



NEWSLETTER

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'It is better to entertain an idea that to take it home to live with
you for the rest of your life.'

Randall Jarrell

Dear Parents/Carers

Financial situation

The week's big news was in my letter to parents and a slightly alarmist article on the "This is Exeter" website. It is true that we will need to make some staffing reductions for September; as student numbers have fluctuated over the years we have increased and decreased staff numbers accordingly; the difference this time is that the numbers are a bit bigger, and we have the media spotlight glare on us: plenty of other schools are in exactly the same position. Invoking the redundancy process is by definition the start of a procedure which unfolds over four months; it does not mean that compulsory redundancies are inevitable; but, which adds to the alarmist tone, it is simply far too early to say. In any case, I don't intend to give a running commentary in the press without informing parents first.

The general rule of thumb in public service organisations is that the maximum staffing cost should be no more than 80% of income; some experts put it at 75% or 78%. With the drop in income (from government reforms and a drop in Sixth Form numbers which affects funding a year behind), if we did not make some reductions we would be well over 80% in September, in other words overstaffed. Therefore, despite the impression created of swingeing cuts, we are actually realigning staffing to a manageable level against national benchmarks. Compared to the last year or two, when we were able to run uneconomic group sizes and some non-essential provision, it will inevitably feel tighter next year. The real story to my mind is how a good school like Clyst Vale, with a healthy carry forward of £250,000 in August 2016, can be so sharply affected by government policies and one change in fortune; we would have managed one or the other without attention, but not both. It is no comfort that accountants Bishop Fleming are reported in the Express & Echo, ironically, as claiming that 7/10 academies are unable to balance their books because of funding pressures.

More importantly, what is the impact likely to be on Clyst Vale's students? It's easier to start with what will remain as now: the curriculum offer in terms of subjects will not change, Year 9 option choices will not change, but it will no longer be possible to run small, uneconomic groups at GCSE. This applies to A-level too, although we are strongly committed to maintaining the Sixth Form at Clyst Vale. There will probably be trimming in several areas of staffing rather than losing a whole section; and Governors are committed in principle to protecting what goes on in the classroom as the first priority. Some group sizes will increase. Subject-specialist teachers will continue to teach GCSE and A-level. We will need to eke out the life of resources and equipment. There is no reason to think that outcomes will suffer; my colleagues are resourceful, committed professionals who will do their utmost for your sons and daughters.

There were two confusing statements which I would like to address directly. One relates to pupil numbers. For demographic reasons, numbers have reduced from their heights of ten years ago, and for demographic reasons are starting to pick up again. That said, there have been no year groups below 150 students, except for the one year when the opening of Cranbrook Education Campus affected us (and that year group has recovered to 145). The only issue with student numbers, which is significant, is that Sixth Form numbers dropped for this September. The second statement is that "staff morale is atrocious". Clearly, the morale of the "source close to the school" is low, but most parents will realise that standards remain high, there is the full range of activities going on, and most

teachers were positive at the Year 11 Parents' Evening and will be on Tuesday's Options Evening. It is tough in education at the moment, and this includes Clyst Vale, but this was an overstatement.

Over the years, Clyst Vale parents have shown great loyalty and support; just as importantly, characteristics include not over-reacting, checking facts, possessing a sense of perspective, and not believing everything in the papers! I would be glad of those qualities at the moment. Yes, we have to make some staffing reductions to bring us into balance; we will seek to avoid compulsory redundancies; we will (it ought to go without saying) seek to minimise the effects on students, as they are our first priority.

