

This week, for example, you may have seen that a party of Sixth Formers led by Mrs Padden visited the Houses of Parliament, met Lord Dubs (another child rescued on the Winton trains and a huge supporter of "Remain"), Hugo Swyre MP, and were in the public gallery when David Cameron made his resignation statement to the House. For students of politics, this was a momentous day and a brilliant experience. Last night was the Year 13 Prom, held at the Devon Hotel. As always, this was a lovely event, with the customary bonhomie and humour generated by a range of "awards". Today, we hold a Deep Learning Day: Year 7 visit Paignton Zoo to study habitat and adaption in Science; Year 8 learn in depth about life in the English Civil War; possibly more topical than ever, Year 9 have a "Day of Difference" to understand and challenge stereotypes about immigration; Year 10's focus is also highly topical, with a pioneering education programme in which five adults share their experience of the realities of drugs, alcohol and self-harming, and how it affected their lives; Year 12 visit Plymouth University for a UCAS and Higher Education preparation day. The Year 11 Prom is also to be held today, at Reed Hall. Much more on these events next week!

#### **New Intake Days**

We're delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students (from September) for their three-day induction next Wednesday to Friday. The first day will be made up of tutor-based activities and getting to know the layout of the College, with introductory lessons taking place on Thursday and Friday. Year 9 students will act as mentors for the tutor groups, which has worked brilliantly in the past. While the focus is very much on the new students, it's pause for thought for the other year groups – for Year 8 moving into Year 9 they will really need to start thinking about options, while for Year 10 moving into Year 11 the challenge will be looking ahead to GCSEs and honestly self-appraising whether their Year 10 has been a good enough preparation!

#### Sports Day and Festival on the Field

This will take place on Monday, rearranged from Wednesday this week. The torrential rain forecast on Tuesday never materialised, but it would have been a cold, grey, miserable day, and there was enough drizzle and mist to make the use of outdoor electrics unwise at least. The long-range forecast for Monday looked excellent, although it's not quite as good as of today; just as long as it stays dry we will have a great day!

#### Industrial Action, 5<sup>th</sup> July

This has been communicated by Schoolcomms and on the website, but just to confirm that the College will be fully open to all years on Tuesday. Other schools may close completely, or part-close to certain years: this depends on the proportion of teaching staff who belong to the NUT and who follow the call to strike. In our case, I am confident that students will be safe, especially as all of our support services will be at work as normal, and in most cases will not have too disrupted a day. Do not believe anything to the contrary your children may see on Facebook on Monday evening or Tuesday morning! As we are not closing, all CV school transport buses will run as normal.

#### Behaviour on Buses (again)

Mentioning transport, sadly a handful of students continue to let us down and make the journey to and from school unpleasant for others. It isn't always the same handful, and it's not always the same bus, but it is very much a minority of students. I have been grateful to parents and students for reporting these incidents so that we can take appropriate action. This will be both "educational" in the sense of explaining why such behaviour has no place in a school or in wider society; and also punitive, in the sense of imposing sanctions. We work incredibly closely with Devon School Transport and the coach companies; this includes temporary bans of varying length, and sometimes permanent bans. As a College, we have jurisdiction over the journey to and from school, and more importantly want our students safe from the time they leave home to when they arrive back.

#### South-West Three Peaks Challenge

Congratulations to sixteen of our students from Years 9-11 who completed the South West Three Peaks Challenge last Saturday, which involved scaling the highest points of Exmoor, Dartmoor and Bodmin Moor as well as spending a lot of time in the minibus between the peaks! On Sunday the group spent time with the Dartmoor National Park Rangers, gaining useful experience and insight into their work.

Best wishes.

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#### **Students Meet Lord Dubs**

When Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines visited Clyst Vale for Holocaust Memorial day she suggested that I should contact one of her kindertransport friends Lord Dubs. Alf Dubs was only 6 years old when he arrived in London from Prague after being rescued from the Nazi regime by Sir Nicholas Winton. Lord Dubs studied at the LSE. He was chairman of the Refugee Council and became a Labour MP. He has been in the House of Lords for a number of years. He has worked in recent months to get the Government to change the law to allow some unaccompanied Syrian refugee children to come to the UK.

Lord Dubs met us in Westminster Hall and gave us a tour of Parliament. He had booked a meeting room and spent an hour answering questions from our students.









