



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action."

Herbert Spencer

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Changes and Reminders

Blimey, it's hard work keeping up with all the national changes at the moment. Like a strange version of musical chairs, this is where the music has temporarily stopped for the moment:

- Please keep up twice-weekly testing, and report results to TestRegister and to the gov.uk website. This is more important than ever.
- If you/ your child has covid symptoms (the "old" ones – high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell) *please get a PCR test* and isolate until the result is known. There is now no need to have a LFT first and then get a confirmatory PCR.
- If you/ your child has a positive LFT result, please isolate.
- Whether PCR or LFT, the test date counts as Day Zero unless advised otherwise by NHS. Isolation can end after two negative LFTs; the earliest is on Day Six if tests on Day Five and first thing on Day Six are both negative.
- If, say, Day Five is positive, but Days Six and Seven are negative, isolation ends on day Seven. And so on.

There is no requirement for any person with a LFT positive to take a PCR unless

- They wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- They have a health condition which may be suitable for new coronavirus treatments
- They are taking lateral flow device tests (LFTs) as part of research or surveillance programmes, and the programme asks them to do so
- They have a positive day two LFT after arriving in England

Students are still recommended to wear masks indoors, including in class (unless exempt). This will be subject to national review from 26th January.

Government, NHS and Public Health are all strongly encouraging parents/carers to get their children vaccinated or have a second jab. This will be provided in schools, but possibly not until April, so parents are being encouraged to use local vaccination centres.

Despite national horror stories, we have only fourteen students (1.4%) and two colleagues (1.6%) currently isolating. This is good news as it means almost everything is proceeding almost normally, with a few

exceptions such as mask-wearing and not holding large gatherings. However, there is that nagging worry that this could change significantly within 48 hours...I have ordered extra lucky horseshoes.

Year 9 Options Evening

A separate letter has been sent to Year 9 parents and carers about the options process and all the various events ! Regrettably we have decided to make the Options Evening itself a virtual event rather than face-to-face in College. This is against a background of rising local covid rates (albeit still below national numbers), and all East Devon schools adopting the same approach. Our case numbers are currently low (fingers crossed behind back), and it would be great if they stayed low.

Year 11 Parents Evening, Thursday 20th January

It's very heartening that nearly 80% of parents/carers have made bookings, but there is still some teacher availability and time to make bookings. [SchoolCloud - Clyst Vale Community College](#) It has now become an established pattern that parents' evenings are virtual, and next Thursday will be no different. This parents' evening is deliberately timed between the mock exams and exam entries (end of January), with four months before GCSEs which is ample time for students to turn things round if this is what is needed.

Parents' Evenings in General

If parents' evenings were face-to-face, then all electrical equipment and phones would be switched off out of courtesy. It would be greatly appreciated by my colleagues and I if this is also observed for virtual parents' meetings, particularly by students/children who are in attendance.

Sixth Form News

Year 13 are building up towards their mocks starting on 31st Jan; Year 12 students who are entered for AS exams this summer also have an assessment "window" at the same time.

The final UCAS deadline is fast approaching, and thank you to my A-level/BTec3 teaching colleagues and the Sixth Form team for all their work in supporting our highly talented students.

I mentioned the alumni careers project last week; applications close today from Year 12 students to join the scheme and be mentored by a successful ex-CVCC student.

Applications for current Year 11 students are now coming in steadily. We have a large Year 11 cohort and are anticipating a good take up. If students or you have questions, please direct them to subject teachers or, if more general, to Miss Haynes: haynesc@clystvale.org

Attendance

All parents/carers will have received a separate letter about attendance. As the letter states, "attendance has a direct link to attainment. If a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them"; this includes improving self-esteem, social development, a sense of community and belonging, social, behavioural and communication skills, and helps prepare for adult life.

Hardly surprisingly, school attendance nationally has taken a pasting during the pandemic and lockdowns, with some students and families finding it hard to re-engage. This has become a priority for the DfE, rightly so as students with SEND and from disadvantaged families are disproportionately affected.

Therefore, for the moral and educational reasons in the first bullet point, and because of national priorities, schools are expected to "up our game" both in terms of supporting but also chasing families where children's attendance is poor. I know that one or two parents have been a bit upset to receive an official letter, but this is what we are expected to do. If the letter then prompts a discussion about further support, then it's done its job.

Stagecoach to Bradninch and Cullompton

Problems resurfaced this week with the non-arrival of the bus on Monday and Tuesday. It turns out that driver illness and shortage was the problem on Monday, a serious lorry fire on the route on Tuesday caused up to 90 minute delays. Stagecoach have assured us that these were two one-offs, by sheer bad luck on successive days. The service is now back to normal, and the bus pulls into the College so students don't have to cross the B3181 and wait.

What are your children eating ?

This week we've rolled out a new feature in Edulink that allows parents / carers to look at the purchase history of students. Clicking the catering button in Edulink will now provide you will a detailed breakdown of what's been purchased and when as well as providing the current balance.

