



NEWSLETTER

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Week B

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"Learn to be thankful for what you already have, while you pursue all that you want." Jim Rohn

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid News

- Well, we had a few weeks without this as the first item.....
Despite the rhetoric of "we know the remorseless logic of exponential growth could lead to a big rise in hospitalisations and therefore deaths", there aren't really any changes at all in schools, unless a school faces a significant outbreak of cases. Once again, I am calling on students to
 - * wear face masks at all times except lessons and when eating; face masks are encouraged in lessons, too, but not compulsory; and many students at break and lunchtime have become too casual about not wearing masks but also crowding together well within a metre of each other;
 - * remember that masks are now compulsory on school and public transport (unless medically exempt);
 - * continue with twice a week LFD Testing (daily if there is a case or suspected case in the household, or if attending events);
 - * follow the one-way routes through buildings
 - * (plus, from DfE guidance) attendance at school is mandatory; schools are not permitted to switch to remote learning; responsibility for contact tracing lies with the NHS and not schools.
- Case rates remain low: fourteen students and two members of staff are isolating. Locally, rates in Exeter and East Devon are above national and increasing; in Mid Devon, above national but decreasing in the past week. We already have all of the suggested precautions in place in College. This might explain why rates are low, although I suspect it has far more to do with the levels of vaccination in students, 276 students having immunity from being positive since September, lots of fresh air around the site, and luck.
- Reporting positive cases during the holiday. Please let us know of any positive LFTs through Test Register and by e-mailing studentabsence@clystvale.org. Please let us know of any positive PCRs by e-mailing studentabsence@clystvale.org. If an isolation period means your child will be absent at the start of term, please also phone Student Absence on 01392-463911.
- I would also like to reassure parents that there were no Christmas parties held at CVCC last December, but if there were I don't know about them, although I can confidently tell you that no regulations were broken.

January Testing

- This will also be going ahead. The plan in summary is that Years 9 to 13 will be given timeslots on Tuesday, 4th January, and Years 7 and 8 will be tested on the first day back, Wednesday 5th January. This means that in theory no learning will be disrupted except the first couple of hours on 5th (as students aren't allowed into lessons unless LFT negative).
- There are drawbacks: if we do not get a good turnout on 4th, we might struggle on 5th; parents may not be able to transport their child here on 4th, or possibly not during the time slot. There are the usual illogicalities, especially around buses: if all Y9-13 passengers are negative on 5th Jan with any positives weeded out, there's still a risk of an infectious Y7 or 8 (but the whole point is to reduce risk and we can never totally eliminate it). There are things to make you shrug: why can't parents test at home, don't the government trust you? There are things which Year 7 & 8 parents could do to reduce risks even further: LFD test before the bus journey to ensure safety prior to being mass-tested. I am well aware that some families can't do this, but maybe Year 7 and 8 parents drive their offspring in on Tuesday morning.
- We will send out more detailed information, timings, and who to contact if you have difficulty with the arrangements. I must repeat that we are reliant on as many of Years 9-13 being tested on Tuesday 4th January. One thing which will help a little is that students who have had covid do not need to be tested if the test falls within 90 days of the PCR test. At a rough guess, this is over 120 students who won't need testing.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

- Thank you to all parents and carers for last night's parents evening. The timing of the evening at the end of the autumn term is different from previous practice, when everything tended to be concentrated around the options process in February-March. Holding it now puts some early option thoughts into place, and also gives a useful progress report while there is enough of Year 9 left to make a difference (if one is needed). Year 9 were affected by lockdown by losing the summer term of their Year 7 and the spring term of their Year 8, so a slightly earlier parents evening is advantageous in that respect, too.

