



NEWSLETTER

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Week B

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

Success is a journey, not a destination

Ben Sweetland

Today (Tuesday 5th April) is the last day of the Spring term. Staff and students will be on holiday as of tomorrow, Wednesday 6th April.

The Summer Term officially starts on Wednesday 20th April with a **staff training day**. The **first day for students** will be Thursday 21st April, and it will be Week B.

Dear Parents and Carers,

“Omigod ! Omigod, you guys....”

- This was a refrain heard in several places throughout the wonderful show Legally Blonde. Once again, thanks to a massive team effort, Clyst Vale’s reputation for musical theatre was maintained and enhanced. Legally Blonde is a humorous, cheerful musical, easy to follow, with a happy ending, and with some bangin’ tunes. For entertainment and escapism, it could hardly be better.
- But there is so much more. The shows are the best example of “verticality” we have, with everyone from Year 7 to Year 13 and adults working together and wanting everyone to do well, for a common good. The shows also bring out virtues of commitment, selflessness and the value of practice and hard work. The team of volunteers, some of whose children left years ago, are second to none in their generosity of time; stage manager Mike Brown takes annual leave to support the show. Many people give up many Sundays to build the set; many others give up their evenings to be backstage.
- Miss Williams deserves huge congratulation. It’s hard to describe everything that she is responsible for, coordinates, leads, and takes part in. Plus, dealing with last-minute crises: not that you’d know it, but there were three significant covid casualties among the cast. Astonishing. Thanks too to Ms Keene and Mr Hawkins.
- We’re not a big school, but we have our own orchestra, which is also amazing.
- Among the crew are several Year 8 students, including working the theatre lighting. Another great responsibility and learning experience.
- And of course, the cast. Many have appeared in five or seven years of productions, some will go on to pursue careers in performing arts. All of them down to the smallest part will remember Legally Blonde for as long as they live; and in my opinion school should be about memories as well as the day-to-day.
- I loved Legally Blonde from front of house and from backstage. It was uplifting and impressive. What can I say to everyone involved ? “Omigod ! Omigod, *you guys*.....”

Ten Tors/Dof E Overnight Expedition

- It was bitter on the Moor on Saturday night, with boots and water bottles freezing solid overnight. So, even more credit to our students, colleagues and volunteer helpers for braving the elements and successfully negotiating their routes. As always, our students were fantastic, and who says young people aren't resilient? Ten Tors is fast approaching now – barely a month's time, on the weekend of 6-8th May.

Rosslyn Park Sevens

- Mr Pearce produced a detailed write-up for the last Newsletter, but I would like to echo his comments about the character of our students and the excellent opportunity they experienced. Naturally, Mr Pearce didn't thank himself, which falls to me. Without his commitment to rugby and his organisation, our students would not have been able to demonstrate their character nor enjoy the excellent experience.

Youth Cultural Champions

- Last Wednesday, six students (Years 8-11) led a training session for staff about the importance of recognising and celebrating different cultures, and about their experiences of racism both in school and out. It was an excellent presentation, powerful and thought provoking. Covid had delayed it for two years, so six students originally involved have now left, and four others were unable to present. This is the first time for a very long time that students have presented to staff, so that was remarkable in itself. Racism is similar to bullying in that if a school claims there isn't any, it's not being truthful. Our students' experience of racism is that it is "sly racism" (their words) from their peers, under the radar comments, sometimes deliberately hurtful, more often sheer ignorance. As a result, my colleagues and I are much more aware of the issue, its slyness, and ready to respond when racist comments are reported. We will continue to promote respect and tolerance through RRS, and educate students about the unacceptability of racist words (in fact, if we were not a RRS we would not have such a strong focus on the issue). Huge praise goes to Mrs Rogers who has led and coordinated the group with skill, passion and commitment since it began.

Year 10 Exams

- A little reminder to Year 10 students that they have assessments (exams if you prefer) in the first full week after Easter, week beginning 25th April. These aren't CAGs, TAGs or AAMs, but a useful assessment point to gauge progress around a third of the way through the two-year GCSEs. Subject teachers have provided information about the exams at subject level.

