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w/c Monday 7 December
will be Week B

NEWSLETTER

“There is no need to boast of your accomplishments and what you can do. A great man is known, he needs no introduction”
CherLisa Biles

Dear Parents/Carers

The End of Term

We have just one roll of the fortnightly timetable before the end of term! It will be business as usual until well into the last week, especially with Year 11 mock exams starting next Monday. The last day of term will be a non-uniform day, and there will be an end of term assembly, with our Carol Service the evening before. Christmas decorations are beginning to appear around the College, and traditionally the fantastic Clyst Vale “atmosphere” is even better for a week or two, but our fundamental rules and expectations do not change.

Exams

Parents and carers will be aware that the exam system has been changing for the last year or two, and will continue to change for the next three; this affects both A-levels and GCSEs in terms of new syllabi, but GCSE in terms of moving from an A*-G to a 9-1 grading. The other changes have been the steady phasing-out of modular exams and the opportunity to take repeated re-sits. I think this is possibly most confusing for parents whose children did GCSE a couple of years ago, and have another child in Year 9 or 10 at the moment, because the two will not be comparable. This would account for the excellent attendance at the Year 10 Parents’ Information Evening earlier this term. The main implications are that GCSE students are increasingly being prepared for larger end-of-course exams in which they are expected to have knowledge from the whole course, not divided up into modules. Therefore, assessments and mock exams do have a greater significance than even two years ago, and all those revision and memory techniques parents will recall from their schooldays are coming back into fashion!

Year 5 Buggy Day

This week we held a wonderful “Buggy Day” for three groups of Year 5 pupils from our Local Learning Community primary schools. They spent the day designing, making and testing a buggy, including using the laser cutter, with the aim of transporting an egg safely. The pupils also created and presented their designs and decisions to the other groups. Many thanks to Mr Hewlett and Mr Colin, to Mrs Adie for her coordination, and to colleagues from the primary schools who accompanied their students for the day. Excellent learning and good fun!

Carol Service

This will be held next Thursday! It is at Whimble Parish Church, at the earlier time of 6.00 pm. Sadly, the heating issues at Broadclyst Church have not been remedied, and we are once more extremely grateful to Revd. Martin for agreeing to host our Carol Service again. Of course, one advantage of having a largely rural catchment area is that our Carol Services are always in a village parish church, which ensures a gentle, traditional, evocative and slightly nostalgic feel. It also has a feel of a showcase, in that a wide range of students perform readings and songs, and it's interesting to see who our rising stars will be!

Extreme Weather

I've been waiting for a decent frost before issuing reminders about the basic procedures, but it's been extremely mild! So, I'll be brief. It is very unlikely that Clyst Vale would ever close completely. The two reliable sources of information are the College website front page, and (if we do close or part-close) local radio; please do not rely on social media. The "rules" on school transport are that if the buses can get your children to school in the morning, they are duty-bound to get them home again. I must also add that in extreme weather, safety is of the greatest importance; this includes the journey to College, and the condition of the site itself. I think we've only closed for five days over fifteen years, but just in case there is a deluge of snow on the first day of next term.....

Devon Admission Consultation

I have been asked to bring to parents' attention that Devon County Council is holding its annual consultation on admission arrangements 2017-18 and education travel arrangements 2016-17. To view the proposals and make comments, please visit www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019. (According to the website, the consultation goes live on 15th December.)

Best wishes.



Dr Bawn



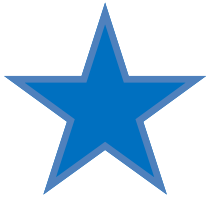
Citizens Advice Bureau Christmas Card Design Competition

Congratulations to our winners, Kody Nordquist, Hannah Ebdon and Daisy Selley whose designs were chosen by the CAB to be used on their Christmas cards. If you would like to buy these cards we are selling them in packs of eight (two of each design) for £2.99. Please come to the Green School Office to purchase.

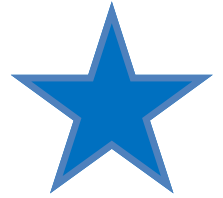


We would also like to thank the Citizens Advice Bureau for giving us this fantastic opportunity.

Mrs Elliot



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SILVER SCHOOL

7SAO	Chloe Harris
9SNG	Ollie Welch
10SDJ	Charlie Carr
10SSG	Trevor Tester

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YME	Jack Eynon
7YPG	Oliver Bunkum
8YJCO	Kyle Lloyd & Amelia Whateley
8YJC	Abe Alabaidi
9YMPR	Zack Parker & Josh Quest
10YCW	Matthew Hayes
11YJPU	Harri Taylor
11YSP	Joachim Boyden

GREEN SCHOOL

7GAP	Eve Wollen & Sam Roberts
8GABR	Archie Brunson
8GTGA	Harriet Cheeseman, Jack Lockett & Grace Tierney
9GSW	Louise Lines & Lizzie Anderson
11GIQ	Lewis Densham & Emma Rowe

CVCC Knit for Peace

The Clyst Vale knitters are forging ahead with two blankets to send to refugee children sleeping in freezing conditions in Europe. Little clusters of knitters gather around the school in lunch breaks. Both boys and girls in years 7 - 11 are busy making contributions.

