



# NEWSLETTER

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**will be Week B**

"In the future everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes"  
*Andy Warhol*

Dear Parents/Carers

## **The Battle of Boat**

Is on next week, so don't forget to buy your tickets! As a fan of musical theatre, I'm really looking forward to it, and the glimpses I've seen have convinced me it is going to be one of the best productions we've staged. It hasn't had the most straightforward preparation – key rehearsals snowed off, for example – and I think everyone involved deserves a huge amount of credit for their persistence and commitment. Tickets are available direct from the Barnfield Theatre, and can be purchased on-line. I look forward to seeing you there!

## **Year 11 Mocks**

This week Year 11 had two days of practice exams in English and Maths. The students were absolutely brilliant in their attitude and behaviour. Clearly, the exams are an important gauge of progress, but the experience of sitting in the exam rooms is a good practice and a reminder that it's only a couple of months before the real ones.

## **Year 10 Practice Exams**

These are roughly two weeks away, and while it is not always possible with crowded syllabi, teachers are providing some preparation for these exams and homework time is mostly being given over to individual revision. The exams are at a sensible time, approximately a third of the way through the two-year GCSE or GCSE equivalent course, with the Year 11 mocks to come at the two-thirds stage. Taking this big picture view is important: obviously every school in the land tracks progress, but at an individual level students can take responsibility by reflecting how well the first third has gone, and maintaining or adjusting their attitude and work rate for the next two-thirds accordingly. If you have any concerns about your son and daughter in relation to exams, please contact the relevant subject teacher or your child's tutor in the first instance.

## **PTFA**

The PTFA continues to evolve, with more of an emphasis on being a parents' group and less on meetings and fund-raising. The intention is to host six presentations and discussions per year on topics most relevant to parents, with a short business meeting attached, rather than the recent model of a meeting with a talk attached. So, at present, two evenings are being arranged with a focus on teenage anxiety (hopefully just before Easter), and on internet safety (mid-May). Parents involved with the group will be canvassed for future topics, and there will be a mix of external agencies and College staff depending on the topic. It is quite likely that the "PTFA" bits such as supporting key events like the Carol Service and fund-raising will continue, but in a much reduced way.

## **Energy Drinks**

All of the major supermarkets and Boots have now signed up to a voluntary ban on selling energy drinks to under-16s. I am also aware that some of the independent retailers in our catchment area have the same ruling. It has long-been established that the high levels of sugar, caffeine and some of the additives in energy drinks have a potentially harmful effect on health, and can contribute significantly to poor behaviour and poor concentration in schools. We have a very simple "can ban": if it's made of metal, it's not allowed. This applies particularly to energy drinks; as a banned item at Clyst Vale, members of staff have the right to confiscate a can on sight, whether it's open or not, finished or not. If this sounds harsh, it's worth remembering that almost all of our students respect this common sense rule, and would never even consider bringing a can of energy drink to College.

## **A "Clunk" Upstairs...**

Your daughter or son may have reported that part of the upstairs in the Main Block was cordoned off on Monday. This was precautionary as the original 1959 terracotta-tiled floor had lifted spectacularly in one room, and we wanted to make sure it was not a sign of anything more sinister. We brought in a structural engineer who declared it perfectly safe, although it's a mystery as to what caused the problem, presumably the fluctuations in temperature over the previous few days. So, we literally had a hole in the ICT Technician's room, and a structural engineer looked into it.

## **Has Spring Sprung?**

One has to be cautious about the British weather, but it could be that Spring has arrived. In the annual rhythms of Clyst Vale, this means that students emerge from hibernation in the buildings at lunchtimes, and the field becomes more attractive. As with the stereotypical lambs, there is more running around, especially among the younger years, and we see more "rough play". On the one hand, it's great that students can let off steam, and we have glorious fields. On the other hand, humans are not lambs, and can control themselves. I mention this because "rough play" is very rarely bullying and is nearly always between mates. We do keep a close eye, of course, but it's always helpful if messages about safety and respecting others are reinforced at home.

## **Lunchtime Detentions**

Related to the last item, we are introducing an improved system to tackle behaviour which isn't acceptable at lunchtime. As usual, this will not apply to probably 750+ students but I do need to bring it to parents' and students' attention. Basically, if a student is behaving in an anti-social way, they will be sent directly to a supervised room (Sc4) for the duration of that lunchtime. We have had a similar arrangement in place for years, but it has been ad hoc, and this strengthens it.

