



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week B

"The marvellous thing about a joke with a double meaning is that it can only mean one thing"

Ronnie Barker

Dear Parents/Carers

Carol Service, Wednesday 14th December, 7.00 pm

This is undoubtedly one of the best evenings of the Clyst Vale year, and I look forward to seeing you there! Unlike some past years, there are no clashes with late-night shopping, either. Although there are three or four popular hymns, Bible readings, and it's in a church, it is not a formal religious evening, as there are plenty of secular readings and Christmas/winter songs all performed by students.

Y11 Mocks

I'm pleased to report that the Year 11 mock exams have gone very well this week. Student attitude and behaviour has been excellent, and the vast majority of students have been punctual and properly-equipped. The mocks are preparation for the summer in many ways: students have to become accustomed to rules which are far stricter than any school's, and it is a very useful test of our systems, too. However, the main reason for the exams is to provide a reliable snapshot of where students are in terms of progress, and to identify areas of weakness which can be remedied in the next few months.

Unsung Heroes

On various days next week, each of the four Schools will hold a ceremony for a selected group of students. These have been identified as the "unsung heroes" of Clyst Vale, whose roles are so vital in making us what we are. These students are not automatically our sporting stars, or best performers, or always our most gifted academically. They are the students who are simply fantastic young people. Typically, they will have good attendance, a positive or resilient attitude, they will always do their bit, offer to help, try their best, support their friends, and generally get on with school life without moaning about trivial things. They are excellent role models to other people, and are the sort of students that make being a teacher worthwhile. In the hurly-burly of a busy secondary school, these are the students who risk being overlooked, which is why the Schools have developed these celebration events to recognise them.

Amnesty Day

Another annual fixture is our student Amnesty International Group's "Amnesty Day", held about now to coincide with the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Although an annual event, it is sadly the case that serious human rights abuses continue in many places around the world, and change every year. So, the event is updated and continues to evolve, both in terms of activities and in terms of the campaigns and focus. The underlying intention remains the same, though: to broaden students' horizons, reflect on international citizenship, and learn of the work of Amnesty International.

Deep Learning Day

Last Friday's DLD seems a long time ago, but it went very well. For Years 9, 10 and 11 there were significant elements of enrichment and Course 42: health and fitness, ICT safety, work related-learning, revision skills, safe internet use including the dangers of sexting and radicalisation. Year 7 immersed themselves in either a Maths Day or a Languages Day, while Year 8 considered the environmental impact of global warming on the coral reefs of the world at Plymouth Aquarium. Sixth Form students contemplated the concepts of "good and evil" in the world, aided by inputs from a variety of religious points of view. The photos on the website give a much better snapshot of the various activities.

Energy Drinks

We have had a little spate of energy drinks appearing in College, mostly with Year 11 students who must be feeling tired because of their mock exams. Energy drinks (and all canned sugary drinks) are not allowed in College. The reasons are fairly obvious: we encourage healthy eating and lifestyles, student behaviour and learning is adversely affected by a sugar rush and then a slump, and cans are potentially dangerous items of litter. For all these reasons, we will confiscate energy drinks when seen, and will be grateful for parental support in students not bringing them to College in the first place.

Uniform and Nose Studs

Standards of uniform have been very good this term, although a combination of colder weather and end-of-term tiredness has meant some slippage in recent weeks. Older students (mostly) are wearing hoodies as coats, and there are more jean-style trousers than there should be. If parents/carers are buying uniform during the Christmas break, please refer to the College's dress code which is published *every week* on this Newsletter. One of the problems with school uniform is the "everyone else has got one" argument. This applies very much to nose studs at the moment. Nose studs are not permitted, and never have been. For a time, for individual practical reasons, a few students were allowed to wear small clear plastic discs. This has been interpreted, incorrectly, as allowing nose studs "because everyone else has got one", and has led to a mini-epidemic. From the start of next term, students wearing a nose stud will be asked to remove it immediately.

Staff Changes

Last week, Miss Quick and her partner became parents to a young child through adoption, and I think it's fair to say that everyone at Clyst Vale is delighted for her. Therefore, Miss Quick is now on adoption leave, similar to maternity leave. The adoption process means that final decisions are made at short notice, unlike maternity where there is a few months' prior warning! We expect to have an experienced English teacher as her replacement from January.



