



# NEWSLETTER

“Perseverance, my dear lord, keeps  
honour bright “

William Shakespeare

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**will be Week B**

Dear Parents/Carers

## Happy New Year

Welcome to the new school year, and an especial welcome to parents who are new to Clyst Vale! I hope that all of you had a good summer, and it wasn't too traumatic an experience getting your sons and daughters up bright and early on Monday. We have had a positive first week, and are largely back into the routine. With over 900 students, there are bound to be a few individuals with teething problems, but I have been delighted that so many new students in Year 7 and other years have said how friendly and helpful others are. If you do have any concerns about your son or daughter, please contact us on 01392-461407 or [admin@clystvale.org](mailto:admin@clystvale.org).

## The Newsletter

Clyst Vale's Newsletter always comes out on a Friday, very occasionally on a Wednesday or Thursday at the end of a term, and parents will receive an e-mail alert via the Clyst Vale Gateway. If we do not have a current e-mail address for you, please send it in! I started the Newsletter when I first came to Clyst Vale, copying the idea of a weekly letter to parents from Primary Schools at the time. Although technology has overtaken it, so that it is no longer printed, and we also have a website and Twitter account, every time I seek parental feedback it is overwhelmingly to keep the Newsletter as it is, even if it is mostly words and a bit old-fashioned.

## New Staff and Staff News

We have made some excellent appointments of new staff, and welcome the following colleagues to Clyst Vale. Ms Crawshay has joined the Humanities Team, teaching Geography; Mrs Dominy has joined us as Exams Officer; Dr King is our new Senior Science Technician; Ms Matthews also joins the Humanities Team, teaching History; Ms McConnachie, who taught for a month last term, joins us "officially", teaching French and Spanish; Mr Moxey comes to us from Uffculme School, as second in the Science Faculty. Internal moves have seen Mr Pearce become Head of Green School, and Mrs Howden Head of Spanish. Finally, congratulations to Mrs Gilbert, who is now Mrs Shillingford.

## GCSE and A-Level Results

More detailed information and photos can be found on the home page on the website. It may not have been a record-breaking year, but our students achieved the results we expected in a year when many exams got tougher and national performance headlines fell. Congratulations to all of our students, many thanks to their families for their support and encouragement, and very best wishes for the next stage of their lives. And, as always, students who had the right attitude and were prepared to work hard were successful. There are many theories about exam success, but a huge part of it boils down to attitude and work rate. This was a key message for the year in my assemblies on Monday.

## Behaviour Policy

The first thing to say is that student behaviour at Clyst Vale is very good, and has been for many years. In the vast majority of lessons, learning carries on without any disruption. However, the price of peace is eternal vigilance, so we keep our behaviour policy under constant review. This year, we have simplified and re-launched our approach; in many ways it is the same as before, with various classroom sanctions attracting a rising scale of behaviour points. The differences are mainly that the policy will be enforced consistently, students will be very clear about the hierarchy of sanctions, and it may result in an increase of contacts with parents (although most of you will never hear from us about this, as your children are always well or acceptably behaved). You might argue that this is a bit of a negative way to start the year, but we feel it's better to start on a clear footing and a new policy does not prevent any of the usual positive approaches and celebrating good behaviour and attitude. Other aspects of the behaviour policy will be worked on throughout the year.

## Clyst Vale's First Olympian

Abbie Brown attended Clyst Vale from 2007 to 2011, and was a key figure in our success in girls' rugby. At Rio, she played in the GB Rugby Sevens' team, scoring two tries in the semi-final against Fiji. Unfortunately, the team came fourth overall, losing out on a bronze medal. It has been great to follow Abbie's career, and we are pretty sure that she is Clyst Vale's first Olympian. Sara Cox attended Clyst Vale from 2001 to 2007 and was also in Rio, refereeing several women's rugby matches, including the fifth place play-off final. Clearly, the credit is down to their talent and determination, but it is still an inspiring story for our students that two girls who used to eat their lunch in the Giraffe House, just like they do now, are at an Olympic Games a few years later.

## Uniform

Every September, the overall standard of uniform improves on last year, and a massive thank you to parents for your part in this. There will always be exceptions, but they are fewer and more minor. Students need to know that we will keep nagging about uniform where it's not right, and where necessary we will contact home for your support. I shall not be sending dozens of students home to change (as on this week's news) because there is no need, and it is practically very difficult with a rural catchment area.

## Drop-Off, Pick-Up and Parking

This is a regular plea to parents who use their car for the school run. In the morning, please use the coach park to drop off students; it is safer for students, much better for traffic flow, and more convenient for drivers. As the coaches arrive in a staggered fashion, there are few hold-ups. At the end of the school day, parents need to park up somewhere, and I urge you to be considerate to our neighbours; for example, Tower View is a private road where the residents pay for the upkeep of the road and do not like people to use it. Increasingly parents are picking up at 3.40 or 3.45; by then all the coaches have gone, traffic is easier, and the car parks are accessible. Students are welcome to stay at school after 3.20: there is a homework club until 5.00 which they can leave to be picked up at any time. One final request, please: the staff car park should not be used for drop-off or picking-up except for students with accessibility difficulties.



Dr Bawn



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Please contact Clyst Vale Post 16 on 01392 462697 or visit our website: [www.clystvale.org/visitors/staff-form](http://www.clystvale.org/visitors/staff-form)  
Clyst Vale Post 16, Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon EX3 3AJ

**Clyst Vale**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
A Science, Maths and Computing Academy

# CALENDAR DATES

Start of Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5th September 2016
Tuesday 13th September	Open Evening for Year 6 (6pm—8pm)
Friday 16th September	Whole School Photos
Thursday 29th September	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
Tuesday 11th October	Ski Trip Information Evening (6pm)
Thursday 13th October	Year 10 Parents' GCSE Information Evening (6pm)
Half Term	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016
Thursday 10th November	Post 16 Open Evening (6pm)
Tuesday 15th November	Year 12 Meet the Tutor (4.30pm)
Tuesday 22nd November	GCSE Presentation Evening (7pm)
Thursday 24th November	Year 10 Parents' evening (4.30pm)
Tuesday 29th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)
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



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### RED SCHOOL

<b>7RCM</b>	Jack Davies
<b>7RKC</b>	Luke Shi-Sansom
<b>10RTMA</b>	Josephine Wilde

### YELLOW SCHOOL

<b>7YJPU</b>	Jamie Pennells
<b>8YME</b>	Emily Lyon
<b>8YMM</b>	Charlotte Lacey
<b>9YSP</b>	Ellie Boston
<b>9YJCO</b>	Ty Pardew
<b>10YMPR</b>	Grace Ford
<b>11YCW</b>	Reece Warren

### SILVER SCHOOL

<b>9SLA</b>	Callum Wallace
<b>10SNG</b>	Matthew King
<b>11SDJ</b>	Daisy Lugg

## 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)*



Do you use twitter? Then why not follow us @clystvale to find out what's going on in the College community.

## 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.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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