



# NEWSLETTER

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Week B

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." Howard Zinn*

Dear Parents and Carers

### Ukraine Day Next Wednesday

Just to confirm, we will be holding a special day on behalf of Ukraine. The day will be a non-uniform day, and students are encouraged to wear yellow and blue, the Ukrainian national colours. By coincidence, the national Disasters Emergency Committee have also called for schools to hold a special day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, with a yellow and blue theme, so we will be demonstrating solidarity with other schools. There will be a cake and sweet sale, and a collection of items for local charities to send to refugee camps and Ukraine. I think everyone is both shocked and troubled by the events in Ukraine, and I hope that the response is good.

### International Women's Day at Exeter University.

We were delighted to give our A level Sociology students the opportunity to attend a conference at Exeter University as part of International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March. During the morning session our students attended a variety of lectures around this year's theme of 'Breaking the Bias'. Students listened to speakers working in and conducting research into a plethora of areas, including Business and Leadership, Policing, Theology, Healthcare and Education. The afternoon's session focused on Women's Social, Political, and Cultural Voice talks, from lecturers at the university.

### Covid Update

Perhaps not surprisingly, covid rates in schools are rising following the relaxation of rules during half-term, and we are no different. However, fingers crossed, the rise has not been as high or rapid as feared. As of Friday morning, 25 students are isolating as well as 5 teachers. Roughly half of the students are in Year 8, although this is not a large enough spike to need further measures introduced.

However, there is still a need for a cautious, sensible approach. Students should be hand sanitising regularly during the day. Students are still encouraged to wear masks. Things in general have improved a lot, but we are not "back to normal".

Covid isolation is also half-responsible for highish levels of staff absence; some colleagues are suffering from "covid-legacy" illness if not long covid itself, others from different things. So, for the last couple of days we have been 15-20% of teachers down; your children may have noted this. Obviously, we do our utmost to make sure classes are covered with the best available provision, although this is difficult as supply teachers are impossible to find. As I said, things are generally improving, but we are having these bursts when we are nowhere near "back to normal". Thank you for your understanding.

Vaccinations against covid will take place on Monday. Around 130 students have been given consent.

## **Expectations**

This week has been significantly better than last. As we try to return to whatever normal was, it is hugely helpful to have students on time, properly equipped, in decent uniform and most importantly ready to learn or at the very least in a neutral state (they're teenagers, after all). We are not unleashing a reign of terror – that is not our ethos, and does not reflect the values of a RRS. However, and it's a big however, this does not mean students should not feel they can get away with things, or the rules don't apply. We prefer to give strong messages, encourage students to behave well and respectfully, talk to them, involve parents as necessary. Lots of things contribute to this: parental support is fundamental. Many of the issues at school over equipment or uniform can be prevented at home. Black shoes should be black, not with white trim. Encouraging students to get the Stagecoach which gets here on time rather than the later one, all these things help. We have continued with the themes around expectations in assemblies this week; as always, 95% of students are fantastic, but it's very important that they do not join the 5% and see that the 5% are being challenged. And thank you to their parents for your support.

## **Assessments Update**

Year 11 students have been wonderful in their approach to this week's assessments, and their behaviour and attitude in exam rooms has been exemplary. Our team of invigilators want me to thank and congratulate Year 11 on their good sense, respect for each other and their excellent manners. I am very happy to do so, and as I attend the start of most exams I can totally back up the invigilators' comments. There are some more Year 11 assessments on Monday and Tuesday, and catch ups on Wednesday.

Year 13 students (and Year 12 students sitting AS exams) have their assessment window from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

The original purpose of these assessments was to provide evidence for Teacher Assessed Grade folders if the summer exams were cancelled, which now looks extremely unlikely. Therefore, the assessments have become valuable as an extra exam practice (Year 13 haven't sat any formal exams due to lockdowns), an indication of current levels, and all the revision done for these assessments is "in the bank".

## **DLD**

Next Friday we hold the first DLD for quite a while. For new readers, a Deep Learning Day is a day on which learning is deeper, because it is a full day on an activity or a theme. The normal timetable is suspended, making it easier to run one or two year group off-site visits without disruption. The DLD on Friday is a mixture of themes connected to Course 42 and Careers. Years 7-9 will concentrate on activities developing core skills, sometimes called employability skills or soft skills. Year 10's focus will be on Careers Education, particularly interview skills. Year 11 will have a hybrid day of CPS (drugs/alcohol education), Science catch-up and some independent study time. Year 12 will attend a UCAS convention, while poor old Year 13 will be doing assessments or revision.

## **Simon Jupp MP Replies to Amnesty Group letter**

Our student Amnesty group wrote to Simon Jupp, our local MP, with their concerns regarding the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and whether the government could do more. They were delighted to receive a thoughtful and considered reply. There are several reasons I mention this: the compassion of our students, RRS, the importance of democratic participation, and because it's a good example of students' voices being heard.

