



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week B

“Experience is the name everyone gives to
their mistakes.”

Oscar Wilde

Dear Parents/Carers

Deep Learning Day

Wednesday’s “DLD” was as busy as ever. Year 7 divided between a Languages and a Maths based day, Year 8 combined Computing, Technology and Music; Year 9 experienced a varied “development day” about the realities of life and work in LEDCs; Year 10 had an intensive Course 42 day on health and sex education, including emotional health, contraception, STIs, the extra pressures during exam years, organ donation, and the Teenage Cancer Trust. There were Year 6 prospective students on tours during DLD, and what was striking was the enthusiasm of staff and students, as well as the structure and control even in activities where there was a lot of movement and practical work. Photos are now on our website.

Tours

Mentioning the Year 6 tours, we have been unprecedentedly popular this year, with over 140 people attending. All of them agree that visiting the College in the daytime is a very important part of judging a school. It’s relatively easy to put on a special event for an Open Evening or even an Open Day, but we pride ourselves on being as “open” as possible.

Y10 GCSE Information Evening, Thursday 13th October

If you are a parent or carer for a Year 10 student, please come along! Government Reform has resulted in massive changes to GCSE syllabuses, structures, and assessment including both coursework and exams. These have a significant bearing on how we teach and prepare students. This is the biggest such change in education since GCSEs were introduced in 1988, and we are in the second, and arguably biggest, year of three years of change. It is well worth attending; even if an older child sat GCSEs this summer, it will be very different for a younger child in Year 10 now.

PTFA AGM, Wednesday 12th October

Please come along to this, too! Clyst Vale’s PTFA are a loyal and supportive group, but like any volunteer organisation is always looking for new members. It really is not very onerous, and if you come to the AGM you will not be press-ganged into anything you don’t want to do! The AGM (and other meetings in the year) includes a theme or presentation, and next Wednesday’s is on the very topical issue of emotional and mental health in teenagers.

Chain Letter

This week a particularly nasty chain letter has been spread around through Instagram; it is exactly the same principle as when chain letters used to arrive in the post; send this letter to twelve people or terrible things will happen, and the tone of the letter has caused distress to quite a few younger students. Of course, it's much easier to do this through Instagram or other messaging platforms than use Royal Mail. I should stress that this has been instigated from outside, and is not a Clyst Vale issue except in the sense of supporting students. We have done our best to reassure students through tutorials and ICT lessons that nothing terrible will happen, and the best thing to do is tell an adult. At home, it is another reminder of the importance of parents knowing what their children are doing on line, what accounts they have, how this is monitored, and making sure that children know to confide in a parent.

Exclusions

There's been much in the media this week about exclusions from schools nationally having risen significantly. Exclusions, including permanent exclusions from time to time, are sanctions used at Clyst Vale, but sparingly and very much as a last resort. The prime reasons for exclusion are a serious breach of the College's discipline code; or where a student's behaviours are creating a genuine risk to the safety, welfare or learning of others. Reasons for exclusion can be found in the Governors' Discipline Statement, and further information in the Behaviour Policy, both on the website. Clyst Vale is not a particularly disciplinarian school, and we set much greater emphasis on building positive relationships and behaviour, but we do exclude sometimes, and this should be a reassurance to the vast majority of students and parents who want to feel safe and have every chance of succeeding academically.

Bus Behaviour

I checked with the drivers this morning as they arrived, and am delighted that behaviour on most of the buses is very good. However; where there are problems, they tend to be basic safety issues which would put students at risk, for example not wearing seat belts, kneeling backwards over seats to talk to friends behind, as well as (one bus in particular) litter. There was a school bus accident yesterday, in which no-one was seriously hurt because of wearing seat belts; we will remind students frequently, but please reinforce these important messages at home.

National Trials

Huge congratulations to Molly Dart, Maddy Ross, and Evie Wragg, who have all been selected for England trials in rounders. These are being held in Northamptonshire tomorrow. All strength to their elbows!

Best wishes.



Dr Bawn



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



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Jennifer Auld
7RKC	Monty Ward
8RZB	Amy Jennings
9RAR	Matthew Wood
10RDH	Robin Tooze
10RGG	Lizzie Roberts
11RMHI	Olivia Barradine
11RTMA	Marcus McCabe

GREEN SCHOOL

7GHE	Jack Kingston
7GIQ	Libby Hallett
8GPE	Alice Sutcliffe
9GABR	Amelia Agutter
9GTGA	Grace Tierney
10GSW	Lottie Gilmour
11GGT	Louis Cocking

SILVER SCHOOL

11SDJ	Teoni Wilson
11SSG	Jake Kendall-Tory

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Gabrielle Wright
8YME	Milly O'Brien
8YMM	Emily Brooks
9YSP	Tom Biden
9YJCO	Sam Johnston
11YCW	Maisie Bailey

Operation Christmas Child/Shoebox Appeal

It is that time of year again when we start to think about Operation Christmas Child.

Each year we fill shoeboxes for less fortunate children. If you would like to fill a shoebox, leaflets will be available soon in College, or follow the links below for other suggestions.

We would be grateful for any spare shoeboxes. If you cannot fill one yourself, you could group together with some friends and each donate something.

Handy information on 'how to pack your shoebox gift' can be found at the link below:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

Please note that shipping costs can now be purchased online, printed out, and put straight into your completed box – see link below for information:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/follow-your-box-donation/

For more details on their work please look at their website www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

If you would like any more details, please contact Claire Phillips on 01392-463919.