Carol Service, Wednesday 15th December

- Clearly Wednesday's No 10 press conference gave pause for thought, but we are going ahead with the Carol Service at Whimple next Wednesday, at 7.00 pm. There are about 50 students involved, and they really want to perform. We really want them to contribute to a lovely evening, showcase their talents, be part of something a bit bigger than themselves, and develop a whole load of soft skills. But safety comes first: being realistic, we expect the audience/congregation to be mostly the students' relatives. It is not a huge event, which is important in itself. There is no compulsion or expectation that anyone must attend, and I know that some Carol Service stalwarts will not be attending this year. Covid measures include: recommending everyone attending takes a LFD test on the day; wearing masks unless singing (keeps your face warm as well); good hand hygiene; and as much social distancing as possible in pews in a Victorian church interior with original aspects from the 15th and 16th centuries. There won't be any refreshments to reduce post-Service mingling and any minor risks of contact transmission. However, there's always the Thirsty Farmer....

Year 11 Mocks

- Just to report that these finished this week, Year 11 students were wonderful, other students were respectful around the exam rooms, and we have done very well with catch-ups so that there aren't too many gaps. We will be retaining the original answer scripts in case they are needed for the contingency plan if the 2022 exams are cancelled. If a student has not completed a mock in a subject, and if exams are cancelled, and if we are required to put together folders of evidence, then other evidence will be used from the two additional assessments and very likely other evidence which would support the judgement of a particular grade. So, not the end of the world, but clearly better if the mocks have been done.

Staff Changes

- We are very sad that Layla Kempster, Kitchen Manager, is leaving us today for a new post at an Exmouth Primary School. It's complex, but Layla is a CVCC employee although she works for our catering contractor, Caterlink. More importantly, she has worked here for almost as long as I have, and has produced meals, snacks, grab-and-go for thousands of students over the years. During her time, Layla and her team have implemented several major national initiatives, as well as reacting to changing eating habits and increasing numbers of allergies. She has been incredibly open and responsive, regularly speaking to student councils and to the PTFA. The perennial issues in school kitchens are prices, portion size, and variety. It is also a daily challenge to estimate what and how much to prepare to ensure a good variety but avoid excessive food waste. I haven't mentioned free school meals, or Layla's work in preparing food parcels for disadvantaged families during lockdown, or how well she has managed all this. We wish her well. Caterlink will be appointing a replacement manager in the New Year and in-filling until then.

Christmas Card

- Congratulations to Killian Haylock-Snellgrove for winning the Christmas card competition, and to Katie Goddard whose design will appear on the Carol Service programme.

Exeter Foodbank Collection

- The collection being organised by 7RHSP closes on Tuesday 14th December. There are collecting boxes in most tutor rooms/classrooms.

The College Musical: Legally Blonde

- After last year, I type this with one finger while my left hand's fingers are crossed touching wood. My superstitious precautions might have helped last year – we staged Bonnie & Clyde, one of our very best performances ever; although this sounds a lot easier than it actually was, but we were just about the only secondary school which managed it. This year's production will be in March (29th – 1st April), but will be at Exmouth Pavilion because the Barnfield will be closed for refurbishment work. This is a bit awkward for travel, but is in many respects a very good theatre for our needs, has a much bigger seating capacity (needed because of the popularity of Legally Blonde 😊), and who can resist an evening by the seaside including a show...?

Non-uniform day: Friday 17th December

- To confirm – next Friday is a non-uniform day. The Head Students have decided on proceeds being divided between Exeter Hospice and Children's Hospice South-West. It seems rather trivial to follow that sentence by mentioning ripped jeans, but in further discussions with students we will allow them as a trial and see how it goes. If too many students appear with gaping holes then we will reconsider. I will put some photos in the Student Bulletin to help, but rips the size of cat flaps are definitely not ok.
- There is no change to timings of the College day on Friday; 3.20 pm finish

Station Road Closure from Wednesday 15th December

- Just a reminder that the very bottom end of Station Road where it meets London Road is closed both ways from Wednesday until (I believe) Christmas Eve. The reminder is partly for me, because the more I write it the better chance I'll remember...

Best wishes



Kevin Bawn
Principal

Evenings and weekends – reporting of Covid-19 positive test results

We have introduced a dedicated phone number, solely for reporting positive Covid-19 test results at evenings and weekends.

You may also use this number if you have accidentally recorded an LFT result as positive – please always notify us if this has happened in error.

(During the school's normal opening hours, please contact Student Absence on **01392 463911** or email: studentabsence@clystvale.org)

The number is:

07818 212 931

It is not for suspected cases, non-Covid-19 illness or absence, and is not an advice line.