## **Legally Blonde**

Rehearsals are ramping up as opening night (29<sup>th</sup> March) approaches.....the set is taking shape....excitement is building....I won't say more for fear of jinxing anything....except many thanks to my colleagues involved, and to all parents/carers of the 75 students involved for your support and taxi services....

Tickets are available from Exmouth Pavilion on

<https://www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion/book-now/legally-blonde>

Best wishes,

Kevin Bawn  
Principal

# CVCC Vacancies

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

**Finance Assistant**  
**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)

# Tazma Ukraine benefit 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

My band "no ordinary fish" have our 1<sup>st</sup> gig in 3 years! A 30 minute set this Sat from

**6.40 – 7.10 pm.**

Please support the cause.....email these links home....spread the word.....maybe donate something from the list below.....

All original songs, 70s vibe, "like a cross between Blur and the Doobie Brothers", quite eclectic female fronted, singing drummer, all in our 50s.....totally unique!!!)

<https://www.facebook.com/noordinaryband>

## **Livestream links:**

### **Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/TazmaStudios>

### **Youtube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpcVrM5uXKWSmu3mDIIIInPA>

### **Twitch TV**

<https://www.twitch.tv/tazmastudios> We are also collecting items to take to these desperate people:

On Saturday the 12th of March, Tazma Studios (<https://tazma.com> The Dairy Estate, Pinbrook Rd, Exeter EX4 8HH, behind Aldi) with the help of Hussar Records and Music in Devon Initiative, are organising a fundraising concert for children in Ukraine. There is war, as we all know, and we can all agree that children had nothing to do with it.

Doors open at 2pm with FREE entry! You will have a few options to support the cause in place by cash or card on the night. Tazma will also have both drinks and bar snacks available to purchase on the night, with 100% of the profits from both donations and refreshments going to the organisation helping children affected by the war in Ukraine.

- Underwear for children and young people (new)

- Hygiene essentials
- Slippers
- Shoes (for Springtime)
- Pillows and blankets
- Sleeping bags (new or in very good condition)

So come on the 12th, grab anything from the list you can and donate. (Tom, the owner, is Polish and will be driving donations straight to Poland).

Stuart Pearce



**12th March**  
**Let's Help Ukraine!**

**Fundraising Gig**  
**for Ukrainian Children**



# LET'S TALK TEENAGERS



## Dates:

- Tuesday 8 March
- Tuesday 15 March
- Tuesday 22 March

## Free support sessions for parents and carers



Have you got teenagers? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, and find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running twilight sessions throughout March, covering topics such as:

- drugs and alcohol
- body image
- sexuality
- mental health
- social risks
- peer pressure



Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm



Visit [devon.cc/teenagers](https://devon.cc/teenagers) to find out more about each session and book your free place.

# 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 BRec/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 | LGBTIQ + 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<br>Miss Hall<br>Mrs Broomfield |
| Friday           | KS3/4 Amnesty                      | Lunchtime       | HU2            |                  |   |
| Friday           | Post 16 Indoor Football            | Lunchtime       | Sports Hall    | Sports Hall      | Mr Powell                                   |

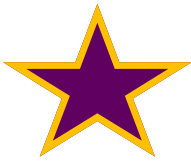
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# CALENDAR DATES

| DATE                                   | EVENT  |
|--|--|
| 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



## GREEN SCHOOL

|       |                |
|-------|----------------|
| 7GCMC | Evie Drew      |
| 7GIM  | Henry Woolston |
| 8GDH  | Oliver Hynd    |
| 9GAW  | Olivia Reader  |
| 10GSW | Steven Maby    |
| 11GMN | Charlie Norman |
| 11GGT | Sophie Elliot  |
| 11GGT | Madeline Cole  |

## RED SCHOOL

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 7RBAT  | Jasmine Hutchings           |
| 7RHSP  | Ana Nenova                  |
| 8RSGA  | No consent to publish name. |
| 8RZB   | Lucy Jones                  |
| 9RAO   | Isaac Bowden                |
| 9RMAH  | Esme Turner                 |
| 10RER  | No consent to publish name. |
| 10RGG  | Keon Byrne                  |
| 11RSS  | Charlotte Goddard           |
| 11RTMA | No consent to publish name. |

## YELLOW SCHOOL

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 7YTZI  | George Martin               |
| 7YMBR  | Freddie Glover              |
| 8YPN   | Lauren Shelton              |
| 8YSSC  | No consent to publish name. |
| 9YDS   | Tilly Startup               |
| 9YSP   | Theo Miller                 |
| 10YMPR | No consent to publish name. |
| 10YNS  | Jamie Beuscher              |
| 11YRB  | Maya Barton                 |
| 11YCW  | Amaryllis Shelley           |



## **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 Jassy Barrington on 01392 462697

Email: [barringtonj@clystvale.org](mailto:barringtonj@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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