

NEWSLETTER

“Happiness depends upon ourselves”
Aristotle



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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Parents' Pre-Exam Information Evening

Many thanks to parents of Year 11 students who came to Tuesday's briefing. Mr Green ran through the revision messages which we give to the students, and examples of the wide range of revision techniques. A key message is that there is no one "best" revision method; this depends on the way that the student learns best, and to some extent on the subject and how it is assessed. However, this means that students need to be very aware of how they do learn, and there is a very wide range: some like writing lists and reading, while at the other end of the spectrum there are those who will use whole areas of the house as a massive pinboard of posters and post-its. Mrs Dominy, Exams Officer, went through the rules and expectations of the Exam Boards, and the various scenarios if a student is late, or ill, or affected by a significant family event. Main points here are that students need to be extremely organised, and to remember that Exam Board rules are in general far stricter than College rules: there is no negotiation! The presentation from the evening is on the website, as are the handouts.

For both Year 10 and 11, mock exams are later this month. Timetables have been issued, and we always recommend using that fridge magnet you bought as a whim on holiday to stick it to the fridge. Increasingly, subject teachers will be setting "revision" as homework. This isn't a soft option; it encourages students to think about how and what to revise, has been proven to improve recall for the summer, and reduces stress. It's worth remembering that with the changes to GCSE syllabi and assessment, Year 10 students will have a much greater volume of content to remember when they sit exams in 14 months' time, and this independent revision at home is essential for success. Your support in this is much appreciated. (Another piece of practical advice is to keep the aforementioned fridge well stocked with snacks; for many students, this is regarded as an essential revision aid.)

Parental Feedback 1

Thank you to Year 9 parents for completing the questionnaires as you left the parents' evening last week. The questions are all taken from the Ofsted parents' survey, by the way – one parent asked! The feedback was very positive; over 97% agree that their child is happy, safe, making good progress, well looked after, taught well, behaviour is good, and the College is well led and managed. There was a lower satisfaction score for homework (80% positive), so we will redouble our efforts with this. I should also praise Year 9 parents and carers for an excellent attendance of 82%.

Parental Feedback 2

I have just received the Kirkland Rowell survey results, and have not yet had time to process them properly. The summary looks very good, though. Thank you to the 242 parents who returned them, which is a “best ever”. Pretty much everything in the report is “good” when benchmarked against other schools completing the survey. However, there were 14 “outstandings” compared to six last year, including Read to Learn, Beliefs & Values, Resistant Materials, school communication, regular marking of work, treating students fairly and equally, levels of homework, tailoring students’ work to their needs and abilities, school discipline, caring teachers, and developing moral values.

There were two “requires improvements” and one “inadequate”. It would be useful to have a bit more insight into these, as the questionnaire is quite general. One is “School Facilities” – does this mean basics like toilets, or the Hall, or the general look, or specifics like an all-weather pitch? Another is “exercise”, and the “inadequate” was “promoting a healthy diet”. We offer the requisite amount of PE and plenty of extra-curricular sport, so it would be interesting to know a little more about exercise; also, “diet” could include what we teach in Food and Course 42, or it could relate to the food on offer at break and lunchtime. So, excuse the pun, any feedback appreciated.

Internet Safety

Last Friday ex-policeman and internet safety expert Gary Gates gave a presentation to all year groups, tailored to meet the most likely needs and uses of the internet and social media according to age. I made a point of asking a range of students what they thought, and every single one considered it useful. Most learned a lot, but even our more savvy users realised a few things which will help keep them safer. Gary demonstrated just how easy it is with a picture posted and a couple of apparently innocuous on-line chat questions to pin down where someone lives; and how easy it is to be misled into visiting inappropriate sites: a cute cartoon bunny is a gateway to Animal Rights activists, for example. For older students, the focus was very much on making sure on-line profiles are maintained and present a good image. It’s not a myth that employers regularly look up applicants on Google, Facebook and Twitter, and Gary shared one or two examples where people have not just lost a job, but their dream, while others will have embarrassing photos on the web for ever, as they have no legal power to get them removed. Statistically, it probably won’t happen to any of our students; but it could do.

Aerosols

We have had two potentially dangerous incidents involving the mis-use of aerosols this school year. This is two too many. Yet again, this can be portrayed as petty rule-setting, or as I prefer to see it, sheer common sense on safety grounds: aerosols should not be brought or used in school. Yes, some teenagers get a bit sweaty, and others are concerned about their appearance, but there are different types of deodorant and many ingenious ways to keep hair under control without aerosols. As ever, the vast majority of students are completely responsible, but we just can’t legislate for the handful who aren’t, and who tend to use others’ aerosols anyway. Thank you for your support.

Another First For Abbie Brown

I’m sometimes a bit slow on the uptake, and have only just learned that Abbie Brown has captained the England Women’s Rugby Sevens Team. I believe I’m right in saying that this makes her the first ex-Clyst Vale student to be captain of a national team!



Dr Bawn

Y10/11 Rugby Trip to England v Italy in the RBS 6 Nations

On Sunday 26 February, a group of 16 Year 11's and 3 Year 10's, along with Mr Powell Jnr (James) travelled up the A303 to Twickenham to watch England take on Italy in the third round of the 6 Nations. The group were an absolute pleasure to take away—they were able to have a look around Twickenham High Street pre-game to soak up the infectious atmosphere, visit the RFU shop and walk around the famous 80,000 capacity stadium. We sat in the West Lower stand and enjoyed an outstanding view of the spectacle, being within 20 metres of the England players warming up and the ITV presenters getting ready to go live!



