



NEWSLETTER

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w/c Mon 16 November
will be Week B

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor
and attended to with diligence—Abigail Adams

Evenings and weekends – reporting of Covid-19 positive test results

As a further precaution, we have introduced a dedicated phone number, solely for reporting positive Covid-19 test results at evenings and weekends.

The number is:

07818 212 931

It is not for suspected cases, non-Covid-19 illness or absence, and is not an advice line.

We would prefer you to text positive Covid-19 test result information to this number, including:

Name of student

Student's tutor group

Date symptoms appeared

Dear Parents and Carers,

Out-of-hours reporting of positive covid test results

In case you missed the tiny box above, we have introduced an out-of-hours contact number just for reporting positive test results, nothing else. It's sort of reverse psychology: hopefully by having the number it will never be needed, but if we don't have the number.....

So, what's happened this week ?

We have had three positive cases of covid in Year 9. A student in Year 9 got a positive covid test result on Sunday, and I followed set procedures by speaking to the health authorities. On Monday after talking to the health authorities again, it was decided all of Year 9 needed to self isolate for 14 days from the start of the student's symptoms. Students on the school transport bus which the student uses also had to self isolate. All of these students went home during Monday. A second student in Year 9 was tested on Monday, the day Year 9 went home, but came into school as they had no symptoms.

This was a routine test before a medical appointment. The student had no symptoms, was well and therefore it was a big surprise that the result on Tuesday was positive. Year 9 were already at home, but 14 days from the test date for this second student means that the isolation had to be extended to 23rd November (back on 24th). A third student in Year 9 also tested positive, but as they had not been in College since Monday there is no need to extend the isolation period. Neither of these two students used a bus for transport, so there were no close contacts in other years.

It would be wrong for me to pretend that this is all fine; while students are extremely unlikely to become very ill themselves, and treatment is better and much more successful than back in March, for some families the thought of transmission is deeply concerning. Local rates are below national averages, but have been gently increasing. Within College, we have had remarkably few covid incidents, with under twenty positive cases in household members since the start of term. All very well, but we had three cases this week, and this has brought home the seriousness of the situation. I had a long interview with the Health Protection Team about the measures we have in place, and they were satisfied that we were doing a good job; that said, we will be tightening up further if possible, and being even more robust in our reminders.

Face Coverings

Which brings me to face coverings. We all know that teenagers can have selective hearing, remembering the bits they wish to remember. So, while students can take their coverings off to eat at break and lunchtime, this is not the same as masks don't have to be worn at all at break and lunchtime. I repeat last week's message: coverings should be worn at all times from arriving at College to leaving at 3.20. Except for lessons. Except for eating. And except for students who are outdoors *and* socially distanced from each other. It is a daily challenge to explain that students even in the same year group bubble should, whenever they can, be at least a metre away from each other and ideally two.

Visitors to Schools

Devon County Council has clarified government guidance for all schools as follows:

“Schools and settings should restrict all visits to those that are absolutely necessary. However, new national coronavirus restrictions make provision for public sector workers, including those in education settings, to continue to go into work. It is vital that contractors who need to conduct essential maintenance and staff providing specific support for children with SEND are given appropriate access. Please also note that Trainee teachers are critical workers and able to go on placement in schools.”

So, unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the period of lockdown meetings with parents will be virtual or by phone, and other visitors to the College will be actively discouraged.

Sixth Form Section

- The Post-16 promotional video and materials for the virtual Open Evening can be found on the website. The video is excellent, and many thanks go to AirOriginal for producing it under the direction of Miss Haynes, Head of Sixth Form. With the range of opportunity, small classes, and phenomenal individual support, I sometimes don't understand the attraction of other providers offering the same courses.
- Year 13 students have had the results of their exams, with some students doing particularly well. Tutors and teachers are working through appropriate support, and there is a (virtual) parents' evening next week. The effects of lockdown have not been too bad, although inevitably at an individual level some students have been set back in terms of exam practice and confidence. Overall, students have coped really well, and the summer lessons attended by the majority were very useful (according to students).

- Further support for Year 13 has been through a session on addressing anxiety and stress; and study skills input from “Exams Made Easy” - both were well reviewed by students.
- The deadline for applying for university has passed, and the majority of Year 13 have applied. Six students have applied either for Oxbridge, Medicine or Veterinary Science. Two have applied for Medicine at Exeter and referenced the Devon Healthcare Hub which we hosted in partnership with Exeter Medical School last year, but is currently in suspension through covid.

Free School Meal parcels during isolation

Thanks to Caterlink, our caterers, food parcels have been prepared for students who receive free school meals but who are in isolation because of covid. Members of staff have provided a home delivery service.

