

Dear Parents/Carers,

# Year 10 Parents' GCSE Information Evening

What an excellent turn-out! Thank you very much to all parents and carers who braved Tuesday's downpour to hear how GCSE syllabi and accountability has changed, the implications for your children, and how my colleagues at Clyst Vale are doing everything they can to ensure students succeed despite all the changes and increased demands. There is more rigour in all subjects; closed book exams; more problem-solving and application; more memorisation needed; more exams in total; and no controlled assessments or coursework in most non-practical subjects. Therefore, we are starting GCSE work earlier during Year 9; changing approaches to place more focus on memory and revision; familiarising students with the new exam requirements; and seeking to build confidence to reduce the pressures. It also means that we cannot tolerate learning time being wasted by disruptive behaviour, and I believe that this message is sinking in. As I said at the evening, if you're 47+ and sat O-levels, you will have a pretty good idea of the current demands on GCSE students.

## **Education Funding Update**

A mass lobby of Parliament will be held on Tuesday 24 October to tell MPs directly about the impact of real-terms school funding cuts. While introducing a National Funding Formula is a positive move, the amount of funding going into education is simply insufficient.

The additional £1.3bn announced by Justine Greening in July was a step in the right direction, but schools have already suffered huge real-terms cuts and the additional funding is nowhere near enough to prevent the need for further savings. The £1.3bn is also one-off funding split over two years, recycled from elsewhere in the education budget. All it achieves is reduce the real-terms cut from 6.5% to 4.6% between 2015 and 2019 and does nothing to address the woefully inadequate level of funding for 16-19 education .

What can parents do? Write a letter or send a short e-mail to your local MP based on this paragraph, previous Newsletters or letters. I assume that many parents believe that the government must invest more in the future of our young people, and recognise that this issue contributed significantly to the General Election result. I also assume that many parents will expect to see a better deal for schools and colleges in the Budget on 22 November.

### **Deep Learning Day**

For parents new to Clyst Vale, DLDs are days on which the normal timetable is suspended to allow students to pursue activities or themes across a whole day (or sometimes half a day) to "deepen" their learning on that topic. DLDs also allow some curriculum-based trips without disruption to the normal timetable. Further, especially in Years 10 and 11, DLDs are an important delivery mechanism for Course 42, i.e. health, safety, sex and relationships, and careers education. Your child's experience will depend which year s/he is in: Year 7 will have two activities from Languages and Maths; Year 8 Literacy; Year 9 Developing World; Year 10 and 11 Course 42 and Careers; Year 12 will attend "Learn2Live", a fairly harrowing personal safety course aimed at 17-18 year olds. Unless advised otherwise, students should always assume that they are in normal College uniform for DLDs.

### **Spanish Visitors**

We have now said "adios" to thirteen students from Vigo in Spain, who we have been hosting as part of their visit programme to the UK. Our visitors were very impressed with Clyst Vale and appreciated the learning environment, as well as the opportunities that we offer to our students; education is somewhat different in Spain. Special thanks and praise go to our Year 10 "buddies" who escorted our visitors to lessons.

### **Autumn Safety**

Once again, we are pleased to support Devon and Cornwall Police's "Autumn Safety" campaign, and you should have received a letter via the College gateway. The combination of clocks going back and causing darker evenings, Halloween, and fireworks all contribute to an increased risk to safety and of anti-social behaviour. We will, of course, be reinforcing these key messages of keeping yourself safe and respecting your local community, especially the old and vulnerable.

### **Skirt Length**

Just to give notice that we will be having another war against certain skirts after half-term. There are too many skirts which are way too short, especially in Years 9-11. Further, many of these are of stretchy material, making them very tight. As I've said many times before, a skirt is clearly too short if a girl cannot with due dignity get out of a car, alight from a bus, sit in assembly or on the field, get up from a bench in the Giraffe House, or walk up stairs. Half-term is an excellent opportunity to buy a more appropriate skirt.

### **Former Student Jez Burrows**

Jez has written his first book which will be published by Harper Collins in April 2018. Since leaving Clyst Vale in 2006 with A grades in English and Art A-level, Jez has had an amazing career in art, design and graphics. He established an artists' cooperative, has lived in America for a number of years, including working as a graphic designer at Facebook. Successful former students like Jez should be an inspiration to our current students: building on a Clyst Vale education, they have used their talent, vision and determination to achieve some remarkable things. We're always delighted to hear news of our former students.

### **Parent-Governor Vacancies**

You should have received a letter via the College gateway giving full details about the vacancies and election process for being a Parent Governor. To repeat my offer in last week's Newsletter, if any parent or carer would like an informal conversation with one of our current Governors, please contact our Clerk to Governors Deborah Custance-Baker on <u>CustanceBakerD@clystvale.org</u> or 01392 – 463930.