SPORTS NEWS

CLYST VALE EQUESTRIAN TEAM

On Sunday 18th September, the Clyst Vale Equestrian Squad travelled to Bicton Arena to compete in a One Day Event. They each had to perform a dressage test, jump a round of show-jumps and gallop across country tackling all sorts of obstacles from drop fences, brushes and jumping into water.



Annabel Duman was competing in the biggest class at 1m and was the first to do her dressage test. Her fit, excitable horse (who also competes in team chasing whilst jumping huge hedges) found the dressage a bit too boring and so didn't show off the best work he could do! Annabel's lovely calm riding got him round the show-jumping with just two fences down, but where they really excelled was galloping clear around the cross country! Annabel even had time to wave at the camera despite a broken hand!

Georgia Sheldon-Smith and Emily Taylor both competed in the smaller class of 80cm and were very closely matched throughout the day. Both performed lovely dressage tests which put them just outside the placings. Both the girls rode their ponies round the show-jumping in a lovely rhythm and managed to finish with one pole down each. Again, like Annabel, their strengths seemed to lie in galloping across country and both girls did very well to get clear rounds!

An excellent effort from all three girls who were competing against some very experienced competitive riders, many of whom attend equestrian based schools. Many thanks go to the Gifted and Talented Department within College who contributed towards their entry fees.

Mrs Needs
Teacher of PE

U14 NATIONAL SCHOOLS' NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Year 9 Netball Team who played valiantly on Wednesday representing the College at Blundell's against some very challenging opponents. Unfortunately we lost all of our games, but were very close to winning in some. I would just like to say, it is a pleasure to take you on these trips, even when you know it was going to be an uphill struggle you try your best and represent yourselves and the College in the best possible way, always polite and courteous. Well done ladies!



On Tuesday 27th September we played at St Peter's and lost against their A team but won against the B team. There are too many players who were outstanding to nominate just one for player of the match, praise points for all of you!

Mrs Elliot
Teacher of Art, PE and Psychology

YEAR 7/8 UNIFORM FOR SALE/ DONATIONS WELCOME

My daughter attended Clyst Vale for just a few weeks this Autumn term in Year 7 before changing school, so I have several items of either brand new or barely worn uniform ordered from the official SWI uniform shop. My daughter is tall and of average build so I would say the items are more age 12-13 size than average age 11.

The items available are:

3 x RED SCHOOL LOGO JUMPERS 30/32

1 x PRO TEC LONG SLEEVE RUGBY SHIRT 30/32

1 x HAZE POLO TOP 32/33

2 x RED SCHOOL TIES

Also from Marks and Spencer

3 x BLACK knee length PLEATED SKIRTS AGE 12/13

All items are either unworn or worn only a few times so as new.

Please contact me if any items are of interest. I will accept donations which I will pass on to Force (our local cancer support centre).

Please make contact via Mrs Grant, grantp@clystvale.org or 01392 463910 who will forward your messages on to me.

Many thanks!

Sharon Pagliero

PTFA Events 2016/17

October - Weds 12th 6.30pm
AGM and presentation and discussion on
Emotional Wellbeing

January - date to be confirmed
Presentation and discussion on
Internet Safety

May - date to be confirmed
Presentation and discussion on
Post 16 Studies and Careers

PTFA welcomes all parents and guardians to our events and if you have any suggestions for topics of discussion please contact us.

Our PTFA offers a friendly environment for discussion and an informal link for parents and the schools senior leadership team.

All meetings in Post 16 Block

Jenny Sanders CHAIRPERSON, js.sanders@btinternet.com
Cathy Sharkey SECRETARY cape@shark.eclipse.co.uk / sharkeyc@clystvale.org

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 11th October	Ski Trip Information Evening (6pm)
Thurs 13th October	Year 10 Parents' GCSE Information Evening (6pm)
Half Term	Mon 24th October to Fri 28th October 2016
Thurs 10th November	Post 16 Open Evening (6pm)
Tues 15th November	Year 12 Meet the Tutor (4.30pm)
Tues 22nd November	GCSE Presentation Evening (7pm)
Thurs 24th November	Year 10 Parents' evening (4.30pm)
Tues 29th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 16th December 2016
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wed 4th January 2017
Half Term	Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February 2017



Sidmouth **SCIENCE** Festival

Friday 7th - Sunday 16th
October 2016

- **Super Science Saturday 15th October with hands-on activities for all ages and all abilities**
- **Explore the interactive trail along the seashore at Sidmouth on Sunday 9th October**
- **Discover Speed at the fun family day at the Norman Lockyer Observatory on Sunday 16th October**
- **Learn about our Jurassic Coast with Sidmouth Museum and World Heritage Site**
- **Local, national & international speakers throughout the week including Simon Singh, Prof Mike Benton**
- **Food Science Live with bush tucker bug treats!**
- **Ada Lovelace Day, Earth Sciences Week, Biology Week**
- **Jet car races, visit a brewery, print in 3D, build a robot, look inside a dinosaur.....and much more**

Programme online or from Sidmouth Information Centre (am), Sidmouth Museum, Sidmouth Library and Kennaway House

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info@sidmouthsciencefestival.org
www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org

Starts Friday



Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in Maths Rooms		Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	BTEC/IMedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Textiles Club - Starting date tbc	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Mrs Adie
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett/Miss Carnall
Tues	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision (AFTER XMAS)	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
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	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 7 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Wed	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 7 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thurs	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Lunch Clubs—Fri

Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	Various	New Block Unless Specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce Mrs Elliot/Miss Garman
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Games Club - Year 7	1.30pm - 2.00 pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

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

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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