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NEWSLETTER

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery."

James Joyce

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Last night was generally very positive, and a big thank you to parents for your attendance. There was a good atmosphere, and teachers reported that it was a valuable evening. Year 12 as a cohort settled well into A-level, and continue to display a positive attitude. A-levels are challenging, though, and there is plenty of work ahead. Their end of year exams will be at the end of June.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

The questionnaire results from the parents evening are presented here, and are very heartening, with all indicators over 90% positive. 93 questionnaires were completed, which is a very good return, so many thanks for doing this ! One interesting analysis is across time. For example, dealing with bullying is regarded below as positive, as it has been at other parents' evenings this year, and this has improved overall over the last three years. On the other hand, homework consistently bumps around in the low 90s, and remains a clear focus for us.

		Str Agree		Agree		+VE	Disagree		Str Dis		nr
		No	%	No	%	%	No	%	No	%	
1	Happy	62	68	26	29	97	3	3	0	0	0
2	Safe	65	71	24	26	97	2	3	0	0	0
3	Good Progress	55	62	34	38	100	0	0	0	0	2
4	Well looked after	63	70	27	30	100	0	0	0	0	1
5	Taught well	59	66	29	33	99	1	1	0	0	2
6	Homework	35	38	48	53	91	8	9	0	0	0
7	Good behaviour	43	47	41	45	92	7	8	0	0	0
8	Bullying dealt with	46	55	35	42	97	2	3	0	0	8
9	Well led and managed	57	63	33	37	100	0	0	0	0	1
10	School responds well	57	66	28	32	98	1	1	1	1	4
11	Well informed re prog	57	63	28	31	94	4	4	1	1	1

Exams

It's the time of year where it is almost impossible to make blanket comments. Some students have already completed elements of their GCSEs and A-levels; this week there were French orals, Drama presentations and PE practicals, next week is the calm before the storm of the official exam season, with just GCSE Spanish and A-level French orals. For our most highly-motivated, conscientious and worried students, the long weekend should be used for some sleep and downtime; however, for students who haven't really started revising the weekend is a great opportunity to make up lost time. There has been a huge amount of input and advice from teachers and tutors, and the only thing I can usefully add is that if they haven't already done so, students should be planning out on a daily planner when their exams are, so that they can see which subjects to focus on first and identify pressure points. Planning is not revision in itself, but it is well known to help prioritisation, spread out the pressures a little, and help reduce stress. As ever, if you have any concerns about your son or daughter over exams, please contact the subject teacher, or the relevant AtHoS who will forward your concern to whoever is appropriate.

Internet Safety

This morning, Gary Gates gave two assemblies to Year 7 and Year 9 respectively about internet safety. There is absolutely no doubt that young people are very knowledgeable and skilful users of websites, apps and social media, but (like a lot of adults as well) never read the terms and conditions. This alone puts them at risk of losing personal data and rights over images. All of Gary's examples and illustrations come from his experience in the Police and subsequent restorative work with schools. Sadly, just as young people have become ever more skilful, so have the hackers and groomers. If you are a parent of a Year 7 or 9 student, ask them what they learned today.

Parents' Interest Group

Gary Gates will be talking to parents about internet safety at the next meeting on Wednesday 16th May, 6.30 pm, in Post-16. This will be an updated version of his presentation last year, reflecting new apps and games, and the relative rise and fall of social media platforms used by young people.

The Sound of Sirens

Following two singing workshops earlier this year, twenty Clyst Vale students performed with the Sound of Sirens at a packed Phoenix Theatre last Friday evening. The students joined in with the number "Voices". One of the Sirens is former student Abbe Martin, to whom we are very grateful for providing this great opportunity for our students.

Attenborough's Army

I was privileged to be at the launch meeting of Attenborough's Army (or AA, not to be confused with drinking or driving). Over twenty students attended, and some others had clashes so couldn't be there. The group will be looking for some "quick wins" in site improvement, with the overall challenge being to embed a more environmental awareness throughout the College and, in parallel, engender more pride in Clyst Vale.

Jeans

Jeans are not College uniform, and never have been. There are too many students in Year 11 wearing jeans, and we could really do with more parental support on this matter. It is sometimes difficult to persuade young people to follow the College rules regarding uniform, but it does help us to maintain our high expectations and standards if students comply with the simple uniform rules. Some students claim that their parents won't buy new uniform now because it's close to the end of the year and/or they're leaving; however, a pair of black trousers (not jeans) is a generally useful wardrobe item. For students in Years 7 to 10, please do not think that because other students are wearing jeans that this is acceptable.

Mentioning Year 11, it is expected that students will wear correct uniform to their exams. If they don't, they may be asked to change into something that we provide, or possibly to sit their exam elsewhere in the College.

