



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

“Privacy is an inherent human right, and a requirement for maintaining the human condition with dignity and respect.” – Bruce Schneier

Dear Parents/Carers,

It'll soon be Christmas

-Especially as the John Lewis Christmas Ad launched this week (I'm not sure about this year's Unexpected Guest, personally: but nothing rivals Monty the Penguin or The Bear and the Hare in my opinion, although Excitable Edgar came close). Enough of this, as there is plenty to look forward to over the seven weeks of this half term:
- Next week we hold our Post-16 Open Evening (Thursday 11th, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm) and we are anticipating an excellent attendance with the largest Year 11 cohort for several years; letters have been sent separately to Year 11 parents/carers. The following week sees a Year 8 Parents' Evening, which will be through Teams. On 25th November we hold our GCSE Celebration Evening for last year's Year 11 students, one of the best events in the calendar. There will also be Year 9 and Year 13 Parents' Evenings in early December. Year 11 mocks take place from 29th November; we are hoping to be able to run a Carol Concert in the last week of term. And of course, covid restrictions permitting, we are determined to reintroduce as many clubs and activities as we reasonably can.

Covid Update

Half-term did prove to be a “fire-break”. Currently there are just seven students and no staff colleagues isolating following a positive PCR test. On Wednesday we had no cases reported, the first day this has happened since 12th September.

However, rates locally are still not good and the South West Directors of Public Health recommended the following measures for two weeks after half-term, to be reviewed:

- Continued good infection prevention control (ventilation, touchpoint cleaning)
- Promote and publicise the effectiveness of vaccination as the best protection for all eligible cohorts including staff and students.
- Continued efforts on testing, including
 - * Siblings of confirmed cases are advised to take daily LFD while awaiting their PCR test results and to continue to attend school (unless test is positive).
 - * Recommend daily LFD testing for all close contacts identified by NHS Test and Trace whilst individuals await their PCR results
 - * Promote twice weekly asymptomatic LFD testing
 - * More frequent asymptomatic testing if there is an outbreak
 - * If unwell stay at home until symptom free.
- Continue to advise the use of face coverings in communal areas such as corridors when movement occurs between lessons (for secondary school and college settings)
- Reduce mixing between groups of students as much as possible including pausing ‘whole school’ assemblies and any other ‘large gatherings’.

I think we're suffering from "mask fatigue", and would appreciate your support with this. Society at large is relaxed about masks and students see this; students have been wearing them for a year or more; most students don't like them, or forget about them. We are giving out about 100 masks a day, every day. My colleagues are having to remind students constantly. Some of our political leaders are not setting a great example. We all need to dig a bit deeper, remember our masks, and wear them properly. In a school setting in winter months, it's not only covid which will be reduced, but many of the other coughs, colds and respiratory infections. And, one of those rather "obvious" statistics, there is a direct correlation between good attendance and good results.

Vaccination Update

- We have a confirmed date of Monday 15th November. You'll be aware that we have had two previous postponements, but this date will not move unless there is some extreme problem.
- Literally today we have received outline information from the NHS School-Age Immunisation Service (SAIS).
 - * Flu Vaccination: the link to the consent form for the flu vaccination has been sent previously and had been closed. However, if the school wishes it could send the link again to those who have not yet given consent but now wish to do so. [*Of course we'll send the Link! Here it is....* <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>]
 - ◆ The flu vaccination is available for **all** students in years 7 – 11
 - * Covid Vaccination: the consent form will be sent to parents on the morning of 11th November 2021 via Edulink. There is a very short window [*About 23 hours!! KB*] of opportunity to consent. The consent link will close at 8am on Friday 12th November.
 - * There is a fiddly bit about precise student ages for the covid vaccination:
 - ◆ If the student is still 11 on 16th November 2021 – the day after vaccination day - they are not eligible for a Covid vaccination.
 - ◆ If the student is 16 before the 16th November 2021 they will not be eligible for a Covid vaccination
- We have also today received the following letter for parents/carers from SAIS (which, with the information above could be interpreted as a strong hint to parents to use GPs or the vaccination hub rather than rely on in-school vaccination - let's hope there are sufficient nurses on the day.....):

Dear Headteacher and parents/carers,

We are writing to explain that with the rapid roll out of the Covid-19 Immunisation programme alongside Flu this year there will be challenges in completing all the children who have consented for Covid-19 and/ or Flu vaccinations in one school session.

Additional workforce had been recruited to support the delivery of the extended Flu programme however the roll out of the additional Covid-19 programme did not allow time for external recruitment and we agreed to provide the service in partnership with our wider health system. We are maximising the workforce of Immunisers available to work at each school session through our wider bank workforce however this will not always allow completion of the whole eligible school cohort.

