



# NEWSLETTER

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**w/c Mon 11 July 2016**  
**will be Week A**

**“Few people have the imagination for reality.”**

**Goethe**

Dear Parents/Carers

## **New Intake Days**

The three induction days for Year 6 students have gone very well, and I must thank my colleagues for all their care and organisation in making this happen; thank you too to the parents and carers of Year 6 pupils, not least for the early pick-up at the end of the day! Most of the youngsters I have spoken to report that they feel much more confident about starting here in September, which is the prime purpose of holding the three days. Inevitably, some pupils have found the transition easier than others, and it is an emotional time for them. Our advice to parents of students making the move to secondary is based on common sense. Build up pupils' confidence by reminding them of all their achievements at Primary School; yes, it will be a new setting, but they have all these strengths. If you are worried yourself, do not let it show. Ensure that pupils see their friends throughout the summer, especially if they too are starting at Clyst Vale; friendship is possibly the biggest issue in a pupil's mind. Encourage a good routine; a week or so before school starts, introduce earlier “get up” and bedtimes; sleep is essential, and introducing the routine early means the start of term is not such a huge shock (this works for any age student, and staff too...).

## **“All the World's a Stage”**

I simply do not have the words to express how wonderful the past two evenings have been, on so many levels. The whole concept was brilliant: six abridged Shakespeare plays, with two being performed concurrently in two venues. The selection of plays and venues worked brilliantly, too: the ones held in the Amphitheatre were enhanced by the space and opportunity for movement, while the ones in the Drama studio benefited from the more enclosed environment which added to the power and intensity. Most of the casts were of mixed ages, and it was a delight to see older students supporting and encouraging younger ones; this is the verticality we seek to develop; in fact, students from every year group were involved in some way. There has been a lot of work and nervous energy invested by the six casts and their directors; this has not been at all easy, as there have been so many other activities happening at the same time, and with some students appearing in more than one play it has been almost impossible for the directors to have full cast rehearsals; not that anyone would have noticed. The casts were not just made up of students who perform regularly; of course, they all took part, but there were plenty of other students who stepped up, gave it a try, and showed that there is a real depth of talent here. There were students from Years 7 and 8 who had not performed in front of the public before, and certainly not performed Shakespeare. I haven't even mentioned the quality of performance yet. Each play was very different: some were really very funny, most had some element of quirkiness, one or two were more traditional, and one or two were incredibly intense. I'm sure that the audience will have their favourites, but taken as a whole performance in six sections it was amazing, and generated the range of emotions which is one of the whole points of drama, really. It was great to see such an age range in the audience, and thank you all for coming; It was fantastic to see the Amphitheatre put to such good use, in true Shakespearean style; people wandered in and out, brought their tea with them, and watched some excellent performances in the late afternoon sun. It's nearly the end of term; people are getting very tired; but the last two evenings have genuinely lifted the spirits. Thank you so much to all concerned.

## Year 10 Work Experience

Thanks to students, parents, and the excellent coordination and persistence of Ms Bennett, all but seven Year 10 students have work experience placements next week. Work experience is a key part of our careers education programme, and it is worth pausing for thought. Often, students tend to describe what they have done at work experience, and therefore the success of the placement depends on how interesting the activities were. There is a higher level of thinking, though: what did I learn about myself from the placement? how did I get over my natural shyness/confidence? what did I learn about working with the public/other adults I do not know well? what skills have I used? what were my greatest challenges and successes? Clearly, this is covered when we de-brief the students, but it would be great if students could reflect on these sorts of questions. Once again, thank you to all parents who have helped secure work experience placements, or offered them through their employment.

## Industrial Action, 5<sup>th</sup> July

Thank you to parents and students for your patience and understanding. Twenty three (including four Year 12) were affected by strike action out of 160 possible lessons on the day; these lessons were equally distributed between the year groups. Senior staff took the groups affected, and as far as possible provided work and activities which were relevant and subject-specific. It is possible that there are students who were affected for two or three lessons, while many will have suffered no disruption at all.

## Anxiety-Based School Absence

This is a fast-growing problem for schools, and Clyst Vale is well-regarded for its support of students with ABSA. We contributed significantly to a Devon Educational Psychology research project, and much of our practice has been included as a “good practice” checklist. We are extremely proud of this, as it recognises that we have great success with students experiencing these high levels of anxiety (which are rarely directly related to school). However, this is not to suggest that we are successful with every child: sometimes the psychological problems are just too deep, and at the end of the day we are caring educationalists, not mental health clinicians. If you are interested in this area, the document link is

<http://www.devonsafeguardingchildren.org/documents/2016/07/guidance-on-anxiety-based-school-avoidance.pdf>

## “Miscellaneous”

There really is a huge amount going on at the moment. Sports Day was only on Monday, but feels like a fortnight ago. It has been well-reported in other places, especially by proud members of Yellow School, and once again was a fantastic event, despite being rescheduled and with a delayed start because of overnight rain. Each year it is a huge organisational feat, and there are so many people to be thanked for their contributions, great or small. It's a big, sprawling, day, and it simply would not work if our students responded badly or took advantage of the slightly increased freedom. Needless to say, the vast majority behave superbly, and they too deserve thanks and praise.

