



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week B

*"An orator is a man who says what he thinks
and feels what he says."*
William Jennings Bryan

Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

There's plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks. For Year 12 (last year's Year 11) next Tuesday sees the GCSE Presentation Evening. This is always a tremendous evening, as it is about recognising young people's success and reward for hard work. That's the main reason I came into teaching all those years ago, and it's still a privilege.

The Group Formerly Known as the PTFA

If you are interested in getting a little more involved in Clyst Vale life, finding out how we tick, and contributing your opinions, then please come along to Wednesday's PTFA meeting. The PTFA is evolving into more of a parents' interest group, although certain key functions of a traditional PTFA will still be maintained. On Wednesday school staff will talk about the new GCSE and accountability requirements, but more significantly, how this is influencing the curriculum and modifying approaches to teaching and learning throughout the College, not just in exam years. (And there will be further discussion about re-naming the group to more accurately reflect what it does).

Children in Need Day, Friday 17th November

Just to confirm that this IS a non-uniform day. Suggested donations of 50p will, of course, go to the Children in Need appeal. There will be a number of fund-raising activities at break and lunchtime.

The 39 Steps

I am getting quite excited about Clyst Vale's production of The 39 Steps at the Cygnet Theatre (27th – 29th November), as it's one of my personal favourites. Although based on John Buchan's classic spy novel and Hitchcock's film thriller, the play is very much a comedy and a brilliant way to spend an hour or two. I'm really looking forward to seeing what Ms Ruscoe and the cast make of it. Tickets must be purchased from the Cygnet directly.

Mock Exams

There are mock, or “practice”, exams for Year 11 and Year 13 either side of the Christmas holidays. Year 11’s are first, taking place between the 4th and 12th December; there is no study leave, and it will be quite an intensive week; timetables will go out next week. We cannot run a completely full programme exactly mirroring the summer, because this would take up far too much teaching time, but the exams will be largely representative of the real thing, and the use of the Hall with external invigilators makes it more of a dress rehearsal for everyone. Next week, there will be a briefing/assembly for Year 11 students about the mocks. Year 10 and Year 12 exams are later in the school year.

Readathon: “Read for Good.”

This week we launched the annual Readathon charity appeal with Year 7, run and organised through the Read to Learn team, coordinated by Mr Simpson. Readathon is essentially a sponsored reading scheme, which raises money to provide books for children in hospitals and hospices. If you have been in RD&E’s Bramble Ward recently (and I hope you haven’t), you may have seen a Readathon book section. Students will have brought home a sponsor form with some details, and you can find more information about the scheme and the value of reading on readforgood.org. Last year we raised over £626; to better this would be an average of £4 per Year 7 student. There is absolutely no compulsion to take part, but we hope that most students will be happy to do so.

Attendance

It has long been established that good attendance leads to better educational achievement, and the reasons are fairly obvious. We try to make Clyst Vale such a welcoming and successful school that students are keen to turn up every day, and I must also thank parents and carers for your part in this. This week, we have sent letters to parents whose children’s attendance is beginning to cause concern. This is to raise awareness and hopefully nip it in the bud.

Coughs and colds

There are a couple of unpleasant viruses doing the rounds at the moment. While we want students to be in college, we don’t want them if they’re very poorly or if they are going to infect others, who then need time off themselves. It’s common sense, really. Please let us know if your son/daughter is absent through illness. And please remind them, as we will be, that basic hygiene routines help prevent the spread of diseases: catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue, disposing of the tissue properly, and thorough hand-washing.



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7REW	Jamie Anderson
7RTMA	Katie Goddard
8RCJ	Luana Dart
8RCM	Chantell Hughes
9RZB	Kitty Pepper
10RAR	Ellie Harris
10RLA	Sam Cornish
11RDH	Rob Clarke
11RGG	Beth Hurren

GREEN SCHOOL

8GHE	Katie Cowell & Tyler Woodgates
8GIM	Mary Crook
9GPE	Freya Willingham & Sam Roberts
10GBAR	Lauren Elliot & Sam Hallett
11GNG	Emily Blatchford & Leon Robson
11GSW	Anne-Merel van der Giezen

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YKHO	Harry Thompson
7YRB	Emma Ware
8YMBR	Sam Mills
8YJPU	Sheykie Campbell
9YMM	Rachel Davey
9YZK	Daisy Norris
10YMHI	Chris Harvey
10YSP	Freya Harris
11YMPR	Millie Wright
11YNS	Cain Mitchell

CHARITY NEWS

The next Non Uniform Day is for
Children In Need.

This is on Friday 17th November 2017

JUST 50p

If you have any fundraising ideas please
let me know.

Loads of fundraising ideas online!!!
Get your thinking caps on – plenty of time.

Thank you for your support.

*Ms Phillips
Additional Support*

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 14 Nov	6.30 GCSE Presentation Evening
Wed 15 Nov	6.30 PTFA
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need—Non uniform day
Sun 19th Nov	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 1 Dartmoor
Tues 21st Nov	4.30 Y13 Parents' Evening
Thurs 30th Nov	4.30 Y12 Meet the Tutor
Mon 4th Dec—Fri 8th Dec	Mocks/practice exams
Sat 9th Dec	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 2 Dartmoor
Tues 12th Dec	4.30pm Y8 Parents' Evening
Fri 15th Dec	Non Uniform Day – Alzheimer's Society
Mon 18th Dec	Carol Service - Whimble Parish Church
Thurs 21st Dec—2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Wed 3 Jan	First day back for the Students

All Parents and guardians

You are all very welcome to attend our next meeting - details below. The PTFA is reorganising itself to provide parents with better access to information. Our meetings are short and informative and all are welcome.

If you can't attend but would like issues raised, please contact Jenny jls.sanders@btinternet.com.

Parent Information Group - Weds 15th November 6.30pm

Presentation - The curriculum and how CVCC are dealing with the GCSE changes

School/parent discussion - uniform, smart phones and healthy eating

Business - renaming the group, parents evenings, carol concert

Lunch Clubs - Monday - Thursday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Netball (to start in a few weeks time)	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Needs
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Science Club - WEEK B	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	All Years Dance & Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Surgery - WEEK A (Starting after Half Term)	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt Ms Prance
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 8 & 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Girls Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

Lunch Clubs - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield/Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

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.

THE RED NOSE DESIGN CHALLENGE

Do your pupils have a nose for design?

Are you getting a whiff of some outstanding creativity in your classroom? Perhaps you are on the scent of the next great designers of our time?

Well, here comes a real challenge.

We're sniffing out all the creative geniuses from across the nation to be in with a chance of designing one of the new Noses for Red Nose Day 2019.

**FIND OUT HOW TO ENTER THE CHALLENGE NOW
AT REDNOSEDAY.COM/NOSES**

RND19_001 Comic Relief, registered charity 326558 (England and Wales); SC039730 (Scotland).



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

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



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 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, PE kit and reversible jacket can be purchased 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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