This has been recognised nationally so the offer to go to a vaccination centre is available alongside the school offer to ensure that you are still able to access the Covid vaccination by the end of the December term.

We have enough vaccine available to support Immunisations across the systems and we are continuing to vaccinate as many children in school as it is safe to do with the available workforce at each session.

Information is going out to families via schools after each session to advise them how to access the Covid-19 vaccination national booking service by calling 119 or booking on line <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination/>

Alongside this we are continuing to deliver the Flu programme as required which will be running until the end of January and we will be revisiting schools to offer Flu sessions that have not been completed at the first school session.

- I know that several parents booked their children in for covid vaccination (and in some cases flu) during half-term. (On this theme, I must apologise for the mix-up on the Friday just before half-term about vaccination hubs and accessibility for 12-15 year olds. There was a lot of contradictory information that day!)

Years 7-9 Assessment Information Evening

Thank you very much indeed to the 120 or so families who “tuned in” yesterday evening for Ms Jacobs’ interactive webinar about the changes we are making to assessment and especially reporting. There were some excellent questions, and if you weren’t able to attend a voice-over powerpoint will be on the website (curriculum tab) shortly: it’s currently available on the AllStudents Team in Teams. I’m pleased to say that parental feedback was positive, welcoming the clarification and simplification.

Attendance Reporting

One question raised from yesterday related to attendance reporting on Reports, and whether this will include covid-related absences meaning a lower figure. The short answer is yes. The longer answer is yes, because the Department for Education has instructed schools to code covid absence as “illness”. This might have been seen as a good idea in the balmy days of summer as part of the “getting back to normal in September” approach, but it is daft. At present, because of covid, about 40% of our students are “persistent absentees” according to the unrelenting statistical benchmark. We will not be following the usual absence processes, warning letters, EWO involvement, fines, and so on, if there has been covid absence.

Year 9 Special Lesson on Human Rights

I was privileged to join Year 9 and hear the story of Eric Murangwa and the Ishami Foundation he has established in Rwanda. Eric survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide because he was a famous footballer in Rwanda and his would-be executioner was a big fan. Eric was also one of the 1200 Rwandans who survived in “Hotel Rwanda”. Eric’s story was horrific and compelling, but that was not the main message. As he said to our students, “I’m not here to tell you a story so you feel sorry for me”. The message was about bringing people together, overcoming real and imagined differences, determination and persistence to achieve this, and the power of sport to develop togetherness, teamwork and commonality. Our students listened well; I hope that in years to come Eric’s words will have inspired some of them to become interested and engaged with human rights issues, developments in Africa, or sport as a means of bringing people together to reduce prejudice and even to heal difference.

Social Behaviour

We’ve had a very refreshing social media story doing the rounds in the far north of our catchment (well, Silverton). A CVCC student got off the school bus and spotted a lady struggling with a piece of furniture; he then helped her to carry the table into her house. These are the values which we celebrate at Clyst Vale, so it’s great to see them enacted. Plus, there’s a positive general message as well: acts of kindness, no matter how small, go a very long way.

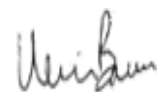
Staff News

We are pleased to welcome three new colleagues, all Teaching Assistants: Annie Mitchell, Ellie Crawford and Katie Townsend, and wish them every success in their time at Clyst Vale.

I am also pleased to say that Miss Ruscoe’s third child, a son, has safely arrived.

Once again, I feel like apologising that this is another “Covid Special” – but I’m sure you’ll appreciate why.

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn
Principal

Evenings and weekends – reporting of Covid-19 positive test results

We have introduced a dedicated phone number, solely for reporting positive Covid-19 test results at evenings and weekends.

You may also use this number if you have accidentally recorded an LFT result as positive – please always notify us if this has happened in error.

(During the school's normal opening hours, please contact Student Absence on **01392 463911** or email: studentabsence@clystvale.org)

The number is:

07818 212 931

It is not for suspected cases, non-Covid-19 illness or absence, and is not an advice line.

We would prefer you to text positive Covid-19 test result information to this number, including:

- Name of student
- Student's tutor group
- Date symptoms appeared
- Which symptoms, or no symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result

If necessary, someone will contact you having received this information. Thank you!

Special Assembly for Y9: Eric Murangwa from the Ishami Foundation

We were delighted to welcome Eric Murangwa from the Ishami Foundation on Wednesday 3rd November. He spoke to our Year 9 students about his experiences of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide.



Eric was born in the eastern Rwandan city of Rwamagana, and is the eldest of six. His family ran a bar and restaurant in a town with a large Tutsi population. For decades the ruling Hutu nationalist government encouraged persecution and discrimination of Tutsi people.

