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**w/c Monday 11 January 2016
will be Week A**

NEWSLETTER

“Never let your memories be greater
than your dreams.”
Doug Ivester

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

Happy New Year, and very best wishes to you and your families for a calm, enjoyable and successful 2016. One of the delights of the school year is that students have two chances to make new year resolutions, so if their good intentions in September have not paid off, it's not too late to start up again. Parents often say that so much has changed in education since their schooldays; true, but some things have not changed at all, for example the students who are most successful are the ones who take their studies seriously, work hard, take advice, organise themselves and always try their best.

Parents' Evenings

There are several parents' evenings and events which you may have noted from the calendar. Next week (Tuesday) we hold a Year 10 Parents' Evening to discuss progress in the first term of GCSEs; this will be followed by a full report in the summer term. Year 11 Parents' Evening will be on 26th January, Year 9 after half-term on 25th February, and Year 12 on 17th March. Also for Year 9, the GCSE Options process starts soon: our information booklet will come out in early February, and the Options Information Evening will be *before* half-term on February 9th; this is always a busy one! Year 11 parents will be invited to an Exams and Revision Information Evening on 1st March. From the College's point of view, it is always fantastic if parents' evenings are well attended, because it's been shown over and over again that a strong relationship between home and school is vital for students' success.

PTFA

Still on the theme of parents' information evenings, we are working with the PTFA to offer some early evening sessions on issues such as the responsible use of new technologies; you may have noticed a news article this week that computer use is now the biggest cause of rows in the home, overtaking homework and bedtime. Another issue of great concern is students' emotional wellbeing, and we are looking to offer a briefing on this, too. Details to be confirmed in due course.

Character Education

Yesterday Year 10 students received the first of eight “Living Life to the Full” lessons on developing resilience. This is part of the Character Education project, and the programme is well-established and provided in conjunction with Exeter University, meaning it is well-grounded in educational and psychological research. The programme will also be independently evaluated, with students providing their reaction in each lesson. Chatting to students, my favourite comment was that the sessions were “good, but a bit weird, and I need to get my head around some of it”. That is EXACTLY what we are aiming for, to encourage students to think and empathise with others, as well as reflect on their own characteristics and tendencies.

Staff Changes

Joining the English Department for the rest of the year is Ms Emma Webb, who has previously taught English in a variety of schools, including an international school and Teign School near Newton Abbot.

Leaving us next week is Mrs Anita Perram, who will be particularly well known to parents of students in Silver School, of which she is AtHoS. Mrs Perram has been at Clyst Vale for thirteen years, in a variety of roles in Additional Support, as Cover Supervisor, and as Skills Room Manager. As such, she has worked with some of our most challenging and vulnerable students, and has been mostly responsible for the College’s excellent reputation in supporting Young Carers in particular. She takes up a new child protection and safeguarding post at Cuthbert Mayne School, and we wish her well. I hope to name her replacement next week.

Safety Reminders on Dark Roads

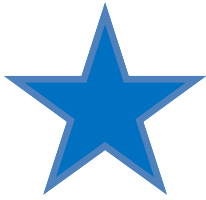
Although the evenings and now mornings are gradually starting to become lighter, it is still dark out there. Students cycling must wear a helmet and hi-visibility clothing; similarly, it is essential common sense that students walking on roads without pavements need to be visible, too.

Extreme Weather Standard Reminder

Assuming that we do get some wintry weather this term..... it is very unlikely that Clyst Vale would ever close completely; this has only happened a handful of times in the last fifteen years. The two reliable sources of information are the College website front page, and (if we do close or part-close) local radio; please do not rely on social media. The “rules” on school transport are that if the buses can get your children to school in the morning, they are duty-bound to get them home again. I must also add that in extreme weather, safety is of the greatest importance; this includes the journey to College, and the condition of the site itself.



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SILVER SCHOOL

7SAO	Danny Probert
9SNG	Beth Carter
10SDJ	Lewis Hayne

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YME	Emily Lyon
7YPG	Libby Windle
8YJC	Hebe Poole
8YJCO	George Hooper
9YMPR	Ebony Hayler
10YCW	Annie Pulman
11YSP	Josh Brown

RED SCHOOL

9RGG	Mia Hart
10RTMA	George Hurren



Public Consultation

School Admission Arrangements for state-funded schools 2017-18 and **Education Travel Arrangements** 2016-17

1 December 2015 to 31 January 2016

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

To view the proposals and to make comments on them,
please visit:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019

for a paper version.

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 “skinnies”, jeans, leggings, chinos or any trousers with rivets or studs. Trousers must be worn on the waist.
- Skirts should be plain black, around knee length and certainly no more than 10cm higher than the centre of 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.

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: Anita Perram (01392 463906; perrama@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

CALENDAR DATES

2015-16

Saturday 9 January	Ten Tors Walk 3	
Tuesday 12 January	Y10 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 26 January	Y11 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Friday 29 January	Y11 Freestyle Photos	
Saturday 30 - Sunday 31 January	Ten Tors Weekend 1	
Tuesday 9 February	Y9 Options Evening	4.30pm
Friday 12 February	Non-uniform Day	
Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2016	Spring Half Term	
Thursday 25 February	Y9 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 24 March 2016	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 12 April 2016	Start of Summer Term	
Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2016	Summer Half Term	
Wednesday 20 July 2016	Last day of Summer Term	



**POST 16
AT CVCC**

- > Highly regarded Post 16 College
- > Student support recognised as outstanding
- > Extremely low drop out rate
- > A Level pass rate 99%
- > Nearly half of all grades A* to B
- > Increasing number of students from other schools

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