Making the Parents' Voice Heard

Please refer to my letter sent on Wednesday for addresses and e-mails of your local MP. I must apologise to parents from the Silverton area, as I omitted Mel Stride. His contact details are: Mel Stride, MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA; email: mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk. Regarding the issue of the national funding formula proposed from 2018, many Devon schools, including us, will lose out. Particularly badly hit is Uffculme, who have launched a Parliamentary petition demanding truly fair funding for Devon's schools. To make it clear, this is not a petition about Uffculme, but all Devon schools, and if you wish to sign it the link is as follows: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177952>

4x4 Success

Once again, we are enjoying 4x4 success. Team Velocity finished second overall in the regional qualifying competition, and will represent the South West at the National Finals at Silverstone next month. This is very much a new squad, with only one or two students who have been involved before; it is also a very young team, especially compared to their rivals, a number of whom were Sixth Formers. Therefore, they have done brilliantly, and we are massively proud of them. So, congratulations to Charlie Blackburn, Ed Gold, Elijah Holding, Ellie Harris, Joe Hartley, Maddie Knight and Sam Roberts; and to Mr Hewlett and Dr Turl. All this has been accomplished in students' and staff's own time, which says much about their commitment and passion for engineering; the learning for students is phenomenal, too – this is so much more than driving a remote-controlled car.

Year 9 Options

The Options booklets have gone out, and there will be a range of activities either side of half-term to help Year 9 students find out about courses and make their decisions. We look forward to seeing students and parents at next Tuesday's Options Evening, which is traditionally one of our best-attended and best-appreciated evenings of the year.

Apprenticeship Day 1st Feb

A very useful addition to our Careers Education programme was Wednesday's Apprenticeship Day. Apprenticeships are being heavily promoted and supported at national level, with a target of 3 million places; therefore, this is a genuine opportunity and a further choice for young people to consider (and not just young people: there are a few Level 7 apprenticeships, equivalent to Masters' level study). A representative from the National Apprenticeship Service came down from London for the day, and presented an excellent overview to Year 10 students. Her day also included focused presentations with a more individualised approach for Year 11 and 12 students who had been identified as pursuing the apprenticeship route.

Police Takeover Day

Continuing the Careers Education theme, our regional police force has organised a 'Devon & Cornwall Police and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Takeover Day' which is taking place today (3rd Feb). Young people from all Devon were invited to apply directly and I am delighted that Clyst Vale will be well represented, with six students being selected: Olivia Hellier, Jack Renfree, Millie-Jo Elliott, Lauren Elliot, Charlie Roberts and Ellen Blackler. Clearly, they have done well to be selected, and it is an excellent opportunity for them.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

Another big thank you to parents who have returned the parental survey. We have had 242 handed in, which is the highest for years and probably a record! They have now been sent off for analysis, which generally takes a month or so.



Dr Bawn

SPORTS NEWS

CLYST VALE FOOTBALL SUCCESS

A spate of friendly football matches over the past few weeks created much success for Clyst Vale's passing philosophy as initiated by the legendary Mr Forbes as many as 15 years ago.



Our highly enthusiastic Year 7s comfortably beat Bramdean before narrowly squeezing past St James, this despite excessive dribbling and whining from a number of players which surely detracts from their performance (we'll soon get rid of that).

Our diminutive Year 8 team passed, moved and tricked their way past a weakened St James team despite the fair but somewhat physical approach of Rob Davidson who kindly volunteered to play for the opposition.

Our Year 10 boys dealt out a 6-0 hammering to a Bramdean team containing a few Year 11s, one or two Post 16 students and even a couple of our reserves to try to even out the game.

All of the above were played in great spirit and represented true friendly school football without the histrionics of the professional game, so often recreated on the school playing field. More matches to come starting with Year 9 and Year 11 at home to St Peter's on Tuesday 21st February.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING



We wish the best of luck to Sam Mills in Year 7 who competes this Saturday in the South West Cross Country Running Championships in Cornwall. Sam has already proved his ability by becoming Exeter Champion as well as Exeter & East Devon Champion in the two previous rounds.