Period Poverty

This is a major issue among young people, and rightly so. There’s a tendency to think that it’s only in less developed countries that girls’ education is affected by the lack of sanitary products, but this is not the case at all. During the first lockdown we provided items to families who were in genuine need, and East Devon is not generally regarded as a deprived area. As part of a national day of action yesterday, there was a “period product” giveaway to Years 10 and 11 students. It is not just a matter of the products themselves, but also of raising awareness.

Clyst Vale Public Library

We have been notified that because of the positive cases this week, the Public Library will be closed to the public until Y9 returns on Tuesday 24th November.

Thank you very much for your messages of support this week. We are trying our very best in difficult times, and these have been greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Kevin Bawn
Principal

Period Poverty Initiative

You may be aware of the governments support to give free period product to students which has been highlighted in the media. Despite the government running this scheme only 40% of schools have signed up. Naturally, at CVCC we have ordered period products for the students and are fully supportive of raising awareness throughout the school. Students can access products in the toilets, and we are giving away packs of products to students during the next few weeks.



We are also keen to promote awareness of the variety of period products on the market. We have found most students use sanitary pads but are often concerned about the environmental impact. The website below provides vital information about all the environmentally friendly products which are available which parents may also find educational. We will be doing more work on this throughout the year in the course 42 curriculum.

<https://www.citytosea.org.uk/campaign/plastic-free-periods/products/> (<https://www.citytosea.org.uk/campaign/plastic-free-periods/products/>)

Plastic-free Period Products | City to Sea | Making the switch (<https://www.citytosea.org.uk/campaign/plastic-free-periods/products/>)

Explore the amazing brands on the market offering a full range of plastic-free period products. Here are some discount codes to get you started.

www.citytosea.org.uk (<http://www.citytosea.org.uk>)

Mrs Bennett
Head of Course 42 (PSHE) and Child Development
Careers Lead

Movember

Throughout this month a number of members of the CVCC male staff are seeking to promote awareness to Prostate and Testicular Cancer by allowing their moustaches to grow. It is simply an opportunity to start a conversation around the issue and we are not seeking to raise funds this year.



If you are (un)fortunate enough to meet with myself, Mr Pearce, Mr Stapleton or Mr Brooks virtually or otherwise you may well be startled by the transformation! For further information:-

https://uk.movember.com/get-involved/give-monthly?gclid=EAlaIQobChMII-nmttf87AIVTbTtCh3d6QLiEAYASAAEgIK4_D_BwE (https://uk.movember.com/get-involved/give-monthly?gclid=EAlaIQobChMII-nmttf87AIVTbTtCh3d6QLiEAYASAAEgIK4_D_BwE)

Mr J Powell
Head of PE

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:

Penni Ball/Sharon Leaman (Attendance Officers)

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



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YEM	Kya Letheren
7YPN	Anna Ryan
8YDS	Alex Glassborow
8YSP	Isabelle Bradley
9YNS	Tom Shelton
10YCW	Frankie Apps
10YRB	Maya Barton
11YMBR	
11YZKH	Xander Taylor

RED SCHOOL

7RHPI	Pawel Wlodarski
7RZB	Gabe Snell
8RAO	Lily Christopher
8RAR	Amelie Quinnell
9RER	Joa Cassap
10RSS	Tom Brooking
10RTMA	Freya Berrisford
11RCM	Adam Dodd
11RGK	Jed Rogers

GREEN SCHOOL

7GABR	Callum Voysey
7GDH	Molly Southard
8GAW	Samuel Greenaway
8GBA	Finley Southard
9GSW	Georgie Taylor
9GNB	Isla Cowie
10GGT	Livvy Carter
10GMN	Cody Crew
11GHE	Jack Kingston
11GIM	Mia Sobey

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 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.

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 19 November	Y13 Parents' Evening (virtual)
w/b 30 November - all week	Y11 Mocks
Fri 04 December	Y12 Geography Fieldwork
Sat 05 & Sun 06 December	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event
w/b Mon 07 December - all week	Y13 Mocks
Tues 08 December	Y8 Parents' Evening (virtual)
Fri 11 December	Human Rights Day
Sun 13 December	D of E Gold Y12 Dartmoor Day Walk
Weds 16 December 7pm - 9pm (tbc)	Christmas Carol Service, Whimple Church
Fri 18 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM St Petrock's - Non-Uniform Day
2021	
Tues 5th January	Start of Spring Term
Fri 12th February	Force Cancer - Non-Uniform Day
Mon 15th - Fri 19th February	Half Term
Thurs 1st April	Last Day of Spring Term
Tues 20th April	Start of Summer Term
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June	Half Term
Fri 23rd July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM Water Aid - Non-Uniform Day

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