Year 11

- A separate letter has gone out to Year 11 parents/carers. The highlights are that study leave will commence on Friday 10th June (a week later than normal, because exams are stretched out and there are several core exams in the first week after half-term). The "rites of passage" will also take place on 10th June, but we're looking for a new name for the mis-named Year 11's last day. There is also reference to revision sessions in term-time, and some opportunities during the Easter holiday. The Prom is confirmed for 8th July, but there has been separate separate communication about this.

Sixth Form News

- It's a quieter time at present as Year 13 gear up towards exams in May and June, and the UCAS cycle has not started in earnest for Year 12 (who also have College exams later in the term).
- Study leave for Year 13 will start on Friday 27th May although lessons will run afterwards, and some students will be expected to attend to provide additional study support.
- I mentioned Legally Blonde above; but several Sixth Form students contributed enormously to its success, not just in terms of the standard of performance but in supporting and cementing those "big team" bonds I referred to.
- Miss Haynes has interviewed all potential applicants for next Year's Year 12.

Covid

- I've now given up trying to apply logic. Cases are at an all-time high, but free testing is ended. When Donald Trump said to bring the numbers down don't test so much, everyone laughed. Nine new covid symptoms have been added, but if you think some of them might be covid, you can't get a test to find out. Schools are still currently being badly affected by student and especially staff absences caused by the most infectious strain so far, but the student isolation period has been reduced to three days.
- So, after we return, we will continue to promote good hand hygiene, "catch it, bin it, kill it", and good ventilation. Masks will still be permitted.
- For parents/carers, if your child has a raised temperature, please keep them at home until it's normal. And if they are too unwell to attend school – the twelve covid symptoms would seem to cover most common ailments – please don't send them in.

Holiday Support for Children Receiving Free School Meals

- There are two different schemes offered by Devon County Council.
- One is the free school meals holiday voucher scheme. Please refer to Devon's page about [free school meals during the holidays](#) for more information about how to access this scheme.
- The second is the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition. Full information can be found on the DCC website at : [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Staff Changes

- Leaving us at Easter are five colleagues, most of whom have been at Clyst Vale for around twenty years each !
- Retiring at Easter will be Lois Angell, Assistant SENDCo and Teacher of the Deaf. Mrs Angell joined the Hearing Support Centre in 1999 and saw it through its heyday of 17 students, championing Deaf Awareness and providing tremendous support for individual students. For many years Mrs Angell was also a staff governor and a union rep, so has been important to colleagues as well as students.
- Three support staff colleagues will be leaving at Easter with sixty years' of CVCC experience between them. This is a sad moment for me, as I worked closely with all three over the past twenty years or so, and it will feel strange without them.
 - Linda Smith has been Finance Assistant, my PA, and latterly Receptionist, but much more than that suggests: she taught A-level Computing, tended the website, picked up an enormous range of admin and HR tasks, produced the Newsletter and bulletins for years.
 - Jassy Barrington was one of my first appointments, as Receptionist but after one or two support staff roles, she became PA to the Head of Post-16 where she has remained ever since. This is another of those "unsung hero" roles, performing a much more complex and student-facing role than her job title suggests.
 - Sue Uttley has been responsible for organising cover for absent teachers for almost all of her time at CVCC. This can be one of the most thankless and pressured tasks in a school, but Sue has done an amazing job, building excellent relationships with colleagues and always trying to recognise that our staff are our most important asset. With covid, her job has been especially difficult.
 - Linda and Sue worked in the office next to me for many years, and all three colleagues have been an invaluable source of support. I can honestly say that their daily informal support and camaraderie have really contributed to my sense of perspective, kept me sane at times, and made me a better Principal. I'll miss them, and I know that my colleagues feel the same.
- Also leaving but to a new post in a specialist SEND provision in Somerset is Gaby Long, SENDCo. Mrs Long has been at Clyst Vale for four years, and has established excellent relationships and support for many of our most vulnerable students and their families. I can assure parents that we have recruited an excellent and experienced replacement, but the SENDCo's role is such that Mrs Long will be particularly missed by the students in Additional Support.
- As ever, on behalf of us all, I must thank my colleagues for everything they have contributed to Clyst Vale, and wish them every happiness in the next stage of their lives.

