



NEWSLETTER

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Week B

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Thank you to Year 7 parents and carers for engaging with last night's MTT evening. Albeit virtual, it is a helpful and important contact to raise any concerns and issues during this settling-in time, and to reassure parents (as there is a significant loss of the school-gate informal contact of many primary schools). As a whole, Year 7 have settled very well indeed, but that's no comfort if your child is one of the minority who hasn't. As an aside, we will be retaining Teams for parents' evenings: this one always troubled me in that parents would drive through narrow lanes and wild woods for a five-minute conversation, then go back again.

Covid Update

We still have fairly high rates, but there is some indication that these might be on the turn: we'll have a better picture after the weekend. Currently, there are 78 students isolating, which is down from 92 on Monday and 80+ every day last week. 44 of the 78 are in Year 9, hence the request to Year 9 students and parents to LFT test daily, which has picked up a few additional cases and thereby reduced transmission. Not that schools are hubs of transmission, of course, according to the government's official position. Anyway, 78 students represents 8% of the entire roll, so we will be keeping all the additional measures of hand sanitising, masks, standing back a bit, in place until half-term at the earliest. Your support in this is very welcome: we are trying to maintain tighter controls than students experience in general society, and most students can spot a double-standard at 300 yards.

Attendance

Overall attendance is holding up surprisingly well despite 8% absence for several days: since the start of term, the figure is 89.8%. In normal circumstances we aim for 95% as a minimum target. Like many things at present, the headline messaging is contradictory and common sense applies. The government are exhorting students to attend school as it is the best place for young people (which is true); Public Health are exhorting parents to keep children at home if they have covid symptoms or symptoms of other infectious illnesses (also very sensible). Common sense is that if a child is too ill to attend, keep them at home; if they are borderline too ill, probably best for them to stay at home. One day's school for a snotty student could mean the loss of several days in total for three or four others. It's also tricky because mild headaches and sore throats are common in the autumn, but are also unofficial symptoms of covid.

Vaccination Date Update

NHS have offered a provisional date of 1st November for both the flu nasal spray and the covid vaccination. This would be the first day back after half-term. The parental consents for covid would therefore be sent out during the half-term week (we send them, but NHS are responsible for them). I will let you know when this is confirmed as definite. While the very first day back would be a little trickier than most, on the plus side it will help wake students up a bit.....

Exams in Summer 2022

Important announcements were made last week about exams next summer. The lack of information had been a concern for students, parents and schools, so the announcements were welcome (although details for several subjects will not be absolutely finalised until 7th February 2022).

- There will be optional topics and content in GCSE english literature, history, and geography.
- If necessary, centres will be allowed to deliver practical work in GCSE biology, chemistry, physics, combined science. AS level biology, chemistry, and physics by demonstration.
- Schools will be allowed to assess the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC) across the minimum number of practical activities required to enable students to demonstrate their competence in A level biology, chemistry, and physics.
- Students taking GCSE, AS and A level art and design will be assessed on their portfolio only.
- Exam boards will provide advanced information about the focus of the content of exams for all GCSE, AS and A level subjects except GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography by **7 February 2022** at the latest. This could be released earlier 'if circumstances require'.
- Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics and a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science.
- 2022 will be a 'transition year' to reflect the fact that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students' education has been disrupted. Ofqual will therefore aim for grades in 2022 to reflect a midway point between 2021 and 2019. This means that results overall next year will be higher than in 2019 but not as high as in 2020.

Exam Results Days

- These are back to more normal timings: AS and A levels being released on **18 August**, and GCSEs on **25 August**.

Contingency Arrangements.

- The government has launched a two-week consultation on what contingency arrangements should be put in place if GCSE, AS and A level exams cannot go ahead as planned in 2022 due to covid. The government's proposal is essentially a tweaked version of this year's Teacher-Assessed Grades process, with tighter guidance on the evidence on which TAGs would be based. Specific suggestions include:
 - ◇ planned assessment points from which to gather evidence (e.g. once in each of the late autumn, spring and early summer terms)
 - ◇ the use, at these assessment points, of approaches which replicate exam board papers and exam conditions
- The outcome of this consultation will influence what schools do about mock exams, especially where these fall before Christmas (like our Year 11 mocks). There will be mocks for Year 11, starting on 29th November, with one exam per subject (two for English and Maths). However, the outcome of the consultation could sway us towards a narrower focus rather than a broader, more general one ranging across 2 years.

