



NEWSLETTER

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“A memorandum is written not to inform the reader but to protect the writer.”

Dean Acheson

Dear Parents/Carers

Apologies – this is quite a long Newsletter...on the other hand, that means there's lots going on!

Year 10 Parents' GCSE Information Evening

This is on Tuesday, at 6.00 pm in Post-16. I am really sorry that two different dates appeared on the website, but it is honestly on next Tuesday! It takes the form of a briefing/talk, with an opportunity for general questions and individual questions at the end. There have been significant changes to GCSEs of course, which have knock-on effects on pedagogy and planning, and place more emphasis on memory. The current Year 10 will benefit from all but one or two subjects having had at least one year's run-through of the new GCSEs, but there are significant differences from even two or three years ago. We look forward to seeing you!

Education Funding Update

Earlier this week, I sent out a letter and fact sheet as part of the “Worth Less?” education funding campaign of schools in 17 local authority areas. Thank you very much indeed to parents who have contacted me to say “thanks for keeping us informed” and “we're campaigning and contacting our MP, keep on keeping us informed”. It occurred to me that parents might be interested in the effects on Clyst Vale specifically. The table below shows the impact based on our current numbers of 780 students in Years 7 to 11; Post-16 student numbers and Post-16 funding are not included. I have never understood why Devon's children are worth less than the national average; £173,000 every year would pay for 4-5 teachers, or 6-8 support staff, or a huge amount of resources. The £4884 figure is the amount allocated to Devon per pupil, and assumes that all of it is “passported” on to schools.

Devon– Secondary School with 780 students 2018-19

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| Average per pupil funding – Devon | 780 x £4884 = £3,809,520, |
| Average per pupil funding - Reading (nation average for funding) | 780 x £5106 = £3,982,680 |
| Difference between Devon and Reading | £173,160 |
| Average per pupil funding - Greenwich (top 10%) | 780 x £6451 = £5,031,780 |
| Difference between Devon and Greenwich | £1,222,260 |
| Average per pupil funding - Hackney (highest-funded authority) | 780 x £7840 = £6,115,200 |
| Difference between Devon and Hackney | £2,305,680 |

PTFA 4th October

Thank you to the parents who turned out on Wednesday, especially parents with children new to the College. There was a very useful presentation by Caterlink, with a good range of samples which were exactly what's served up for students (see below). Jenny Sanders has been elected Chair for 2017-18, and the big topic of conversation was "re-branding" the PTFA including a name change. It was agreed that "PTFA" has negative connotations of committees, cake-baking, lots of time, and financial contributions. In reality, fund-raising is not the major feature, no PTFA member is asked for money, and there is nothing like the commitment to fund-raising activities as in Primary Schools, because as far as possible students contribute much of the work. The PTFA wishes to attract and involve more parents through its role as a link for parents, building on the excellent presentations last year on Internet Safety, Emotional Health and Well-Being, and Careers. In all, the PTFA would like to become an interest group, although Parents' Interest Group is an amusing but unfortunate acronym. There will be a consultation on the name change. The serious point is that all parents are very welcome to the next meeting on 1st November. The talk will be about Clyst Vale's direction, curriculum and systems, to give an overview across all years.

Caterlink

Simon Tebbitt, Operations Director of Caterlink, spoke to the PTFA. He described Caterlink's record in the secondary sector, and the changes made to service points at Clyst Vale to reduce congestion. Caterlink aims to provide a balanced choice, with termly reviews, and slightly different provision in Post-16. There is a commitment to local produce, and 85 – 90% of food is prepared from scratch. Everything is compliant with government nutritional standards, with an additional drive to lower sugar and salt content even further. There is a good deal of change as different events are recognised: the last two weeks have been British Food Fortnight, next week is National Curry week, Fairtrade Fortnight will be in February. Each month has a "food hero", something in season in Britain. September was courgette months, now it's pumpkins. These are subtly introduced into recipes, so students may have eaten "courgette cake". There are a variety of offers and loyalty card schemes. Coming soon will be a range of smoothies, and a soup station with bread baked on site. As a College we have been impressed with the start Caterlink have made, and the PTFA were reassured by the enthusiasm, knowledge and competence displayed.