Dr Bawn

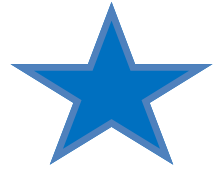
Post 16 Taster sessions for Electronics and Sociology

We are running taster sessions for these new subjects for any Year 11 students that may be interested in studying them next year. Both sessions will be held on Thursday 15 December, lesson 5. The Electronics session will be run by Mr Turl in MA1 and the Sociology by Miss Brotherton in HU1. If you are interested in attending please let your tutor know.

Mrs Dormand
Deputy Principal



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Finlay King
8YME	Madeline Jeffery
8YMM	Jake van de Burgt
9YSP	Mattie Horwell
9YJCO	Edwin Choi
10YMPR	Millie Wright

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Star Romeril
7RKC	Rhys Smaldon-Welham
8RZB	Keera Stowe
9RAR	Matt Wood
10RDH	Ben Parker
10RGG	Dylan Pengilly
11RMHI	Holly Daniels
11RTMA	Rufus Abley-Mallett

SILVER SCHOOL

11SDJ	Chris Grieve
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Public Consultation

School Admission Arrangements for state-funded schools and Education Travel Arrangements and Relevant Area for Admissions

consultation open from 1 November 2016 to 6 January 2017

You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council and by academy, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools in Devon** which are their own admission authorities.

and the following academies in Plymouth: **Oreston Community Academy, Old Priory Junior Academy, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery and in Torbay: **All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, St Marychurch CofE Primary, Upton St James CofE Primary**

To view the proposals, please visit:
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019
for a paper version.

SPORTS NEWS

Historic First Fixture with Cranbrook Education Campus

In what could be the first of many more to come, our Year 7 Football Squad supplied three teams to play against a combined Year 7/8 Football Team from 'New School' Cranbrook Education Campus.



Aided by our wonderful Year 9 coaches Will Atwell, Sam Taunton, Ollie Brailsford and Zack Killian, but hindered by failing light on a murky evening, we raced through six Round Robin matches in a relaxed atmosphere which was enjoyed by all.

Here's to the next few thousand fixtures between Clyst Vale and Cranbrook.

Mr Everett
Sports Co-ordinator

Champion of Exeter and East Devon

Huge congratulations to Sam Mills in Year 7, who further confirmed his massive potential by romping home in first place on Wednesday at Okehampton, to become the Year 7 Boys' Cross Country Running Champion of Exeter and East Devon. Charlie Sparkes also represented Exeter at this event, and was placed 27th in the Junior Boys (whole of Years 8 and 9).

Sam will now compete in the County Championships in Newton Abbot in January.

Mr Everett
Sports Co-ordinator

CALENDAR DATES

Wed 14th December	7.00 Carol Service (Whimble Parish Church)
Fri 16th December	MacMillan Non Uniform Day & Last Day of Autumn Term
Wed 4th January 2017	Start of Spring Term 2017
Sat 14th & Sun 15th January	Ten Tors 3 rd Walk/short overnight
24th January	4.30 – 7.00 Y11 Parents' Evening
Sat 28th & Sun 29th January	Ten Tors 1 st overnigher
Mon 30th January - Fri 3rd February	Geography Lake District Trip
Tues 7th February	4.30 Y9 Options Evening
Fri 10th February	Non Uniform Day
Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February	Half Term & Ski Trip
Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week

Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Choir	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	GCSE PE Workshop/Revision	1.40pm to 2.15pm	PE5		Miss Garman
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm			Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett
Tues	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision (AFTER XMAS)	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 7 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Wed	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thurs	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Lunch Clubs—Fri

Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/ Mrs Elliot/Miss Garman
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Games Club - Year 7	1.30pm - 2.00 pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

RAFT

If you have any unwanted coats, hoodies, trainers, warm hats etc, I will be visiting RAFT (Refugee Action from Taunton) where they will be sent to places where they are urgently needed.

Thank you.

Mrs Gillespie
Study Supervisor and Learning Mentor

Amnesty Fundraiser - Thursday 15th December

Hot chocolate with marshmallow, cream and flakes for sale for 80p. Cakes and sweets for sale as well. If anybody could bake or donate cakes that would be wonderful. Please bring them along to the English staff room on Thursday morning. The Staff Band will be playing a gig at lunch time - 20p entry. Please come along and support.

Miss Watt
KS4 Co-ordinator
Teacher of English



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

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

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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