



# NEWSLETTER

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Week A

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"Conflict cannot survive without your participation." - Wayne Dyer*

Dear Parents and Carers

**Friendly reminder: deadline for Year 9 Options choices 9am on Monday 14th Feb!**

### Cultural Fortnight

- For the past two weeks we have given students more opportunities to understand and appreciate culture to help us to build on our rights respecting school ethos of promoting equality and diversity. We have all been involved in a range of activities run by staff and our wonderful students. This has enabled students to gain a wide variety of knowledge and valuable experiences both inside and outside of lessons. Highlighting culture has allowed us to focus on article 2 'no child should face discrimination' which is vital when promoting diversity and equality. This is our first cultural fortnight and it brought together lots of the work that we have been doing across our rights respecting school community.
- During tutor time students have been discussing LGBTQ+, disability, the Afghanistan humanitarian crisis, religion and the importance of mental health through assemblies, discussions and quizzes.
- At the start of each lesson 1 we have discussed a fact in our starter activities which gave us information to consider about current issues including hate crimes, sexual harassment, disability, racism and the gender pay gap. This allowed students to think about the impact of different types of discrimination for themselves and others. There were a lot of very interesting discussions and students really engaged well with this different start to our day.
- Lunch and breaktime activities included- an amazing cake sale run by the amnesty group which raised £420 for UNICEF, students got involved by baking, selling and buying lots of delicious cakes.
- The LGBTQ+ group had 40 students attend a workshop to create flags either to take home or have laminated to go into the Giraffe House. These will be appearing soon.
- The wellbeing ambassadors ran activities in the hall which included mask making, students creating their own unique playdough and reading and games. We have had some brilliant feedback and created some great plans for future activities.
- On top of all of these activities the canteen was also able to offer the students a wide range of foods including Mexican, Thai, Lebanese and Indian food over the fortnight.
- On our final day we spoke to the students about 'calling it out' and being an advocate for respect, equality and change.
- Thanks to everyone in our wonderful school community for running, encouraging, and participating in all these events.
- Special thanks go the College's staff Equality & Diversity Team of Miss Watt, Mrs Bennett, Miss McCornachie and Mrs Rogers. While all of my colleagues were involved in Cultural Fortnight to some extent, this group of colleagues conceived the idea, produced the resources, and demonstrated great commitment and passion to bring about this important educational experience which sits foursquare with our ethos and values as a school. And thank you to Mrs Bennett for writing this report (apart from the last bullet point, obv).

### “Make Your Mark”

- This is a vote to decide the priority issues for young people nationally, which informs the work of the National Youth Parliament and County Youth Parliaments. It’s also a valuable lesson in democracy and citizenship. The turn out was 85%, and the Clyst Vale results were as follows (top three priorities):
- Environment [Climate Change, Plastic Pollution] -178 votes
- Education and learning [Improved Climate Education, Free University, Better Mental Health Education] - 145 votes
- Health and wellbeing [Improved Access to Mental Health Support, End Food Poverty, Banning Gay Conversion Therapy] - 145 votes

### Exam Board “Advance Information”

- This was released on Monday, and has been covered extensively in national media. There are some subjects where changes had already been made (History, Geography, English Literature). For the rest, the information is subject specific, and my colleagues are researching the various websites for their specification to make sure that the run-up to GCSE, AS, A-Level and other exams is as effective as possible. As the advanced information pertains to specific papers and specifications, it naturally looks different between different boards and between different subjects.
- The advance information is intended to help students focus their revision as well, and as such has been made freely available by all the boards and is not behind a paywall. Students are able to access it themselves, and I know that many Sixth Formers have already done so. The government has also confirmed that the grade profile in 2022 will be more generous than in a normal exam year; and so, any differences between subjects will be mitigated through the grading process.

### Covid: Better News ?

- It does seem that a wave has washed through. This term, cases built to almost 70 a day last week, but this has now subsided and for the first time in a month the figure is below twenty, but with five members of staff also isolating.
- It’s possible that during half-term the government will announce the lifting of all restrictions. However, detailed guidance for schools has (understandably) not yet been issued on what protections should remain in place, risk assessments and contingency plans.
- So, we will continue to be cautious in the week before half-term, and **still recommend that students wear masks indoors unless in class or eating/drinking**. We’re approaching a half-term break, and even a small protection against losing part of it to isolation is worth it.

