



NEWSLETTER

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Week B

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Dear Parents and Carers

Please note that there will be early lunches on Monday 16th and Thursday 19th May next week. Lunchtime will be from 12.25 to 13.10, and there will be two lessons in the afternoon on those days.

The Start of the Exam Season

- Next week sees the start of exams. I must start by wishing all students taking exams the very best of luck and every success. They have put up with a lot over the last couple of years, and I am really proud of their attitude and approach. This includes students who are suffering from anxiety and other issues who have demonstrated tremendous resilience in even getting to school some days. I am proud of my colleagues for all that they have done and continue to do; it has not been an easy couple of years for them, either. I am the Principal of a secondary school, so of course I want the best performance outcomes (results) possible; this is best for students, parents and staff, demonstrates that Clyst Vale is effective, and satisfies the powers-that-be. However, each individual student is on their own journey: some have more ability than others, some a better work ethic, some have experienced significant difficulties, and each child has exactly the same value as a human being on 25th August as they do now. Exam results are very important, and the better they are the more life gets easier with more choices, but no one should be defined by their grades.
- Exam season clearly affects parents and carers, too, and your contribution is significant. You know your kids better than we do, they are all individuals, so I cannot possibly give any meaningful advice in a few sentences. Of my three children, two needed to talk a lot, one didn't communicate. All three did need a permanent supply of snacks 24/7, though. But it can be hard: more than at any time, teenagers need to have good food, stay hydrated, have good quality sleep, and stay organised, calm and focused. There are many sources of advice for parents during the exam season. The NHS page is a good starting point for reassurance and sound advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/> Please let us know if your child is experiencing difficulties with exams, revision, or worry; we will do what we can to help.
- So, thank you very much in advance to all parents supporting students with exams this year, and I wish you good luck and every success, too !
- Exams affect the whole College, and all students have a part to play. The exam rooms are the Hall, in Additional Support, Hearing Support and in Meeting Room 1. Therefore, during exam times, students

need to be quiet in these areas, which basically means the playground. Students need to be alert to signs, and adults saying “ssshh”. There will be room changes sometimes, although we try to keep these to a minimum. Over the years, Clyst Vale students have been magnificent in respecting the older students sitting exams, and there is no reason why this should not continue. It’s just that apart from a couple of mock exams, we’re all a bit out of practice and need to get our routines up and working immediately on Monday.

- Things don’t stop because it’s exams season, either. Other year groups carry on as normal, and our expectations are the same. Clubs, activities, fixtures all carry on. We can’t use the Hall, so assemblies are held in the Sports Hall. There will be reports, parents’ evenings and other events.

Ten Tors Triumph

- All three teams successfully finished their routes, and all returned with very respectable times around half-past two on Sunday. There were quite a few bad backs, knees, shoulders and blisters on Monday ! This is a tremendous achievement for these young people, and one they will remember for ever. We are all very proud of them and glad that they represented Clyst Vale so well. Ten Tors is a metaphor for life (and dare I say it, exams): you prepare yourself physically and mentally, work hard on your skills, work as a team, organise and plan carefully, stick with it, figure out problems, and you’ll do well.
- I must also mention that Chris Eales and Graeme Robb received bronze medals from the Army organisers because they have both supported Ten Tors for ten years each. This too is an amazing achievement, and we are very proud of them. It’s not just the Ten Tors weekend, but all the expeditions and training, many weekends each year, paperwork and liaison with parents. Thanks to Chris and Graeme, possibly 150 Clyst Vale students have completed Ten Tors. Most of the activities occur at weekends, so both are volunteers, giving generously of their own time. A deserved recognition.

Ukraine Day

- The non-uniform day, cake sale, and Talent Show has raised over £1200 towards UNICEF’s appeal to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Thank you to parents and carers for your behind-the-scenes support !
- Regarding the Talent Show, there is more on the website, but huge thanks to everyone involved – performers, judges, comperes, technicians, and the audience. I’m grateful to Miss Watt for organising the Show, and for her review...

“Last Friday’s Talent Show, was an unqualified success! 13 acts performed and amongst these, the variety was incredible, ranging from dramatic monologues to students singing and playing their own compositions – to the surreal spectacle of Year 8 boys (in dresses, wigs and high heels) re-enacting the Battle of Waterloo against the backdrop of a group of musically gifted Post 16 students, in 1970s costume, singing the ABBA classic. You couldn’t make it up! [That reminds me – Eurovision this Saturday....]

