



NEWSLETTER

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT
'Words change worlds' Pam Allyn - LitWorld

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 Parents Evening, Tuesday 12th March

Thank you very much indeed to parents and carers of Year 10 students who attended Tuesday's Parents' Evening. It was a very good turnout of over 75%, although non-stop Brexit coverage on TV that evening may have helped.....

This parents evening falls approximately a third of the way through the two-year GCSE courses, with next year's Year 11 evening roughly two-thirds of the way. So, it's a good time to take stock; Year 10 will have their exams in three weeks' time followed by a Progress Report, and their written report at the end of next term. What I'm trying to say is that there are frequent opportunities for parents and carers to keep tabs on their child's progress, and nudge them accordingly. Tuesday was a good evening, with the customary positive atmosphere. In general, Year 10 may be slightly fewer in number than other year groups, but they seem to be shaping up very nicely. Right now they need to be thinking about their exams, and teachers will be giving advice on preparation, which topics to focus on, and revision techniques. GCSE Pod is also highly recommended as a short, sharp method of revision and students should definitely explore it.

Year 11 Practice Exams

These have gone very successfully, with students showing a good, positive approach. As well as being an important indicator for English and Maths teachers, it's helpful for the students to experience the exam routine and be able to visualise the forthcoming exam environment.

BAME Mental Health Project

We have been invited to work in partnership with CAMHS, Devon Development Education and The Global Centre, and are hosting a series of workshops to help CAMHS be better at engaging with young people from BAME (black, Asian and minority ethnic) communities in Devon, with a view to CAMHS improving their support for BAME children and young people, as well as letting these communities know more about CAMHS and what the service does. I am delighted to report that eight of our students are engaging with this, which is a great opportunity to work alongside mental health practitioners, and really put their voice across. Thank you to Mrs Rogers for her coordination.

Parent Group, 13th March

Wednesday's Parent Group meeting was interesting, useful, well-attended and lively. Four College Governors presented a progress update on the 5-Year Plan for the College and contributed to a good debate. One of the strands of the Plan is to increase parental involvement with the College, and this does not mean just through a PTFA or fundraising. There were many useful ideas, including "task and finish" working parties on a particular project which would benefit the College, which parents could commit to as a one-off. There would still be fundraising, but for one targeted project. And there was a strong feeling that the Parent Information Evenings be continued on issues chosen by parents. Early days, with a lot of detail to be considered, but a very positive, supportive and forward-looking meeting. My thanks to everyone who attended !

The Gideons: advance notice

The Gideons organisation will be coming to Clyst Vale on Friday 26th April 2019. They will give a pocket-size New Testament to any Year 7 student who is happy to receive one. The assembly will be Christian in tone, but will not include any act of worship; the content is largely about the work of the Gideons and the importance of the Bible to Christians. It is important to remember that we are not a faith school, and recognise all faiths and none. Therefore, if you do not wish your son or daughter to attend the Gideons Assembly, or alternatively are happy for them to attend the assembly but do not want them to receive a New Testament, please let the relevant AtHoS (Assistant to Head of School) know.

Impact of funding cuts on Clyst Vale

After last week's comments about school funding, some parents have asked me about the impact of the cuts on Clyst Vale. In a way, this is quite tricky to write about, as it's easy to create a false impression of many cuts, implying that everything is awful and we're disappearing into a black hole. In fact, I believe that we have managed very well. The story is complicated because we have also had a period of declining student numbers through demographics, which are now beginning to build again, but has meant that the impact of cuts are mixed with other reductions.

We have tried to minimise the impact on students in the classroom. So, we have lost two senior leaders and may not replace a third; our support staff has been reduced over three years, and we have also not replaced teaching assistants. Maintenance and replacement programmes have been pushed back to four or even five year cycles. Our site is quite "lived-in", but we have no spare money to refresh it. Inevitably, there has been some impact on the curriculum: most groups remain under 30 students, but there has been an increase in average group size, the most notable example being in last year's Year 8. We have also had to trim option courses in Year 10, and especially Year 12 (we used to offer 23 level 3 courses, but now it's 15). Teaching staffing has reduced, too, and with fewer teachers the timetable is harder to construct; again, we have managed well, protecting specialist teaching at GCSE and most of Years 7-9, but there has been an increase in non-specialist teachers in lower years. We run a very good range of extra-curricular activities to enrich the whole curriculum, thanks to the goodwill and commitment of my colleagues, but the total number of activities, especially at lunchtime, has fallen in proportion to declining staff numbers. The cuts to external services which support schools also has an impact: we are coping with students who previously would have had external help. This has a hidden implication in that my colleagues are expected to do more with less, and the sort of students who access external support are more likely to need more time, care and support. There are plenty of schools in a much worse plight – I have not had to clean the toilets to save cash (yet) – but that's not really the point. The education funding system needs addressing: we're very good at making ends meet at Clyst Vale, and if our students were funded at the national average we would not have had to make even half of the cuts listed above.