World Mental Health Day

This is on Sunday 10th October but will be marked on Monday 11th by teachers dressing in bright colours which are known to contribute to an uplift in mood.

Stagecoach strike Monday 18th October

Public transport to College on 18th October might be limited or even not available. The RMT trade union has served notice on its employer Stagecoach that drivers will strike in several areas of the UK, including Devon. It may be that in the next ten days some sort of deal will be found, but if not, I suggest to parents whose children use Stagecoach to think about alternative means of transport on that day. Unfortunately, there is not a lot we can do practically to help in this situation; clearly, lessons would be posted on Teams so students could study independently at home.

Lunch Clubs

Another signpost along the twisting road towards pre-pandemic normality (note to self: stop watching party conference speeches).....this Newsletter contains the page for Lunch Clubs. These were few and far between last year when year groups were in bubbles, so this is very good news. Lunchtime activities provide opportunities to participate (RRS) in something individuals enjoy (Happy).

Digital Parenting Week

- We're pleased to support and publicise Digital Parenting Week. "Parents have had even more than normal to juggle in the last year: helping their children manage life in lockdown, supporting them back to school, and readjusting at short notice whenever bubbles – inevitably – burst. You know better than anyone how much thanks parents deserve for all they've done to support their children's wellbeing, through challenge, change and confusion. And that's what Digital Parenting Week 2021 is all about. We want to celebrate everything parents continue to do to be there for their children, and we hope you'll join us.
- Twitter • 📣 @TheParentsZone's #DPW2021 returns from 11-15 Oct with a week of events and activities around the theme of #DigitalWellbeing. 📄 <http://ow.ly/52KJ50FPyv2>

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn
Principal

Evenings and weekends – reporting of Covid-19 positive test results

We have introduced a dedicated phone number, solely for reporting positive Covid-19 test results at evenings and weekends.

You may also use this number if you have accidentally recorded an LFT result as positive – please always notify us if this has happened in error.

(During the school's normal opening hours, please contact Student Absence on **01392 463911** or email: studentabsence@clystvale.org)

The number is:

07818 212 931

It is not for suspected cases, non-Covid-19 illness or absence, and is not an advice line.

We would prefer you to text positive Covid-19 test result information to this number, including:

- Name of student
- Student's tutor group
- Date symptoms appeared
- Which symptoms, or no symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result

If necessary, someone will contact you having received this information. Thank you!



Breaking News!

NEW BASKETBALL CLUB!!!

This Saturday 9th October, there is a new Basketball club being started at Ottery St Mary Sports Hall. £4 to play 12-2pm for anyone aged 13 and over. Open to adults and Juniors, beginners or experienced. Enjoy!

Mrs Needs
Teacher of PE

Y9 Rugby v Haygrove, Bridgwater



Well done to all the boys who represented Clyst Vale on Tuesday afternoon against a strong visiting Haygrove side. Despite a few Covid absentees the boys still fielded a capable 15. With the RFU directive to play rules a year young the match was reduced to 13-a-side with no lineouts and uncontested scrums. It made for a fast and exciting game on the junior pitch. Ollie Hargeaves opened the scoring with a superb solo run which was converted well by Ollie Hawke. Ollie soon made it 12-0 with another great try, but Haygrove were starting to limit his runs. Soon Haygrove grabbed a try in return and followed up with a second. The Clyst Vale boys tackled well, led by Lenny Bolt and Dan Horn. Then the best try of the match was scored by Charlie Williams as he ran a line off Ollie Hargreaves who flicked the ball back to a flying Charlie who then beat the last man to score. Max Metherell added to the total with an excellent jinxing run ending in a bundle to the line. With Ollie Hawke kicking everything it was 28-14 at half time.