The student judging panel had some tough choices to make, but in the end, a very brave Year 7 student, Aidan, prevailed. He wowed the audience with his plate spinning dexterity and general showmanship and scooped first prize. Second place was awarded to Callum from Year 8, with an electric guitar mash-up of rock and hip hop riffs. Keira in Year 9 (ably accompanied by India in Year 13), sang the haunting Cranberries smash ‘Zombie’ and took third place.

Covid put a stop to many of the community activities that we have historically done in the past but Friday’s event was CVCC at its best. It personified everything that we stand for at a Rights Respecting School. All year groups working together. All students showing respectful attitudes. All students coming together to have a good time and raise money for a great cause. I am very proud of each and every one of them.”

Attendance

- There is national concern about school attendance levels post-pandemic. You’ll possibly have seen headlines about 100,000 pupils nationally who never really returned after lockdowns. In the government White Paper, various plans were announced to improve attendance, which connects with a specific consultation the Department for Education conducted recently.
- What this means is that in the near future we can expect a national framework for issuing fixed penalty notices for pupil absence. There will be a tightening of statutory guidance, and schools will be expected to comply. There could be a national set of “rules” for what are acceptable and unacceptable reasons for absence. There is also a trial of a system whereby school attendance data can be collected centrally by government.

- What this risks is that schools may have more disagreements and conflicts with parents over attendance and requests for absence. However, the general principle that students should be in school for 190 days each year is totally correct and unarguable.

Exam arrangements 2023 (current Years 10 and 12)

- There have been no lockdowns this school year, and hopefully none next, either; but there has still been lots of disruption at an individual level – many students will have had a 10 day or 5 day isolation, some have had long covid, and there has also been teacher absence at various times, some extensive. Even so, the latest back-to-normal edict is that none of the exam modifications from the last two years will continue.
- Non-Examined Assessments (coursework), fieldwork, and practical science requirements will be required for 2023 qualifications
- Optionality in GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography will not continue in 2023 (this means the full syllabus, not dropping a section)
- Any changes to vocational assessments will not continue in 2023
- The DfE has not yet confirmed whether it intends to carry forward other adaptations, such as advanced information, formulae sheets and exam aides.

Clyst Valley Trail Public Consultation

- Later in the Newsletter you will see a flyer in connection to a proposed Clyst Valley Trail from Westclyst to Topsham, connecting to the Exe Estuary Trail. Devon County Council have asked me to bring this to parents' attention, and of course I am very happy to do so

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn
Principal



Congratulations to Year 9 students,
George Craig and Lenny Bolt.

Both boys are in the Cullompton RFC Under 14's side which recently were victorious in their Plate Final versus Newton Abbot.

Well done to both lads and we hope that this success carries into Under 15 and Year 10!

Mr Pearce



Ten Tors 2022

This year there were three 35 mile teams from Clyst Vale participating in the Ten Tors challenge that finished at Okehampton on Sunday.

The students from Clyst Vale travelled up to the Army camp on the Friday morning beforehand to prepare so kit was checked, route planning was completed and final preparations made. We checked out the start point, working out which direction to head and what to do if became separated from the team as there were 2,400 other participants taking part! That afternoon was spent exploring the engagement village provided by the military, having dinner & much comedy time was spent doing the washing up.



Before an early bed time of 9pm there was just time for all 2,400 participants to gather for an impromptu disco, conga and somersaulting on a nearby hillside

Saturday morning it was a 4am start for the adults to make a start on cooking breakfast, whilst the students were awoken to the tune of Chariots of fire and other motivational songs at 5am! Food was eaten, final prep completed before heading to the start line at Anthony Stile for 6.20am. Unfortunately it was too cloudy for the planned parachute jump but all 2,400 participants formed a giant 60 on the hillside to commemorate the fact it was the 60th Ten Tors. The Army field gun firing at 7am signalled the start of the 35-mile trek across Dartmoor.

It was then a nervous wait for the staff, parents & supporters to see when the times would appear as the 3 teams checked in to their various different checkpoints along their routes. It was a relief to see that they had all safely camped for the night, before then continuing the challenge 6am Sunday morning.

Shortly after 2.35pm on the Sunday, the first of the teams returned and crossed the finish line, the 2nd team followed a minute later and then the 3rd & final team finished at 2.50pm – so all within 20 minutes of each other even after walking 35miles!