We would prefer you to text positive Covid-19 test result information to this number, including:

- Name of student
- Student's tutor group
- Date symptoms appeared
- Which symptoms, or no symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result

If necessary, someone will contact you having received this information. Thank you!



CATCH 77
Community Interest Company



Family Food Hampers for eligible families in Bradninch

If you live in Bradninch and your child is eligible for free school meals, or perhaps you are struggling financially due to factors such as illness or job loss, please read on to see how Catch 77 can help during the Christmas holidays.

Catch 77 is a Community Interest Company funded by Bradninch Town Council. It is offering the following free food box deliveries over the school holidays:

- Friday 17th December: a Family Food Hamper, containing ingredients for 5 family meals and essentials for breakfast.
- Friday 24th December: a Christmas Hamper, containing a turkey crown and the trimmings, a ham, and a range of other Christmas favourites, as well as ingredients for 3 other family meals and essentials for breakfast.

Friday 31st December: a Family Food Hamper, containing ingredients for 5 family meals and essentials for breakfast.

If you would like to sign up for the scheme, or to find out more, please visit:

<https://forms.gle/XWp31u9RhHbExxnQ7>

(Even if you are already receiving boxes from Catch 77, please use this link to register for the Christmas holiday scheme.)

Best regards

Piers Kotting

Catch 77 Community Interest Company

Careers News

Work Experience Launch

Students in both Year 12 and Year 10 have been given information to begin the process of looking for work experience. We appreciate the support that parents give students so please can you make sure your child is engaging in the process and ask for help from school if required. Each year group has a virtual 'Careers Team' which will be updated and provides information.

The Year 10 students are completing their Curriculum Vitaes (CVs) and submitting these online through Teams. They have done preparation work for this in Cultural and Personal Studies and through Tutor time. Your support with helping your child successfully write their CV would be very much appreciated.

If you are a local business who could help provide a placement for our students, please let us know and we can match you with an appropriate student.

The Pay Index Tool

As part of the careers curriculum, we work with students to provide up to date information about the current labour market. This includes information about salaries and how sectors are projected to grow in the future. The Pay Index is a tool used to help us to provide this information to students, parents, and carers.

How does The Pay Index work?

The Pay Index helps students, professionals, educational institutions and businesses make informed decisions by providing transparency and analysis through its salary comparison reporting tool. Our up-to-date market data and cutting-edge software puts important salary and career prospect information into the hands of those who need it.

Parents can create an account which will be valuable when advising your child about future careers - or for your own interest.

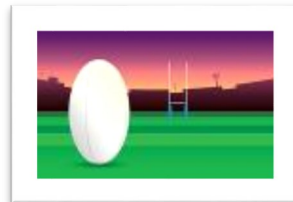
<https://thepayindex.com/hotsw/signup>

- Complete the form to create an account.
- Parents should select the school of their child but in the year group option they need to select "Parent/Carer".
- We will be using this tool with students as part of their careers education next term.

Mrs Nicola Bennett
Head of Course 42 (PSHE) and Child Development
Careers Lead

Y11 Boys Rugby:

CVCC 12-53 Tiverton



The Year 11 lads suffered a shock defeat at home to Tiverton on Wednesday after school. With some key players out injured, the boys found it hard to adjust with only playing 12 a side, uncontested scrums and compounded this with some uncharacteristic errors which the visitors seized upon.

Despite Reece, from full-back, opening the try scoring with a fine individual effort whilst retrieving a kick, Clyst Vale were 19-7 down at the break, despite having all of the territory and possession in the first half. Ned at fly-half, in the absence of Tom, did well to pin the visitors back. Further injuries to Reece and George didn't help matters with Clyst Vale having to shift their team around on various occasions. Reagan managed to score a well earned try just after half time to reduce the arrears to 7 points, but Tiverton then pulled away. Despite the score line and the lads heaviest defeat for a long time, there are lots of lessons to be learnt and this will benefit them in the long run. The lads continued to work hard for each other and even though missed tackles compounded our issues, Ben ran back some good balls from full back, Riley showed determination on the wing and Sam was as physical and sharp as ever at scrum half. Max had a frustrating time but still made a huge tackle, Jed worked tirelessly as ever for the team with Felix in the second row and Oliver was superb at ruck time, always arriving early to secure possession. Paddy and McKenzie were excellent as second half substitutes for the side as we picked up issues with injuries and continued their rapid improvement. Harrison was outstanding with his carries at prop, with man of the match Jonny having his finest game in a Clyst Vale shirt!

