



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week A

"We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars"

Oscar Wilde

Dear Parents/Carers

Post-16 Open Evening

This is being held on Thursday 10th November, starting at 6.00 pm. There will be talks from Mrs Dormand, Head of Post-16, and subject teachers of all our Post-16 courses available for a more detailed conversation. Please come along, and advertise it to friends and neighbours who have children exploring their options after Year 11! If you regularly follow our website you will see that we have some fantastic students, achievements and opportunities through our Sixth Form!

University of Exeter Lifestyles Survey

In the week before half-term the University of Exeter Lifestyles Survey held focus workshops with 16 Year 7 students and 13 Year 8 students. All students in both year groups had previously completed a quick questionnaire. Thank you very much to those students (and parents) who took part in the focus groups; we are pleased to have been able to help with this research which will ultimately shed more light on young people's health and wellbeing.

CATs

Next week Year 7 students will perform NFER Cognitive Ability Tests. These are on-line tests in verbal, non-verbal and numerical skills. There is nothing to be worried about. The CATs help us identify students' ability levels a little more accurately when taken in conjunction with Key Stage 2 information. They are also of some benefit as a predictive tool for outcomes, although this is much stronger at the cohort than the individual level.

Ghostly Tales

Hopefully there will be a packed house on Tuesday evening (8th) at the Barnfield Theatre, when Clyst Vale students from across the age range will be putting on an evening of dramatized Ghostly Tales. The connecting theme, other than the supernatural, is that these tales fit broadly into the genre of Victorian drama and melodrama. We have a superb reputation for performing arts, so well worth going! Please note that tickets are available directly from the theatre, not the College.

Anxiety

Anxiety and teenage mental health is scarcely out of the news, with numbers rising, increased awareness, and better diagnosis. This week Childline reported a 35% increase in calls compared to last year, with a rapidly increasing trend of young people becoming anxious – or adding to other anxieties - from stories on the media and discussions on social media. Callers to Childline are reporting worries about ISIS, terrorist attacks elsewhere in the world, the negativity on both sides of the Brexit debate, and the USA presidential election. In response, Childline have developed a "Worried about the World" webpage on www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world which may be of interest to some students and parents.

Staff Changes

I'm sure parents and students will be delighted to learn that in the week before half-term Mrs Wakefield gave birth to a boy. Clearly, she is now on maternity leave and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Sophie Walton as her replacement; Mrs Walton has several years' teaching experience, mostly at Egguckland. We also welcome Mrs Sophie Allen as Facilities Manager; and Mr James Darke has replaced Mr Arkell as teacher of Music as the latter has secured full-time work in Somerset.

Uniform

When is a coat not a coat? When it is a hoody..... Actually, uniform is very good at the moment, but inevitably the colder weather requires an extra layer. So, once again, I am asking parents to ensure that any coat for College looks like a coat and is made of coat material. Otherwise it is likely to be challenged, and if the student is stroppy about this and/or persistently wears it we will regard this as defiance and confiscate the item during the day.

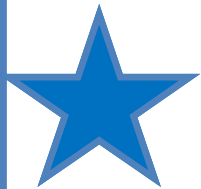
Autumn Safety

The half-term break passed reasonably quietly in our area, and Halloween being on a school night always helps. Which leaves Guy Fawkes' Night: it's much more difficult for young people to get hold of fireworks compared to years ago, but there is still the risk of fires and over-excitability behaviour, so our message has been the safe as before: be sane, sensible, and respect others.

Best wishes.