### Vaccinations

- You will be aware that although the Year 9 HPV vaccinations took place today, the NHS School Immunisation Service were too short-staffed to offer covid vaccinations as well. These will now take place on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Consent for the covid vaccinations will roll forward. However, if parents wish to vaccinate sooner, then this is possible through the Greendale vaccination hub. Completely out of our control, but I am sorry for the inconvenience caused to the 120+ students and families, and I really hope that this does not mess up anyone’s half-term holiday plans.

### Sixth Form News

- A reminder that there is a Year 12 Parents’ Evening (virtual) on Thursday next week.
- Year 13 mock exams passed calmly and well; it’s a really important experience for the students who of course did not sit any GCSE or AS level exams.
- The next assessments for Year 13 and Year 12 AS students start on 17<sup>th</sup> March. These will provide evidence in the event that the summer exams are cancelled.
- Various students are benefiting from our local networks: six attend the University of Exeter’s Healthcare Hub, providing enrichment and extension activities for students pursuing medical careers. The alumni mentoring project mentioned in previous Newsletters now has seven students engaged. Three students are involved in the “Exeter Scholars” scheme to encourage under-represented groups to go to university. There are further opportunities later in the year, for example the Nuffield Science Project.
- Looking ahead to next week, the Sixth Form team are running workshops to focus on exam stress and anxiety, led by an external coach and mental health practitioner Adam Williams.
- Looking further ahead, Year 12 will visit Westpoint on 18<sup>th</sup> March for a UCAS conference on higher education (we will make sure there aren’t any Year 12 assessments that day....)
- There are well over 80 applicants for Year 12 next year, which is both positive and encouraging.

## Staff Changes

- This week we welcomed Leah Murphy as Receptionist, covering a long-term staff absence.

## Kooth

- These are challenging times for young people, and support organisations are crucially important. Kooth is a safe, secure way of accessing help on-line including mental health worries. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February there is an “Eventbrite” session for Parent & Carers from 16:30 – 17:30. This will be a presentation on Kooth with a Live tour of the site and an opportunity for questions & answers. For more information and to book your tickets please go [HERE](#).
- Kooth offers
- A free, confidential, anonymous and safe way to receive support online;
- Out of hours’ availability. Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10 pm on weekdays and 6 pm to 10 pm at weekends.
- Online Counselling from a professional team of BACP qualified counsellors is available.
- Discussion Boards (moderated) allow young people to access peer to peer support.
- Online Magazine full of moderated articles many of which are submitted by young people offering advice and guidance on a huge range of topics.
- No referral is required. Young people can register for Kooth independently at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

## Internet Safety and Cyberbullying

- This is another issue which seems to have been made a little worse by the pandemic and lockdown, and it is little comfort that it is affecting many schools not just us. It’s also important to keep perspective: most students and young people know how to behave on social media, know right from wrong, and do not engage in cyberbullying or sending offensive or provocative messages. But there are a few more incidents, the comments are becoming nastier, and more students are becoming exposed. The basic advice remains unchanged. Parents should have a healthy, open relationship with their children over smartphone and social media use. There are parental controls and other limits. If concerned by anything, students must tell an adult. In most cases, we will follow up issues; we cannot have them spilling into school. “Following up” may involve sanctions – cyberbullying is bullying – but it usually involves support as well. Cultural fortnight emphasised “calling out”: this is another good example.



Kevin Bawn  
Principal

# CVCC Vacancies

**We are currently recruiting for the following positions within Clyst Vale:**

HR & Payroll Officer

Data & Exams Assistant



**Full details, including information about how to apply,  
can be found on our website:**

**[www.clystvale.org/vacancies](http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies)**



### Cricket Success

Liv Woollam (Yr 9) and Holly Walsh (Yr 8) played in an indoor cricket tournament in Ivybridge last weekend for the U15 OWLS (Ottery and Whimble Ladies) team.

Out of eight teams from all over Devon, from a Plymouth team to an Exeter team, they came second and won a silver medal! This is a fantastic achievement for these budding cricket stars!

Get in touch if you would like to join them and improve your cricket skills.