Parent-Governor Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies for Parent-Governors, and next week will be sending out letters inviting volunteers. If you would like an informal conversation about being a Governor, especially in an Academy, please e-mail including your phone number to our Clerk Deborah Custance-Baker on CustanceBakerD@clystvale.org, and she will arrange for one of our Governors to talk to you. We are particularly interested in anyone with skills in finance, HR, or marketing, but please don't let that put you off if you have a different skill set– it's a fair and democratic election process !

Higher Education Bus

On Monday we had a double-decker bus on site, which all of Year 11 visited. This was part of the continuing "Next Steps" project, backed by all of our local universities, to encourage students to consider higher education. This included an exercise on creative skills, a survey including iPad research, and a virtual reality tour. Students are at different stages in considering their futures, but the experience was a valuable wake-up call for some while others were able to check their plans.

Coming Soon to a Theatre Near You

Some dates for your diary. We don't normally mention outside drama groups, but Hot Rock Productions are performing Sweeney Todd at the Barnfield Theatre from 30th October to 4th November. This isn't a Clyst Vale production, but in the cast are a Clyst Vale teacher, two current Clyst Vale students and a former Clyst Vale student; on the technical side, another former Clyst Vale student is responsible for the sound.

Meanwhile, Clyst Vale Drama students will be performing The 39 Steps at the Cygnet Theatre from 27th – 29th November. This is a fast-paced spy comedy based on the original novel by John Buchan and including some of the adaptations made in Alfred Hitchcock's film of the same name. Tickets will be available very soon direct from Cygnet; I'm afraid you cannot buy them through the College.

Amnesty International

Regular readers will recall the fantastic "Find Your Voice" Day in July; this was memorable for the aerial shots of the whole community forming the Amnesty symbol of a candle, but also empowered Primary School ambassadors to return to their schools and promote awareness of human rights. The day was the result of our Amnesty Group winning a prestigious grant from the Marsh Charity, and one piece of deliberately unfinished business was the creation of a human rights mural at the front of Clyst Vale. The deadline is approaching for the submission of designs, namely half-term, Thursday 19th October. Students should create their designs on A3 paper and it should link to a human right. Further details on styles were issued last week and students can also pop into the Library, or pick up information outside EN7 in the Amnesty folder. The prize is spending a day in school putting your design onto wooden boards which will fit together like a jigsaw. The mural will be put up in the entrance to CVCC. This will also include boards from the Primary Schools involved.

Safe, Considerate Driving

Gradually things are improving in the mornings with far more parents pulling down to the pedestrian crossing before dropping off, which is great – thank you so much. Now we are having a few difficulties in the Sports Hall car park at 3.30 caused by cars pulling in without indicating, and inconsiderate parking forcing students out into the road. I completely understand that it is not easy to park in what is essentially a country lane, but please could parents apply a little bit of consideration. Again, I completely understand if there are other children to be collected on the school run, but students who can wait for even 20 minutes make it so much easier, quicker and safer to be picked up.

Road Closure

Another reminder that next week the road between Ashclyst Cottages and Westwood Cross is closed. This will affect students coming to school from Westwood, Clyst St Lawrence and properties between Clyst St Lawrence and Clyst Hydon.

Sidmouth Science Festival

The Festival starts next week, on Tuesday 3rd October and runs until Sunday 15th. Full details can be found on www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org.



Dr Bawn

CHARITY NEWS

The next Non Uniform Day is for
Children In Need.

This is on Friday 17th November 2017

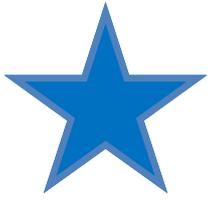
JUST 50p

If you have any fundraising ideas that you would like to do, please let
me know.

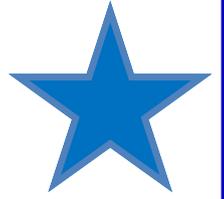
Loads of fundraising ideas online!!!
Get your thinking caps on – plenty of time.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Phillips
Additional Support



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

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| 7REW | Thomas Brooking |
| 7RTMA | Bracken Snell |
| 8RCJ | Emily Clayton |
| 8RCM | Jack Davies |
| 9RZB | Anya Turner |
| 10RAR | Jasmine Daniels |
| 10RLA | Sam Taunton |
| 11RDH | Robin Tooze |
| 11RGG | Myles Courtney |

YELLOW SCHOOL

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| 7YKHO | Harry Thompson |
| 7YRB | George Wright |
| 8YMBR | Sam Clark |
| 8YJPU | Jack O'Connor |
| 9YMM | Tom Davey |
| 9YZK | Jay Arthurs |
| 10YMHI | Edwin Choi |
| 10YSP | Georgi Edmond |
| 11YMPR | Hattie Lavis |
| 11YNS | Chloe Tucker |

