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# NEWSLETTER

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"Education is the foundation upon which we build our future" — Christine Gregoire*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy New (School) Year!

Welcome back to the new year, and a special welcome to parents of students who have joined Clyst Vale this week. You join us at a good time – there is a real sense of purpose and optimism around the College: we celebrated Oxford university success in the summer, all Year 13 students who applied got in to university, and there were many success stories at GCSE. Two year groups are full, including Year 7, and numbers are on the increase; we had a huge boost by achieving the Rights Respecting Silver Award in July; you will have also received information about an improved and simplified behaviour policy; and (below) we have been joined by a healthy number of new colleagues bringing fresh ideas. There are even three improved toilets in the Giraffe House area! There is more information about the exam results, and the students who have done exceptionally well, on the “rolling news” section on the front page of the website.

We will receive an Ofsted visit at some stage this year. To a large extent, this makes no difference to our priorities: we will continue striving to offer the best possible teaching so that students learn well and fulfil their potential in terms of exam results. At the same time, we are determined not to sacrifice any of the inclusiveness and humanity which sets Clyst Vale apart from many schools. My well-worn tripod analogy is relevant here: we could provide the best teaching ever, but without good support from home and a good engaged attitude from students themselves individuals may still not reach their potential. We all need to encourage and challenge our students to genuinely do their best. One key priority for us is to improve student attendance, and we made very good progress last year: we are just about in line with national figures, and below them for “persistent absentees”. Parents’ role in this is critical, keeping your offspring hale and hearty and encouraging them out of the door every morning! We have had to be quite forceful with a minority of families, especially over term-time holiday absence, but hope that you understand that this has been entirely necessary. Students need to be in school to make progress.

### Partnership with Parents

Developing this theme, it almost goes without saying that the better the communication between school and parents, the better for everyone. For general issues and concerns, including absence, illness or changed circumstances at home, please contact your daughter or son’s Assistant to Head of School (AtHoS) in the first instance. If you wish to speak to a particular subject teacher, then please contact our Receptionist on 01392-461407 or email [admin@clystvale.org](mailto:admin@clystvale.org)

## **The Clyst Vale Newsletter**

If you are reading this, then you will be well aware that Clyst Vale's Newsletter always comes out on a Friday, very occasionally on a Wednesday or Thursday at the end of a term. I started the Newsletter in around 2003, copying the idea of the weekly letter to parents from Primary Schools at the time. Although technology has overtaken it, so that it is no longer transcribed by monks on parchment, nor printed, and we also have a website and Twitter account, every time I seek parental feedback it is overwhelmingly to keep the Newsletter as it is, even if it is mostly words and a bit old-fashioned. The Newsletter is available from our website or through e-mail: you will receive an alert. So, if anyone says to you that they never get the Newsletter, please ask them to contact the relevant Assistant to Head of School with their e-mail address so that we can set up the email alert!

## **New Colleagues and Staffing News**

I am delighted to introduce the following new colleagues, and to wish them every success at Clyst Vale whatever their role and however long they stay here. In traditional alphabetical order, we welcome Kate Borgen-Davis (English), Emma Bullock (Exams Assistant), Julie Chadband (Counsellor), Ben Cooksley (Science), Catherine Hall (English), Sara Jacobs (Deputy Principal), Ondrej Krasko (Food Technology), Maria Montoya (Spanish with French), Dominic Stapleton (PE), Sue Voysey (Principal's PA), and Andy Workman (Head of Digital Media).

There have also been one or two important changes in senior leadership. You will see above that Mrs Sara Jacobs has joined us from Uffculme School to be my Deputy; Mr Paul Sutton is my other Deputy Principal. Mr Allen Bailey has joined the senior team, which is completed by Mrs Ann Hopkins (College Manager). Miss Meghan McConnachie has replaced Mr Bailey as Head of Yellow School. Another important development is that Mrs Viv Oldfield (who continues as Head of English) has an additional role in coordinating our work with Priority Learners (our name for "disadvantaged learners").

One leaver to mention: former student and latterly premises staff colleague Ben Burridge has moved on to another post after four years working at Clyst Vale. We all wish him well.

