



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill;

the willingness to learn is a choice." ~ **Brian Herbert**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ukraine Day

- The fund-raising day for the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine is only just under way as I write this, so it's a bit early to comment. I am just grateful and proud of everyone who contributes in such a good cause. Of course, there is an educational dimension to the day, both in terms of the current situation with 5.5 million refugees having left Ukraine, and millions more displaced, and also the breaches of children's rights. Our nominated charity is UNICEF, working with partners in Ukraine to reach vulnerable children and families with essential services – including health, education, protection, water and sanitation – as well as life-saving supplies.

Exams and Early Lunchtimes (all students)

- This has been standard practice for years, but of course has not been necessary for two years so will be new and a surprise to many. As you know, we have just afternoon registration and one lesson in the afternoon, totalling 70 minutes. GCSE exams which require use of the Hall and rooms by the playground are generally longer than 70 minutes; for students who are entitled to extra time, it's even longer. This would mean a high risk of noise. So, we move lunchtime to the end of lesson 3, and have two lessons in the afternoon. This can be problematic for a small number of students who have dietary requirements or who find change difficult: please contact your child's AtHoS or Additional Support if this applies to you. The dates will be:

Monday 16th May
Thursday 19th May
Whole week beginning 23rd May
Whole week beginning 6th June
Wednesday 15th June
Thursday 16th June
Monday 20th June

Year 11 "Study Leave"

- I intend to write to Year 11 students and parents next week about various things, but here are two dates in advance. The plan for Year 11 to do the ritual shirt-signing and other activities will be on Monday 13th June. The original date won't work because there is an exam in the afternoon. While this day is termed Year 11's "last day", this is historic and misleading, dating back to when study

leave started just before the whole exam season. It's usually been somewhere in the middle for years, and this year is even later because exams are more stretched out and the majority of students will benefit from being in class. So the significance of the day is that Year 11 students are only required to attend their exams from 14th June onwards. There is a GCSE Geography Exam on 14th..... I mentioned two dates: the second is Thursday 30th June, which is the last possible day there could be exams. The 29th is a contingency plan if a day of exams is postponed for any reason. It is not advisable to book holidays before 30th June.

Kooth and Exams

- I've mentioned Kooth many times before. It is a highly regarded on-line support for mental health and well-being; "on-line" is slightly misleading as there are people behind it, who speak and run on-line chat. Anyway, it provides a variety of different services and information, and can be found on kooth.com. I am very happy to share one of their resources "As external exams are approaching - for some students, for the first time due to the impact of the pandemic - Kooth is delighted to share our new guide for young people about Coping with Exam Stress."

Exams and Site Works

- For various reasons beyond our control, the window replacement work has gone on far longer than anticipated. Understandably, I've been asked if this work will be continuing during the summer exams and if there will be noise. The answers are "no" and "no". One less thing for students to think about.

Invigilators Needed

- There is a national shortage of exam invigilators, and we are in the same situation. Schools, including us, need more invigilators than before because of the increase in number of students with special exam needs and mental health issues. At the same time, the number of invigilators is falling: some have "retired" from 2-3 years ago, others have covid and other health concerns; some found alternative employment when there were no exams. Anyway, we have a shortage for around 70 exams spread throughout the exam period 16th May to 27th June. Exams start at 09.00 or 13.30, and are of varying lengths, mostly between one and two hours. If you think you can help, please contact Exams Officer Amanda Kilby on 01392-463920 or kilbya@clystvale.org to express interest and see if the time(s) you can offer meet our needs ! Clearly, invigilators cannot invigilate their own children.

Bude Parents' Information Evening

- Just a reminder for Year 8 parents and carers that the information evening about the Bude residential in July is next Thursday, 12th July. This is always a valuable evening in which all the amazing activities are outlined, and in which concerns and questions from students or parents are addressed by a representative of Adventure International. I won't be there because of a clash with a Governors' meeting, but I bet 10p that at least one parent offers to go instead of their offspring.....

More Recognition for Sam

- Sam Mills (Year 12) has been ranked as the top cross-country runner in the under-17 age group by the prestigious magazine Athletics Weekly. This recognises Sam's incredibly successful recent achievements, specifically becoming English National champion, the Northern Ireland International winner and the first under-17 home during the Liverpool under-20 race.