Buses: "no pass no travel"

It might be reminiscent of a slogan from the Second World War, but Devon Transport's message is perfectly clear. Drivers should not allow a student to travel on a CV bus without her/his pass. On Monday, Transport held a check which went pretty well: the vast majority of students had passes. Even better was the feedback we received from Matt Joll, the Coordinator: "I wanted to send you an email showing our appreciation for the warm welcome, help and support we received yesterday..... All students were polite, respectful and presented passes when requested, also helpful when it came to finding their names on the list." This says a lot about the qualities of my colleagues who helped out, and our excellent students.



Best wishes,

Dr Bawn

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



CHARITY NEWS

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 5th April

The non-uniform day on Friday 5th April will be in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

For more information on the work of this charity please see the website:

www.guidedogs.org.uk

Ms Phillips

Additional Support



MARCH MARKETING BULLETIN

Welcome to the March 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 February we have International Waffle day, Pancake Day, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day, British Pie Week, Time for a Cuppa Week, Food Hero: Leeks and the latest stop on your food journey is Destination India. Meal deals, loyalty cards and product promotions throughout the month.

INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY



Celebrate at your school with a selection of topped waffles. These include, Fresh fruit, sauces, bacon plus much more!

PANCAKE DAY



Shrove Tuesday is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday, which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. We have a selection of sweet and savoury pancakes on offer!

Food Hero Leek



Leeks are versatile, tasty, and easy to prepare, making them a great Food Hero for March! Our recipes include leek & potato cakes, chicken & leek pie, leek slaw and much more.

DESTINATION india



Pupils will have an opportunity to try some ever popular food. We have some fantastic unique flavours for the pupils including a Curry counter, fresh herbs and spices and an assortment of curry style sandwiches!

ST PATRICK'S DAY



St Patrick's Day will be celebrated with all things green! Including, Peppers, limes, apples, leeks, celery and plenty of flavour, along with some Irish classics.

BRITISH PIE WEEK



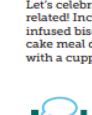
Let's celebrate the Great British Pie! Whether it is Savoury or Sweet, Shortcrust, Puff, Filo, Ruff Puff. With a bottom and top or just a top, Loaded with Potato, it's still a Pie....

ST DAVID'S DAY



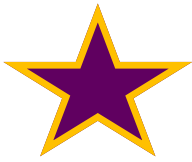
St David's Day will be celebrated with a variety of Welsh culture, including rarebit muffins, Welsh cakes, Shepherd's pie and much more.

TIME FOR A CUPPA WEEK

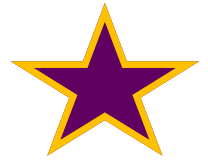


Let's celebrate everything tea related! Including iced tea, tea infused biscuits and a tea and cake meal deal. Have a break with a cuppa!

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Daisy Monnery
7YMPR	Lexie Pym
8YRB	Katie Williams
8YKHO	Kayleigh Martin
9YMBR	Sam Clark
9YJPU	Lara Anning
10YMM	Emily Taylor
10YZK	Harrison Ware
11YSP	Fin Graham
11YMHI	Ben Parsons

RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Annabelle Davies
7RHCH	Imogen Pearce
8RHC	Rhys Burt-Jones
8RTMA	Olivia Ford & Evie Lunn
9RCJ	Summer Harlow
9RCM	Jacob Thomas
10RZB	Louie Gray
11RAR	Jasmine Daniels
11RLA	Sam Cornish

GREEN SCHOOL

7GTB	Killian Haylock & Rachel Lowres
7GSW	Olivia Lush & Gerogie Taylor
8GDJ	Ruby Davidson & Charlie Norman
10GPE	Chloe Elliott, Leon Mercadal, Sam
11GBA	Molly Munro & Jake Wall
11GABR	Jacob Lush & Millie Franklin

Year 11 Prom

This event is being held at Reed Hall, University of Exeter on Friday 28th June 2019. The ticket cost is £29.50 which includes a mocktail on arrival, a food and sweet buffet, disco and photographs. Payment can be made online through the Schoolcomms online payment system – www.schoolgateway.com - which can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>.