Medals were presented, photos taken and pasties eaten before all the students headed home.



Every single student did fantastically well over the weekend, we're full of pride and admiration for them all as I'm sure you are too! Students have learnt a wide variety of skills such as navigation, campcraft and teamwork, as well as gaining meaningful new experiences and adventures. Ten Tors is a very tough yet rewarding personal and team challenge.

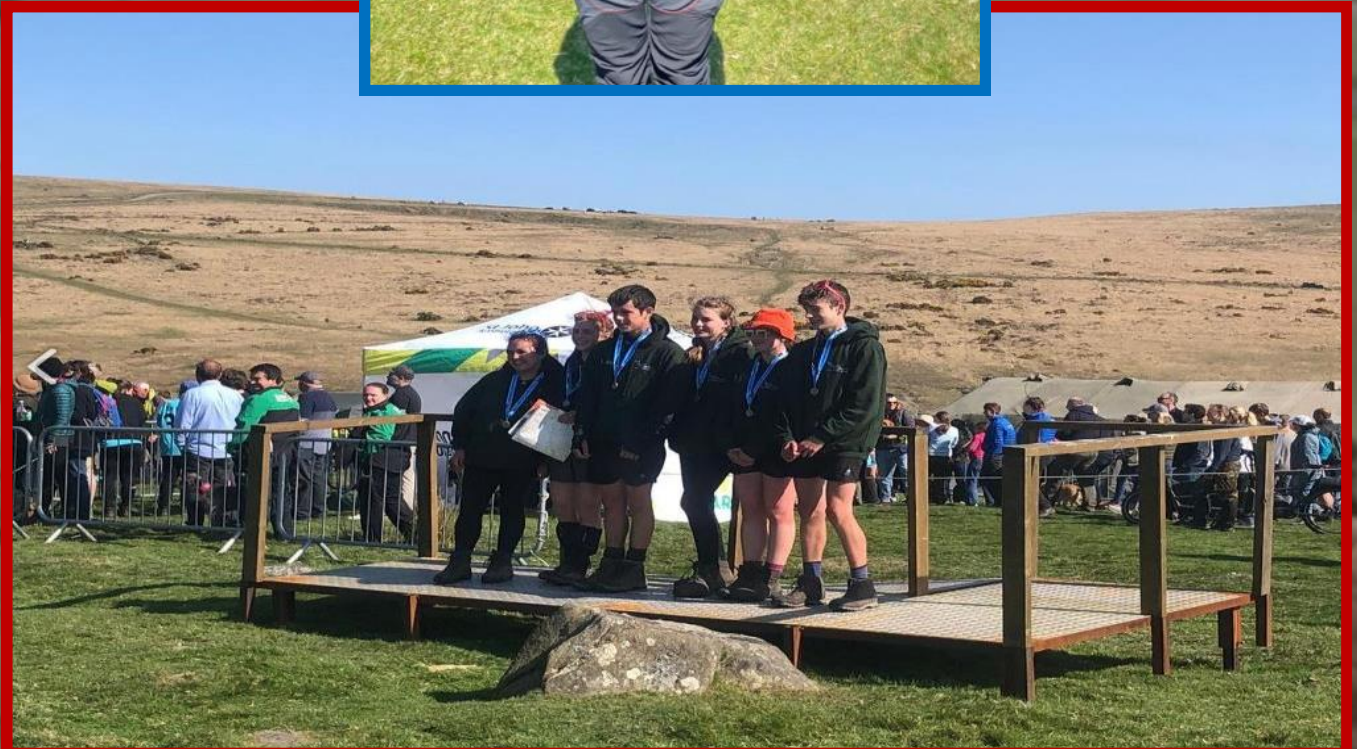
Big congratulations also to all the other Clyst Vale students, both past and present, who also participated in the event with other organisations. Particular well done to Lucy, Oli and Jamie in year 11 who completed the 45-mile route with other schools & establishments, joining their teams in April, so not long to get to know their team mates.

For those whom it has sparked some interest, it's likely to start all over again after October half term so look out for posters and info about it then for students in year 9 and above...

Mr Eales

Ten Tors Manager





A large silhouette of a girl in a dark dress holding a rugby ball high in her right hand, set against a dramatic sunset sky with clouds and a tall stadium light pole. The entire scene is framed within a rounded rectangle.

