



# NEWSLETTER

**No. 536**  
**w/c Monday 9 January 2017**  
**will be Week B**

“Knowledge advances by steps, and not by leaps”

Lord Macaulay

Dear Parents/Carers

## Welcome Back

Happy New Year, and very best wishes to you and your families for a peaceful and successful 2017. The school year provides two chances for students to make “new year” resolutions, so if their good intentions in September haven’t worked yet, it’s not too late to restart them!

## Partnership with Parents and Carers

Over the next few weeks there are several opportunities for parents and carers to meet with key staff, as listed on the calendar below on this Newsletter. Subject-based parents’ evenings to discuss progress will be held for Year 11 on 24<sup>th</sup> January; for Year 9 on 23<sup>rd</sup> February; and for Year 12 on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. For Year 11 there will be a Parents’ Information Evening concerning GCSEs on 28<sup>th</sup> February. For Year 9, the Spring Term means GCSE Options, and the process starts soon: our information booklet will come out in early February, and the Options Information Evening will be *before* half-term on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## PTFA

Still on the theme of working with parents, the PTFA’s next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The theme for the evening is highly topical, given a report this week from the Children’s Commissioner featured widely on the media: internet safety for children and young people.

## Winter Reminders

- 1. Extreme Weather.** If indeed the snows come (!), 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 contractually obliged to get them home again in the afternoon.
- 2. Road Safety.** Students walking on unlit lanes, and students cycling to College need to be seen to be safe. Cyclists must also wear a helmet.
- 3. Colds and Stomach Bugs.** Please reinforce messages about basic prevention through hand-washing and disposal of tissues; if a child has a sickness or diarrhoea “episode”, standard advice is to keep them at home for 48 hours after the last “episode”.
- 4. Uniform.** Coats, please; not hoodies. There are many ways to be warm without a hoody.

## Staff Changes

Joining the English Department for the rest of the year is Miss Hayley Clanfield, who has previously taught at Tiverton and West Exe. Meanwhile, joining the Geography team from the King's School is Miss Kirsty Braddick. Miss Charley Wright rejoins our PE staff two days a week with Mrs Broomfield reducing to three days a week. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January Mr Ian Mason takes up his post as Finance Manager within the College's Support Staff. As always, we wish them every success during their time with us.

## The Latest "RAP"

Progress Reports will be sent today for students in all years except Year 11 (full report due out w/b 16<sup>th</sup> January). Our embedded practice is to hold a "Reflection & Action Planning" tutorial, hence the acronym, in which students focus on their strengths and weaknesses across subjects, where things are improving, and where they are not. From this, students identify what their main priorities and targets should be. It would be brilliant if this reflection and prioritisation could be supported at home: parents frequently say that school is very different from their day, but in terms of working hard, being organised, building on strengths and addressing weaker areas, it is exactly the same.



Dr Bawn

## CALENDAR DATES

Tues 10th January	Y11 School Photos
Sat 14th & Sun 15th January	Ten Tors 3 <sup>rd</sup> Walk/short overnight
Tues 24th January	4.30 - 7.00 Y11 Parents' Evening
Sat 28th & Sun 29th January	Ten Tors 1 <sup>st</sup> overnigher
Mon 30th January - Fri 3rd February	Geography Lake District Trip
Tues 7th February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Options Evening
Fri 10th February	Non Uniform Day
Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February	Half Term & Ski Trip
Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week
Thurs 23rd February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 25th February - Sun 26th February	Ten Tors 2 <sup>nd</sup> overnigher
Tues 28th February	Y11 Pre-exam Support Evening
Mon 13th March - Fri 17th March	'Bugsy Malone' School Production, Barnfield Theatre
Thurs 23rd March	4.30 - 7.00 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day

## ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP WITH STAGING BUGSY MALONE?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR PRODUCTION TEAM

We are currently very busy in preparation for our return to the Barnfield Theatre in March (15th-18th) to stage our production of Bugsy Malone.

We are looking to recruit some new volunteers to strengthen our production team. We are in need of people to assist technically, both in preparation of the production and also during show week at the theatre. Roles include...painting set, designing and sewing costumes, building and painting props, lifting and transporting set to and from the theatre, and assisting with technical aspects during show week as a stage hand or backstage with costumes and makeup.

If you feel you are able to give us some of your time and skills and you would like to be in our team then please get in touch with Anna Ruscoe ([ruscoea@clystvale.org](mailto:ruscoea@clystvale.org)) and attend our production meeting on Wednesday 11th January at 5.30 in the Drama Studio at Clyst Vale (PA1).



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Charlie Crispin
8YME	Lily Schamroth
8YMM	Emily Taylor
9YSP	Lacey Sellick
9YJCO	Ben Parsons
10YMPR	Mya Walker
11YCW	Mollie Tillett

### RED SCHOOL

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

## 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](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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