Date & Time	Item	Amount
13:35 06/01/2022	LARGE HOT DRINK	€-1.90
13:35 06/01/2022	MEDIUM HOT DRINK	€-1.55
13:35 06/01/2022	MISC	€-2.05
11:29 04/01/2022	Opening Balance	€11.04

At present, unfortunately, there is no change to the way student balances can be topped up but Edulink tell us they are currently looking at this with a view to possible future integration.



Kevin Bawn
Principal



PE DEPARTMENT

SPORTS CLUBS SPRING TERM 2022



MONDAY				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
Y9-13	Badminton	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Y10-11	Btec/GCSE Dance	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Y10-11	Weights/Fitness	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
All	FIFA Tournament	Meeting Rm 2	-	Mr Stapleton

MONDAY- AFTER SCHOOL				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
Y7	Netball	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs, Chloe Elliot
All	FIFA Tournament	Meeting Rm 2	-	Mr Stapleton

TUESDAY				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
Y7,8 & 9	Basketball	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Y7,8 & 9	Dance	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Y10-11	Weights	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
All	Fifa Tournament	Meeting Rm 2	-	Mr Stapleton

WEDNESDAY				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
Y7 & 8	Badminton	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

WEDNESDAY- AFTER SCHOOL				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
All Years	Football	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce, Mr Powell, Mr Stapleton, Miss Hall
Y10-11	Netball	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot, Libby Windle
Y10-11	Btec/GCSE Catch Up	IT3	-	Mrs Broomfield and Mr Pearce

THURSDAY				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
Y11	Indoor Football	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Y7 & 8	Football	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Powell
Y11	Roslyn Park 7s	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Y9	Netball	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield

THURSDAY- AFTER SCHOOL				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
Years 8	Netball	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield, Miss Hall

FRIDAY				
Year	Activity	Area	Changing Room	Teacher
Various	Inter-tutor	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield
Post 16	Indoor Football	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Extend Yourself - Improve Your Fitness - Make New Friends

LUNCH CLUBS

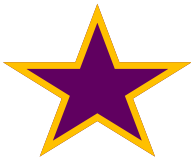
Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 BTEC/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Fitness	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battishill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		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 Waty/Mrs Battishill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
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 Catch Up	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 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Rosslyn Park 7s	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimble
Thursday	Yogiolo Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sat 15 January	DofE Overnight 1: Bronze
Thurs 20 January	Y11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Mon 24 January	Y11 Presentation of GCSE Drama Work for Parents 6pm - 7.30pm
Tues 25 January	Y9 Options Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
Thurs 27 January	Y10/Y11 Trip to Southall Gurdwara
w/b Mon 31 January	Y13 Mock Exams
Sat 5 February	DofE Overnight 2: Bronze All day
Thurs 17 February	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Fri 18 February	Y9 Options Fair
Mon 21 - Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM
Mon 28 February	Y11 Food Practical Exams
Tues 1 March	Y11 Food Practical Exams
w/b Mon 7 March	Y11 GCSE Assessment Week
Sat 12 March	DofE/Ten Tors Overnight 3
Mon 14 & Tue 15 March	Further Y11 GCSE Assessment
Thur 17, Fri 18, Mon 21 & Tue 22 March	Y13 Assessments
Wed 23 - Fri 25 March	Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s Tournament
Fri 25 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sat 26 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sun 27 March	Production: rehearsal in school Half day
Mon 28 March	Production: technical rehearsal & evening dress rehearsal (principals only) 9am - 10pm
Mon 28 March	Production: remaining cast to join rehearsal 5.30pm -10pm
Tues 29 March - Fri 01 April	Legally Blonde - Musical Production
Tues 05 April	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Wed 06 April - Wed 20 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Dulcie Hill
7GIM	No permission to publish name
8GABR	Guy Earnshaw
8GDH	No permission to publish name
9GAW	Isabella Fry
9GBA	Ethan Board
10GHE	No permission to publish name
10GSW	Daniel Thorpe
11GGT	Liv Carter & Joe Pipe
11GMN	Mia Blackmore

RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Rosie Hamilton
7RHSP	No permission to publish name
8RZB	Millie Jenner
8RSGA	No permission to publish name
9RMAH	No permission to publish name
9RAO	No permission to publish name
10RER	James Rowe
10RGG	No permission to publish name
11RTMA	No permission to publish name
11RSS	Sophie Cherry / Paris Prout

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YMBR	Sophia Morley
7YTZI	Vanessa Zuczek
8YSSC	No nomination given
8YPNE	Jak Gould
9YDST	No nomination given
9YSP	No nomination given
10YMPR	No nomination given
10YNS	Poppy Howe-Roland
11YCW	Kya Godbeer
11YRB	Will Back

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 Maria Murch on 01392 462697

Email: murchm@clystvale.org

copying in: 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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