Camps International, now that international travel is possible. These trips include a degree of challenge, practical charity work, sight-seeing, and a specific activity (scuba in this case). Parents of students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have received an email from Miss Govier this week, containing details of the Camps International Scuba Expedition to Cambodia that she is coordinating for summer 2023. Students in these years will attend launch assemblies in the week beginning 14th March and parents are invited to a presentation at Clyst Vale on Wednesday 23rd March at 6.30pm.
- If you need any more information about the Parents' Presentation evening, please contact Miss Govier (govierg@clystvale.org). However, any questions about the trip itself – please bring these with you to the information evening on 23rd March! Thank you.

Covid Testing

- Please note that schools are no longer receiving consignments of LFD tests for students. We have issued all of the tests provided to us a school, and can't order more (unless advised to do so by a director of public health in the event of an outbreak). However, **families and colleagues can still order free lateral flow tests [here](#)**. These are posted direct to you at home and you may make one request per 72 hour period.

Covid Reminders: Please Read !

-and explain to your young people.
- In simple terms, it's easy to think covid is over. It's not. Many restrictions have been lifted, but not all, and we are still expected to be cautious and sensible and not do things to spread the virus. This is now individuals' responsibility not the government.
- The guidance for schools is here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057106/220224_Schools_guidance.pdf
- And here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>
- Although there is no legal obligation to self isolate if positive or with covid symptoms, that is exactly what public health advice is to do. From a school perspective, please follow public health advice !
- In College we continue to encourage hand sanitising and table wiping, plus ventilation. CO2 monitors mean that in most rooms we can ventilate without the rooms freezing, so coats are no longer automatically permitted.
- Students are muddled about the one-way system. There isn't one, it's gone, over, EXCEPT for going in and out of Humanities, and in and out of English. This is no longer due to covid (although it helps) but to reduce student crowding and make for better starts to lessons.

Mock Interviews Request- Friday 18th March. Can you help? Do you work in HR?

- From Mrs Bennett: We are pleased to be running our Deep Learning Day with Year 10 students again this year - 'Employability and Careers'. This will take place on Friday 18th March. As part of this day we will be running mock interviews with the students in small groups. We have invited a number of local employers into school and would be keen to know if there are any parents with experience of interviewing who would be able to come into school for an hour or two on that day. Full details will be provided about what it would involve. If you are able to help please email Miss Knowles: knowlesj@clystvale.org

News of former students

- Very pleased to hear from Gemma Olive, who graduated in September at St Albans cathedral ! Gemma also won a prestigious award for her extensive extra-curricular work. Even more impressive, Gemma was given a Dean's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Culture, and Outstanding Contribution to the School of Humanities for her work as School Community Organiser. When at CVCC, Gemma was highly committed to student groups and extra-curricular (especially the shows), so it is great that this has continued.

DfE Impartiality guidance

- This came out just before half-term. I felt a bit sorry for the DfE: while it is very important to present controversial issues neutrally and non-politically, this was almost immediately overtaken by events in Ukraine. Anyway, the guidance doesn't include any new statutory requirements, and is based on legal duties on political impartiality which have been in place for many years. Neither does it limit the range of issues schools can and do teach about. In fact, as a RRS, we welcome it: it has never been more important to discuss current events as now. Young people are *exposed to a swirl of misinformation and toxic stories online. Schools like ours provide a safe space in which young people can examine and understand controversial issues. Also, cause and effect of RRS, my colleagues are really good at managing these discussions*".

Let's Talk Teenagers Project.

- This is a project run by Safer Devon funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Safer Devon Partnership, South Devon and Dartmoor CSP and Teignbridge Council for voluntary Service. It is “to empower parents, guardians and grandparents to support their teenager through the challenges they are being faced with every day. We are delivering three 90 minutes twilight Microsoft Teams sessions on consecutive weeks throughout March, which will give parents tips on how to support and talk to their teenager about issues such as healthy relationships, substance misuse, exploitation and safety online. Parenting and supporting teenagers is really tough.”
- Please see the poster elsewhere in the Newsletter. Sessions start on 8th March ! Visit devon.cc/teenagers to find out more about each session and book your free place. We are really excited about this project that is being

On-Line Safety Newsletter

Given some of the issues above, perhaps this shouldn't be the last item.....Anyway, please find attached the latest monthly edition of the on-line safety newsletter for parents.

Best wishes as always,

Kevin Bawn

Principal

Success for Sam

Post 16 student Sam Mills continued his superb athletics season with a win at the home of cross country - Parliament Hill in London last Sunday. Racing in the U17 English National Cross Country Championships he coped with the muddy terrain to pull clear of a strong field and win his first national title. The title and trophy has been previously won by the likes of Dave Brailsford and Sir Mo Farah, so Sam is joining athletics royalty. If you would like to see the race follow the link below and spin forward to 1hr 17 for the start of the U17's 2022 Saucony English National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill - YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=o2aBmp88bzig>)



Mr J Powell

CVCC Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following position within Clyst Vale:

Finance Assistant

Full details, including information about how to apply, can be found on our website:



www.clystvale.org/vacancies

LET'S TALK TEENAGERS



Dates:

- Tuesday 8 March
- Tuesday 15 March
- Tuesday 22 March

Free support sessions for parents and carers



Have you got teenagers? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, and find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running twilight sessions throughout March, covering topics such as:

- drugs and alcohol
- body image
- sexuality
- mental health
- social risks
- peer pressure



Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm



Visit devon.cc/teenagers to find out more about each session and book your free place.

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 Watt/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 | LGBTQ + Group | 1.40pm | MT1 | | 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 Zimber |
| Thursday | Yogioh 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 |

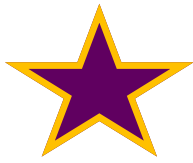
• Colour coded refers to Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh only

CALENDAR DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
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| 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 rehearsal (principals only) 9am - 10pm |
| Mon 28 March | Production: remaining cast to join rehearsal 5.30pm -10pm |
| 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 |

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





STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

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| 7GCMC | Edward Lilley |
| 7GIM | No Permission to Publish |
| 8GABr | No Permission to Publish |
| 8GDH | Dan Culshaw |
| 9GAW | No Permission to Publish |
| 10GSW | James Guerin |
| 11GMN | Cody Crew |

RED SCHOOL

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| 7RBAT | Kate Dearden-Watts |
| 7RHSP | Edward White |
| 8RSGA | No Permission to Publish |
| 8RZB | George Russell |
| 9RAO | Isaac Bowden |
| 9RMAH | Daisy Mitchell |
| 10RER | Ella Channon |
| 10RGG | No Permission to Publish |
| 11RSS | No Permission to Publish |
| 11RTMA | Evie Lunn |

YELLOW SCHOOL

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| 7YTZI | Miley Arthurs |
| 7YMBr | No Permission to Publish |
| 8YPN | William Stone |
| 8YSSC | Bryn Matthews |
| 9YDS | Charlie Ebdon |
| 9YSP | Lily Payne |
| 10YMPPr | Finn Duffy |
| 10YNS | No Permission to Publish |
| 11YRB | No Permission to Publish |
| 11YCW | No Permission to Publish |

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

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Maria Murch on 01392 462697

Email: murchm@clystvale.org

copying in: 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

- 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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