



NEWSLETTER

No. 558 w/c Mon 10 July 2017 will be Week B

"You learn something every day if you pay attention."

Ray LeBlond

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Transition Days**

A special welcome to "first-time parents" of Clyst Vale students starting here in September. The three transition days this week have gone very well, and chatting to a random sample of Year 6s they are much more confident about starting after the summer, which is the main aim of the transition days. The prime purpose of any school is to do with teaching, learning and achievement but, just like an adult starting a new job, the immediate priorities are knowing the lay-out of the building, where the toilets are, at least some of the people you'll be working with, and where you can have your lunch. Thank you to the seventy or so parents who attended the Maths Workshop, too. It is a big deal going to big school, and I must thank Mrs Adie, my colleagues, and the truly wonderful group of Year 9 helpers for being so welcoming and helpful. There are 170 students in the year group, so the three days will not have been a perfect start for one or two individuals, and doubtless there will be a number of queries; that's why we hold the New Intake Parents' Evening next week, to iron out some of these wrinkles. I look forward to seeing you there!

### **Year 10 Taster Days**

Towards the upper end of the College, on Monday and Tuesday we held two taster days of Year 12/A-level lessons for Year 10 students who are thinking of education post-16. One of the general themes we are increasingly emphasising in broad career progression terms is that of "thinking ahead"; also, experience shows over and over again that students who have a clear goal or direction will do better academically than those who don't.

#### **Next Week**

The term is hurtling toward its end, and there will be lots going on. There will be two large-scale events I'm particularly looking forward to. On Monday, we host a Human Rights Day. Back in April, the College's student Amnesty International Group proposed a project and won an award from the Marsh charity; the funding provided allows us to work with our local primary schools to train some human rights ambassadors. Plus...there will be the launch of a follow-up project to create a human rights mural at the front of Clyst Vale. Plus...

national Amnesty International leaders Anne Montague and Tom Hedley will be with us for the day. Plus.....we will be attempting a whole-College aerial photo depicting the Amnesty logo. On Tuesday, it's Sports Day and Festival on the Field. Our Sports Day is, we believe, unique: every student is involved in something, traditional athletics events are extended with a wide range of other sports competitions (penalty shoot-outs, target golf, BMX, archery), and the lunchtime slot is filled by student performers who literally fell on to the back of a lorry. The Staff Band, "Requires Improvement" will also be playing (as they will be on Monday).

### Trips and Visits: Quiet, Please

Next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday various trips will be leaving the Clyst Vale coach park, in some cases rather early in the morning. Please can I ask parents to do the impossible – drop off a sleep-deprived but excited and possibly disorganised teenager quietly, without much shouting or slamming car doors? (This is the reality when we say things like "please be respectful of our neighbours".)

### **Snapchat Map**

You'll probably have seen on mainstream media that the new Snapchat Map feature is a significant safeguarding worry for parents and schools. Currently, Snapchat is one of the most popular forms of social media among teenagers. An excellent summary of the issue, why it is a safeguarding issue, and what you can do about it can be found on the BBC News Technology pages: the link is <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-40509281">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-40509281</a>

Best wishes.

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#### **CONSENT FORMS**

We are required to annually review and update the contact/consent information we hold on record for our students. This includes consent for medical emergency permission, photos and trips, without which your child would not be able to participate in any offsite events.

This year, in order to streamline the system and move towards our promise for a greener environment, we are introducing an online system. The revised form will mean that you will no longer need to give consent to each individual trip/visit unless it is a residential, for which an additional form will be required.

To complete and return your child's details please click on the following link to access the form <a href="https://help.clystvale.org/?page\_id=12877">https://help.clystvale.org/?page\_id=12877</a>. Please note that you will need to complete a form for each child you have at the College.

Please ensure that this is completed and returned by **Friday 14 July 2017**. If you have any problems with the completion of this form please contact your relevant AtHoS.

Mrs Grant
Assistant to Head of Red School



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SILVER SCHOOL			
7SMBR	Sam Clark		
8SAO	Megan Newberry		
9SLA	Katie Berry		
10SNG	Joe Allan-Thorpe		
10SNS	Coby Lincoln		

YELLOW SCHOOL			
7YJPU	Martha Bailey		
8YME	Jack Craig		
8YMM	Evie King		
9YJCO	Benedict Shelley		
9YSP	Gabe Clark		
10YMPR	Tom Price		

### Clyst Vale Amnesty Day 10<sup>th</sup> July

The incredibly hard-working Clyst Vale Amnesty group recently won a national award for their project to increase awareness of human rights in the community. Monday  $10^{\rm th}$  July will see the project come into fruition as several of the local primary schools come to Clyst Vale to become trained up as Human Rights Ambassadors. Lots of exciting



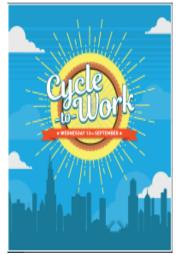
events will be taking place that day, including a performance from the staff band and a whole school photo. The mural competition will be launched - it's open to both Clyst Vale students, members of the public and the primary schools, **as well as a bake/sweet sale**. Any donations of baked goods would be gratefully received. We promise to try not to eat them all before they can be sold! Please bring them to the Sixth Form on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The Clyst Vale Amnesty Group

### **CYCLE TO WORK DAY**

Cycle to Work Day is back for 2017! Join us on Wednesday 13th September for a nationwide celebration of cycling.

Whether this is your first or fifth year cycle commuting, we want you to get involved. Taking part is simple – go to <a href="www.cycletoworkday.org">www.cycletoworkday.org</a> to pledge the miles you'll be doing on the day and watch our totalisers soar.



# CALENDAR DAMES

Mon 10th, Wed 12th, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th July	Celebration Assemblies			
Tues 11th July	Sports Day			
Sat 15th July—Mon 17th July	Y9 Trip to Ypres			
Sun 16th July—Sun 13th August	Borneo Expedition			
Mon 17th July—Fri 21st July	Y7 Paris Residential			
Sun 16th 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	Last day of term Non-Uniform Day			
Wed 6th Sept	First day back for Students			

### **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:



Mon: 3.30 - 5.30 Wed: 3.30 - 5.30 Thurs: 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

# **Lunch Clubs** Mon - Wed

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in		Miss Barratt
			the Maths block		
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Wright & Mrs Needs
Mon	Vocal Harmony Group	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Year 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Cricket Nets	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Miss Wright
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 v 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	All Years Boys & Girls Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Woolacott
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
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Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Jazz Bank	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Elliot & Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	French Year 11 Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	Year 9 & 10 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Wed	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber

## **Lunch Clubs** Thurs - Fri

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Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years Boys & Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Year 11 Revision (to half term only)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Learn To Read Music (half term onwards)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Sign Up Only 10 Hula-hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 9 Boys & Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9, 10 & 11 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - Week A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Band/Group Rehearsals for Festival on the Field	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

### **UNIFORM**

Thomas Moore is offering 10% discount on uniform purchases made in store (not online) on 15th/16th/17th July. If ordering online, please do so by 31st July to prevent any delay in receiving items.

Mrs Smith PA to Principal/Office Manager

### 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, snowsure 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**

- Clyst Vale supports the (DCC) Devon County Council's "No Pass No Travel Scheme" that operates on transport to and from this College.
- 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.
- 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 <a href="https://www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk">www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk</a>.

- 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.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Principal: Kevin Bawn, BA PhD





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