E-Safety Bulletin

- The monthly e-safety bulletin for parents and carers is sent out with this Newsletter.

It has not been an easy term, although we have accomplished a lot despite everything. I am sure parents will appreciate that we have managed to stay fully open, thanks to the efforts of my colleagues, but at times some classes have experienced sustained absence of their teacher, while support staff absence has meant we have not been as able to respond as quickly or efficiently as normal. Thank you very much to all parents and carers for your support and understanding this term; and for upholding that third “home” leg of my infamous tripod – students fed, equipped, in uniform, on time, ready to learn, supported over homework all contribute enormously.

Very best wishes to you and your families for a restful spring holiday and a Happy Easter.



Kevin Bawn
Principal



Food Service Assistant at Clyst Vale Community College

Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, 38 weeks per year

Salary: £9.50 per hour

Duties include:

- Undertaking basic food preparation
- Setting up food service areas
- Cleaning dining halls and general cleaning duties
- Serving customers in a polite and professional manner
- Working on the tills
- Supporting with hospitality

A team player with strong communication skills and a can-do approach is key for this role. Experience is preferred but not essential, as full training will be given.

The successful candidate will be organised, have the ability to maintain the highest standards at all times and will ensure optimal service to staff and students.

Safeguarding: Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role.

For additional information please contact:
Ann Hopkins (College Manager)
hopkinsa@clystvale.org



RUGBY CLUB

STARTING MONDAY 25 APRIL!

**MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL WITH
EXETER CHIEFS COMMUNITY
PROGRAMME**

**3.30-4.30PM, CHANGE AT
HUMANITIES BLOCK**



Sports Awards Evening
Thursday 21st April
Clyst Vale Community College
6 - 8pm

You will have received an email if you have been invited to this event. It is an invitation only event for Year 9, 10 & 11 students.

It is a lovely evening where the PE Department is able to celebrate the sporting success of the year with the students.

Due to large numbers of attendees it is a student only invitation event, and this year we ask parents/carers to confirm attendance via Evolve .

Dress code 'Smart'.

Miss Broomfield
Teacher of PE



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CLYST VALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2022 ★

SPORTS
AWARDS EVENING

Thursday 21st April

6pm

Sixth Form Block

Invitation Only

Dress code: smart



CVCC Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for the following positions:

Finance Assistant

Assistant SENDCo

Teacher of Science

Teacher of Geography (FTC)

Full details for all vacancies, including job descriptions and further information about how to apply, can be found on our website:

www.clystvale.org/vacancies

www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all

COMMUNITY THEATRE 4ALL PRESENTS

Talaton A War-Time Refuge



Cotley Farm Barn, Woodhayes Lane, Whimble, EX5 2QR

TicketSource

Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all



Telephone Bookings 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply)

25th, 26th, 28th, 29th & 30th April 2022 at 8pm - Adults £12, Children (under 16) £6

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	LGBTIQ + 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		Mr Powell
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
Wed 06 April - Wed 20 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Thurs 21 April	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Thurs 21 April	6pm - 8pm Sports Awards Evening
w/c 25 April	Y10 Mock Exams
Thurs 28 April	4pm - 7pm Year 7 Parents' Evening
Mon 02 May	Early May Bank Holiday
Sat 07 & Sun 08 May	ALL DAY - Ten Tors Weekend
Sat 21 May	DofE Silver Assessed
Mon 30 May - Fri 03 June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Thurs 16 June	New Intake Non Feeder Schools Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
Fri 24 June	Year 13 Prom
w/b 27 June	Year 12 Mocks
Thurs 30 June - Sun 03 July	DofE Gold
Mon 04 & Tues 05 July	UNICEF Gold Visit
Weds 06 - Fri 08 July	New Intake Induction Days
Mon 11 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Weds 13 July	Sports Day
Thurs 14 July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 15 July	Year 12 UCAS Day
w/b 18 July	Y10 and Y12 Work Experience
Mon 18 - Fri 22 July	Gold D of E Brecon Expedition
Fri 22 July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM



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

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 Jassy Barrington on 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@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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