Best wishes for the long weekend,



Dr Bawn

Early Lunchtimes This Term

Mon 14 May	Tues 22 May	Tues 5 June	Mon 11 June
Tues 15 May	Wed 23 May	Fri 8 June	Tues 12 June
Wed 16 May			Wed 13 June
Thurs 17 May			Thurs 14 June
Fri 18 May			

Ten Tors Challenge 2018

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 12th and 13th May 2018. There's just a few days left before departing for Dartmoor and finding out which 35-mile route the team has

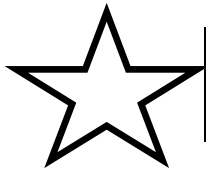
been allocated. It's the seventh year Clyst Vale has had a team in the Ten Tors event, and we wish all of the students taking part every success on their 35 mile route around the hills and tors of Dartmoor. It will be possible to follow their progress around the route on the Ten Tors website (www.tentors.org.uk/) 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...



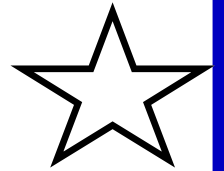
All the Ten Tors training events could not happen without the help and assistance of many volunteers freely giving up their weekends to ensure the students were safe out on the moor in all the varied weather conditions. So a big Thank You must go to those that helped this year. In no particular order: Graeme Robb and his daughter Jo, Cathy Horwell and her son Jamie, Harry Price, Harriet Gilmour, Finn Manning, Mr Hewlett, Miss Watt, Miss Barratt, and Alex & Simon Sanger-Anderson. Many thanks to all of you for all your help, we couldn't have done it without you 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 camp on the Friday as they attend the mandatory safety briefings, the scrutineering (kit check), and enjoying the atmosphere before embarking on the challenge 7am Saturday morning!

Chris Eales



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YRB	Emma Ware
7YKHO	Natalie Zuczek
8YMBR	Hafina Clavey
8YJPU	Lawrence Raeder
9YMM	Emily Brooke
9YZK	Courtney Jones
10YMHI	Holly Browning
10YSP	Jack Manning
11YMPR	Gaby Dart & Hattie Lavis
11YNS	Sam Darke

GREEN SCHOOL

8GHE	Lara Gimbuta & Lucia Taylor
8GIM	Megan O'Dell & Oliver Bradley
10GBA	Millie Jo Elliott & Charlie Roberts
10GABR	Jacob Drinnan, Lauren Elliot & Amy Ogden

RED SCHOOL

7REW	Daisy Pott
7RTMA	Bracken Snell
8RCJ	Oscar Bowden
8RCM	Jess Luscombe
9RZB	Matthew Pike
10RAR	JJ Newman
10RLA	Noah Stieller
11RDH	Owen Potter
11RGG	Naglis Ziukas

Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Cricket	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Mr Pearce
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Year 8 Girls' Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Revision	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Tues	Year 9 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliott
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Gardening Club	Lunchtime	by Science garden		Miss Morgan
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	All Years Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Wed	Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	1.30pm to 2pm	MA4		Ms Prance
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher Foundation	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Needs/Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 Food Practical Session	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook

Lunch Clubs - Thurs - Fri

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Thurs	Year 9, 10 & 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thurs	Year 7 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Elliott
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO2		Mrs Bennett/Ms
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 13 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.35pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Various Years Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot/Mr
					Miss Cranston/Mr
Fri	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 9 B&V Drop In	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Fri	Year 11 Physics Revision	Lunchtime	SC1		Mr Pearce

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 11 - Sun 13 May	Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor
Wed 16 May	PTFA 6.30pm (Gary Gates - social media and internet safety)
Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Summer Half Term
Mon 4 - Sat 9 June	Y7 Paris Residential
Sat 9 - Sun 10 June	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition
Wed 13 June	5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening
Tues 19 June	Y12 Biology Field Trip - Dawlish Warren
Wed 27 June	7.00 Y13 Prom
Thurs 28 June - Mon 2 July	Y13 DofE Gold Assessed Expedition - Brecon
Fri 29 June	7.00 Y11 Prom
Wed 4 - Fri 6 July	New Intake Days
Mon 9 July	6.00 New Intake Parents' Evening
Tues 10 July	Sports Day
Fri 13 July	Reserve Sports Day
Sun 15 - Wed 18 July	Y8 Bude Residential
Wed 18 July - Fri 20 July	Belgium Residential
Wed 18 July - Sat 21 July	Y12 DofE Gold Practice Expedition - Dartmoor
Fri 20 July	Last day of Summer Term
AUTUMN TERM 2018	
Wed 5 Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct	Autumn Half Term
Fri 21 December 2018	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 7 January 2019	Start of Spring Term
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	Spring Half Term
Fri 5 April 2019	Last day of Spring Term
Wed 24 April 2019	Start of Summer Term
Mon 6 May 2019	Bank Holiday
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019	Summer Half Term
Fri 19 July 2019	Last day of Summer Term

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

Yellow School: Claire Turner (01392 463914; turnerc@clystvale.org)
Green School: Catherine Prunty (01392 463913; pruntyc@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



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

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, PE kit and reversible jacket can be purchased 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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