



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week A

“Genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration”

Thomas Alva Edison

Dear Parents/Carers

Y11 Mocks

The calendar turned to December this week, and there was a little burst of seasonal excitement. However, there are still two weeks until the end of term, and Year 11 in particular need to be in a focused state of mind as they sit their mocks next week. This will be as close to the summer exam experience as we can make it, with exam timetables, seating plans, external invigilators and working to the exam board rules, which are stricter than College rules. These mocks are very important for staff and students in tracking progress and determining likely outcomes in the summer. Today's Deep Learning Day for Year 11 includes a strong focus on revision and memorising techniques from specialists Positively Mad, which will obviously be of benefit. Good luck to Year 11!

Carol Service, Wednesday 14th December, 7.00 pm

Christmas is coming.....quite fast, actually. Our annual Carol Service will be a week on Wednesday, at St Mary's Parish Church, Whimple. We retain our traditional structure of biblical and secular readings, hymns and other songs, although of course readings and performances will be refreshed and different from last year! Speaking of performance, we believe strongly that students should do the bulk of the work, and for me it is lovely to see a mix of ages and abilities all contributing so positively. Please come along! There will be home-made mince pies, and our PTFA make an excellent mulled wine.

Year 9 Options, Languages and Rumours

No decisions have been made. Much to my surprise, some students tell me that 90% of Year 9 will do a language GCSE next September; 90% is a government target which was consulted upon, has not been made official, and we could not possibly implement next year as we don't have sufficient specialist staff. In fact, no percentage has been set. We do need, and would like, to increase the number of students taking a language GCSE not because of government targets but because it is a vital skill and in many students' interests; however, the mechanism for this has yet to be decided, and of course we would inform parents through the right channels.

Bullying

The parental questionnaires from last week's Year 10 Parents' Evening gave very high satisfaction scores for almost all of the criteria, with happiness, safety, care, teaching and leadership close to 100% "agree" or "strongly agree". An Ofsted inspector told me that a satisfaction score of 85% was "par" for "dealing with bullying" for most schools, so our score of 81% is reasonable but a little low. So, how do we deal with bullying? Every case reported to a tutor or School is looked into; sometimes it is a falling-out or misunderstanding which is easily resolved. We always seek to establish the facts; we will always support the victim; and then, based on experience and professional judgement there are a variety of actions we may take against a bully: mentoring, monitoring, parental involvement, detentions and even exclusion. The difficulty with bullying is that the problems with the bully are often deep-seated, and can't be fixed by a quick telling-off, which is why sometimes progress may seem slow in addressing issues. Then, of course, there is rough play; technically, this isn't bullying, but is often regarded as such, and can lead into it. I am confident that we have the skill, support systems and sanctions to deal with bullying; the standard advice regarding bullying from pre-school right through the workplace is consistent: please report it to someone.

Cold Weather

Some seasonal weather at last, to coincide with the meteorological start of winter. Students are wearing a wide range of very good, sensible, acceptable, warm outdoor coats, which reinforces that there's no need for students to be wearing hoodies...



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GHE	Eleanor Francis
7GIQ	Iris van der Giezen & Theo Munro
8GPE	Leon Mercadel
9GABR	Cameron Morley
9GTGA	Evie Griffin
10GSW	Lottie Gilmour
11GGT	Peter Betts

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Toby Pearce
7RKC	Lily Youel
8RZB	Lucy Reed
9RAR	Ellie Harris
10RDH	Jack Cromwell
10RGG	Beth Hurren
11RMHI	Olivia Hellier
11RTMA	Katey Johnson

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Alisha Slocombe
8YME	Cerys Pengelly
8YMM	Lily MacPhee
9YSP	Abe Alabaidi
9YJCO	Kaddy Dag
10YMPR	Charlie Townsley
11YCW	Peter Feehan

SILVER SCHOOL

11SDJ	Rose Willington
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SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Running

A threadbare Clyst Vale Cross Country team travelled to Okehampton last Wednesday for the Exeter Cross Country Running Championships. Success has been limited for us in the last few years since the axing of Cross Country from our curriculum, and so it proved with only two of our students finishing in the top 16 of their race and thereby qualifying for the next round. For all our runners it was certainly an experience to remember!

Congratulations are due to Leon Robson for his 13th place running as a Year 10 against Year 11 students. Particular praise to Sam Mills in Year 7 who won his race in a sprint finish - he is now Year 7 Champion of Exeter. Sam is our first winner at this annual event for a great many years. Both these boys will represent Exeter against East Devon on December 7th.

Mr Everett
Sports Co-ordinator

Lost Property

Lost Property will be laid out in the Giraffe House at breaktime on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December. Anything not claimed by the end of breaktime on Thursday 8th December will be taken to the local clothing bank.

Mrs Down
Resources

Post 16 Taster Sessions for Electronics and Sociology

We are running taster sessions for these new subjects for any Year 11 students who may be interested in studying them next year. Both sessions will be held on Thursday 15 December, lesson 5. The Electronics session will be run by Dr Turl in MA1 and the Sociology by Miss Brotherton in HU1. If you are interested in attending please let your tutor know.

Mrs Dormand
Deputy Principal



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

Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Choir	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	GCSE PE Workshop/Revision	1.40pm to 2.15pm	PE5		Miss Garman
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm			Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett
Tues	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision (AFTER XMAS)	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 7 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Wed	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thurs	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Lunch Clubs—Fri

Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/ Mrs Elliot/Miss Garman
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Games Club - Year 7	1.30pm - 2.00 pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden



STUDENTS PRESENT RNLI WITH HARRY PATCH DAY CHEQUE

On Tuesday 29th November, Mr Brooks and I took a group of students to the RNLI station at Exmouth to present them with a cheque for £491. This fantastic amount of money was raised in memory of Mr Harry Patch.



The RNLI gave us a wonderful guided tour of the station. We saw the new Shannon Class lifeboat and the inshore lifeboat, and were also presented with a shield for our fundraising activities since 2009.

The students invited on this trip were: Luca Santillo, Lara Gimbuta, Jasmine Daniels, Harriet Cheeseman, Angel Justus, Hebe Poole, Roisin Rankin, Will Knight, Daniel Madams, Amelia Whateley, Josie Holding, Kody Nordqvist, Mollie Guerrin, Amalia Gimbuta and Sophie Sheppard.



The outing was a reward for the students' contribution to the success of Harry Patch Day 2016.

**Mrs Padden
Head of History**

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 5th December	YR11 Mock Exams Week
Thurs 8th December	YR9 Girls HPV Vaccinations
Sun 11th December	Ten Tors 2nd Walk
Wed 14th December	7.00 Carol Service (Whimble Parish Church)
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 16th December 2016—Non uniform Day
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wed 4th January 2017
Half Term	Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February 2017

Devon
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Devon
County Council 

Public Consultation

School Admission Arrangements for state-funded schools and Education Travel Arrangements and Relevant Area for Admissions

consultation open from 1 November 2016 to 6 January 2017

You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council and by academy, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools in Devon** which are their own admission authorities.

and the following academies in Plymouth: **Oreston Community Academy, Old Priory Junior Academy, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery and in Torbay: **All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, St Marychurch CofE Primary, Upton St James CofE Primary**

To view the proposals, please visit:
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019
for a paper version.

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

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

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 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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