The students involved were Beth Collins, Caitlin Tyrrell, Adeline Wild, James Gove, Reuban Gibson, Luke Blaker, and Jack Mason. The students asked really good questions and thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

Mrs Padden



# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



	RED SCHOOL
7RZB	Lucy Reed
8RAR	Nathan Squire
9RDH	Holly Rankin
9RGG	Kassady Williams
10 8RMHI	Chris Perry
10RTMA	Sam Robinson

#### SILVER SCHOOL

8SLA	Katie Berry
10SDJ	Rose Willington
10SSG	James Wu
	YELLOW SCHOOL
7YME	Jim Wade
7YPG	Emily Dunn
8YJC	Georgi Edmond & Rachel Champion
8YJCO	Anwen Fraser
9YMPr	Tom Price & Millie Wright
10YCW	Peter Feehan

## CALENDAR DATIES

## 2015-16

Tues 5th July	Reserve Sports Day	
Wed 6th-Fri 8th July	New Intake Days	
Mon 11th July	New Intake Parents' Evening	6.00pm
Mon 11th-Tues 12th July	Year 9 Belgium Trip	
Mon 11th-Fri 15th July	Year 10 Work Experience Week	
Fri 15th July	Post 18 Preparation Day	
Fri 15th July	Non-uniform Day: Poltimore House/Urafiki/Kenya	
Sun 17th-Wed 20th July	Year 8 Bude Residential	
Mon 18th-Tues 19th July	Post-16 Taster Days	
Wed 20th July	Last day of Summer Term	

## Ten Tors Summer Event: Three South West Peaks 24–26 June 2016

So, after the challenge of the real Ten Tors back in May, we needed a new challenge... And so was born the challenge of attempting the three highest South West Peaks all in one day: Dunkery Beacon (519m) on Exmoor, Brown Willy (420m) on Bodmin Moor and High Willhays (621m) on Dartmoor. Sixteen students took up the challenge and this is their story...

On Friday 24th June, after school, we travelled up to Horner Woods Scout Campsite where we'd spend the first night. It's a lovely site next to a river, in a steep sided valley, which meant mobile signal was nonexistent so everyone had fun playing Frisbee and making s'mores on the campfire, without the use of technology, before an early night.

Saturday 25th June was an early start, arising by 6am, to leave the campsite and start the challenge by 7am. All the students got themselves up, got on with it, packed tents away and were ready to go by 7am on the dot. We drove the short distance to a nearby car park and then summited Dunkery Beacon by around 8am, taking a group photo with our CVCC flag on the summit to prove that we had all made it! After that it was back on the buses to head to Bodmin Moor, Nathan keeping everyone entertained with music from his phone to the bus speakers via Bluetooth. Arriving ahead of schedule at about 10:30am meant we could have a leisurely stroll up the two big hills to reach the trig point on top of Brown Willy. There we took another group photo, before returning to the buses by about midday. Following that it was the relatively short hop down the A30 to summit High Willhays on Dartmoor by about 3:30pm and we had done it!

On returning to the buses with an enormous sense of achievement we gave everyone a limited edition medal featuring the iconic three peaks – big thanks to Mr White, Mr Hewlett and Mr Purchall for helping us make them! We also shared a lovely chocolate cake, sang happy birthday to Nathan and gave him a card signed by everyone there. Then it was time for a spot of wild camping above Okehampton Army camp with lovely views South across the moorland and North into the distance.

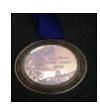
Sunday 26th June saw us help one of the Dartmoor NPA Rangers, Rob, with some conservation work as a kind of thank you to Dartmoor, having used the moor for the past six months for all the Ten Tors training and the main event too. Our task was to reinstate some cross drains, shovel some hardcore and trim some gorse on the track between Nodden Gate and the Fox & Hounds campsite, which was quite apt as we had used that very track on our first overnight camping weekend during training. The students all did very well, listened intently to Rob's instructions and then got straight on with the task, working very well as a team and getting it all done in record time!

So a big well done to all the students involved. It was a pleasure spending the weekend with them, and hopefully that helps fill the gap between Ten Tors ending in May and the training starting again in the Autumn...

If you're interested in participating in Ten Tors next year, look out for more information just after the October half term.









Mr Eales Ten Tors Manager SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

A dreamy and magical comedy about four lovers arguing in the woods, with added confusion caused by fairies, some magic, a custody battle and an amateur the count she adores, which actor who unsuspectingly becomes the fairy queen's love interest.

Performed by students in years 7-13.

#### ROMEO AND JULIET

A long standing feud between the Montague and Capulet families brings tragedy to two young star crossed lovers. Performed by students in years 7-10.

Much confusion is created when twins Viola and

TWELFTH NIGHT

Sebastian are separated in a shipwreck. Viola disguises herself as a man to be near results in mistaken identities, much mischief and riotous behaviour. Performed by students in years 7-10.