Overall, a tough day at the office for the lads but a game which they will remember and hopefully use as motivation not to happen again next Wednesday when they play QECC at home in a 3pm KO.

Well done to all of the squad.

Mr Pearce
Head of Green School
Teacher of PE

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



GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Seth Craig
7GIM	Emily Gill
8GABR	No permission to publish name
8GDH	Cleo Symons
9GAW	Toby Staunton
9GBA	No permission to publish name
10GHE	No permission to publish name
10GSW	No permission to publish name
11GGT	Barnabas Abley-Mallett
11GMN	No permission to publish name

RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	No permission to publish name
7RHSP	Caitlin Baird
8RZB	Jasmine Large
8RSGA	No permission to publish name
9RMAH	No permission to publish name
9RAO	Chloe Johnson
10RER	No permission to publish name
10RGG	No permission to publish name
11RTMA	No permission to publish name
11RSS	No permission to publish name

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YMBR	No permission to publish name
7YTZI	Dylan Carstairs & Imogen Woollam
8YSSC	No permission to publish name
8YPNE	Arsene Vallez
9YDST	Emily Bunday
9YSP	No permission to publish name
10YMPR	No permission to publish name
10YNS	No permission to publish name
11YCW	No permission to publish name
11YRB	Jed Wade



A Christmas Invitation for you and your children.

C is for Christmas

C is for Carols

C is for Candlelight

C is for Choir

C is for Cheerfulness

We would love to invite you and your family to join us for a magical evening of Carols by Candlelight in beautiful Broadclyst Church.

Come and start Christmas with your friends and family.

See the church lit by candlelight.

Favourite carols, to be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 19th December at 5pm.

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 – 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 – 11 Btec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Monday	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Week A - GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battishill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh Award	1.30pm – 2.10pm	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Post 16 Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Ms Watt/Mrs Battishill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton/Mr Brooks
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Thursday	Yogiuh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Friday	Various Years Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

- Colour coded refers to Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh only

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wed 15 December	Carol Service, Whimble Church 7pm - 9pm
Fri 17 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Sat 18 December	DofE Gold Day - all day
Mon 20 December - Tues 04 January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Wed 05 January	START OF SPRING TERM
Sat 15 January	DofE Overnight 1: Bronze
Thurs 20 January	Y11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Mon 24 January	Y11 Presentation of GCSE Drama Work for Parents 6pm - 7.30pm
Tues 25 January	Y9 Options Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
Thurs 27 January	Y10/Y11 Trip to Southall Gurdwara
w/b Mon 31 January	Y13 Mock Exams
Sat 12 February	DofE Overnight 2: Bronze All day
Thurs 17 February	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Fri 18 February	Y9 Options Fair
Mon 21 - Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM
Mon 28 February	Y11 Food Practical Exams
Tues 1 March	Y11 Food Practical Exams
w/b Mon 7 March	Y11 GCSE Assessment Week
Sat 12 March	DofE/Ten Tors Overnight 3
Mon 14 & Tue 15 March	Further Y11 GCSE Assessment
Thur 17, Fri 18, Mon 21 & Tue 22 March	Y13 Assessments
Weds 23 - Fri 25 March	Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s Tournament
Fri 25 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sun 27 March	Production: rehearsal in school Half day
Mon 28 March	Production: technical rehearsal & evening dress rehearsal (principals only) 9am - 10pm
Mon 28 March	Production: remaining cast to join rehearsal 5.30pm - 10pm
Tues 29 March— Fri 1st April	Legally Blonde—Musical Production

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps 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.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please do **not** ring

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

copying in: haynesc@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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts - Blue Tartan and knee length
- 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.
- 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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