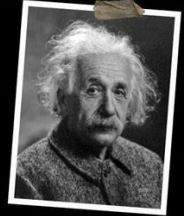


NEWSLETTER

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THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

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Dear Parents/Carers

Open Evening, Wednesday 25th September, 6 p.m.. If you are reading this, then your children are likely to already be at Clyst Vale, but please spread the word to friends, family and neighbours that our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students is a week on Wednesday !

The good start continues

The whole point of any school is for students to learn ("respect, participate, *learn*"). Therefore, uniform, phones, lining up properly are all important, but are means to an end not an end in themselves. That said, they are indicators as to how well things are going, and we haven't had a full turn of the timetable yet. So, uniform is the best it has ever been (other than a strange allergy affecting only boys which means they cannot tuck in their shirts...). Our policy on smartphones rolled in almost without mention: essentially, phones are out of sight and out of mind for the whole school day, and we have clear consequences if not. The difference the smartphone ban made last year was incredible to see, especially in terms of students socialising. So, I am happy to report that student attitudes and the atmosphere around College is calm and purposeful. Of course, there are a minority of individual students who have found it harder to settle, are anxious, or who are experiencing family or health issues. Let's face it, it can be a big and even traumatic event moving to secondary school or moving in to a new secondary school. If this applies to you, please contact your child's tutor or AtHoS as it's very important we know about it and can offer our support.

Attendance

In April 2018 an Ofsted monitoring visit raised attendance as an issue for us. We worked very hard last year to improve matters, and were very successful in getting overall attendance up to national levels, and the number of persistent absentees below national levels. (An aside: "persistent absence" is defined as 90% attendance or below, equivalent to a day off a fortnight. School attendance is one of those areas where achieving 90% is actually a big disappointment!). We were helped enormously by the support of parents/carers, and look to that support again this year. Please be diligent in letting us know if your son or daughter is absent. Please be quick to let us know if there are problems, perhaps health-related or social which is affecting attendance. And our special thanks and best wishes if you have the daily challenge of turving a particularly grumpy teenager out of bed !

.Harry Patch Day

For those new to Clyst Vale, we have been proud to hold a “Harry Patch Day” on 22nd September (this year on Monday 23rd). Some people might be aware of his biography, *The Last Fighting Tommy*. For a time, until his death in 2009, Harry was the oldest-living survivor of the First World War, and had a connection to Clyst Vale through Mrs Padden. We hold Harry Patch Day to keep his memory alive; to keep the memory of World War I alive; to pass on Harry’s message to young people that war is futile and to make the very best of their lives; and to fund raise for the RNLI, Harry’s favourite charity. The 22nd September it was Harry’s personal remembrance day: during the 3rd Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) four mates from Somerset were hit by a shell, three were killed outright and the fourth injured but survived. The survivor was Harry Patch. So, we will be holding an Art competition, a cake sale for staff, and the Sixth Form will dress up, but underneath all this is a powerful educational message.

Spanish Visiting Students

It’s always valuable to broaden horizons and encounter different cultures, so once again we are pleased that 12 students will be joining us from Vigo in Spain. They will be here from Monday 23rd September for three weeks, accompanying Year 10 students to lessons 1-3, after which they will have afternoon activities as a group. It is also important in these difficult political times for young people to realise that they have far more in common with each other than they are different.

Camps International 2021 Expedition

This summer, Clyst Vale students embarked on a potentially life-changing expedition to Tanzania; there were the physical challenges associated with camping in wild terrain and being involved in a building project, plus some downtime and recreation. This is the fourth expedition in which we have been involved; it is not a “school trip” in the usual sense, but we work in partnership with Camps International to facilitate it, organising meetings and fund-raising. Anyway, the next expedition will be in summer 2021, and will be to Costa Rica. Students in Years 10 – 12 (age limits apply) will have information assemblies next week, and there will be a parents’ information evening (no obligations !) on Thursday 26th September at 6.30 pm in Post-16.

Rough Play

Regular readers of the Newsletter will be anticipating this one. It particularly affects boys, especially in Years 7 and 8, almost always involves friendship groups, and is very rarely bullying. Article 19 of the UN Convention protects children from “all forms of violence”, and so as bearers of this duty, we have increased the number of staff supervising at break and lunch times. However, prevention is better than cure, so this is a focus of “Respect” and we regularly remind students how to behave: secondary students are generally able to self-regulate their play if they think about it. We are not at all dismissive or complacent about this, but it is part of an annual cycle coinciding with the start- of-term honeymoon period ending, hormones, changing weather, space in which to run around, a phase of the moon or the approach of the autumn equinox, and this year probably Brexit as well.

