



NEWSLETTER

'Even the wisest of the wise may err.'

Aeschylus

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will be Week A

Dear Parents/Carers

Snow Days

I apologise that this Newsletter is a working day later than usual – we had the wrong kind of snow (apparently, you can have the wrong kind of snow, but that's another story). It was obvious by Thursday morning and again that evening that we needed to close for both Thursday and Friday; in hindsight, it would have been more convenient for parents had I announced the decision on Wednesday evening, but on the other hand not a flake of snow was on the ground, and there were twelve hours for the weather to make the forecast wrong. Anyway, what's done is done. The important thing is to snap back into the routines immediately; exam years have lost up to ten hours of teaching. There are several other things needing to play catch-up, not least the rehearsals for The Battle of Boat. There are meetings to reschedule, and we will clearly do our best to do this as a priority. There will be a big e-mail and post backlog, and again we'll do our utmost to clear this efficiently. Please be patient for a day or two!

Year 11 Pre-Exam Evening, 27th February

Thank you to those intrepid parents who ventured out last Tuesday for this information evening. It was a valuable opportunity for us to explain our approach to the GCSE run-in, and the finer details of exam regulations while at the same time reassuring parents that we do our utmost to accommodate sick or genuinely late students. We will repeat the presentation in shortened form in a Year 11 assembly before the exam season officially starts on 14th May. Clearly, it is much better if parents hear the presentation and the question and answer session first hand, but we will put it on the website for reference. Revision information can also be found on the website under the "Student" tab, "Exams & Revision".

RAW Workshops

Congratulations to the Year 10 GCSE Drama group who performed at the Northcott Theatre on Saturday 24th February. Miss Ruscoe saw the performances and commented, "Just come back from the Northcott where the Year 10 GCSE drama group did Clyst Vale super proud. They were all outstanding in their performances- confident, well rehearsed, thought provoking, beautifully devised pieces of Physical Theatre - wonderful to see so many boys being at ease with physical and expressive movement. What a brilliantly talented and lovely bunch of students. I was only there for the end performance but all seemed to be behaving beautifully and were being excellent examples of our College.". I was lucky enough to see them in a lesson, and they really were excellent performances with great teamwork and mutual support.

The Battle of Boat

Well, no-one has hit any icebergs, but the cold weather has put a hole in the rehearsal schedule, and unlike the Titanic, the band has not been able to play on. Miss Williams will try to carve out a little more time to help catch up. Despite this, the show is looking very good indeed, and well worth going along. Already the

last night is more than half sold out, but there are still tickets available for all shows. So, if you're a supporter of Clyst Vale, or the Barnfield, or musical theatre in general, and would like to see a fairly new musical making its Exeter debut, tickets are available direct from the Barnfield! (There's a happier ending than Titanic, too.)

Work Experience

It may be three months away, but if you're in Year 10 it's never too soon to secure your work experience placement! Essentially, there are three groups of students. Group one has secured a placement, completed all the paperwork and given it in. Group two has a placement lined up verbally, but has not completed the paperwork and/or not given it in. Group three has yet to find a placement. Members of "groups" two and three know what they need to do, and if they need any help it is essential that they see Mrs Bennett, not put it off to next week or next month. On this subject, many thanks to parents for your support in identifying placements, and especial thanks to parents who, as employers, provide work experience opportunities.

"Attenborough's Army"

This is an exciting initiative which will be launched in a couple of weeks' time. Initiated by Mrs Foulds, this will be a student eco-group, and in time much more than just an eco-group.... The name derives from the powerful, challenging and upsetting Blue Planet series of TV programmes, presented by Sir David Attenborough. The eco-group will be focusing on reducing the use of plastic, which was particularly moving in Blue Planet, as well as a range of other environmental issues (litter, energy use, living ethically, better use of the green spaces within the College). Experience suggests that this will initially attract younger students, but will gradually influence and improve attitudes towards the College environment as it rolls forward. Watch this space!

Staff Changes

Mrs Rachel Bowring has joined us as replacement for Miss Ruscoe during her maternity leave, teaching Drama and Performing Arts.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

A final reminder that this on-line survey is still open, closing on 6th March. At the last count we had 96 returns, which is fewer than in the days of old-fashioned paper.....As I've said before, it is a very helpful means of evaluation and feedback, and I would be very grateful if we could get well over a hundred! Thank you.

