



NEWSLETTER

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THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"Take care of your body. It's the only one you have to live in."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Exams

Very best wishes to all of our students who embark on GCSE, A-Level, BTec, AS and other exams starting next week. Very best wishes to the families of those students, too, and many thanks for all of your support so far, and in the next few weeks (I notice that Primary School SATs are next week, too, which will add to the excitement in certain homes). I am a College Principal, so I am never going to say that exams are unimportant; they are, and the grades achieved will determine the next stage in a young person's life as well as hopefully being a springboard to bigger and better things. However, an exam grade does not define a young person: it will not automatically lead to milk and honey or condemn a person to a lifetime of drudgery. To be honest, if a young person has genuinely tried their best, then what else can be asked of them? I am sure that every parent and carer will tell their son or daughter that they love them, and will be proud of them whether or not they achieve a grade 2 or a grade 4 in Latin (I know, we don't do Latin, but you'll see my point). This, plus a good healthy diet (limit high sugar foods, especially on exam days), plus good sleep are all essential components of the exam period.

Pre exam briefings

I won't say anything more about revision or exams, except to remind students and parents that most subjects will be running pre-exam briefings immediately before the exams, and you will have been received a separate letter about this. This has been shown to be very valuable in giving a last-minute focus and reminders about which sections, topics and questions are required, as well as reassurance. This is fairly standard practice in secondary schools now, but it is still an "extra" for my colleagues who use their pre-school preparation time or lunchtime. These briefings are not compulsory, although experience shows that most students do attend.

Devon County Show

It's all happening next week! The traffic for Devon County Show can be a problem, with students arriving late. This is an additional concern for students sitting exams. Please phone in if there are problems. Depending on numbers, if absolutely necessary, we will delay the exam start time. Otherwise, students will be given the time they have missed at the end of the exam.

Exam Expectations

The exam season affects everyone from Year 7 upwards. Most obviously, the school day has to change with lunchtime after lesson 3 to accommodate lengthy afternoon exams. The two main exam areas are the Hall, and the other end of the playground around Additional Support, where students with special arrangements and/or extra time sit their exams. This means that the playground must be quiet, and will be well patrolled by teachers at change-over times. Students should also be alert and react to the “Quiet Please” signs ; similarly, there will sometimes be a few room changes which need to be handled quietly.

Ten Tors

Very best wishes to our two Ten Tors teams this weekend, comprising Lara, Emily, Summer, Tom, Adam and Henry; Rio, Will, Jack, Sam, James and Ed. Best wishes also to all Clyst Vale students who are participating through other youth organisations. (And spare a thought for all those Year 11 students who would have loved to have been on the moor this weekend, but with GCSEs starting on Monday could not take the risk). The forecast looks promising: dry, sunny, not too hot, but a bit chilly for the overnight stop. If interested, it is possible to follow their progress around the route on the Ten Tors website (www.tentors.org.uk/) using our team code which is 1234. Depending on the variable mobile signal on Dartmoor, we also hope to keep our Twitter page @CVCCOutdoors up to date too...

“The Scholars Club”

You will recall that I have mentioned “Next Steps South West” in previous Newsletters. This is an initiative involving a collaboration of local universities, with a view to increasing awareness and participation in Higher Education. So, since January, 12 year 9 students have been studying the highly topical issue of climate change and how it is portrayed in journalism. Do images ‘speak the truth’ about climate change? Can they inspire someone to use less fossil fuels? With support from their tutor they each completed a 1500 -word essay where they critically analysed a climate change image of their choice. The course is designed to give pupils an experience of what learning is like at a highly-selective university and has helped them develop and demonstrate their academic ability.

The students had a “Graduation Ceremony” at Exeter University on Thursday. Mrs Knowles would like to say thank you to all the parents who were able to attend - it was great to meet you all, and to share how proud we are of our students for taking on this challenge.

Parent Forum

There was another very encouraging meeting of the parent group on Wednesday. Having moved away from “PTFA”, and after a brief and hilarious period as “PIG”s, the group has now settled on the name “Parent Forum”, which is both accurate and a bit classier. Just like the ancient market place in Rome wasn’t built in a day, so this group will evolve. At present, it will continue to run half-termly evening presentations and discussions suggested by parents. In future, it may develop smaller “task-and-finish” groups on identified projects to help the College. Any fund-raising would be targeted rather than general; in fact, in a symbolic moment on Wednesday, the Forum agreed to close the PTFA bank account. What is very encouraging is that although faces change each time, the number of attendees has increased noticeably. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th May, focusing on teenage issues; a possible title could be “sex, drugs and social media”, and there will be information on Course 42, student welfare, and discussion.

Parent Forum 2

The presentation for the meeting was on Drugs, led by Dave Walter, policeman, Clyst Vale parent and College Governor. It was a useful update on the current situation, including personal experiences from the “front line”. At the risk of over-simplifying key points..... Although social media and child protection are at the forefront of people’s attention, drugs are still “out there” and that County Lines has been well-reported in the media; County Lines gangs will be operating in Devon currently, often but not always following railway routes. It is relatively easy to buy cannabis and certain tablets: currently, “pingers” are popular, generally MDMA cut with something else. Virtually all drug use will begin with cannabis; latest estimates suggest that between 40 and 50% of young people will have tried it at least once. There is a myth that it is relatively harmless because it is “only” cannabis; smoking is addictive, what’s sold as cannabis may contain other products; sustained use of cannabis may lead to depression and psychosis; cannabis is a gateway drug. Dave’s advice was that if parents have concerns, or find anything suspicious in the bin, the first step is to have a conversation with your child; not a row, not threats, not the Police. Often, drug experimentation is a sign of wanting to escape from other things in their life. There are a number of organisations which can help parents with concerns over drug use: Talk to Frank on www.talktofrank.com; www.childline.org.uk provides support; and Young Minds has a helpline specifically for parents: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline

Football and tennis courts...