Next week sees work experience for Year 10 and the Year 9 Belgium trip. Again, these are all fantastic opportunities, but they do not happen by accident. There is a great deal of organisation and behind-the-scenes administration; even so, the tremendous support of students and parents makes it worthwhile.

Best wishes.



Dr Bawn



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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## RED SCHOOL

7RZB	Boaz Koopmans
8RAR	Andy Dodd
9RDH	Ewan Harlow
9RGG	Molly Wells
10 8RMHI	Holly Daniels
10RTMA	Rafael Pereira Piccoli

## SILVER SCHOOL

8SLA	Sam Taunton
9SNG	Joe Allan-Thorpe
10SDJ	Rose Willington
10SSG	Kit Boothroyd

## CALENDAR DATES

Mon 11th-Tues 12th July	Year 9 Belgium Trip
Mon 11th-Fri 15th July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 12 July	New Intake Parents' Evening
Fri 15th July	Post 16 Taster Day; Post 18 Preparation Day
Fri 15th July	Non-uniform Day: Poltimore House/Urafiki/Kenya
Sun 17th-Wed 20th July	Year 8 Bude Residential
Wed 20th July	Last day of Summer Term

Start of Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5th September 2016
Half Term	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 16th December 2016
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wednesday 4th January 2017
Half Term	Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2017

**POST 16 AT CVCC**

- > Highly regarded Post 16 College
- > Student support recognised as outstanding
- > Extremely low drop out rate
- > A Level pass rate 99%
- > Nearly half of all grades A\* to B
- > Increasing number of students from other schools

Please contact Cyst Vale Post 16 on 01392 462697 or visit our website: [www.cystvale.org.uk/visitors/sixth-form](http://www.cystvale.org.uk/visitors/sixth-form)  
 Cyst Vale Post 16, Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon EX5 3AJ.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
A Science, Maths and Computing Academy

# SPORTS NEWS

## ROUNDERS

Congratulations to Molly Dart in Year 9 on representing England U14 Rounders throughout the 2015/2016 season. She benefited from specialist coaching and was joined by students from across the country. The photos are from the final game of the season where England were victorious against Wales.



Mr Powell

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### **PTFA Events 2016/17**

**October - Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm**

AGM and presentation and discussion on

#### **Emotional Wellbeing**

**January - date to be confirmed**

Presentation and discussion on

#### **Internet safety**

**May - date to be confirmed**

Presentation and discussion on

#### **Post 16 Studies and Careers**

PTFA welcomes all parents and carers to our events and if you have any suggestions for topics of discussion please contact us.

Our PTFA offers a friendly environment for discussion and an informal link for parents/carers and the College's senior leadership team.

**All meetings in Post 16 Block**

## LUNCHTIME CLUBS Mon - Thurs

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Minecraft for Girls/IT Girls Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Mon	Music Club	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Art Club	1.30 - 2.15	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	B&V 'help clinic'	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Borny
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman/Miss McGinley
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 7 Tennis	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolcott
Mon	Dance (All Years)	1.35pm	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Mon	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	IT Club/Robots	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2pm	EN7		Ms Watt/Miss Borny
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Basketball (Year 7, 8 & 9)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 7 - Year 11 Dance	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Mr Olde
Tues	Year 8 - 11 Tennis	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Courts	
Tues	Gardening/Eco Club	1.40pm	SC7		Science Techs
Tues	B&V KS3 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	STEM (FULL)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolcott
Wed	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Miss Borny
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Maths	Lunchtime	MA7		Miss Mann
Wed	Year 9 Maths	Lunchtime	MA6		Miss Gale
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	A Level Dance (Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Miss Arnold
Wed	Year 7 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 9 - Year 13 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett & Mr Powell
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolcott
Thurs	Athletics	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett & Mr Olde
Thurs	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Thurs	Games Club (Year 7 & 8)	1.25pm to 2pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Miss Borny
Thurs	Year 7 & Rounders	1.35pm	Field	Sports Hall	Mrs Elliot & Ms Bennett
Thurs	Year 10, 11 & Post 16 Weights	1.35pm		Dance Studio	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Thurs	STEM (Full)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett

## LUNCHTIME CLUBS Fri

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Fri	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Staff IT Club/IT HW Help	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Art Club	1.30pm to 2.15pm	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Fri	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Various	Sports Hall	Mr Everett/Miss Garman/ Mr Powell/Miss McGinley
Fri	Year 10 v Year 11 v Year 12 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	B&V KS4 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	B&V Revision	1.30pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

### 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

Silver School: Julia Knowles (01392 463906; knowlesj@clystvale.org)  
 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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport)*



## 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 can be purchased from SWI online shop or Thomas Moore.***

***PE kit is only available from SWI online shop.***

***The reversible jacket is only available 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.**

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