



NEWSLETTER

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"Questions are the creative acts of intelligence."

Frank Kingdom

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thank you to Year 10 parents and carers for attending last night's Parents' Evening. There was a good attendance of 73%, and the usual positive atmosphere. As a year group, Year 10 have settled into GCSE very well and are largely on track in terms of academic performance. More evidence of this is the promising PE BTEC results which we have just received. As always, thank you to parents and carers for your continuing support. I will publish the questionnaire results next week.

Key Time for Year 11

The calendar now shows "January", and there are four months to the first major exams in the Hall. Teachers have gone through the lessons to be learned from the mock exams, and students need to reflect on how they did, including the process of revision and preparation itself. The overall tracking data for Year 11 is encouraging, but this is the aggregation of all individuals' results, so while some individuals are doing supremely well, others need to improve considerably. This individual focus is the feature of the forthcoming Parents' Evening on Tuesday 23rd January (for the diary, there is also a Pre-Exam Support Evening on 27th February). Many GCSE subjects are offering lunchtime revision, workshops or drop-in sessions, and this will increase as the term goes on. Mrs Oldfield has developed a revision and study skills programme, which she will teach to Year 11 tutor groups in registration time over the Spring Term, starting next week. We have also re-subscribed to the online package GCSEPod, and students will shortly be given details of how to access this.

It is also a key time because initial thoughts and decisions need to be made regarding next September. These are not binding, of course, and all Post-16 providers are flexible. However, it's common sense and well-proven that a student with a clear idea of their intentions for Year 12 will generally have a better focus and achieve more than a student who hasn't. In many cases, specific entry requirements give students something to aim at. On this subject, the deadline for applications to our Sixth Form is Friday 26th January!

Illness and Absence

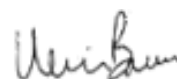
Just as in wider society, there is a lot of illness at the moment, including three strains of 'flu. Common sense and the usual reminders apply. If your son or daughter is ill, please don't send them to school: there's the risk of spreading infection, but should they worsen we do not have facilities to look after them comfortably. Please remind them of the hygiene basics of hand washing, catching coughs and sneezes, and proper disposal of tissues. Please let us know if your son or daughter is absent or ill, and many thanks to all of you who do this. Staff absence levels are higher than usual as well, which has a number of implications. Work will always be set, and Y7-11 classes always covered by a teacher or cover supervisor, but where absence is for a few days there are likely to be impacts on homework and marking. We're no different to any place of work or organisation: if there's a lot of illness, we just battle through as best we can!

Computer Science GCSE

Further to previous Newsletters, last week Ofqual decided that schools/colleges must ensure that all students spend 20 hours of timetabled time on the non-examined task set by the awarding body for 2018. However, the final grade will be based solely on students' performance in the written exams, so the 20 hour task will contribute no marks. The argument is that this is the least unfair option for candidates, and that the task is a valuable aspect of computer science and a good learning experience for all students. At Clyst Vale, this affects just one group, who were half-way through the task, but more generally is another example of how complex and tricky the exam system has become!

Caterlink Feedback

Our caterers since September, Caterlink, are spending a day with us next week to gain feedback from students and staff. They have already received some parental feedback through the PTFA, but if you wished to contribute any thoughts please send an e-mail to Ann Hopkins, College Manager, on hopkinsa@clystvale.org



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7REW	Polly Hurren
7RTMA	Ebony Morton
8RCJ	Kiera Clarke
8RCM	Adam Large
9RZB	Keera Stowe
10RAR	Ellie Harris
10RLA	Charlie Sparkes
11RDH	Eve Williams
11RGG	Adam Beer

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YRB	Jack Watts
7YKHO	Saffie Moon
8YMBR	Alex Bowyer
8YJPU	Charlie Crispin
9YMM	Ethan Wheatcroft
9YZK	Ed Sleep
10YSP	Abe Alabaidi
11YNS	Callan Reed

GREEN SCHOOL

7GDJ	Ellie Raynor-Johnson & Ellie Hartley
7GGT	Jake Leighton & Daisy Bird
8GHE	Emily Patterson & Fran Reader
8GIM	Bethy Lawrence & Theo Munro
9GPE	Eve Wollen & Zak Morris
10GABR	Mia Francis, Millie Franklin & Jack Delves
10GBA	Evie Griffin & Joe Blackburn
11GNG	Zac Miles & Mia Cross
11GSW	Lucy Roberts

Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Girls Netball - Year 8	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Battle of Board rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Science Club - WEEK B	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Mon	Battle of Boat cast rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	- WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	All Years Dance & Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	Lunchtime	MA4		Ms Prance/Miss Mann
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	Year 8 & Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch				
Wed	- WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Lunch Clubs - Thursday - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up				
Thurs	- WEEK AB	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
	Child Development/Health & Social Care				
Thurs	Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO2		Mrs Bennett/Ms Chandler
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 11 French Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Year 7 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

CALENDAR DATES

Sat 13 - Sun 14 Jan	Ten Tors Overnight 1 Dartmoor
Mon 15 Jan	Y11 Photographs
Sat 20 - Sun 21 Jan	DofE Bronze Practice/Ten Tors Overnight 2, Dartmoor
Mon 22 - Fri 26 Jan	Y13 Mocks/Practice Exams
Tues 23 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening
Tues 6 Feb	Y9 Options Evening
Fri 9 Feb	Non Uniform Day - MIND
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb	Spring Half Term (Ski Trip & Washington Trip)
Thurs 22 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 24 - Sun 25 Feb	Ten Tors Overnight 3, Dartmoor
Wed 28 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip, Swanage
Thur 8 - Mon 12 Mar	Y11 Core Mocks
Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar	Y10 Mocks
Fri 23 Mar	Non Uniform Day - Sport Relief
Thur 29 Mar	End of Spring term
Tues 17 Apr	Start of Summer Term
Sat 21 April - Sun 22 April	Ten Tors Overnight 4 - Dartmoor
Tues 24 April	4.30 Y7 Parents' Evening
Thurs 3 May	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 11 - Sun 13 May	Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor
Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Summer Half Term
Sat 9 - Sun 10 June	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition
Wed 13 June	5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening
Wed 27 June	7.00 Y13 Prom
Thurs 28 June - Sun 1 July	Y12 DofE Practice Gold Expedition - Dartmoor
Fri 29 June	7.00 Y11 Prom
Mon 9 July	6.00 New Intake Parents' Evening
Tues 10 July	Sports Day
Fri 13 July	Reserve Sports Day
Sun 15 - Wed 18 July	Y8 Bude Residential
Wed 18 July - Fri 20 July	Belgium Residential
Wed 18 July - Sun 22 July	Y13 DofE Gold Expedition - Brecon
Fri 20 July	Last day of Summer Term

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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

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



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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, PE kit and reversible jacket can be purchased 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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Principal: Kevin Bawn, BA PhD