GREEN SCHOOL

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| 7GDJ | Fincham McKenzie & Kiera Franklin |
| 7GGT | Daisy Bird |
| 8GHE | Chloe Jeffery & Ryan Sherwood |
| 8GIM | Emma Chick & Billy Ogden |
| 9GPE | Leon Mercadal |
| 10GABR | Lucy Bridger & Brad Maunder |
| 10GBA | Poppy Nevile & Charlie Roberts |
| 11GNG | India Withers & Ben Howes |
| 11GSW | Mae Wise & Ollie Manning |

CALENDAR DATES

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| Mon 9th Oct | YR9 Sikh Guest Speaker/Workshop |
| Tues 10th Oct | 6.00 Y10 GCSE Parents' Information Evening |
| Wed 11th Oct | KS3 Around the World in 80 Days Trip 7pm |
| Fri 13th Oct | 9.15 – 10.35 Chelsea's Choice (theatre presentation) |
| Wed 18th Oct | Deep Learning Day & Learn to Live 12.20pm—3.00pm |
| Fri 20th Oct— 27th Oct | Half Term |
| Thurs 2nd Nov | 6.00 – 8.00 Post 16 Open Evening |
| Tues 14 Nov | 6.30 GCSE Presentation Evening |
| Fri 17th Nov | Children in Need—Non uniform day |
| Sun 19th Nov | DofE/Ten Tors Walk 1 Dartmoor |
| Tues 21st Nov | 4.30 Y13 Parents' Evening |
| Thurs 30th Nov | 4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening (Tutor only) |
| Mon 4th Dec—Fri 8th Dec | Mocks/practice exams |
| Sat 9th Dec | DofE/Ten Tors Walk 2 Dartmoor |
| Tues 12th Dec | 4.30 Y8 Parents' Evening |
| Fri 15th Dec | Non Uniform Day – Alzheimer's Society |
| Thurs 21st Dec—2nd Jan | Christmas Holidays |

THE RED NOSE DESIGN CHALLENGE

**Do your pupils have a
nose for design?**

Are you getting a whiff of some outstanding creativity in your classroom? Perhaps you are on the scent of the next great designers of our time?

Well, here comes a real challenge.

We're sniffing out all the creative geniuses from across the nation to be in with a chance of designing one of the new Noses for Red Nose Day 2019.

**FIND OUT HOW TO ENTER THE CHALLENGE NOW
AT REDNOSEDAY.COM/NOSES**

RND19_001 Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England and Wales); SC039730 (Scotland).



Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

| Day | Club | Time | Where | Changing Rooms | Teacher |
|-----|---|------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mon | Music Club - WEEK A & B | Lunchtime | PA2 | | Mrs Sprenkel |
| Mon | Netball (to start in a few weeks time) | Lunchtime | Courts | | Mrs Needs |
| Mon | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2 | | Mrs Gillespie |
| Mon | All Years Girls Rugby | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mr Pearce |
| Mon | Science Club - WEEK B | Lunchtime | SC2 | | Dr Odunlade |
| Mon | Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club | Lunchtime | Library | | Mrs Foulds |
| Mon | B&V Year 11 Religion Unit | 1.45pm | HU2 | | Miss Brotherton |
| Mon | Year 10 & 11 Football | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mr Everett |

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| Tues | Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up | Lunchtime | HU7 | | Mrs Padden |
| Tues | Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A | Lunchtime | DT3 | | Mrs Crook |
| Tues | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2 | | Mrs Manaton |
| Tues | Amnesty | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | EN7 | | Miss Watt |
| Tues | Year 9 Netball | Lunchtime | Courts | New Block | Miss Bennett |
| Tues | Year 8 Netball | Lunchtime | Courts | New Block | Mrs Elliot |
| Tues | Year 7 & 8 Rugby | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mr Pearce |
| Tues | Year 9 Basketball | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Everett |
| Tues | Music Club | Lunchtime | PA2 | | Mrs Sprenkel |
| Tues | Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit | 1.45pm | HU1 | | Miss Brotherton |