Eric's family relocated to the Rwandan capital Kigali. It was here during his formative years that he developed a passion for football. His talent was quickly noticed, and he became known by his nickname Toto, and grew to become one of Rayon Sports' best loved players – a fact that would later save his life.

During the 100-day genocide, Eric's life was spared by Jean-Marie Vianney Mudahinyuka, otherwise known as Zuzu, a notorious leader of the Interahamwe militia – a man subsequently imprisoned for his role in the genocide. Why? Zuzu's passion was Rayon Sports.

Eric was taken in within the confines of the Hôtel des Mille Collines, where more than 1,200 took refuge during the genocide – a story famously retold in the 2004 film Hotel Rwanda.

This was an amazing opportunity for our students to develop their knowledge and understanding of this event. Students will continue to explore this in their Beliefs and Values and History lessons.

Z Brotherton
Head of Beliefs & Values

To find out more about the work of the Ishami Foundation, which strives to use "genocide survivor experience to help us all connect to our common humanity", please click on the link below:

<https://ishamifoundation.org/>



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Finley Wright
7GIM	Shai Blackmore
8GABR	No permission to publish name
8GDH	No permission to publish name
9GAW	No permission to publish name
9GBA	Harry Smith
10GHE	No permission to publish name
10GSW	Ethan Lovegrove
11GGT	No permission to publish name
11GMN	No permission to publish name

RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Brendan Waldron
7RHSP	No permission to publish name
8RZB	Jasmine large
8RSGA	Ruby Hopkins
9RMAH	No permission to publish name
9RAO	No permission to publish name
10RER	Kaleb Harris
10RGG	No permission to publish name
11RTMA	No permission to publish name
11RSS	Reese Aldridge

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YMBR	Elizabeth Callaway
7YTZI	Harry Barton
8YSSC	No permission to publish name
8YPNE	No permission to publish name
9YDST	Darcy White
9YSP	No permission to publish name
10YMPR	No permission to publish name
10YNS	No permission to publish name
11YCW	No permission to publish name
11YRB	No permission to publish name

BRITISH SCHOOLS NATIONAL MOTO-X CHAMPIONSHIPS



Many congratulations to Henry Fenner for placing 6th in his class in the BSMA National MotoX Championships in England and Wales in only his first year at this level!

We look forward to hearing more about your continued success!

*Mrs Needs
Teacher of PE*

Inside COP26 with former Post-16 student, Jasmine Daniels

Former Post-16 student Jasmine Daniels, who completed A-levels in Geography, Physics and Maths at Clyst Vale last year, sent us these photographs from the COP26 conference earlier this week.

Jasmine attended with a group from Queen Mary (London) University, where she is currently studying for her degree in environmental science. Jasmine was fortunate enough to access some private zones and was able to rub shoulders with some well-known political and public names – not least Joe Biden (complete with security entourage), Justin Trudeau, who gave a speech, and Hollywood climate activist, Leonardo Di Caprio.

Here she is pictured with Jonas Gare Støre, the Prime Minister of Norway, who showed an interest in her current studies and stopped for a brief chat and photo.

It's really exciting to see our former students taking part in such high-profile events - and brilliant to keep up to date with their adventures after Clyst Vale!



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



LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 – 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 – 11 Btec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Monday	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battishill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 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	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 Battishill
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	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
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 7, 8 & 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton/Mr Brooks
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Thursday	Yoghioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Friday	Various Years Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
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
Thurs 11 November	Post 16 Open Evening 6pm - 8pm
Sat 13 November	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day walk*, all day
Thurs 18 October	Y8 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm virtual
Thurs 25 November	GCSE Celebration Awards Evening 6pm - 8pm
29 Nov—Wed 8 Dec	Y11 Mocks
Thurs 02 December	Y13 Parents' Evening 4pm - 6.30pm
Sat 04 December	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day event*, all day
Tues 09 December	Y9 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Weds 15 December	Carol Service, Whimble Church 7pm - 9pm
Fri 17 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Sat 18 December	DofE Gold Day - all day
Mon 20 December - Tues 04 January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Weds 05 January	START OF SPRING TERM
Sat 15 January	DofE Overnight 1: Bronze
Thurs 20 January	Y11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Tues 25 January	Y9 Options Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
Thurs 27 January	Y10/Y11 Trip to Southall Gurdwara
w/b 31 January	Y13 Mock Exams
Sat 12 February	DofE Overnight 2: Bronze All day
Thurs 17 February	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Fri 18 February	Y9 Options Fair
Mon 21 - Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM

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 (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@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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