#### THE TEMPEST

A play with both comic and serious intentions, starting with a dramatic storm at sea conjured by magic. This play addresses the topical issue of what it is to be a refugee in a foreign land. Performed by an all female cast of year 9 students.



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Claudio loves Hero and Hero loves Claudio and nothing seems capable of keeping them apart, or so it would seem. Unfortunately the course of true love never did run smooth. A modern twist on the romantic comedy. Performed by students in years 7-10.

#### KING LEAR

King Lear decides to give up his crown. As he divides the king dom between his daughters, family ties disintegrate, order disappears and the land slides into chaos. Directed and performed by year 12/13 BTEC Performing Arts students.

WEDNESDAY 6TH AND THURSDAY 7TH JULY	RUNNING ORDER			
		AMPHITHEATRE	DRAMA STUDIO	
Please note we would advise you to bring a cushion/ water proofs for	6.00-6.30PM	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	ROMEO AND JULIET	
the Amphitheatre performances.	6.45-7.15PM	TWELFTH NIGHT	THE TEMPEST	
TICKETS 1 TICKET = 3 PLAYS	7.30-8.00PM	MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING	KING LEAR	
		LAY TICKETS FROM FINANCE LD LIKE TO SEE AND ON WHIC	TH NIGHT. TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE CAPACITY IN THE DRAMA STUDIO	

#### **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.

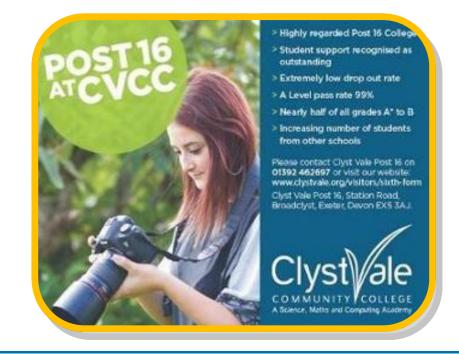
Further information is available at: http://www.devon.gov.uk/school transport

## LUNCHTIME CLUBS Mon - Thurs

	LUNCH		UBS Mon		
Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Minecraft for Girls/IT Girls Club	Lunchtime	ІТЗ		Mrs Higginson
Mon	Music Club	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Art Club	1.30 - 2.15	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	B&V 'help clinic'	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Borny
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman/Miss McGinley
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 7 Tennis	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolacott
Mon	Dance (All Years)	1.35pm	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Mon	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	IT Club/Robots	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Miss Borny
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Manaton
Tues	Basketball (Year 7, 8 & 9)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 7 - Year 11 Dance	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Mr Olde
Tues	Year 8 - 11 Tennis	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Courts	
	Gardening/Eco Club	1.40pm	SC7	Courts	Science Techs
Tues		Lunchtime	HU1		
Tues	B&V KS3 Homework Drop In				Miss Brotherton
Tues	STEM (FULL)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Miss Borny
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Maths	Lunchtime	MA7		Miss Mann
Wed	Year 9 Maths	Lunchtime	MA6		Miss Gale
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	A Level Dance (Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Miss Arnold
Wed	Year 7 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 9 - Year 13 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett & Mr Powell
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Athletics	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett & Mr Olde
Thurs	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Thurs	Games Club (Year 7 & 8)	1.25pm to 2pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Miss Borny
Thurs	Year 7 & Rounders	1.35pm	Field	Sports Hall	Mrs Elliot & Mrs Bennett
Thurs	Year 10, 11 & Post 16 Weights	1.35pm		Dance Studio	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Thurs	STEM (Full)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett

#### LUNCHTIME CLUBS Fri

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	Teacher
				Rooms	
Fri	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Staff IT Club/IT HW Help	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Art Club	1.30pm to 2.15pm	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Fri	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Various	Sports Hall	Mr Everett/Miss Garman/ Mr Powell/Miss McGinley
Fri	Year 10 v Year 11 v Year 12 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	B&V KS4 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	B&V Revision	1.30pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe



#### 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

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## 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 Aline or straight, but not stretchy or "skater" style.
- Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Black sturdy shoes or <u>all black</u> 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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## PTFA Events 2016/17

## October - Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm

AGM and presentation and discussion on

## **Emotional Wellbeing**

## January - date to be confirmed

Presentation and discussion on

## Internet safety

## May - date to be confirmed

Presentation and discussion on

## Post 16 Studies and Careers

PTFA welcomes all parents and carers to our events and if you have any suggestions for topics of discussion please contact us.

Our PTFA offers a friendly environment for discussion and an informal link for parents/ carers and the College's senior leadership team.

## All meetings in Post 16 Block