Mr Everett
Sports Co-ordinator

RUGBY REPORT

Year 7 Boys: Haygrove 5-20 CVCC



The Year 7 squad made the long trip to Bridgwater on Monday 16 January to take on their Haygrove counterparts. Mr Elliot, the Haygrove PE teacher, was outstanding in facilitating the 12 a side game which allowed all players to learn and showcase their talents. It was Clyst Vale who had to do all of the hard work for the first 15 minutes of the game, playing up the mild slope. Superb, low tackling was the key and Clyst Vale did this in abundance. AJ

Medcraft once again led by example, chopping down players twice the size of him! Brave tackling led the way for the ball to eventually be turned over, allowing them to score two tries through Captain Dom Boots-Hutchings and Joseph Tandy. The half time team talk allowed Clyst Vale to discuss what things had been done well and to move the ball away from contact quicker to gain more ground out wide.

Two more tries, one from Tom Massey, striding in from the centre, and another from Boots-Hutchings, after a wonderful reverse offload from Harri Turner, sealed the win, despite Haygrove responding with a try of their own.



This was a simply outstanding performance from the Year 7 lads, with a very rare win on Somerset soil! The aim now is to have more players at training on Wednesday after school and Thursday lunchtimes to ensure that we have a solid squad for the upcoming Exeter and East Devon tournament and for Year 8.

Well done to all of the squad: Dom Boots-Hutchings, AJ Medcraft, Harri Turner, Joseph Tandy, Tom Lockett, Josh Worlin, Luke Williams, Jack Galliford, Tom Massey, Will Franchi, Harrison Coles and Remi Morcrete.

Mr Pearce
Teacher of PE



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL


7RCM	Alex Cox
7RKC	Jack Belworthy
8RZB	Ellie Bradner
9RAR	Kyle Wager
10RDH	Keshia Waterman
10RGG	Edward Gold
11RMHI	Angel Tucker
11RTMA	Rafael Pereira Piccoli

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Harry Boston
8YME	Jim Wade
8YMM	Connor Brooks
9YJCO	Tre Campbell
9YSP	Ellie Boston
10YMPR	Jack Maguire
11YCW	Annie Pulman


SILVER SCHOOL

7SMBR	Dom Boots-Hutchings
8SAO	Megan Newbery & James Slater
9SLA	Jasmin Collins-Board
10SNG	Zac Miles
10SNS	Sam Darke
11SDJ	Harry Knowles & Kelsey Marriott
11SSG	Rob Stone



Broadclyst Housing Need Survey

IMPORTANT
Arriving through your door **SOON!**



Your Parish Council would like your views on housing in the Parish


The results of the survey could ensure a supply of affordable housing for local people

Do you know someone who has moved away to find a suitable home? They too can complete a form — ring for a copy

Please spend a few minutes filling in the form



Contact Janice Alexander
Rural Housing Enabler
Devon Communities Together
01392 248919



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



Lunch Clubs Mon – Wed

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in Maths Rooms		Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 8 (girls) Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Miss Wright
Mon	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	1.45pm	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	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot Mrs Bennett
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	All Years Badminton	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce Miss Wright
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 10 Maths Workshop (Disadvantaged Students)	Lunchtime	MA8		Mrs Manaton Mrs Hucklesby
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Dance (all years)	1.45pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	French Year 11 Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
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	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett

Lunch Clubs Thurs - Fri

Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	1.45pm	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	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
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	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
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)	1.45pm	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/ Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	GCSE PE Revision (Week A)	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield

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

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 7th February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Options Evening
Fri 10th February	Non Uniform Day
Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February	Half Term & Ski Trip
Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week
Thurs 23rd February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 25th February - Sun 26th February	Ten Tors 2 nd overnighiter
Tues 28th February	Y11 Pre-exam Support Evening
Thurs 2nd March	1.30pm Y13 Slapton Ley trip leaves
Sat 4th March	Y13 Slapton Ley trip returns
Mon 13th March - Fri 17th March	'Bugsy Malone' School Production, Barnfield Theatre
Tuesday 21st March	Deep Learning Day
Thurs 23rd March	4.30 - 7.00 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day
Sat 25th March - Sun 26th March	Ten Tors third overnighiter
Mon 27th March - Friday 31st March	Year 10 mock exams week
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term

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.

All uniform 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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