**GIRLS RUGBY CLUB WITH EXETER
CHIEFS COMMUNITY COACHES**

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL:

3.20-4.20PM



Clyst Valley Trail

Public Consultation

We'd like to hear your views ...

We want to ask for your views on the proposals for the Clyst Valley Trail route. You can take part in the online consultation via the following website devon.cc/cvt

If you would like to speak to a member of the project team, we will be hosting an online webinar on **Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 5.30pm** and will be attending a number of parish council meetings in the next couple of weeks. For more details, please visit the website.

If you would like to request paper copies of the consultation material and a paper feedback form, email us at transportplanning@devon.gov.uk or write to us at: Transport Planning, Matford Offices, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD or phone us on **03451551004**



The consultation will finish
on **Friday 10th June 2022**

Looking forward to hearing from you





Food Service Assistant at Clyst Vale Community College

Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, 38 weeks per year

Salary: £9.50 per hour

Duties include:

- Undertaking basic food preparation
- Setting up food service areas
- Cleaning dining halls and general cleaning duties
- Serving customers in a polite and professional manner
- Working on the tills
- Supporting with hospitality

A team player with strong communication skills and a can-do approach is key for this role. Experience is preferred but not essential, as full training will be given.

The successful candidate will be organised, have the ability to maintain the highest standards at all times and will ensure optimal service to staff and students.

Safeguarding: Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role.

For additional information please contact:
Ann Hopkins (College Manager)
hopkinsa@clystvale.org



CVCC Vacancies

We currently have vacancies

for the following positions:

Teacher of Beliefs and Values

Teacher of Maths (0.7 FTC)

PA to Principal

Full details for all vacancies, including job descriptions and further information about how to apply, can be found on our website:

www.clystvale.org/vacancies



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Ethan Thomas
7RHSP	
8RSGA	
8RZB	Amelia Carthew
9RAO	Keira Woodman
9RMAH	Lucas Stumpf
10RER	
10RGG	
11RSS	
11RTMA	Ramsay Glen

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YTZI	Alexander Boyce
7YMBR	
8YPN	
8YSSC	Amelia Carthew
9YDS	Keira Woodman
9YSP	Lucas Stumpf
10YMPR	
10YNS	
11YRB	
11YCW	Ramsay Glen

GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Harley Ewings
7GIM	Henry Woolston
8GABr	Callum Voysey
8GDH	Alexandra Symons
9GAW	Alice Davis
9GBA	Dylan Little
10GHE	Rebecca Muscat & Lewis Voysey
10GSW	Ethan Lovegrove
11GGT	Lucy Trehearne
11GMN	Ellie Raynor-Johnson

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 10 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mr Pearce & Mrs Elliot
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – K3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battisill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	History Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Tuesday	Year 7 to 11 Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 9 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh Award	1.30pm – 2.10pm	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Post 16 Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Ms Watt/Mrs Battisill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	GCSE Photography Club	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Wakefield
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sport Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday	Year 7 to 9 Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Miss Hall
Wednesday	Year 9 Mixed Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Year 10 & 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Thursday	Yu-Gi-Oh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thursday	History (grades 8-9) Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield Mr Pearce
Friday	K3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Friday	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts		Mrs Woolcott

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sat 21 May	DofE Silver Assessed
Mon 30 May - Fri 03 June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Thurs 16 June	New Intake Non Feeder Schools Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
w/b 27 June	Year 12 Mocks
Weds 29 June	Year 13 Prom
Thurs 30 June - Sun 03 July	DofE Gold
Mon 04 & Tues 05 July	UNICEF Gold Visit
Weds 06 - Fri 08 July	New Intake Induction Days
Fri 8 th July	Year 11 Prom
Mon 11 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Weds 13 July	Sports Day
Thurs 14 July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 15 July	Year 12 UCAS Day
w/b 18 July	Y10 and Y12 Work Experience
Mon 18 - Fri 22 July	Gold D of E Brecon Expedition
Fri 22 July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM



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

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps 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.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: voyseys@clystvale.org

Copying in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvale.org

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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts - Blue Tartan and knee length
- Trutex Senior stitched down/Taylor Tartan (blue) skirt and may be worn no more than 2" above the knee. Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn.
- Black sturdy shoes or **all black** trainers.
- White socks or black tights with skirts.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

All uniform and PE Kit can be purchased from Thomas Moore, Exeter. Thomas Moore offers both a personal service in their shop and also the opportunity to order on line at www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk

- 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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