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| Wed | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2 | | Mrs Woolacott |
| Wed | Year 9 B&V | 1.45pm | HU2 | | Miss Brotherton |
| Wed | All Years Dance & Weights | Lunchtime | Dance Studio | New Block | Mrs Elliot |
| Wed | Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In | Lunchtime | Opposite Mr Jones Room | | Mrs Gillespie |
| Wed | Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In | Lunchtime | Careers room | | Mrs Bennett |
| Wed | Year 11 Maths Surgery - WEEK A (Starting after Half Term) | 1.30pm to 2pm | MA8 | | Miss Barratt Ms Prance |
| Wed | Art Club | Lunchtime | AR3 | | Mrs Walton |
| Wed | Year 10 & 11 Netball | Lunchtime | Courts | New Block | Mrs Broomfield |
| Wed | Year 8 & 9 Football | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mr Everett |
| Wed | Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch - WEEK A | Lunchtime | DT3 | | Mrs Crook |
| Wed | All Years Badminton | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Powell |

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| Thurs | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2 | | Mrs Woolacott |
| Thurs | Year 9 & 10 Rugby | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mr Pearce |
| Thurs | Art Club | Lunchtime | AR3 | | Mrs Pieczenko |
| Thurs | GCSE Art Club | Lunchtime | AR1 | | Mr Brooks |
| Thurs | Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up | Lunchtime | DT3 | | Mrs Crook |
| Thurs | Year 10 & 11 Basketball | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Everett |
| Thurs | Hula Hoop Club | Lunchtime | Dance Studio | New Block | Mrs Gillespie |
| Thurs | Year 11 Science Workshop | Lunchtime | SC5 | | Mrs Serven |
| Thurs | Year 7 Netball | Lunchtime | Courts | New Block | Mrs Elliot |
| Thurs | Girls Film Club | 1.40pm | HU5 | | Ms Matthews |
| Thurs | Year 7 & 8 B&V | 1.45pm | HU1 | | Miss Brotherton |

Lunch Clubs—Fri

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|-----|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Fri | Art Club | Lunchtime | AR2 | | Mrs Wakefield |
| Fri | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2 | | Mrs Woolacott |
| Fri | Music Club - WEEK A & B | Lunchtime | PA2 | | Mrs Sprenkel |
| Fri | Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In | Lunchtime | Careers Room | | Mrs Bennett |
| Fri | Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor | Lunchtime | Various | Various | Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield |
| | | | | | Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett |
| Fri | GCSE History Workshop/Revision | Lunchtime | HU7 | | Mrs Padden |

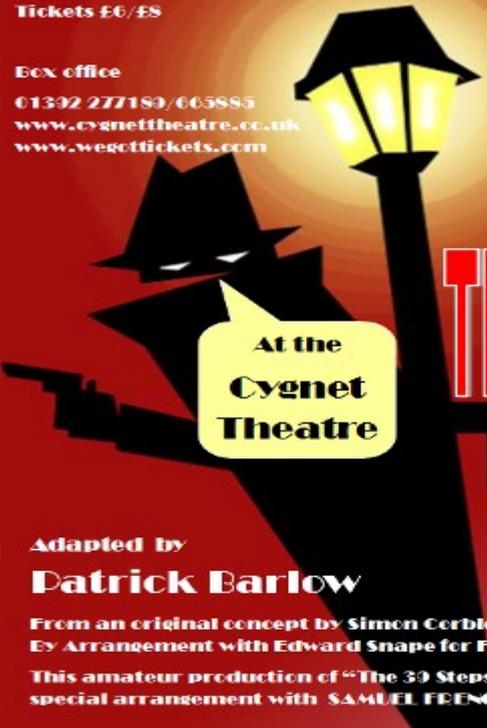
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www.wegottickets.com

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and the movie of **Alfred Hitchcock**

CLYST VALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROUDLY PRESENT



At the
**Cygneth
Theatre**

The 39 Steps

21/28/29
November
at 7.00pm



Adapted by
Patrick Barlow

From an original concept by Simon Corble and Sebby Eimon.
By Arrangement with Edward Snape for Flery Angel Limited.
This amateur production of "The 39 Steps" is presented by
special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.

Ski Pila 2019

If your child is interested in being part of the next Ski Trip in 2019 they need to collect a letter from Mrs Woolacott or from the folder outside of the PE office.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70kms of pistes offering high altitude, snowsure skiing for everyone from complete beginners to those who have previously skied.

The price will be **£969.00** which includes the following:

- Travel from College to resort and return journey (luxury 49 seater 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
- College ski hooded sweatshirt



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

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

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



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

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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