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# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



#### **RED SCHOOL**

7REW	Daniel Johnson
7RTMA	Dylan Parker
8RCJ	Keira Clarke
8RCM	Adam Large
9RZB	Lucy Reed
10RAR	Matthew Wood
10RLA	Immie Hopkinson
11RDH	Jacob Roach
11RGG	Jasmine Maycock

7ҮКНО	Lucy Emeleus	
7YRB	Mia Iglesias	
8YMBR	Dom Boots-Hutchings	
8YJPU	Xander Taylor	
9ҮММ	Rachel Davey	
9үzк	Ben Folland	
10ҮМНІ	Bennedict Shelley	
10YSP	Kim Vanstone	
11YMPR	Shannon McIllroy	
11YNS	Max Lillie	

**YELLOW SCHOOL** 

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GDJ	Charlie Norris & Grace Robson
8GHE	Finley Burston & Lara Gimbuta
8GIM	Megan O'Dell & Oliver Bradley
9GAO	Max Lockyer & Libby Kendall-Torry
9GPE	Alice Sutcliffe & Joe Hartley
10GABR	Jacob Lush & Milly Franklin
10GBA	Josh Urwin-Barrett & Molly Munro
11GNG	Megan White & Rudi Crome



# SPORTS NEWS

# **RUGBY REPORTS**

Year 7 Boys: CVCC 45-35 St Luke's A highly entertaining game was played on Thursday evening in the



sunshine at CVCC, when the Year 7 lads (pictured below left) ran out narrow winners, with a superb squad of 23 players! With a lot of rotation of players during the game, the boys were superb in their attitude and look like they are forming a strong side. This was their second game, after the defeat to King's, Ottery a couple of weeks ago and their next fixture is against Blundell's School on Wednesday.

### Year 7/8 Boys: CVCC 'A' 5-12 CVCC 'B'

With King's Ottery unable to fulfil the Year 8 fixture on Wednesday evening, the decision was made to use the time as a training session with a contact game between nearly 40 players! The hour used was brilliant, with the boys working hard and learning parts of the game which they may not have known before. Men of the match for both sides were Cameron Bowers Barker at scrum half and Josh Worlin in the centre. Well done lads!

> Mr Pearce Teacher of PE

# The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

A Partnership between East & Mid Deven District Councils, Deven & Conwall Police, Deven County Council, Northern, Eastern & Western Deven Clinical Countratoning Group, Dorist, Deven and Conweal Countershy Rehabilitation Company, Deven & Sourcesst Fire & Rescue Service.



Exmouth Police Station, North Street, Exmouth, EX8 1JZ. Tel 01395 273802 Email <u>gmoore@eastdevon.gov.uk</u> 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent or Carer

For a number of years I have been writing to you concerning the Partnership's annual Autumnal Safety Campaign as we continue to remain committed to tackling anti social behaviour in both districts. No doubt many of you will have received a similar letter from me in previous years.

The Campaign is about reducing the anti social behaviour associated with Halloween on 31<sup>st</sup> October, Bonfire Night on 5<sup>th</sup> November and the days leading up to them. Thanks to the cooperation from parents and carers in the past and also with the assistance of local retailers and the Police, I am pleased to say that over the years our campaign has been successful and reports of anti social behaviour in East Devon at the above times of the year, still remain relatively low.

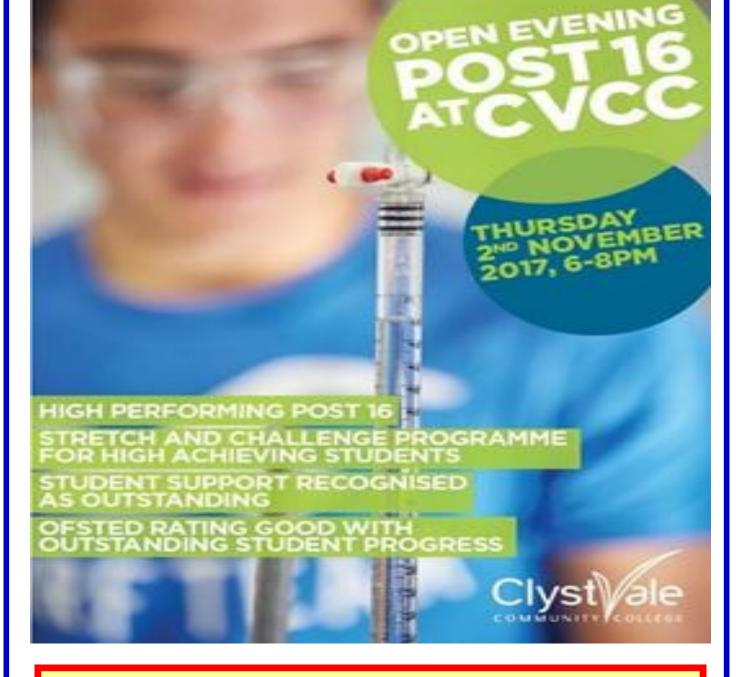
Having said all that there continues to be some incidents involving the throwing of eggs and flour and problems concerning loud fireworks and the misuse of them. It goes without saying that such incidents cause alarm and distress to certain members of the community. Some older and also other vulnerable people do get very frightened by this type of behaviour and again it cannot be emphasised too much the fear even one or two incidents can cause. Many of you have parents, other relatives and friends who are elderly and I feel sure that you would not want them to be alarmed by such irresponsible acts. Once again I ask you to advise your children that this type of activity is anti social as it is likely to cause unnecessary alarm and distress.