Nits

We have had a couple of isolated cases of nits, so it is well worth checking your child's hair! This may be linked to the very cold weather, as nits can't cope in extreme temperatures and the human head is just perfect for them. As you can imagine, I was itching to make some puns, but remember from my children's Primary School days how annoying nits are for parents and embarrassing for children.

Smartphone Abuse

The survey outcome and follow-up is another temporary casualty of the snow. However, on a closely related matter, I was both saddened and angered by some social media posts last week "featuring" members of staff. Teachers and members of staff do not set themselves up in the same way as perhaps celebrities or politicians, so it is both sad and disrespectful that colleagues, including me, are being subjected to social media attacks. Such behaviour damages the whole College community. The same principles of cyber-bullying of students apply: if posts break the law, we will report them to the Police; if posts are abusive the College will take serious action, even exclusion. At Clyst Vale a student who swears at, or undermines, a member of staff is nearly always excluded; being offensive on-line is arguably worse, as it is cowardly and has a bigger audience. We do not want this sort of behaviour in our College, and the culprits have not made anyone feel more positive towards smartphones in College.



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BARNFIELD THEATRE
14TH - 17TH MARCH 2018

Evenings 7pm, Saturday matinee 2pm

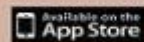
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www.barnfieldtheatre.org.uk (01392 271808)



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March Marketing **BULLETIN**

Hi we're Caterlink, your colleges caterer. We have some fantastic offers, promotions, events and deals coming up this month. March is a very busy month! We have International Waffle Day, Time for a Cuppa Week, British Pie Week, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day and your In Season Food Hero is... Leeks!



International Waffle Day

Everyone loves waffles and here at Caterlink we are not surprised why! They can be enjoyed as snacks, breakfast items, sweet, savoury, hot or cold. We plan on thinking outside of the box and serving waffles in fun and varied ways for our students.



Time for a Cuppa Week

Did you know that after water tea is the most widely consumed drink in the world and 84% of the British population drink tea daily! So whether students like afternoon tea, earl grey, english breakfast, iced teas or herbal, we will be serving it up. We will even provide a variety of biscuits to dunk in the perfect cuppa.



British Pie Week

Whether it's savoury or sweet, shortcrust or puff, with a bottom and top or just a top... It's still a pie and we are going to celebrate it! We have plenty of sweet and savoury pie fillings coming this week.



St Patrick's Day

It's all about the Irish theme on this day. From soup stations, main meals to a special green blended juice 'Paddy's Punch', we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day in our colleges and sixth forms.



Food Hero Leeks

Leeks are versatile, tasty and very good for you. We will be adding leeks into pies, soups, vegetable stir fry's and even cakes. This vegetable will be popping up in many dishes this month and we're sure students will enjoy.



St David's Day

On St David's Day we will have themed pop ups and food stations that will serve different Welsh themed dishes. Some of which will include: Welsh cakes, Welsh rarebit muffins, pies and cawl.

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Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Girls Netball - Year 8	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Science Club - WEEK B	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Mon	Battle of Boat cast rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	All Years Dance & Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	Lunchtime	MA4		Ms Prance/Miss Mann
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	Year 8 & Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Lunch Clubs - Thursday - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A/B	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO2		Mrs Bennett/Ms Chandler
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 11 French Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Year 7 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 6 March	6.30 Y8 Bude Information Evening
Thurs 8 - Mon 12 Mar	Y11 Core Mocks
Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar	Y10 Mocks
Fri 23 Mar	Non Uniform Day - Sport Relief
Thur 29 Mar	End of Spring Term
Tues 17 Apr	Start of Summer Term
Fri 20 April	Take Your Child to Work Day
Sat 21 April - Sun 22 April	Ten Tors Overnight 4 - Dartmoor
Tues 24 April	4.30 Y7 Parents' Evening
Thurs 3 May	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 11 - Sun 13 May	Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor
Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Summer Half Term
Sat 9 - Sun 10 June	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition
Wed 13 June	5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening
Wed 27 June	7.00 Y13 Prom
Thurs 28 June - Sun 1 July	Y12 DofE Practice Gold Expedition - Dartmoor
Fri 29 June	7.00 Y11 Prom
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 - Sun 22 July	Y13 DofE Gold Expedition - Brecon
Fri 20 July	Last day of Summer Term
Wed 5 Sept	First day back for students
Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct	Autumn Half 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 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



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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 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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