Payment must be made by Friday 24th May 2019.

We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30 pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00 pm. The evening will finish at 11.00 pm and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter.

Miss Prunty

Attenborough's Army tree planting project

Earlier in the year, Attenborough's Army (Eco club), raised nearly £100 holding a book fair. We have used some of the money to purchase two trees which we have planted over the last couple of weeks. We planted a Bramley Apple and a Cherry tree in the wildlife garden.

We hope that they will attract insects and birds. We also used some of the money to buy more bird feeders and bird food.

Our next project is to create a wildflower patch. We hope these projects will inspire other students to join the group and make a difference to protect our environment.

Miss Matthews
History Teacher



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



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

LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Mon (Week A & B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	All Years – Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Year 10 & 11 – Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Mon	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Mon	Week A – ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Tues	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	Maths Rooms		All Maths except Dr Turl
Tues	Year 11 Top Set Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Week A – Assembly/ Concert/Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues (Week A)	Year 10/11 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues (Week B)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up		IT4		
Tues	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10, 11 & Post 16 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	All Years Dance	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Gardening Club	1.30pm	By the greenhouse		Mrs Morgan
Wed	Year 11 French GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Week A – General Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drug & Alcohol Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 12 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA4		Miss Prance/Dr Turl
Wed (Week A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wed (Week B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wed	Week B - ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Wed	Year 9 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed	KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Wed	Week A – Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews

LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM continued

Thurs	Week B - Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Thurs	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thurs	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Hula Hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Thurs	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/ Mr Powell
Thurs (Week A)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs (Week B)	Year 10 Food Practical		DT3		
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	KS4 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 9 Netball Club	1.40pm	Netball Courts		Mrs Elliot
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	KS4 Photography Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Food Tech - Drop In Homework	1.40pm to 2.10pm	DT4		Mrs Routledge
Fri	GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Fri	GCSE Netball Practice	1.40pm	Netball Courts		Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Week A – Assembly/ Concert/Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Dance	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Fri	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/ Mr Powell

Library Opening Hours

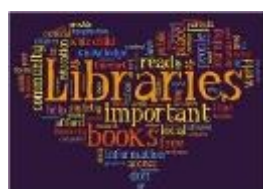
The library is open from 8.45am - 3.45pm on Mon, Wed & Fri.


PLEASE NOTE: The library will be closed every Tues and Thurs

The library is open to the public on:


- Mon & Wed - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

- Thurs 4.00pm - 6.00pm





NETBALL CLUBS



YEAR 9, 10 & 11
MONDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM

YEAR 7 & 8
THURSDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM

CALENDAR DATES

SPRING TERM 2019	
Thur 21 March	Y8 Bude Information Evening 6.00 - 7.30
Wed 20 - Fri 22 March	Y12 Geography Residential - Dorset
Fri 29 March	Take Your Child to Work Day
Thurs 4 April	PE Sports Awards Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Fri 5 April 2019	Non-Uniform Day (Guide Dogs for the Blind) LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
SUMMER TERM 2019	
Wed 24 April 2019	START OF SUMMER TERM
Sat 27 - Sun 28 April	Ten Tors Practice Weekend
Thurs 2 May	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.15
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30
Fri 10 - Sun 12 May	Ten Tors Main Event
Fri 24 May	Y11 and Y13 Study Leave Starts
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019	SUMMER HALF TERM
Wed 12 June	Y6 Non Feeder Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Fri 28 June	Y11 Prom 6.00 - 11.00
Mon 8 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Tues 9 July	Sports Day
Fri 12 July	Y12 Final Day
Mon 15 July - Fri 19 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Thurs 18 - Sun 21 July	Y12 Gold D of E Practice
Fri 19 July 2019	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

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.
- 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 in the summer.
- 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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