

NEWSLETTER



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w/c Monday 8 May 2017
will be Week B

“Attempt the impossible in order to improve your work.”

Bette Davis

Dear Parents/Carers

Ten Tors

Best wishes to all Clyst Vale students who are taking part in tomorrow's Ten Tors. We have three teams entered, plus a number of other students walking with other organisations. Best wishes also to Mr Eales and Mr Robb, who will be waiting at Okehampton Camp through the weekend. We all know that the weather on Dartmoor is changeable, but at the time of writing it looks like it will neither be very hot or cold, but with a chance of rain on Saturday. It's no mean feat hiking 35 or 45 miles across Dartmoor, so we're very proud of the teams' commitment.

Year 7 Parents' Evening, 9th May

As a Year 7 teacher myself, I am looking forward to meeting some parents next week! Understandably, the Year 7 parents' evening is one of the best attended, and it may be that some parents have not been able to book an appointment. If there is a teacher you would especially like to see, please let your child's AtHoS know so that they can inform the teacher. I often say in jest that the only thing worse than an appointments system would be not to have one, but the reality is that there are often gaps as some appointments run short, parents run late, or are unable to attend at all. So, particularly if you have several appointments booked and one or two missing, it's well worth keeping your eyes open. We always encourage students to attend because we like to give the same messages in the same tone to student and parent alike; if there is a need for a confidential word, then the student can sit out for a few minutes.

Exam Season

The Year 10 Science practice papers went well this week, and were also a practice for students in the expectations and rules of the exam hall. Other GCSE and A-level practicals took place, and there is more Art & Photography A-level next week. On Monday evening, GCSE Drama students make a presentation/rehearsal for their moderation (often one of my personal highlights of the year!). For Year 11, the first formal exam is a week on Monday. In general, the year group are responding well. The Giraffe House is deserted at lunchtimes as Year 11 attend revision sessions; students can also access homework club after school, and the special Year 11 only revision session on Thursdays. "Year 11" and "Years 12 and 13" comprise hundreds of individual students. Each student will have a different approach to the forthcoming exams, and be on different points on the spectrum from too laid-back to over-anxious. The (perhaps obvious) point is that each student is an individual. If you have any worries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Transition

Later this term, after exams are over, we welcome Year 6 students joining us next year. However, this transition is much more extensive than just a few days in July, and a lot of work goes on behind the scenes as well as maintaining good, close working relationships with the Primary schools in our catchment area. Next week we will be hosting a Primaries' Fun Run, for example; it's great for the pupils of course, but every time they visit Clyst Vale it becomes a little less scary in the future. In terms of transition specifically, Mrs Adie and Mrs Hudson (SENCo) have made a lot of the pre-visits already; we actually receive pupils from around 25 schools, and make a real effort to visit all of them as well as provide special events for pupils transferring on their own. Moving to big school can be a very big deal for some students and families, and we are very aware of this.

“Projects”

We are always keen to work with other agencies to improve outcomes or the opportunities we can provide for students. In most cases, we benefit from some external funding to cover the costs, and we are always careful to reject possibilities which will be too onerous or detract from our normal business. Currently, we are involved in several small projects. For example, the National Colleges Outreach Programme (NCOP), coordinated by the University of Plymouth, targets students with the potential for university but from postcode areas with traditionally low uptake; this provides a number of activities to inspire this target group. Evolving from last year's successful Character Education Project are two smaller projects: one focuses on building resilience with individual vulnerable students in Year 7-9; another is a research project which focuses on Year 7 students who, for a variety of reasons, have not made as good a start as their peers. And we continue to work with the University of Exeter on their “Lifestyles” project.

“Blue Whale” and Parent Zone

We're always concerned about student safety and safeguarding, so I would like to bring to your attention the following, from the very useful Parent Zone website: “Stories related to the online craze ‘Blue Whale’ have become increasingly widespread in the UK due to the high level of coverage on social media. However, it should be made clear that reports relating to the game are completely false. Blue Whale has been described as an online game, where participants are tasked with various challenges over the course of 50 days. As time progresses, the challenges become more and more severe. The name of the game makes reference to when blue whales occasionally beach themselves and die. Remind your child to challenge what they read, hear or are told – both in the online and offline world. Because news stories relating to ‘Blue Whale’ are continuing to circulate online, teach them to fact-check and use reliable sources in order to understand the difference between credible and fake news.”