The Third Stagecoach

We have a long-standing arrangement with Stagecoach that three buses pick up students at the end of the school day to go to Exeter. This means that students do not need to go to the Dog Village stop, but can remain much safer and supervised on site. Please could parents of Exeter-bound Stagecoach users reinforce this point.

Cycle September/ Bike to Work Week

If you click on this link below, you will be directed to Devon County Council’s “Cycle September” page. You may also be aware that w/b 23rd September is Bike to Work week. I’m always a bit torn about promoting a blanket “cycle to Clyst Vale”: the health and environmental benefits of cycling are obvious and to be celebrated, but the nature of our catchment means that in some areas it is unsafe to cycle (plus a free coach on five miles of lanes is strong competition). The good news is that students do cycle, especially from the direction of Pinhoe and Exeter where some thought has been given to cycle safety; we have enough racks to accommodate a few more, so why not give it a go ?

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/schcomms/sc/072019-6725/>



Dr Bawn

Last update of the season, Bethy had the Southwest Champs this weekend in Bideford, and Wow! was she on fire:

Southwest Male 15-16 Cruiser: 1st

Southwest Male 15: 4th

Southwest Champs Male 15-16 Cruiser: 2nd

Southwest Champs Female 15-16: 2nd

Southwest Champs Female 15-16 Cruiser: SW1

That's it for the 2019 season, Bethy has the next two weekends off and then it's the start of the Winter Season with her 1st race at Manchester-Racing Under the Roof. For the winter series Bethy immediately starts racing on her 2020 age of Female 16

Many thanks for all your support



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GAW	Chloe Anderson-Thorne
7GBA	Archie Jameson
8GSW	Lucy Massey
8GTB	Ellysia Brown & Evie Browning
9GGT	Delphine Pearce
9GDJ	Maddie Grabham
10GHE	Rachel Brown
10GIM	Jack Williams
11GABR	Elijah Holding
11GDH	Robert Davidson

RED SCHOOL

7RAO	Joel Wilson & Dilly Pepper
7RAR	D'Arcy Pearce
8RGG	Ellie Aldridge
9RSJ	Sonny Smith
9RSS	Sophie Pepper
9RTMa	Ruby Worlin & Eliot Sibley
10RCJ	Liam Hudd
10RCM	Alfie Webb
11RZB	Aidan Potter

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJSP	Jessica Anderson
8YNS	Tom Shelton
9YRB	Freya Butler
9YCW	Ramsey Glen & Frankie Apps
10YMBR	Jarred Hancock

LUNCH CLUBS—Monday—Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Mon	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2	N/A	Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library	N/A	Mrs Foulds
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 – Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 – Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	All Years – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Year 11 Child Development – Health & Social Care Course-work Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO1	N/A	Mrs Bennett
Mon	B&V Year 11 Paper 1 Revision	1.30pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Mon	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1	N/A	Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7	N/A	Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 – Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Tues	All Years – Girls Only – Dance/Gym – no weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Needs
Tues	Year 9 & 10 – Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Stapleton
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Art GCSE Coursework/Exam Support Club	Lunchtime	AR3	N/A	Mrs Pieczenko
Tues	Year 10 & 11 - Careers & Work Experience Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room	N/A	Mrs Bennett
Tues	B&V Year 11 Paper 2 Revision	1.30pm	HU1	N/A	Miss Brotherton
Tues	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1	N/A	Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Catch Up (theory or practical)	Lunchtime	DT3	N/A	Mrs Crook
Wed	B&V – KS3 Student Support	Lunchtime	HU1	N/A	Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Information Drop-In	Lunchtime	G31	N/A	Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Week B Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2	N/A	Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drawing Club – Week B	Lunchtime	Library	N/A	Mrs Foulds
Wed	All Years – Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wed	Year 7 & 8 – Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Wed	Year 11 – GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5	N/A	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 10 & 11 - Careers & Work Experience Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room	N/A	Miss Bennett
Wed	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Wed	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1	N/A	Miss Ruscoe
Wed	Yugioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3	N/A	Mr Moxey

LUNCH CLUBS—Thursday— Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	N/A	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	Library	N/A	Mrs Foulds
Thurs	Various Years – Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Stapleton/ Mr Powell & Mrs Broomfield
Thurs	Year 10 (after ½ term) – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Games Club	Lunchtime	HU6	N/A	Miss Jenkins
Thurs	B&V KS4 Student Support	Lunchtime	HU1	N/A	Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2	N/A	Dr Odunlade
Thurs	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Thurs	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3	N/A	Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 11 Science Homework Club	Lunchtime	SC7	N/A	Mrs Serven – taken by P16 students
Fri	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Fri	Week B Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2	N/A	Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Various Years – Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce, Mrs Elliot, Mr Stapleton, Mr Powell & Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3	N/A	Mr Bailey
Fri	Week A Year 9 Baking Club (starting 20 th September)	Lunchtime	DT3	N/A	Mr Krasko
Fri	Week A Year 11 Child Development – Health & Social Care Coursework Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO1	N/A	Mrs Bennett

Rachel Brown and her pony , Kiltown Dreamer, took part in the British Riding Clubs National Horse Trials Championships in Oxfordshire, 3 days of competition starting with a dressage test, followed by roads and tracks , then steeplechase before heading out over a big, solid cross country course and then finishing the final day with the show jumping . Rachel added no faults at all to her dressage score to become the BRC National Junior 100 Champion 2019.