If anyone has any abandoned squares from a project that didn't get finished, we would love to include those, too, as a real community effort. Crochet squares are useful as well.

We are liaising with the charity 'Knit for Peace' which is able to send the finished blankets where they are most needed.

Thank you!



Mrs Angell

SPORTS NEWS

Ex-Student Inspires



On Wednesday morning ex-student and GB wheelchair badminton star Dave Follett came in to give a talk and demonstration to the Post 16 A Level PE students.

Dave was on top form with his skills as well as commentary as he guided the students through his past to present as a sportsman.

With help from his doubles partner Phil and also his dad, modified wheelchairs were made available for the students to attempt manoeuvring and playing shots in half court singles and full court doubles. The students were excellent in their questioning and, as expected, competitive in their play.



Should you require further information about the award winning Devon Racqueteers wheelchair badminton club please go to <http://www.devonracqueteers.co.uk>

Mr Powell

Netball Success for Ellie

Congratulations to Y13 student Ellie Self who has recently gained her England Netball C Award umpiring qualification. She has been working towards the award for the past six months, including umpiring within the local Exeter and District league, which consists of many high level teams and players who are actual umpires themselves - a daunting task!

The course consisted of a written test, a bleep test and further game experience. After meeting with her testers Ellie then undertook the practical test, which involved umpiring a very competitive match between two teams in Division 2. Ellie conducted herself extremely well on court and controlled the game throughout. After what seemed a very long time she finished the game and went away with the testers to receive the final outcome - she had passed with flying colours and had a very positive report!



This is a massive achievement for someone of Ellie's age (17), and she will now be able to make use of the qualification when she goes university.

Miss Carnall

Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	Teacher
Mon	Minecraft for Girls/IT Girls Club	Lunchtime	IT3		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	Year 11 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8, MA5 & MA4		Miss Barrett/Mrs Adie & Mrs Prance
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Borny
Mon	Badminton (Year 7)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Netball (Year 9 & 10)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Broomfield & Mrs Needs
Mon	Rugby (Year 9)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Football (Year 7 & 8)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Dance (All Years)	1.35pm	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Mon	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tue	IT Club/Robots	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Tue	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tue	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tue	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tue	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Miss Borny
Tue	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Manaton
Tue	Basketball (Year 8 & 9)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tue	Netball (Year 8)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Elliot
Tue	Rugby (Year 7 & 8)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tue	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tue	Gardening/Eco Club	1.40pm	SC7		Science Techs
Tue	Ten Tors (Year 9 and above)	Lunchtime	IT1		Mr Eales
Tue	B&V KS3 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tue	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-P16		Miss Borny
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Maths	Lunchtime	MA7		Miss Mann
Wed	Year 9 Maths	Lunchtime	MA6		Miss Gale
Wed B	GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Miss Fraser-Roe
Wed	A Level Dance (Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Miss Arnold
Wed	Netball (Year 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Broomfield & Mrs Carnall
Wed	Rugby (Year 10 & 11)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Mr Gibson
Wed	Football (Year 9)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	1.45pm to 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Thur	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thur	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Thur	Games Club (Year 7 & 8)	1.25pm to 2pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Thur	B&V Revision (Year 11)	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thur	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Miss Borny
Thur	Netball (Year 7)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Thur	Basketball (Year 10, 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thur	Weights (Year 10, 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thur	STEM (Full)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Thur	Year 11 GCSE	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Thur	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Thur	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Various	Sports Hall	Mr Peace & Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Football - Year 10A v Year 11B	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett & Mr Pearce
Fri	Football - Year 11A v Post 16				
Fri	Netball (Post 16)	Lunchtime	Courts	Post 16 Block	Vicky Carnall
Fri	Hockey (all years/girls and boys)	Lunchtime	Sports Hall		Mrs James
Fri	B&V KS4 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton

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 “skinnies”, jeans, leggings, chinos or any trousers with rivets or studs. Trousers must be worn on the waist.
- Skirts should be plain black, around knee length and certainly no more than 10cm higher than the centre of 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.

**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: Anita Perram (01392 463906; perrama@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

CALENDAR DATES

2015-16

Thursday 17 December (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)	Carol Service (Whimpe Parish Church)	6pm
Friday 18 December	Non-uniform Day Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 4 January 2016	First day of Spring Term	
Saturday 9 January	Ten Tors Walk 3	
Tuesday 12 January	Y10 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 26 January	Y11 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Friday 29 January	Y11 Freestyle Photos	
Saturday 30 - Sunday 31 January	Ten Tors Weekend 1	
Tuesday 9 February	Y9 Options Evening	4.30pm
Friday 12 February	Non-uniform Day	
Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2016	Spring Half Term	
Thursday 25 February	Y9 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 24 March 2016	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 12 April 2016	Start of Summer Term	
Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2016	Summer Half Term	
Wednesday 20 July 2016	Last day of Summer Term	



**POST 16
AT CVCC**

- > Highly regarded Post 16 College
- > Student support recognised as outstanding
- > Extremely low drop out rate
- > A Level pass rate 99%
- > Nearly half of all grades A* to B
- > Increasing number of students from other schools

Please contact Clyst Vale Post 16 on **01392 462697** or visit our website: www.clystvale.org/visitors/sixth-form
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