## **Traffic News (and Car Parks)**

Usually at this time of year it's fairly chaotic at the start and end of the day, and I have to write a big telling-off paragraph to parents who drive in their children. I don't want to tempt fate, but it seems much, much better this year, so many thanks and no telling-off! The only bits of advice worth contemplating are that we really do not want parents to use the staff car park for drop-off or pick-up, unless the child has a disability or significant injury, for example a broken ankle or leg). End of the day pick ups can only really be done at the Sports Hall end. If students can wait on site until even 3.45 then pick-ups become magically easier.

## **School Buses**

Just to reassure Year 7 students and parents, the buses never leave before 3.30, so students have ten minutes to get to the coach park. We always have several staff on duty, the buses have notices saying "CV1" etc, and we are very alert to students who can't find their bus. It is exceptionally rare that a student misses their bus, and of course we would contact you in such circumstances.

## Uniform

Is currently magnificent. The students look great, a real credit to themselves, to you, and the College. Year by year, the grumbles over uniform become more and more minor. Last term's white-trimmed shoes have disappeared, and the only things really worth mentioning are – seriously – socks. Black, white and navy blue (similar to the jumper colour) are fine: red, yellow, polkadot and the rest of the rainbow are not. There is the perennial problem of boys not tucking in their shirts, of course. Clyst Vale has always tried to be reasonable over uniform and we are aware of the cost: there are no blazers, for example. Trousers from any retailer are fine, provided that they meet the specified standards. As above, the support and cooperation of parents and carers in this is very important and much appreciated. Please note the information about trouser riveting elsewhere on the Newsletter: we thought about riveting shorts as well, but decided that the vast majority of “proper” tailored shorts won't have patch pockets and provided they're not combat shorts or sports shorts they should all be fine; another example of Clyst Vale common sense.

## Funding

Regular readers will know that I have been fairly grumpy about education funding levels, and fed up with continually having to decide on “least worst” spending decisions which will save money but have the least impact on students; even so, like most schools, we have lost staffing, lost one or two option subjects, and have seen class sizes increase. So, the recent announcement of a £14bn increase in funding for schools over the next three years, including £2.6bn next year is obviously very welcome, whether or not you think it is electioneering on the part of the Government. For us, this could make a difference of over £250,000 per year once the complex funding formulae have done their work. We won't see the money until “next year”, though, and although I am trying very hard not to sound ungrateful, will not make up for the funding lost since 2010 or the lost opportunities for students as a result of less funding during that period.



Dr Bawn

Teamwork – Respect – Enjoyment – Discipline – Sportsmanship

England Rugby

U13 & U15 Girls Rugby  
Pitch Up and Play for FREE!  
All abilities and Experience  
Welcome!

#FUN Games  
#Learn New Skills  
#Make Lots of Friends  
#Keep Fit & Healthy  
#Stay Active

**Exeter Saracens RFC**

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	13:30 – 15:30
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Exeter Saracens RFC, Exhibition Fields,  
Summer Ln, Exeter, EX4 8NT

Open Sessions for Year 7 & 8 girls of all abilities and experiences. Informal games and introduction from tag to contact

To book a FREE place, contact Nicki Barley  
[exetersaracensgirls@gmail.com](mailto:exetersaracensgirls@gmail.com) / 07919006140  
By Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

## UNIFORM

The students are all looking smart in their shiny new uniforms. Thank you to everyone for ensuring the college dress code is adhered to. On a minor note there are a number of students wearing trousers which do not have the college rivet attached which is used to ensure that all trousers meet the college requirements.

In order to rectify this we will be holding a series of sessions where students can get their trousers riveted by their ATHOS as per the schedule below.

All sessions will be held over morning break.

Monday 9th Year 7

Tuesday 10th Year 8

Wednesday 11th Year 9

Thursday 12th year 10

Friday 13th Year 11

On the appropriate day, please ensure your child brings in any trousers which do not already have the college rivet on them, in a named bag. If all of their trousers need riveting then please ensure they also bring in their PE shorts so that they can change into these.

Your child can then either drop their bag into their ATHOS before college and collect it again at lunchtime, or come along to their ATHOS at break and the ATHOS will rivet their trousers at that time.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Ann Hopkins**  
**College Manager**

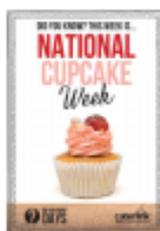


Do you use twitter? Then why not follow us @clystvale to find out what's going on in the College community.