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Lara Anning
8YME	Niamh Walter
8YMM	Lily McPhee
9YSP	Harry Quinton
9YJCO	Jack Clyburn
10YMPR	Katy Timmins
11YCW	Kathryn Baker

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Annabelle Bird
7RKC	Jack Davies
8RZB	Joe Ford
9RAR	Jasmine Daniels
10RDH	Ewan Harlow
10RGG	Dougie Whiteman
11RMHI	Issy Calderwood
11RTMA	Jade Maloney

SILVER SCHOOL

10SNG	Rose Davidson
11SDJ	Connor Hepburn
11SSG	Leah Ripley

SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY REPORT

U12 & U14 Boys v Blundell's School (A):

Both U12 and U14 boys travelled to Blundell's School on Wednesday 12 October and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and warm welcome. On the pitch, both teams came off second best against well organised and drilled opposition, but both enjoyed the games and the weather!



The Under 12's overseen by Mrs Elliot, lost 25-5, with the try coming from Tom Massey. The Under 14's ended up losing 27-7, with Charlie Sparkes crossing and Fin Potter putting over the extras.

U14 Boys 26 v 19 Sidmouth College (H) East Devon Cup:

The Year 9 lads go through to the semi finals of the area cup, with a 26-19 victory over Sidmouth on Tuesday evening (11 October). Despite a number of key players missing, Clyst Vale overcame a half time deficit to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Captain Ben Parsons scored three of the Clyst Vale tries with the ever reliable Joe Blackburn scoring too. Fin Potter knocked over the extras. We will now meet King's Ottery in the semi finals.

U16 Boys 12 v 12 Cullompton College (H):

An outstanding display of rugby and sportsmanship were on display recently, where the U16 boys drew 12 all at home to Cullompton. With most lads knowing each other from Cullompton RFC Under 16's, it was a magnificent game, with Skipper Tom Bradner managing the troops well from No. 8. It must be said that the attitude of both sets of players was outstanding and they were a credit to their respective colleges.

U13 & U15 Girls Contact Rugby Tournaments @ Clyst Vale:

Year 11 officials hosted these tournaments for the second year.

Both U13 and U15 girls were outstanding in their performances against local schools, which consisted of 7-a-side games across half a pitch.

A huge mention must go to the Year 11 officials, Maddy Ross, Rosie Martin, John Madams, Tom Bradner and Matty McCord for their job of refereeing and coaching of the girls over the two afternoons. Thank you and well done.

Mr Pearce

TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Lara Gimbuta who took part in the Bribar 2 Star Open Table Tennis Tournament at the weekend. She is now a silver medallist. Well done Lara!

Mrs Elliot



Ten Tors 5-7 May 2017

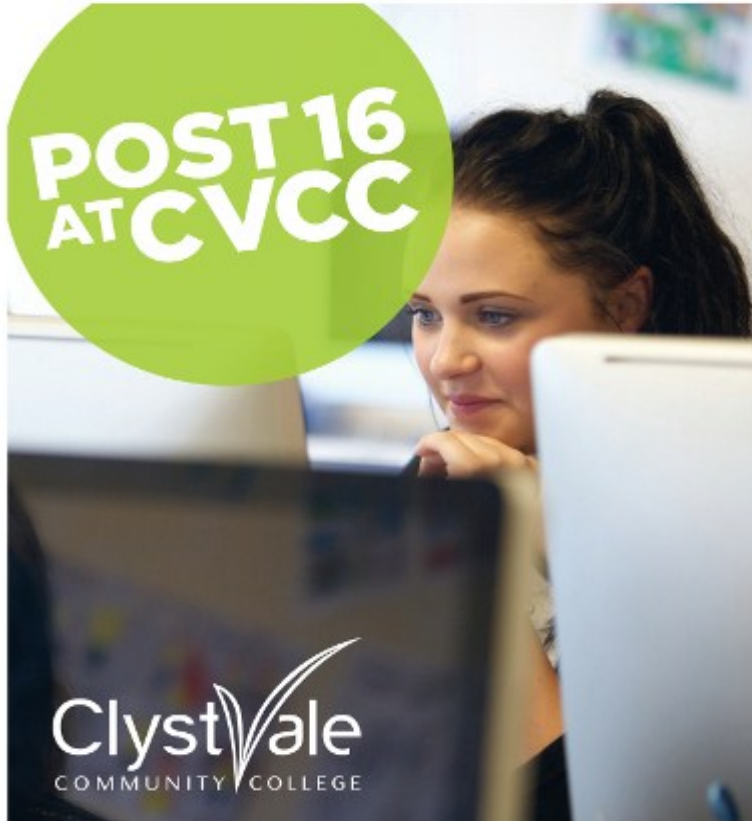
Last May, Clyst Vale teams participated in the annual Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor successfully completing their routes. Due to their success, the Army this year have allocated us 2 x 35-mile team slots for Year 9/10's. If any Year 9 or 10 students are interested in taking part in the 2017 event please come along to IT4 at 1:30pm on Tuesday 8th November 2016. We're looking for six students to form each of the 35-mile teams who are able to work well together, be determined, responsible and committed throughout the training as well as the main Ten Tors event itself.