'Trick or Treat' under adult supervision is of course acceptable but please be sure of your children's whereabouts if they engage in this activity. Many people still don't like answering the door to callers taking part in this and often get both frightened and concerned.

Police Officers do pay particular attention at this time of the year in order to monitor behaviour but I hope that if we all work together reports of anti social behaviour will continue to remain low.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Moore Gerry Moore Community Safety and Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator



# CHARITY NEWS

The next Non Uniform Day is for Children In Need. This is on <u>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017</u> JUST 50p If you have any fundraising ideas please let me know. Loads of fundraising ideas online!!! Get your thinking Caps on – plenty of time. Thank you for your support.

> Ms Phillips Additional Support

# CALENDAR DATES

Wed 18th Oct	Deep Learning Day & Learn to Live 12.20pm—3.00pm
Fri 20th Oct— 27th Oct	Half Term
Thurs 2nd Nov	6.00 – 8.00 Post 16 Open Evening
Tues 14 Nov	6.30 GCSE Presentation Evening
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need—Non uniform day
Sun 19th Nov	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 1 Dartmoor
Tues 21st Nov	4.30 Y13 Parents' Evening
Thurs 30th Nov	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening (Tutor only)
Mon 4th Dec—Fri 8th Dec	Mocks/practice exams
Sat 9th Dec	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 2 Dartmoor
Tues 12th Dec	4.30 Y8 Parents' Evening
Fri 15th Dec	Non Uniform Day – Alzheimer's Society
Thurs 21st Dec—2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays

# THE RED NOSE DESIGN CHALLENGE Do your pupils have a nose for design?

Are you getting a whiff of some outstanding creativity in your classroom? Perhaps you are on the scent of the next great designers of our time?

Well, here comes a real challenge.

We're sniffing out all the creative geniuses from across the nation to be in with a chance of designing one of the new Noses for Red Nose Day 2019.

FIND OUT HOW TO ENTER THE CHALLENGE NOW AT REDNOSEDAY.COM/NOSES

RND19\_001 Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England and Wales); SC039730 (Scotland).

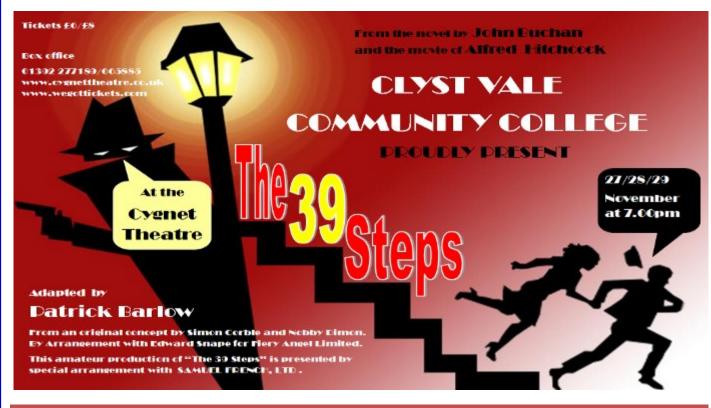


# Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Netball (to start in a few weeks time)	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Needs
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	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
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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
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	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	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	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Surgery - WEEK A	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt
	(Starting after Half Term)				Ms Prance
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 8 & 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
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	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
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	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Girls Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews

# Lunch Clubs—Fri

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Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
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 Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield
					Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden



# Ski Pila 2019

If your child is interested in being part of the next Ski Trip in 2019 they need to collect a letter from Mrs Woolacott or from the folder outside of the PE office.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70kms of pistes offering high altitude, snowsure skiing for everyone from complete beginners to those who have previously skied. The price will be **£969.00** which includes the following:

- Travel from College to resort and return journey (luxury 49 seater 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
- College ski hooded sweatshirt

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





# 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.
- 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

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 <u>all black</u> 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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