Ten Tors

- By the time you read this, our 3½ teams will be at Okehampton Camp, have had their bags checked – hopefully including sun cream - and will be contemplating their unearthly start tomorrow and 35 (or 45) mile journey. You can follow their efforts on the Ten Tors website: <https://www.tentors.org.uk/> . Clearly, we wish them every success !
- The teams are CVCC A (Florence, Alissa, Chloe, Jessie, Daisy, Nina) are following Route G; CVCC B (Joel, Barnaby, Joshua, Lenny Lewis, Ray) Route H; CVCC C (Alice, Annelise, Archie, Finley, Lucy, Rebecca) Route I. All three 35-mile teams are "Team D" on their routes. Oli and Lucy are with the Exe Valley Ramblers on 45-mile Route T; Jamie with Blackdown Scouts on 45-mile Route Q. Apologies if there is anyone else we haven't heard about !
- A huge thank you goes to Chris Eales for his hard work throughout the year, plus the brilliant support of colleagues, volunteers and ex-students including Graeme Robb (volunteer), Michelle Barratt, Dave

Hewlett, Dan Wollen, Cathy Horwell (parent & Dartmoor Rescue), Harry Price (ex student & Dartmoor Rescue), Mattie Horwell (ex student), Chris James (parent & Dartmoor Rescue), Adam Muscat (current year 12 student), plus Rachel Keene who is coming along on the Friday to help cook.

National Tutoring Programme

- You might have seen that schools received a letter (on Bank Holiday Monday) from the Department for Education. You may recall that the government had to withdraw the NTP contract from Randstad who had significantly botched it up. This has made many people cross, as schools are being inspected on how well they have engaged with the botched programme, against a background of steadily reducing funding. Anyway, here at Clyst Vale we are engaging with the NTP for targeted students in Years 7 and 8 in English, and will shortly begin in Maths in the same year groups.

Cycle Safety

- It's timely to remind students and parents about cycle safety. Despite the lighter evenings, students must be visible and should wear a helmet [I know that some cycling enthusiasts contest this]. Since the start of term we have received two or three reports about poor cycling behaviour: riding fast into the road, veering on to wrong side, and switching from road to pavement. This is dangerous to riders and others, and needs to stop. So, please could parents of cycling students reinforce these messages ?

Student Voice. From the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza:

- "Family is a core pillar of my work as Children's Commissioner, following 'The Big Ask' survey, which demonstrated how important families are to children. I have been commissioned by government to undertake a review of family life across the country.
- The family review will seek to understand the composition of the modern family, explore whether the needs of children are understood in the provision of services to families, and how we can improve children's outcomes by developing the way public services understand the needs of families as a unit.
- Capturing children's voices is key to this review. That is why I am launching my call for action, and asking schools for their help. Please encourage the children you teach to complete the questions on the Children's Commissioner website, and to share their view on family life. The answers will help us understand what children think of family life and help inform our work".

Covid

- I don't know if you noticed, but there was no section on covid last week, the first time for over two years. Little to say this week, either. Since the start of term we have had 14 student and 4 staff cases reported, and currently 9 students are isolating but all colleagues are back. So, covid is still with us, and while there is clearly no need for restrictions of the past, caution, hand hygiene, ventilation and "catch it, bin it, kill it" are still the order of the day. A few students (and me) continue to wear masks in crowded spaces, which is absolutely fine. I'm surprised more hay fever sufferers aren't wearing them.....

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn
Principal

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incredibly successful recent achievements, specifically becoming English National champion, the Northern

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K.P. Bawn (Dr.)

Principal



Wednesday 4th May 2022

Clystvale vs Exmouth Community College

U14's EAST DEVON CUP FINAL

Venue: Topsham Town FC



After a hard-fought group stage and semi-final fixtures Clyst Vale found themselves in the Cup final vs rivals Exmouth.

An earlier encounter in the year saw Clyst Vale fall short with a 4-3 defeat. So were looking to put things right with a win today.

A lovely afternoon down on the Topsham pitch and with the boys full of spirit they went about their work with a well prepared warm up, activation session and ball work led by Mr Hawkins (PGCE student). After the initial nerves of photos and the shaking of the hands with the referee, the boys lined up in a 3-4-1-2 formation:-

Lewis, Riley, Rhys, Ollie, Max, Harry, Jack, Charlien E, Ethan, Lucas, and Charli e W

Subs: Harry.B, Nick, Finley, and Otto.

The Exmouth team battled and pressed which put a lot of pressure on the back line, but the Clyst Vale defence managed to keep disciplined and cleared their lines.

As the game progressed Clyst Vale started to create chances down the left wing with Ethan pace. Clyst Vale battled hard and tried to limit the chances given to Exmouth. Late into the first half Exmouth were given a free kick about 25 yards from goal. The Exmouth player hit an excellent free kick that struck the middle of the crossbar and bounced back into the 18-yard box. The Exmouth players reacted first and placed it past the scrambling Lewis in the Clyst Vale goal. Clyst Vale created some chances of their own with Ethan hitting a shot straight to the keeper and Charlie W linking up well with Jack on the right-hand side but couldn't find the finishing touches in the final third.

