



NEWSLETTER

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THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"The most courageous act is still to think for yourself."

Coco Chanel (1883- 1971)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2019, and best wishes that it is a happy, fulfilled and successful year! Especially, but not only, for all those students who will be sitting exams in May and June, and their families.

Great News to Start the Year!

We are absolutely delighted that two of our students, Maddy Ross and Marcus McCabe, have had offers from Oxford University this week - Maddy to study PPE at Balliol College and Marcus to study History and Politics at Wadham College. This is a real achievement and I am delighted for both of them. It demonstrates the real calibre of our sixth form students, the quality of teaching, and the quality of the support that they are offered, particularly from Mrs Padden, who is a sixth form tutor and in charge of our Oxbridge applications. Next Tuesday is the deadline for UCAS applications, but all of our Year 13s who are planning to go to university have now applied and many have already had offers back.

Parents' Evenings

The Spring Term is the peak term for Parents' Evenings! Up to half term, these include the very important subject based parents' evening for Year 11 students on 17th January, always held at this time of year just prior to exam entries being made. The 17th January is next week, and is generally a well-attended evening, so please make sure you have signed up for appointments! On 30th January, there will be an information evening for the Ski Trip. We hold a parents' information evening about the run-in to GCSE exams and the exams themselves, and this year's will be 5th February. The Year 9 Options Evening is scheduled for 14th February, but we are reviewing this because one or two romantic souls have pointed out it is Valentine's Day. I will confirm as soon as possible!

Annie

I'm well aware that theatrical types are superstitious, thinking of "break a leg" or "the Scottish play", so I don't want to tempt fate. However, rehearsals are progressing well, even though the Christmas break came at an awkward time, and there's a real buzz about this show. It's still over ten days to curtain up, but ticket sales are going brilliantly: if you're hoping to go on Friday evening or either of the two Saturday performances you really need to get in quick. I've had a little bit more involvement with this show than usual, so I have seen first hand the tremendous efforts put in by the director, choreographer, cast, orchestra and crew, and especially the really generous gift of time by the loyal band of volunteers who build and paint the set, make and source the costumes and props, and everything else which is essential but not necessarily glamorous. As I said before Christmas, I'm very excited!

Staff Changes

Joining us this term are Dr Lucie Emmett, Spanish with French, who replaces Miss Johns; Miss Tracey Mann has returned to the Maths department on a part-time basis to replace Mrs Gale; and Mrs Anne Samuels has joined the Science team to replace Mrs List. Because of subject specialisms within Science, we have had to make some further timetable changes, but have done our best to keep these to a minimum. We are delighted to have recruited three subject specialists, especially mid-school year, given the well-publicised issues of teacher recruitment nationally – the College's reputation helps, and our location close to a city is an advantage. All three "new" colleagues have been at Clyst Vale in some guise before, and we wish them every success.

Attendance

You will (or should!) have received a letter today with a summary attendance report for your child for last term. Our overall student attendance levels are not disastrous, but not good enough, and this was highlighted by Ofsted in April last year. So, we are redoubling our efforts to make all parents aware of the importance of attendance. As the letter states, most students attend well, with perhaps the occasional day or two of sickness, and the report is purely for information. One of the key messages is that we are trying to reduce the number of persistent absentees, which is defined as below 90% attendance. For most of us, 90/100 seems a pretty good figure, but not for school attendance: it's a minimum.

SOCOPS

SOCOPS is an Exeter-based charity providing social opportunities for children and young people with Aspergers Syndrome and/or high functioning autism from age 8-23. It's a bit short notice, but the charity is holding a re-launch tomorrow from 10.30 – 12.30 at the 100 Club, Wear Barton Road, Exeter EX2 7EH. The charity's website is www.socops.org.uk

Safety

The winter solstice has passed, so days are gradually getting longer, but it's still pretty dark out there. So, please make sure that your children are visible, especially if they're walking on the lanes or cycling to College. In 2018 three of our students were involved in accidents, fortunately relatively minor, and no-one had any injuries beyond scratches and bruising. So, it does happen, hence this reminder.

Internet Safety

It's now becoming part of the festive Christmas tradition that almost as soon as children have unwrapped their new internet-enabled gadgets, the media launch articles on internet dangers and safety. And quite right, too. In case you missed it, the media picked up on guidelines for parents from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Children's Health. This report did not set time limits for screen use, but noted use within an hour of bed affected sleep, there is a connection between obesity and health issues and excessive screen use, and that teenage girls are far more likely to suffer mental health issues from over-use of social media. Two links which parents may wish to look are a BBC article <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-46758809>, and the ParentZone website parentzone.org.uk which has excellent advice and support for parents, including consideration of the recommendations in the RCPCH report.

Funding

The latest activity from the "Worth Less?" campaign of headteachers to draw attention to the dire and declining levels of education funding will be aired on ITN today. "Worth Less?" recently conducted a survey of schools which will be reported. Among the findings:

- 87% of headteachers say they have less money in real terms than last year (2017-18)
- 72% of headteachers say that their school's budget is more likely to go into deficit in 2019-20 compared to previous years
- 94% of headteachers say their schools are now routinely delivering services previously provided by their Local Authority
- 84% say capacity to meet SEND needs are much reduced
- 80% say teachers are making personal financial contributions to support pupils in their schools and the amounts are rising
- 74% of secondary schools have reduced their curricular offer in KS4 and KS5
- 99.2% of headteachers don't have trust in what the DfE says about overall school budgets.