Clearly, all the standard advice to parents about internet safety applies: know what your child is accessing, note any changes to their demeanour which might be the result of inappropriate browsing, talk to them, and report concerns to CEOPs on www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/ or ask us for advice. As I said, Parent Zone is a very useful site for parents concerned about digital issues. Its website address is <https://parentzone.org.uk>.

Spinners

Spinners are banned. They are driving my colleagues to distraction, and are getting in the way of concentration and learning. If out in lessons, they will be confiscated (and returned later); better to leave them at home. They are a toy, a craze, and of no educational benefit. There are about twenty students in the whole College who have been assessed as benefiting from fidget toys, and none of them will have spinners. I expect that spinners will go the way of loom bands, eventually.....



Dr Bawn

Woodlands Trip: 19 July 2017

The end of term trip to Woodlands will take place on Wednesday 19 July. The trip is open to Years 7 and 9 and to Year 8 students who are not involved in the Bude Residential. The cost of the trip is £18.00. We will leave Clyst Vale at 9.05am and return by 3.15pm. Clyst Vale uniform does not need to be worn, but practical clothing is essential. Students should bring spare clothing if they wish to go on the water rides. Please ensure your child has a hat and sun cream or wet weather clothing, depending on the forecast for the day. If you would like your child to take part, please make payment by Monday 5 June 2017, as detailed below:

Payment can be made online through the School Gateway online payment system – www.schoolgateway.com (<http://www.schoolgateway.com>). This can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>.

Mrs Albutt

Year 11 Leavers' Book

This year we have asked an outside company to produce a Leavers' Book for all Year 11s, at a cost of £11.00 each. Students who purchase a book will receive it on Results Day.

If you would like your child to have a Leavers' Book, please make payment by Monday 15 May, as detailed below:

Payment can be made online through the School Gateway online payment system – www.schoolgateway.com (<http://www.schoolgateway.com>). This can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>.

Miss Mann

Cycling Safety

Please can I remind parents/carers about cycling. In order for your child to ride their bikes to College, a permit needs to be collected from their AtHoS, completed and returned. In addition, all students need to wear a helmet.

Many thanks.



**Mrs Albutt
Head of Red School**

Clyst Vale Public Library

Did you know that there is a public library at Clyst Vale Community College? Part of Devon's Libraries Unlimited, the public is welcome to borrow books and audiobooks, use the internet, reserve items for collection and return books from other public libraries across Devon. There is also a fortnightly Bounce and Rhyme session for parents/carers and their babies/toddlers. Please call in to the library for more information during the opening hours listed below:

Monday: 3.30 - 5.30

Wednesday: 3.30 - 5.30

Thursday: 4.00 - 6.00

The Public Library is part of the School Library and is located next to Reception. Access can be gained from the main school entrance.

**Mrs Foulds
Library Manager**

SPORTS NEWS

Lara Gimbuta Comes 6th at National Table Tennis Championships

Congratulations to Lara Gimbuta of 7GHE who finished in 6th place and also won a mixed doubles trophy whilst playing for Exeter Table Tennis Club. The tournament was held in Preston, Lancashire over the weekend of 8-9 April.



This is a very big achievement for Lara as she is a Year 7 student playing in an adult competition! Next she will compete for the South West Team National Finals in Kettering on 3 June.



We wish Lara all of the very best for her training and future competition!

Mr Pearce
Head of Green School
Teacher of PE

Athletics Success

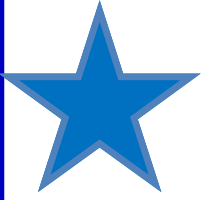
At this week's Exeter Athletics Trials the following students won their respective events and have progressed to the next round of competition : Sam Mills - 800m, Rachel Champion - 100m & 200m, Lauren Elliot - Discus, Charlie Sparkes - Triple Jump, Maddy Ross - Discus & Shot, Chris Perry - 200m and James Wu - Discus.

Some of the above students also qualified for the next round in a second or even third event and the following students have also qualified : Lara Gimbuta, Chloe Harris, Ben Parsons, Joe Blackburn, Dylan Cosslett and Jake Faulkner.

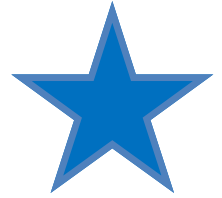
All in all the trials have proved to be very successful for Clyst Vale's athletes, so very well done indeed to all the above.

The next round of competition is the Exeter v East Devon Championships on Thursday 18th May from 4.00-6.00 pm.