Mr Eales



CALENDAR DATES

Tues 8 November	'Ghostly Tales', Barnfield Theatre (7pm)
Thurs 10th November	Post 16 Open Evening (6pm)
Tues 15th November	Year 12 Meet the Tutor (4.30pm)
Tues 22nd November	GCSE Presentation Evening (7pm)
Thurs 24th November	Year 10 Parents' evening (4.30pm)
Tues 29th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 16th December 2016
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wed 4th January 2017
Half Term	Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February 2017



POST-16 OPEN EVENING

For entry September 2017

We extend a very warm welcome to prospective students and parents on **Thursday 10th November 2016**.

Presentations will take place at **6.00pm and 6.45pm**, with our subject staff available throughout the evening.

- **High performing post 16**
- **Student support recognised as outstanding**
- **Stretch and challenge programme for high achieving students**
- **Ofsted rating good with outstanding student progress**

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Post-16 Open Evening, 10th November

If you are a student in Year 11 or their parent/carer, please come along to this year's Open Evening. We offer a surprising range of A-levels and BTecs, and of course have the massive advantage of being a school Sixth Form which creates the "family" feel consistent with pre-16. Students in Clyst Vale's Post 16 work within an intimate and supportive environment that is also challenging and stimulating. We have small teaching groups, averaging 10, and provide text books free of charge.

We have a strong focus on personal development and offer a comprehensive tutorial and enrichment programme, enabling our students to make the transition from college to the adult world knowing that they have had an excellent start to their careers.

We run a Stretch & Challenge Programme for our academically gifted students. This includes personalised advice and guidance about university and career choices, specialist support for Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry applicants and an Oxbridge residential.

Our students' achievement is consistently excellent; their progress has been recognised by OFSTED as outstanding. We have an extremely high retention rate, with 99% of our students completing their course.

Mrs Dormand



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

CHARITY NEWS



Our next non uniform day will be in aid of Children In Need
This is taking place on Friday 18th November and costs just 50p

Thank you for your support.

Ms Phillips
Additional Support

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please let me have your
completed shoeboxes
ASAP.

Ms Phillips

Devon
School
Admissions
Service

Devon
County Council 

Public Consultation

School Admission Arrangements for state-funded schools and Education Travel Arrangements and Relevant Area for Admissions

consultation open from 1 November 2016 to 6 January 2017

You are invited to consider the arrangements
proposed by Devon County Council and by academy,
voluntary aided, foundation and free schools in
Devon** which are their own admission authorities.

and the following academies in Plymouth: **Oreston Community Academy, **Old Priory** Junior Academy, **St Edward's** CofE Primary, **St George's** CofE Primary, **St Matthew's** CofE Primary & Nursery and in Torbay: **All Saints**, **Babbacombe**, CofE Primary, **Oldway** Primary, **Roselands** Primary, **St Marychurch** CofE Primary, **Upton St James** CofE Primary

To view the proposals, please visit:
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019
for a paper version.

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.

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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