....Do not mix. This is one of those arguably trivial, operational things I almost feel like apologising for mentioning in a Newsletter. It’s part of the “rites of Spring” behaviour which also includes rough play. Anyway, for safety reasons and common sense, we are only allowing basketballs (only to be used for basketball) and tennis balls in the tennis court area at break and lunch.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

Year 11 Prom

This event is being held at Reed Hall, University of Exeter on Fri 28th June 2019. The ticket cost is £29.50 which includes a mocktail on arrival, a food and sweet buffet, disco and photographs. Payment can be made online through the Schoolcomms online payment system – www.schoolgateway.com - which can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>.

Payment must be made by Fri 24th May 2019.

We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30 pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00 pm. The evening will finish at 11.00 pm and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter.

Miss Prunty



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Phoebe Scott-Nelson
7YMPR	Summer Wills
8YRB	Maddy Forty
8YKHO	Grace Taylor
9YMBR	Sam Clark
9YJPU	Emilie Atwell
10YMM	Oli Bunkum
10YZK	Daisy Norris
11YMHI	Harry Parkhouse
11YSP	Will Atwell

RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Tommy Pullyblank
7RHCH	Zach Jenner & Peter Large
8RHC	Madeline Smith
8RTMA	Evie Lunn
9RCJ	Luana Dart
9RCM	Adam Dodd
10RZB	Macey Pearce
11RAR	Jasmine Pereira Piccoli
11RLA	Rosie Pring

GREEN SCHOOL

7GSW	Alicia Munro & Ethan Lovegrove
7GTB	Warren Beer & Jessica Lilley
8GDJ	Emily Watts & Josh Blatchford
9GIM	Bethy Lawrence & Ryan Greenaway
10GDH	Evie Giles-Phillips & Kieren Searle
10GPE	Elijah Holding & Mia Peace

NETBALL CLUBS

YEAR 9, 10 & 11
MONDAYS
3.20 - 4.30 PM

YEAR 7 & 8
THURSDAYS
3.20 - 4.30 PM

LUNCH CLUBS SUMMER TERM

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Mon (A & B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	All Years – Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	All Years – Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett/Miss Lewis/ Mr Hammond/Kate Needs
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Mon	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Mon	Week A – ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	Maths Rooms		All Maths except Dr Turl
Tues	Year 11 Top Set Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Week A – Assembly/Concert/ Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues (A)	Year 10/11 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues (B)	Year 11 Revision		IT4		
Tues	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Year 11 History Revision	Lunchtime	HU5		Mrs Padden
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	All Years Dance	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Gardening Club	1.30pm	By The Green-house		Mrs Morgan
Tues	Year 7, 8 & 9 Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Hammond
Tues	All Years Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 11 French GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	Yu Gi Oh	Lunchtime	SC8		Mr Moxey
Wed	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Week A – General Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drug & Alcohol Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 12 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA4		Miss Prance/Dr Turl
Wed (A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wed (B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wed	Week B - ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Wed	Year 9 5-a-side	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks

LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM continued

Wed	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett/Mr Hammond/Mrs Broomfield
Wed	KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Wed	Week A – Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Wed	Year 11 Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Ms Emmett
Thurs	Week B - Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Thurs	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thurs	Hula Hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Thurs	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/Mr Powell/Mrs Elliot/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Hammond/Miss Lewis
Thurs (A)	Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs (B)	Year 10 Food Practical		DT3		
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	KS4 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	KS4 Photography Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Food Tech - Drop In Homework	1.40pm to 2.10pm	DT4		Mrs Routledge
Fri	GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Fri	Week A – Assembly/Concert/ Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 11 Indoor 5-a-side	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Fri	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/Mr Powell/Mrs Elliot/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Hammond/Miss Lewis

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Club - Wed 3.30-4.30

Apologies to parents and students for the faltering start to the Wed after school athletics club. Normally one of the school's best attended and most enjoyable clubs, we have missed the first two sessions of the Summer term due to bad weather. I have had to make a call on safety of the wet grass following rain on both Wed lunchtimes which is annoying for enthusiastic students and supportive parents alike. Please cross your fingers for better weather next week and for the remainder of the term!

Mr Powell
Head of PE



Ski Italia

2021



If your child is interested in being part of the next **Ski Trip in 2021**, they need to collect a letter from Dr Turl or Mrs Elliot.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70km of pistes, offering high-altitude snow-sure skiing for everyone, from complete beginners to those who have skied at a high level. The price will be **£1029.00** which includes the following:

- Travel, from Clyst Vale to resort, and return journey (luxury 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
- Clyst Vale ski hooded sweatshirt

Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.



CALENDAR DATES

SUMMER TERM 2019	
Fri 10 - Sun 12 May	Ten Tors Main Event
Fri 24 May	Y11 and Y13 Study Leave Starts
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019	SUMMER HALF TERM
Wed 12 June	Y6 Non Feeder Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Fri 28 June	Y11 Prom 6.00 - 11.00
Mon 8 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Tues 9 July	Sports Day
Fri 12 July	Y12 Final Day
Mon 15 July - Fri 19 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Thurs 18 - Sun 21 July	Y12 Gold D of E Practice
Fri 19 July 2019	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- **All trousers must have Clyst Vale logo rivet on waistband.**
- Skirts - Blue Tartan.
- 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 in the summer.
- 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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