Mr Everett
Sports Co-ordinator



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Emily Kellaway
8YME	Emily Lyon
8YMM	Tom Sluggett
9YJCO	Damien Beattie
9YSP	Lonique Miner
10YMPR	Millie Wright
11YCW	Harry Price

SILVER SCHOOL	
8SAO	James Slater
9SLA	Immie Hopkinson
10SNG	Georgia Pittham
10SNS	Emily Moore
11SDJ	Joe Lockyer
11SSG	Jake Kendall-Torry

GREEN SCHOOL	
7GIQ	Remi Morcrette
7GHE	Lara Gimbuta
9GABR	Amelia Agutter & Georgia Sheldon-Smith
9GTGA	Chloe Somerwill
10GSW	Tabi Wise

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 9th May	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.30pm—7.00pm
Wed 10th May	LLC Fun Run
Thurs 11th May	Y12 & Y13—7.00 pm Northcott Theatre (Othello)
W/C Mon 15th May	GCSE Exams start
Thurs 18th May	Y7—Y10 Boys' & Girls' Vaccination Mop Ups
Fri 26th May	Y11 Leavers' Assembly and Start of Study Leave
Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June	Half term
Thurs 8th June	Y8 Parents' Evening 4.30pm—7.00pm
Wed 14th June	Non Feeder Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Thurs 22nd June	Y12 Mock Exams begin
Mon 26th June—Wed 28th June	Y9 Mock Exams
Thurs 29th June	Y11 Prom
Thurs 29th June	DLD
Fri 30th June	Y13 Prom
Mon 3rd July—Tues 4th July	Y10 P16 Taster Sessions
Wed 5th July—Fri 7th July	New Intake Days
Mon 10th, Wed 12th, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th July	Celebration Assemblies
Tues 11th July	Sports Day
Fri 14th July	P16 Taster Days
Sat 15th July—Mon 17th July	Y9 Trip to Ypres
Sun 16th July—Mon 17th July	Borneo Expedition
Mon 17th July—Fri 21st July	Y7 Paris Residential
Mon 17th July—Wed 19th July	Bude Residential
Tues 18th July—Sat 22nd July	Y10, Y11 & Y12 Geography Field Trip to Iceland
Wed 19th July	Y7 & Y9 Woodlands Trip
Fri 21st July	Non-Uniform Day



BROADCLYST FUN DAY FAMILY DOG SHOW

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH 2017



ALL PUPPIES MUST BE 6 MONTHS OR OLDER ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW

ENTRY £1.00 PER CLASS: PAY AS YOU ENTER THE RING

JUDGING FROM 1:30PM



- CLASSES 1-10**
- 1: BEST PUPPY 6-12 MONTHS
 - 2: BEST PEDIGREE
 - 3: BEST CROSS-BREED
 - 4: BEST CONDITION
 - 5: BEST ROUGH/LONG COAT
 - 6: BEST SMOOTH/SHORT COAT
 - 7: BEST CHILD HANDLER
 - 8: BEST VETERAN (OVER 7YRS)
 - 9: BEST TRICK
 - 10: BEST FANCY DRESS



SHOW CHAMPION ALL 1ST PLACES FROM 2-10 (not class 1)

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSOR "BEAUMONT VETERINARY PRACTICE" FOR SUPPORTING THE 2017 DOG SHOW AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Broadclyst Fun Day & Family Dog Show



Saturday 24th June 2017
on Broadclyst Playing Fields, EX5 3JB

11am-5pm

Community stalls

Games

Kids races

Raffle

Tombola

BBQ

Ozzy D Magic

Bouncy castles

Face painting

Jacket potatoes

Coconut shy

Beer tent

Local ale

Skittles

Timetable:

11.30am	Kids Races
12.45pm	Gameshow Challenge!
1.30pm	Family Dog show
2.00pm	Cream teas served
4.00pm	Raffle draw
4.30pm	Grand finale! Egg-throw

All day: Check out the stalls with lots of fun activities and challenges!

FREE ADMISSION!

New for 2017! The family Gameshow Challenge, hosted by the one and only Ozzy D!

Enquiries - broadclystfunday@hotmail.co.uk or 07532 286713

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, snow sure 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.



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

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

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.

All uniform 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.

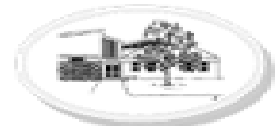
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Principal: Kevin Bawn, BA PhD



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