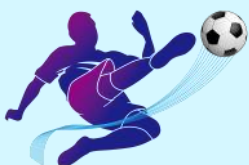
*Mrs K Needs  
Teacher of PE*

### Year 9 Football Report - Monday 7th February 2022 - Clyst Vale vs QE - East Devon Cup

A chilly but calm afternoon at Dog Village hosted the first round of the U14s East Devon Cup vs QE. A new formation from Clyst Vale that saw them revert to a 3-5-2 formation crafted by the team captain Harry Crees. Positions were in place and a tactic of possession play was applied. Clyst vale took an early lead on 10 minutes with a lofted through ball to the pacey winger of Jack Bauer who slotted it home with his conventional toe punt. Unfortunately, on 12 minutes Charlie Williams had to go off with a twisted ankle and the ever-enthusiastic Harry Bunday replaced him. The scores stayed the same despite Clyst Vale pushing for a second.

After a discussion with the team and analysing the first half the team came out the second half more structured and aware of a plan of attack. Seven minutes into the second half the patience paid off when a lovely, lofted ball from the right-hand side from Lucas Stumpf found the feet of Max Metherell who took on touch, and despite the crowd of players around him unleashed a venomous volley that hit the bar and found the back of the net. 2-0. On 40 minutes Clyst Vale increased their lead with some intercut passes that found Harry Crees in space on the right-hand side of the 18-yard box, to pick his pass across the box to find Harry Bunday in acres of room to slot it home for 3-0. The continued pressure from Clyst vale enabled them to grab a fourth. The QE defence allowed Harry Crees far too much room on the edge of the box to get a well struck shot that the keeper would feel he could have done better with, but the resulting shot slid across the ground and bobbed into the bottom corner. With 5 minutes to go they made it 5-0 with another goal from the substitute Harry Bunday. Similar to his first he found himself in space in the area to tap home a well weighted cross from the right-hand side. A strong display from all and a clean sheet from the back 5 of Lewis Layton, Rhys Smith, Rilley Harris and Oli Back. They displayed composure, enthusiasm, and aspects of real leadership to encourage the rest of the team.

Man of the Match must go to the super sub - Harry Bunday. Well done to all the players as they get ready for the next game on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March HOME to Tiverton.



*Mr D Stapleton  
Teacher of PE*

# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 BTEC/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Fitness	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
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 Battisill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 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	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
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 Battisill
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	MT1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 10 Film Club	Lunchtime	IT4		Kate Jones
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 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Rosslyn Park 7s	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimber
Thursday	Yogioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Friday	Various 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
Thurs 17 February	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Mon 21 – Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM
Fri 25 February	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Tues 1 March— Thurs 3 March	Y11 Food Practical Exams
w/b Mon 7 March	Y11 GCSE Assessment Week
w/b Mon 7 January	Week 2: Cultural Fortnight
Sat 12 March	DofE/Ten Tors Overnight 3
Sun 13 March	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Mon 14 & Tue 15 March	Further Y11 GCSE Assessment
Thur 17, Fri 18, Mon 21 & Tue 22 March	Y13 Assessments
Sun 20 March	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Wed 23 - Fri 25 March	Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s Tournament
Fri 25 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sat 26 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 01 April	Legally Blonde - Musical Production
Tues 05 April	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Wed 06 April - Wed 20 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

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***



<b>GREEN SCHOOL</b>	
<b>7GCMC</b>	George Southard
<b>7GIM</b>	Niamh Martin
<b>8GABr</b>	Freya Shears
<b>8GDH</b>	Daisy Sue Cook
<b>9GAW</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>9GBA</b>	Rhys Smith
<b>10GHE</b>	Adam Cross
<b>10GSW</b>	Erin Davey-Jepson
<b>11GMN</b>	Olivia Salter

<b>RED SCHOOL</b>	
<b>7RBAT</b>	Lucy Davies
<b>8RSGA</b>	Shola Dow
<b>8RZB</b>	Rosie Matthews
<b>9RMAH</b>	Thomas Mackay
<b>10RER</b>	Imogen Pearce
<b>10RGG</b>	Hettie Letton

<b>YELLOW SCHOOL</b>	
<b>7YTI</b>	Isabelle Mycroft
<b>8YPNE</b>	Joe Taylor
<b>8YSSC</b>	Sunny Johnson
<b>9YDST</b>	Lewis Layton
<b>9YSP</b>	Phoebe Baines
<b>10YMPR</b>	Lily Rose Burwood
<b>11YCW</b>	James Feehan

## **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](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring Maria Murch on 01392 462697

Email: [murchm@clystvale.org](mailto:murchm@clystvale.org)

copying in: [haynesc@clystvale.org](mailto: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](http://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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