Clyst Vale is included in all of the above bullet points except the second: we made significant reductions a year or so ago, so should avoid a deficit next summer. Thank you for your continued support and appreciation of the constraints my colleagues and I are working in; however, it galls me that your children/my students are "worth less" than others in different parts of the country and others in the recent past.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Xavier Gaston
7YMPR	Katie Rankin
8YRB	Jack Watt
8YKHO	Natasha Hopf
9YJPU	Emily Kellaway
9YMBR	Niamh White
10YMM	Camden Hayler
10YZK	Courtney Jones
11YSP	Jack Thompson
11YMHI	Holly Browning & Roisin Rankin

RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Sally Greaves
7RHCH	Jack Crawford
8RHC	Madeline Smith
8RTMA	Coby Stokes
9RCJ	Emily Clayton
9RCM	Sam Walsh
10RZB	Louisa Bardot & Phoebe Callaway
11RAR	Harry Batten
11RLA	Dan Madams

NETBALL CLUBS

YEAR 9, 10 & 11
MONDAYS
3.20 - 4.30 PM

YEAR 7 & 8
THURSDAYS
3.20 - 4.30 PM

GREEN SCHOOL

7GSW	Sophie Headon &
7GTB	Warren Beer & Chloe Turner
10GDH	India Williams
10GPE	Lauren Kelly & Brandon Woodgates
11GABR	Cameron Morley & Kiera Raynor-Johnson

STUDENT ABSENCES YEARS 7 - 11

The number for absences is 01392 - 463936 or
email studentabsence@clystvale.org





LUNCH CLUBS



Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday (Week A & B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Monday	B&V Paper 1 Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Monday	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 9 & 10 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Monday	Year 11 Boys Rugby Club	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Monday	Year 11 Revision Buddhism & Sikhism	1.30pm	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Monday	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Monday	Drama Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Tuesday	B&V Paper 2 Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tuesday	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	Maths Rooms		All Maths except Dr Turl
Tuesday	Key Stage 4 & 5 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tuesday	Year 11 Pilates	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Needs
Tuesday (Week A)	Year 10/11 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tuesday (Week B)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		
Tuesday	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tuesday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tuesday	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Wednesday	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wednesday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wednesday	Year 9 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wednesday	Year 12 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA4		Miss Prance/Dr Turl
Wednesday (Week A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wednesday (Week B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wednesday	KS3 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Exeter Chiefs
Wednesday	Year 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wednesday	Drama Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Thursday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/Mr Powell & Mrs Elliot
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	Library		Miss Matthews
Thursday	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Thursday	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thursday (Week A)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday (Week B)	Year 10 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		
Thursday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett/Mr Powell & Mrs Broomfield
Friday	Dram Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Friday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott

CALENDAR DATES

SPRING TERM 2019	
Sat 12 - Sun 13 Jan	Ten Tors Bronze D of E Weekend
Thurs 17 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30
Wed 23 - Sat 26 Jan	College Production of 'Annie' at Barnfield Theatre 7pm all evenings plus 2pm on Saturday
Mon 28 Jan	Y9 Girls' HPV Vaccinations
Wed 30 Jan	Ski Trip Information Evening 5.15 - 7.30
Tues 5 Feb	Y11 Pre Exam Support Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Sat 9 - Sun 10 Feb	Ten Tors Practice/Bronze D of E Weekend
Thurs 14 Feb	Y9 Options Evening 4.30 - 6.30
Fri 15 Feb	Non-Uniform Day (Force)
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	SPRING HALF TERM
Thurs 28 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening 6.30 - 8.30
Fri 8 March	Y9 BCG Vaccinations
Tues 12 March	Y10 Parents' Evening 6.30 - 8.30
Wed 20 - Fri 22 March	Y12 Geography Residential - Dorset
Fri 29 March	Take Your Child to Work Day
Thurs 4 April	PE Sports Awards Evening 6.00 - 9.00
Fri 5 April 2019	Non-Uniform Day (Guide Dogs for the Blind) LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
SUMMER TERM 2019	
Wed 24 April 2019	START OF SUMMER TERM
Sat 27 - Sun 28 April	Ten Tors Practice Weekend
Thurs 2 May	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.00
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30
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

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CALENDAR DATES cont'd

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

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 17th January 2019

4.30 – 7.00pm in the Main Hall

May I take this opportunity to invite you to attend the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th January 2019, between 4.30 and 7.00pm.

The online system to book your appointments will be available for you to book appointments from 17th December 2018 at noon and will close on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at Midnight. Please access the site at: <https://cvcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> (<https://cvcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>) . We use the preferred name of your child.

Subject staff will be available for consultation in the Main Hall. Each subject teacher will allocate five minute appointments, which should enable you to see a range of teachers during the evening. Staff will sit in specific areas according to their subject. Senior staff will also be available during the evening. Mrs Turner, Assistant to the Head of School will be available, should you wish to discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child or would simply like to come along and introduce yourself. Could I ask you to please sign in, using the lists displayed at the entrance to the Main Hall.

If you are unable to attend, but would like feedback on particular subjects, please contact the relevant subject teacher.

Yours sincerely

Pam Grant

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 you will be contacted 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 ring:

Penni Ball (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

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 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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