



NEWSLETTER

No. 496
w/c Monday 14 December
will be Week A

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”
Malcolm S Forbes

Dear Parents/Carers

Carol Service

Next Thursday, 17th December, 6.00pm, at St Mary’s Church, Whimple. A mix of the traditional and modern, of words and song, excellent student performances, lovely atmosphere, refreshments by the PTFA. Please come!

Y11 Mocks

These have been very successful. Students have behaved well, and have become accustomed to the expectations of the Exam Room. Exam regulations are much stricter than normal College rules, to prevent any possibility of cheating or students being distracted, and this is a key message for students to learn. In some ways, the mock exams are harder than the real thing, in that they are concentrated into one week. So, we’re very pleased with the attitude and behaviour of the year group.

Oxford Interviews

We are delighted that three Year 13 students have secured interviews at Oxford, and we wish them success. Ellie Self (Biochemistry) and James Royle (Engineering) have been invited to interview at Exeter College, while Erin Santillo (English) was interviewed last week at Lady Margaret Hall.

Building Character Programme Update

You may recall that we are part of a DfE-funded project with four other East Devon schools to develop character education. This has been focused mostly on Years 10-12, but all students will have used the “tracker” to help them record activities and achievements linked to character; a pilot group from Years 10 and 11 have been trialling the full “BCP” award booklet; an exciting “STEM” project is being developed about the proposed managed retreat of the River Otter near Budleigh.

A key strand of the Project is the emotional health and well being of young people, frequently discussed in the media, with stress, low mood and worry becoming the major mental health problems in the 21st Century. So, in January we will be beginning The Living Life to The Full course for all Year 10 students. We will be teaching a series of eight lessons aimed at providing students with a set of life skills to help them manage the challenges they may face throughout their lives. The course is based on research by Exeter University on Cognitive Behaviour therapy and supported by psychologists from the university.

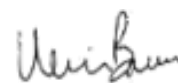
The aim of the course is to increase skill levels in recognising when it is all becoming too much and ways in which the students can respond positively and proactively to this and improve the way they feel about themselves. It is *not* therapy, and it is important that this is made clear. At present this is a pilot study and we are very fortunate to be involved, as it could shape the way in which schools deal with mental health issues in the future.

Rugby Safety

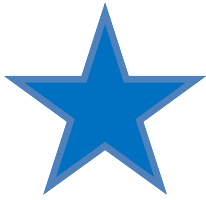
Parents may have seen the news item about the tragic death of women's rugby player Lily Partridge, who played for Exonians based at Topsham. This has been a shock to the local rugby community. As a College which has pioneered girls' rugby, we would like to reassure parents that we regard players' safety as of paramount importance. PE staff are fully trained in accordance with RFU guidance, and are diligent in observing the safety regulations for different age groups. A more detailed letter has been distributed by SchoolComms.

Online Safety

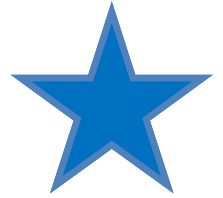
Christmas is when many young people are given new technological devices which connect to the internet. The internet is a wonderful thing with so many ways of supporting learning; however, it also has a very dark side. We work with several organisations concentrating on online safety. For example, the "thinkuknow" organisation has revised and updated its website for parents and carers: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents. Families can visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents to access advice and support on how to keep children safe from sexual abuse, both online and off. Articles provide guidance on topics as diverse as: challenging harmful sexual attitudes and promoting positive behaviours; helping a child with autism negotiate life online; and dealing with a range of online issues such as the growing trend of sending nude selfies. Even the background to innocuous selfies or geo-tagging photos (now often a default setting on smartphones) can provide invaluable information in the wrong hands. There are many other websites; another we find useful is the "Digital Parenting" site run by Vodafone in conjunction with Parentzone.



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SILVER SCHOOL

7SAO	Tom Carden
10SDJ	Chris Grieve
10SSG	Alice Hewstone

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YME	Maddy Jeffery
8YJCO	Mattie Horwell & Tre Campbell
10YCW	Sophie Wallis
11YJPU	Holly Bunkum & Freya Pook
11YSP	Reece Whittington

RED SCHOOL

10RMHI	Olivia Barradine
10RTMA	Josie Wild

Students Receive Dartmoor Junior Rangers Award

For the past year, Year 9 students Matthew Hill and Peter Hoskins have been part of a group of 12 boys completing the Europarc Junior Rangers programme with Dartmoor National Park, the first to take place in the UK. The boys had to commit to at least eight days of conservation tasks and other activities during the year when they worked with the "real" Rangers with tasks such as coppicing, leaf cleaning, building cross-drains to preserve footpaths, clearing and burning gorse, and litter picking at Haytor. Mixed in with the hard work was cycling the Granite Way, making tree guardians, drinking hot chocolate and eating lots of cake! They also had to do a public facing event at which Matthew and Peter helped run the DNP stand at Okehampton show (on a very wet Saturday in August), where they helped small children make model sheep and toured the showground to question visitors about their knowledge of Dartmoor.