## Smartphones

We will be introducing a ban on smartphones on the College premises as from September 2018. This has the support of 80% of staff and 75% of parents. There are a few details to be ironed out, so further guidance will come out later in the year, closer to the end of term. Some parents suggested starting the ban earlier, possibly after May half-term, but experience suggests that in-year changes are less effective than the neat, clear start in September; also, we are intending to make a package of improvements of which smartphones form one strand. The ban also extends to other internet-enabled devices, particularly i-watches. To make it clear, students will be allowed to have phones in their bags, but not to use them unless explicitly permitted by a teacher.

## Uniform

At the Full Governing Board meeting last night, the Governors ratified the decision on smartphones (and i-watches), and also agreed that the College uniform should be tightened up. This does not include introducing blazers; nor compulsory skirts for girls; and we have always allowed proper tailored shorts. The “top half” of our uniform is actually very good. The aim is to clarify for everyone what skirts and trousers are acceptable, and to save all the wasted hours on uniform infringements and arguments so that staff can use that time more productively.



Dr Bawn

**NON-UNIFORM DAY!!**

**Non-Uniform Day (Sports Relief) will  
now take place on 29th March and  
not 23rd March.**



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... OF ...  
BOAT

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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## RED SCHOOL

7REW	Maggie Pascoe
7RTMA	Ruby Worlin
8RCJ	Summer Harlow
8RCM	Ellie Norris
9RZB	Aidan Potter
10RAR	Lucie Halliwell
10RLA	Draton Pike
11RDH	Sam Terrett
11RGG	Kyle Eidam

## YELLOW SCHOOL

7YRB	Johnny Baker
YKHO	Saffie Moon
8YMBR	Isobelle Price
8YJPU	Lara Anning
9YMM	Camden Hayler
9YZK	Haille Morgan
10YMHI	Ben Parsons
10YSP	Will Perry-Hake
11YNS	Callan Reed
11YMPR	Ellen Blacker

## GREEN SCHOOL

8GHE	Adam Muscat & Shino Hosgood
8GIM	Sam Kerslake & Mia Sobey
9GAO	Megan Newberry & James Slater
10GBA	Evie Griffin & Tori Saunders
11GSW	Jay Dyer & Dulcie Sanders

## MARTINSFIELD FARM

A lambing event is being held at Martinsfield Farm on Sunday 11th March from 11:00-15:00.

Martinsfield Farm Lambing Sunday Tickets are available on:- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/martinsfield-farm-lambing-sunday-mothers-day-tickets-42271278532>

Come see and touch the baby lambs. We look forward to seeing you there!



# March Marketing BULLETIN

Hi we're Caterlink, your colleges caterer. We have some fantastic offers, promotions, events and deals coming up this month. March is a very busy month! We have International Waffle Day, Time for a Cuppa Week, British Pie Week, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day and your In Season Food Hero is... Leeks!



## International Waffle Day

Everyone loves waffles and here at Caterlink we are not surprised why! They can be enjoyed as snacks, breakfast items, sweet, savoury, hot or cold. We plan on thinking outside of the box and serving waffles in fun and varied ways for our students.



## Time for a Cuppa Week

Did you know that after water tea is the most widely consumed drink in the world and 84% of the British population drink tea daily! So whether students like afternoon tea, earl grey, english breakfast, iced teas or herbal, we will be serving it up. We will even provide a variety of biscuits to dunk in the perfect cuppa.



## British Pie Week

Whether it's savoury or sweet, shortcrust or puff, with a bottom and top or just a top... It's still a pie and we are going to celebrate it! We have plenty of sweet and savoury pie fillings coming this week.



## St Patrick's Day

It's all about the Irish theme on this day. From soup stations, main meals to a special green blended juice 'Paddy's Punch', we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day in our colleges and sixth forms.



## Food Hero Leeks

Leeks are versatile, tasty and very good for you. We will be adding leeks into pies, soups, vegetable stir fry's and even cakes. This vegetable will be popping up in many dishes this month and we're sure students will enjoy.



## St David's Day

On St David's Day we will have themed pop ups and food stations that will serve different Welsh themed dishes. Some of which will include: Welsh cakes, Welsh rarebit muffins, pies and cawl.

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## 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 Boat 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	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - 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 - 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
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A/B	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
Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care 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

Thurs 8 - Mon 12 Mar	Y11 Core Mocks
Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar	Y10 Mocks
Thur 29 Mar	End of Spring Term—Non-uniform Day
Tues 17 Apr	Start of Summer Term
Fri 20 April	Take Your Child to Work Day
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
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
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
Wed 5 Sept	First day back for students
Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct	Autumn Half Term

## 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](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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