# September Marketing Bulletin

Welcome to the September edition of your Marketing Bulletin. We're Caterlink, your School's caterer. We want to let you know about the great offers, promotions, events and deals we have coming up this month - So, in September we have National Cupcake Week, Destination China, British Food Fortnight and our Food Hero for September is Courgette! Meal deals, loyalty cards and product promotions throughout the month.

## National Cupcake Week



National Cupcake week falls in September and we are fully prepared by having over twelve different cupcake variations for students to enjoy.

## Food Hero Courgette



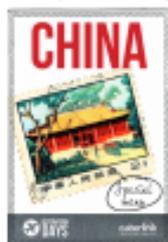
Courgettes are a great source of Potassium and are great for your heart, making it a great Food Hero for September! We even have a range of recipe ideas including salads and roast accompaniments.

## BRITISH FOOD FORTNIGHT



British Food Fortnight celebrates some great British classics such as pies, pasties, your favourite sandwich fillings like traditional ploughmans and egg & cress. Of course we couldn't forget a range of classic desserts including bread and butter pudding and fruit crumble.

## DESTINATION CHINA



Students will have an opportunity to try some new adventurous food. We have some fantastic unique flavours for the pupils including Chicken Chow Mein, Egg rice and mini spring roll pots and many more oriental options.

## PE Kit addition



For some time I have been looking into the idea of providing Clyst Vale leggings from the same supplier as our current PE kit. I felt it was important to address the needs of our students whilst at the same time maintaining the high standards of PE kit we have currently. Issues of material, elastic waistband width and cost have slowed the selection, however, with Mrs Needs help we have agreed on an item. These leggings can be purchased from our normal supplier Thomas Moore. At present there is no image of the leggings on their website so I suggest you may want to visit their Fore Street store. The leggings can be used alone and are especially good in dance and athletics or can be worn under our existing CVCC shorts. They are not sensible as an item for rugby on their own and shorts are the best outer option. These are the only make of leggings that are permitted to be worn at Clyst Vale.

I am aware this move has arrived too late for the student planners, but I hope that September will bring mild weather and that you may wish to delay any purchase until the weather starts to turn colder.

**Mr J Powell - Head of PE**

## CHARITY NEWS

### Non-Uniform Days – 2019 to 2020

As a Rights Respecting School, we asked the students who they would like to raise money for on our non-uniform days.

This is who they chose and below shows the dates on the new academic year's non-uniform days

Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Little Princess Trust

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Young Minds

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Children's Hospice South West

Please also note that we will, as normal, be raising money for the RNLI on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in memory of Harry Patch Day. This will NOT be a non-uniform day.



# Ski Italia

## 2021



If your child is interested in being part of the next **Ski Trip in 2021**, they need to collect a letter from Dr Turl or Mrs Elliot.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70km of pistes, offering high-altitude snow-sure skiing for everyone, from complete beginners to those who have skied at a high level. The price will be **£1029.00** which includes the following:

- Travel, from Clyst Vale to resort, and return journey (luxury coach fitted with seat belts), plus ferry, together with use of coach whilst in resort
- Ski lessons (morning and afternoon for six days)
- Hire of skis, boots and poles
- Full area lift pass
- Full insurance (including 24 hour Medicare, ski breakage and snow guarantee)
- Full-board accommodation, including hot lunch on the slopes
- Après-ski activities, such as ice-skating, tubing, ski test and presentation evening
- Clyst Vale ski hooded sweatshirt

**Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.**



### 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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport)*



## BROADCLYST

We are a thriving Charter Standard, family friendly youth football club who pride ourselves as one of the primary sports and wellbeing hubs in the village.

We have teams currently at Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups as well as three senior teams.

At present, our U15 squad need some new players and so if you are in school year group 9 or 10, you are in the age category that will qualify for this age group!



If you love football, want to join a team or would like a challenge with a new team, would like to feel part of something special and receive football coaching from FA qualified football coaches, please get in contact.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in contact via the messages on our Facebook/Twitter pages, or text/call Mike on:  
07526 762509

Can't wait to hear from you!

### **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 you will be contacted 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 ring:

Penni Ball (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)



#### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [barringtonj@clystvale.org](mailto: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).
- **All trousers must have Clyst Vale logo rivet on waistband.**
- 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](http://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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