Last Saturday (5th Dec) the boys and their families were all invited to a presentation event where each of the boys gave a short talk about their year as a ranger before receiving their John Muir Explorer Award and Europarc Junior Ranger Certificate "in recognition of outstanding commitment by taking an active interest in Dartmoor, undertaking practical conservation and developing social and personal confidence". They boys were very pleased to learn on Saturday that the project will continue for another year and they have been asked to return next year to help and mentor the new batch of junior rangers.



The photos show the boys receiving their awards with local wildlife TV presenter Nick Baker and 'hard at work' on a conservation day with the rest of the team.

We are all very proud of their hard work and commitment.

Mrs Hill (Matthew's mum)

SPORTS NEWS



SUCCESS AT BADMINTON FINALS

Well done to the Key Stage 3 students who competed superbly in the Exeter and District Badminton Finals. The girls, led by an injured Mya Walker, showed skill, agility and guile in their matches against QECC and St Luke's. Dulcie Sanders leapt and sprang around the court in her singles matches whilst Emily Blatchford and Lauren Elliot despatched the St Luke's doubles pairings with ease.



The boys had ever cheerful Edwin Choi at the helm with Sam Terrett as his number two. The match of the tournament was against a strong QECC side, with Sam producing some of his best badminton to date. Robin Tooze showed why he was selected for the team as a doubles and a singles player and the match eventually fell the way of Clyst Vale.

Well done to all on self-officiating and showing great etiquette and determination.

Mr Powell

Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	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	Year 11 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8, MA5 & MA4		Miss Barrett/Mrs Adie & Mrs Prance
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Borny
Mon	Badminton (Year 7)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Netball (Year 9 & 10)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Broomfield & Mrs Needs
Mon	Rugby (Year 9)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Football (Year 7 & 8)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Dance (All Years)	1.35pm	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Mon	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tue	IT Club/Robots	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Tue	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tue	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tue	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tue	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Miss Borny
Tue	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Manaton
Tue	Basketball (Year 8 & 9)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tue	Netball (Year 8)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Elliot
Tue	Rugby (Year 7 & 8)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tue	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tue	Gardening/Eco Club	1.40pm	SC7		Science Techs
Tue	Ten Tors (Year 9 and above)	Lunchtime	IT1		Mr Eales
Tue	B&V KS3 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tue	STEM (FULL)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-P16		Miss Borny
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Maths	Lunchtime	MA7		Miss Mann
Wed	Year 9 Maths	Lunchtime	MA6		Miss Gale
Wed B	GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Miss Fraser-Roe
Wed	A Level Dance (Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Miss Arnold
Wed	Netball (Year 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Broomfield & Mrs Carnall
Wed	Rugby (Year 10 & 11)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Mr Gibson
Wed	Football (Year 9)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	1.45pm to 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Thur	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thur	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Thur	Games Club (Year 7 & 8)	1.25pm to 2pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Thur	B&V Revision (Year 11)	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thur	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Miss Borny
Thur	Netball (Year 7)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Thur	Basketball (Year 10, 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thur	Weights (Year 10, 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thur	STEM (Full)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Thur	Year 11 GCSE	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Thur	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Thur	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Various	Sports Hall	Mr Peace & Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Football - Year 10A v Year 11B	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett & Mr Pearce
Fri	Football - Year 11A v Post 16				
Fri	Netball (Post 16)	Lunchtime	Courts	Post 16 Block	Vicky Carnall
Fri	Hockey (all years/girls and boys)	Lunchtime	Sports Hall		Mrs James
Fri	B&V KS4 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton

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 “skinnies”, jeans, leggings, chinos or any trousers with rivets or studs. Trousers must be worn on the waist.
- Skirts should be plain black, around knee length and certainly no more than 10cm higher than the centre of 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.

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: Anita Perram (01392 463906; perrama@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

CALENDAR DATES

2015-16

Thursday 17 December (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)	Carol Service (Whimble Parish Church)	6pm
Friday 18 December	Non-uniform Day Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 4 January 2016	First day of Spring Term	
Saturday 9 January	Ten Tors Walk 3	
Tuesday 12 January	Y10 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 26 January	Y11 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Friday 29 January	Y11 Freestyle Photos	
Saturday 30 - Sunday 31 January	Ten Tors Weekend 1	
Tuesday 9 February	Y9 Options Evening	4.30pm
Friday 12 February	Non-uniform Day	
Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2016	Spring Half Term	
Thursday 25 February	Y9 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 24 March 2016	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 12 April 2016	Start of Summer Term	
Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2016	Summer Half Term	
Wednesday 20 July 2016	Last day of Summer Term	

**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.clystvale.org/visitors/sixth-form
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