The students experienced a very controversial and entertaining game which eventually saw the hosts run out 36-15 winners, with the main talking points being the way in which Italy managed to shut down the dangerous England back line with their ability to not commit to defending rucks!

The group were truly a pleasure and a credit to Clyst Vale and I hope they will remember their experience at Rugby's Headquarters for a long time to come.

Well done to: Tom Bradner, Maddy Ross, Rosie Martin, James Wu, Louis Cocking, Harry Thompson, Logan Dawkins, Chris Perry, James Coles, John Madams, Paddy Gray, Harry Price, Joe West, Raf Piccoli, Matty McCord, Oli Welch, Jack Renfree and Tom Rush.



**Mr Pearce
PE Teacher**

Year 9 Boys Rugby 7's

The Year 9 lads finished runners up at a local fixture last Wednesday at St Peter's School. In a warm up for their upcoming attendance at the Rosslyn Park Rugby 7's tournament in London, the boys did well to beat Tiverton and St Peter's B comfortably, although losing narrowly to St Peter's A 10-7 in their first game. Well done to the squad:

Ben Parsons, Joe Blackburn, Charlie Sparkes, Tre Campbell, Barnaby Bilton, Fin Potter, Alex Rogers, Harrison Tarrant and Zack Killian.

**Mr Pearce
PE Teacher**

SPORTS NEWS continued

Year 7 Boys @ Exeter & East Devon Schools' Festival:

Congratulations go to the Year 7 boys who competed in the recent U12 festival at St Peter's School, Exeter. Despite a tough day, they battled well and continued to grow their rugby experience, gaining the following results:



Clyst Vale 10-15 St Luke's

Clyst Vale 15-10 West Exe

Clyst Vale 5-15 St Peter's

Clyst Vale 0-15 Uffculme

Clyst Vale 10-15 QECC

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, Remi Morcrete, Joseph Welch and Jesse Davey.

Mr Pearce
PE Teacher

Clyst Vale U15 Girls finish Runners Up in Exeter & East Devon Festival:

Congratulations to the U15 girls who progressed to the Devon Finals at Topsham RFC on Wednesday 1 March, losing just one in six games. The girls played really well as a squad, gaining a lot of plaudits from several coaches and teachers at the event. Results were:

Clyst Vale 20-0 QECC

Clyst Vale 20-5 Uffculme

Clyst Vale 0-10 St Peter's

Clyst Vale 25-0 QECC

Clyst Vale 5-5 Uffculme

Clyst Vale 15-0 Okehampton

Well done to the squad: Emily Blatchford, Lauren Harker, Shannon McIlroy, Ebony Hayler, Megan White, Dulcie Sanders, Jasmine Burwood, Lauren Elliot, Lenni Bashford, Rosie Pring, Rachel Champion, Georgia Sheldon-Smith, Rowan Greaves, Ellie Bradner and Eloise Blatchford.

Mr Pearce
PE Teacher

SPORTS NEWS continued

Year 10 & 11 Netball

A big well done to all the Year 10 & Year 11 students who travelled to, and participated in the end of season Exeter and Area Netball Tournament at St Peter's this week. A valiant struggle for both teams against experienced (and very tall!) teams.

Year 11 came third overall(!) and Year 10 came 4th out of eight schools. Thank you to Mr Morse and Miss Hoare who accompanied us, scoring and umpiring.

There will be a Year 9 and 10b game on Tuesday 7 March and a final Year 10 & 11 match on Monday 13 March.

Get ready for rounders!

Mrs Elliot



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL	
7RCM	Benjie Perry
7RKC	Oliver Churchill
8RZB	Aubrey Perkin
9RAR	Corey Galpin
10RDH	Ellie Brook
10RGG	Dylan Pengilly
11RMHI	Chris Perry
11RTMA	Martha Harrington

GREEN SCHOOL	
7GHE	Lara Gimbuta
7GIQ	Libby Hallett & Lauren Askew
8GPE	Joe Hartley
9GABR	Milly Franklin
9GTGA	Jude Pearson
10GSW	Lottie Gilmour & Bea Williams
11GGT	Peter Betts

YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Gabrielle Wright
8YMM	William Blum
8YME	India Ross
9YJCO	Roisin Rankin
9YSP	Lacey Sellick
10YMPR	Zack Parker
11YCW	Lucy Carter

Bugsy Malone and future productions

To help us raise funds for microphone packs there will be a raffle at Bugsy Malone show nights.

If you have any donations of raffle prizes, please hand them into Clyst Vale reception before Friday 10th March.

Many thanks.

Jenny

CLYST VALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRESENTS
ALAN PARKER'S



Barnfield Theatre, Exeter
15th - 18th March
Tickets: £8 children, £10 adults
Performances:
Wednesday 15th March 7.00pm
Thursday 16th March 7.00pm
Friday 17th March 7.00pm
Saturday 18th March 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Tickets available from the Barnfield Theatre box office
(01392 271808) or online

Play by Alan Parker
Words and Music by Paul Williams
By arrangement with Faber Music Ltd on behalf of Warner/Chappell Music Ltd

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



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

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

CHARITY NEWS



Our next non uniform day will be in aid of Comic Relief and Red Nose Day.

This is taking place on Friday 24th March and costs just 50p.

If you would like to do anything else to help fundraise for Comic Relief, please see the Charity notice-board (outside Dr Bawn's office), ask your AtHOS or HOS or me. I have plenty of resources/sponsor sheets/balloons and stickers.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Phillips
Additional Support

CALENDAR DATES

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 overnigher
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 overnigher
Mon 27th March - Fri 31st March	Year 10 mock exams week
Fri 31st March	Last day of Spring 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

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.

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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