The second half started more of the same with Exmouth creating the better of the chances and increased their lead to 2-0. This did not dampen the spirits of the Clyst Vale boys as they continued to press and battle. Substitutions came as Harry B lead the attack and Finley coming on for the drained Ethan who worked extremely hard throughout the game. Clyst Vale had their best period of the game in the final 20 minutes, as they began to find more space which allowed them time to play balls to one another. They worked the ball well down in the wider areas with a change in formation to a 4-4-2 with Nick and Ollie becoming the full backs. Unfortunately, after all the hard work they didn't manage to get the ball in the back of the net and the game finished 2-0.

The boys were gracious in defeat and took everything on board that was fed back to them. Credit to all the boys that came to the fixture, as they represented the school in a superb manner. Polite when speaking to others, excellent work ethic throughout the warm-up and the game and the biggest compliment to the group is their enjoyment of each other's company and the support they show one another.

Unlucky Year 9s, we go again next year.

Dom Stapleton

PE Teacher





**GIRLS RUGBY CLUB WITH EXETER
CHIEFS COMMUNITY COACHES**

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL:

3.20-4.20PM



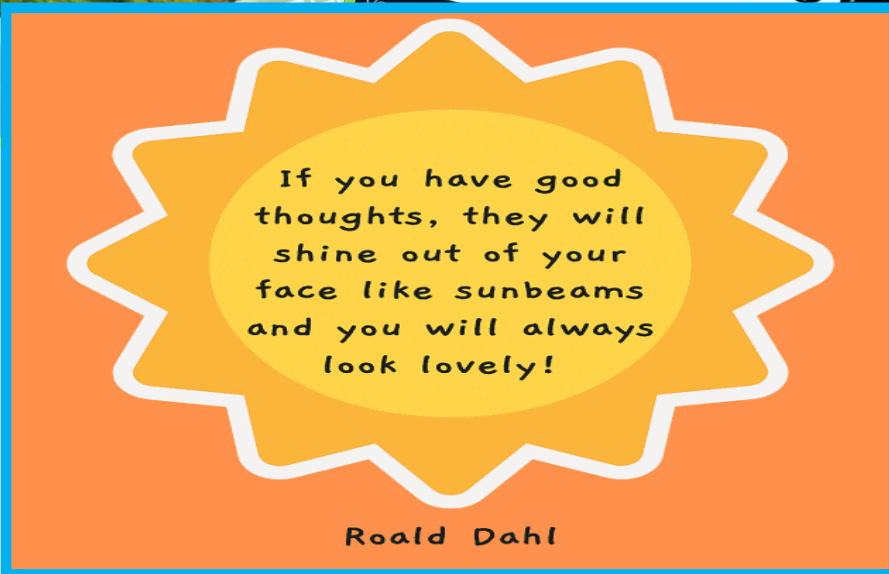
Chat, listen, share, understand.

We can all feel lonely at times. And that's ok.

Mental Health Awareness Week

9th of May - 15th of May

Join our mental health and wellbeing community today to **chat with a professional and connect with peers** by visiting [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)



Roald Dahl



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@clystvaled.org



CVCC Vacancies

**We currently have vacancies
for the following positions:**

Teacher of Beliefs and Values

Teacher of Maths (0.7 FTC)

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

www.clystvaled.org/vacancies



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RBAT

7RHSP Sam Studholme

8RSGA Amelie Brooking

8RZB Jack Lowry

9RAO Rosa Fielding

9RMAH

10RER

10RGG

11RSS Maggie Pascoe

11RTMA

GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC

7GIM Finley Robson

8GABr Ruby Morris

8GDH Oliver Phillip

9GAW James Ruddlesden

9GBA Tobias Hill

10GHE

11GGT Amelia Palmer & Daisy Bird

11GMN Morgan Maynard

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YTZI Luka Rice

7YMBr

8YPN

8YSSC Kacie Dixon

9YDS

9YSP Oliver Back

10YMPr Ray Phillips

10YNS Tom Shelton

11YRB

11YCW Harry Thompson

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 10 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mr Pearce & Mrs Elliot
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – K3 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	History Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Tuesday	Year 7 to 11 Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 9 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	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 Revision	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	GCSE Photography Club	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Wakefield
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sport Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday	Year 7 to 9 Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Miss Hall
Wednesday	Year 9 Mixed Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Revision	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 10 & 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimpler
Thursday	Yu-Gi-Oh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thursday	History (grades 8-9) Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield Mr Pearce
Friday	K3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Friday	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts		Mrs Woolcott

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sat 07 & Sun 08 May	ALL DAY - Ten Tors Weekend
Thurs 12 May	Y8 Bude Information Evening 6pm-7pm
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
Fri 8 th July	Year 11 Prom
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 Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: voyseys@clystvale.org

Copying in Head of Sixth Form: 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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