This is an incredible achievement for Rachel and is a testament to all her hard work and perseverance training her pony, many Congratulations!

Mrs Needs

September Marketing Bulletin

Welcome to the September edition of your Marketing Bulletin. We're Caterlink, your School's caterer. We want to let you know about the great offers, promotions, events and deals we have coming up this month - So, in September we have National Cupcake Week, Destination China, British Food Fortnight and our Food Hero for September is Courgette! Meal deals, loyalty cards and product promotions throughout the month.

National Cupcake Week



National Cupcake week falls in September and we are fully prepared by having over twelve different cupcake variations for students to enjoy.

Food Hero Courgette



Courgettes are a great source of Potassium and are great for your heart, making it a great Food Hero for September! We even have a range of recipe ideas including salads and roast accompaniments.

BRITISH FOOD FORTNIGHT



British Food Fortnight celebrates some great British classics such as pies, pasties, your favourite sandwich fillings like traditional ploughmans and egg & cress. Of course we couldn't forget a range of classic desserts including bread and butter pudding and fruit crumble.

DESTINATION CHINA



Students will have an opportunity to try some new adventurous food. We have some fantastic unique flavours for the pupils including Chicken Chow Mein, Egg rice and mini spring roll pots and many more oriental options.

Teamwork – Respect – Enjoyment – Discipline – Sportsmanship



U13 & U15 Girls Rugby
Pitch Up and Play for FREE!
All abilities and Experience
Welcome!

PITCH-UP AND PLAY
GIRLS RUGBY
U13 & U15

- #FUN Games
- #Learn New Skills
- #Make Lots of Friends
- #Keep Fit & Healthy
- #Stay Active

Exeter Saracens RFC	
Sun 15 th September 2019	13:30 – 15:30
Exeter Saracens RFC, Exhibition Fields, Summer Ln, Exeter, EX4 8NT	

Open Sessions for Year 7 & 8 girls of all abilities and experiences. Informal games and introduction from tag to contact

To book a FREE place, contact Nicki Barley
exetersaracensgirls@gmail.com / 07919006140
By Friday 23rd August 2019



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

CHARITY NEWS

Non-Uniform Days – 2019 to 2020

As a Rights Respecting School, we asked the students who they would like to raise money for on our non-uniform days.

This is who they chose and below shows the dates on the new academic year's non-uniform days

- Fri October 18th 2019 – Little Princess Trust
- Fri 20th December 2019 – Young Minds
- Fri 14th February 2020 – Devon Air Ambulance Trust
- Fri 27th March 2020j – Children's Hospice South West

Please also note that we will, as normal, be raising money for the RNLI on Fri 20th September 2019 in memory of Harry Patch Day. This will NOT be a non-uniform day.



Ski Italia

2021



If your child is interested in being part of the next **Ski Trip in 2021**, they need to collect a letter from Dr Turl or Mrs Elliot.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70km of pistes, offering high-altitude snow-sure skiing for everyone, from complete beginners to those who have skied at a high level. The price will be **£1029.00** which includes the following:

- Travel, from Clyst Vale to resort, and return journey (luxury coach fitted with seat belts), plus ferry, together with use of coach whilst in resort
- Ski lessons (morning and afternoon for six days)
- Hire of skis, boots and poles
- Full area lift pass
- Full insurance (including 24 hour Medicare, ski breakage and snow guarantee)
- Full-board accommodation, including hot lunch on the slopes
- Après-ski activities, such as ice-skating, tubing, ski test and presentation evening
- Clyst Vale ski hooded sweatshirt

Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.



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



BROADCLYST

We are a thriving Charter Standard, family friendly youth football club who pride ourselves as one of the primary sports and wellbeing hubs in the village.

We have teams currently at Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups as well as three senior teams.

At present, our U15 squad need some new players and so if you are in school year group 9 or 10, you are in the age category that will qualify for this age group!



If you love football, want to join a team or would like a challenge with a new team, would like to feel part of something special and receive football coaching from FA qualified football coaches, please get in contact.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in contact via the messages on our Facebook/Twitter pages, or text/call Mike on:
07526 762509

Can't wait to hear from you!

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 you will be contacted 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 ring:

Penni Ball (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org



For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@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).
- **All trousers must have Clyst Vale logo rivet on waistband.**
- 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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