The second half started with some huge tackles and much more combative rucking for the ball. This rocked the boys' confidence and soon Haygrove had taken the lead with three unanswered and converted tries. Henry Fenner and Toby Brooks, two of the smaller players, stepped up and made some outstanding tackles and soon the lads followed their lead. Dan Baker, Dylan Little and Alex Johnson began to carry the ball into contact with more spirit and the presentation and rucking was excellent. A super run up by Josh Jones up the wing got the boys in the right area. Then some determined and committed rucking and tackling drove Haygrove to their line. A scrum 5 freed up Nick Ball who used a lower body position and strong leg drive to cross the line 10m to the right of the posts. The match was over apart from a final kick by Ollie Hawke to draw the game. With the wind up, team mates, opposition and parents all held their breath. Ollie drifted the kick over to tie the game 35-35. Cheers and tunnels led the boys from the field after a keenly contested game played in fine spirit. Man of the Match: Ollie Hawke - good rucking, decent tackling and carrying of the ball and perfect kicking

Mr J Powell
Head of PE

Year 11 Boys Rugby: Clyst Vale 32-10 Haygrove



Congratulations to the Y11 lads who played their first rugby fixture since Year 9 and November 2019! The boys have been excellent in their commitment and attitude to training on a Wednesday after school since the start of term and the work they have been putting in has been paying off. Playing against a strengthening wind, Clyst Vale kicked off and spent the entirety of the half defending and mostly in their own half. Despite this, they did score first through Ned Brown, with well worked passing through the backs. Haygrove dominated the forward exchanges but were constantly repelled by the Clyst Vale defence but did find a deserved score just before half time to leave the scores level at 5 a piece.

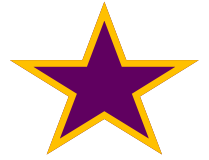
After half time and a brief team talk, Clyst Vale found success on the edges of the pitch, exploiting the heavier Haygrove side with their pace and power. Ben Waycott scored a great individual try from the kick off, spinning and stepping 4 players en-route to the line. Max Kerlake burrowing over from number 8. Captain Tom Brooking following up a great drop goal attempt from full back Reece Aldridge, Ned Brown for his second and Reagan Seagrave finishing off for a great team try to finish the game. Tom Brooking adding the extras. A big mention must be given to substitutes, McKenzie Fincham and Paddy Ross for their support of the team from the sidelines, constantly lending their verbal support for the team and keeping the many parents who watched, entertained throughout!

An outstanding performance from the lads who are aiming to keep this momentum going all the way to March 2022, where they will represent the school at the prestigious HSBC Rosslyn Park Rugby 7's. St Peters are next up, on Thursday 14 October.

Mr Pearce



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	No permission to publish name
7GIM	No permission to publish name
8GABR	No permission to publish name
8GDH	No permission to publish name
9GAW	No permission to publish name
9GBA	Heidi Morcrette
10GHE	Jess Lilley
10GSW	Ned Brown
11GGT	Oliver Watt
11GMN	No permission to publish name

RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Inti Zumaran
7RHSP	Lana Zumaran
8RZB	George Russell
8RSGA	
9RMAH	No permission to publish name
9RAO	
10RER	
10RGG	No permission to publish name
11RTMA	No permission to publish name
11RSS	Sophia Clack

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YMBR	No permission to publish name
7YTZI	Seren Morgan
8YSSC	No permission to publish name
8YPNE	No permission to publish name
9YDST	Rose Lovemore
9YSP	No permission to publish name
10YMPR	Enoch Pang
10YNS	No permission to publish name
11YCW	Ramsay Glen
11YRB	Maya Barton

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 – 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 – 11 Btec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Monday	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battshill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh Award	1.30pm – 2.10pm	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Post 16 Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Ms Wat/Mrs Battshill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton/Mr Brooks
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Thursday	Yogioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Friday	Various Years Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/ Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tues 12 October	Y11 Group Photo
Thurs 21 October	Y8 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 7pm
Mon 25 - Fri 29 October	HALF TERM
Thurs 11 November	Post 16 Open Evening, 6pm - 8pm
Sat 13 November	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day walk*, all day
Thurs 25 November	GCSE Celebration Awards Evening, 6pm - 8pm
w/b 29 Nov	Y11 Mocks, all week
Thurs 02 December	Y13 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 6.30pm
Sat 04 December	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day event*, all day
Tues 09 December	Y9 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 7pm
Weds 15 December	Christmas Carol Service, Whimple Church, 7pm - 9pm
Friday 17 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Sat 18 December	DofE Gold Day, all day
Mon 20 December - Tues 04 Jan inclusive	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps 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.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@clystvale.org

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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- 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

- 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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