



NEWSLETTER

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"Everything has beauty but not everyone see it"

Confucius

Dear Parents/Carers

OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening is on Tuesday, 19th September at 6.00 p.m. (and "Open Week" tours in the week beginning 2nd October). If you are reading this, then clearly you have made the very wise decision to send your child or children to Clyst Vale, but please spread the word to friends, family or neighbours! Word of mouth recommendation is extremely powerful.

Harry Patch Day

At around 10.30 p.m. on 22nd September 1917, a shell exploded in No Man's Land during the Battle of Passchendaele; among the casualties were four mates, three of whom were killed outright and the fourth injured. The wounded man was Harry Patch, who would become the oldest-living survivor of the First World War, and who had a connection to Clyst Vale through Mrs Padden. Like many of his generation, Harry did not speak about his experiences for a very long time: in his case, not until he had reached his 100th birthday. For Harry Patch, understandably, the 22nd September was his personal remembrance day. Harry died in 2009, and since then Clyst Vale has been proud to hold a "Harry Patch Day" on 22nd September, 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, denied to so many young men in the world wars; and to fund raise for the RNLI, Harry's favourite charity.

Next Friday is a particularly special day, being the 100th anniversary of Harry's personal remembrance day. Mrs Padden has done an unbelievable job in seeking support from local garden centres and organisations so that a peace garden will be planted on the Clyst Vale site. This will include a wide variety of flowers, plants and ornaments to represent or symbolise all of the nations on both sides of the Great War who fought each other at Passchendaele. I know that Mrs Padden will be quick to praise and thank all of her colleagues, students and organisations who have supported her, but we all know who is the lynchpin and driving force!

Home Learning Study Club ("Homework Club")

A reminder to parents/carers that we offer a supervised Homework Club on every Monday to Thursday at both lunchtime (1.30 – 2.15) and after school (3.30 – 4.45) in IT1.

HPV letter

Lucy Harries, Screening and Immunisation Manager of Public Health England has written to all schools following concerns over the HPV vaccine. We will forward the full letter to parents of Year 8 and 9 girls. Here is an extract:

“Extensive reviews of HPV vaccine have concluded that the vaccine has an excellent safety record and does not cause a range of chronic illnesses.

The HPV vaccine for girls aged 11 to 13 years helps protect against cervical cancer. Almost all UK women under 25 and millions of girls worldwide have received the vaccine. There is already evidence ...that the vaccine is making a difference. We expect it to eventually prevent hundreds of cancer deaths every year in the UK. Further information on HPV vaccine is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/628711/HPV_leaflet.pdf

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccination-and-cervical-cancer-addressing-the-myths>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-hpv-vaccine-beating-cervical-cancer-questions-and-answers>

Please contact the Screening and immunisation team should you have any further concerns, england.southwestscrimms@nhs.net “.

Smartphone Use and Misuse

Smartphones and Social Media are powerful tools. They can be used thoughtfully in school settings in many positive ways, but can also do enormous damage to a school’s reputation. Increasingly, like all schools, we’re seeing things photographed or filmed shared later either through social media or through direct Bluetooth connections such as Airdrop.

One of the fundamental principles of social media – and in fact older technologies – is that you should never record or photograph anyone without their permission, let alone post or publish that image or recording. This is on the increase, too. Some of this activity is a safeguarding concern; some may be illegal; and some of it is plainly unfair and damaging.

Unlike a large number of schools we’ve never taken the decision to ban mobile phones. We believe that our semi-rural catchment means parents feel more secure knowing that children can use phones on the way to or from school. In addition, these devices are increasingly being used positively, to record homework or instructions from the board, to record multimedia clips or to access the social media feeds of some departments. Some students have configured their phones to receive and access their College email and calendar. We also have a duty to prepare students for future life, which includes responsible use of technology; a blanket ban would contradict this ethos.

Please reinforce the message that it is wrong to take photos or film without permission, and even more wrong to post. We will not be banning phones. However, we are considering banning phones for individual students who misuse them in such a way that the College is brought into disrepute.

Minecraft “Better Together”

More technology.....Minecraft is incredibly popular, and will be high on the list in letters to Santa. We like it, and offer Minecraft clubs as a lunchtime activity. This new version, “Better Together” unifies Minecraft across all platforms, so a PC user could play against someone on an X-box. I mention it because parents/carers should be aware that there are significant changes. Unifying the platforms means that there will be many more people seeking to play on-line, with all the possible safeguarding issues. Reviews report that the new version has better parental controls, but of course these need to be applied; and there is a greater opportunity for “microtransactions” within the game using a new Minecraft coinage, which could lead to credit card bills!

The morning drop-off

Thank you to parents who are using the drop off lane and pulling up to where the sign is going to be (by the old concrete posts). As I've explained before, we are trying to reduce the number of students meandering across the yellow hatches in front of incoming traffic, and give that traffic more of a chance to see them as they cross further down the coach park. It'll take a while, as old habits die hard and many parents are used to dropping at the first available opportunity, but thank you if you have cottoned on to this quickly.

Stagecoach and Bus Stops

There is no need for students to use the Dog Village bus stop at the end of the College day. There are two dedicated Stagecoach buses which run from the College coach park to the bus station, and a third public service bus which re-routes into the College. Clearly, this is better for student safety, our supervision, and to maintain this excellent arrangement with Stagecoach.

Sidmouth Science Festival

Clyst Vale remains committed to STEM activities and local networks, and I'm happy to give a plug to the forthcoming Sidmouth Science Festival.

“Visit Sidmouth Science Festival for hours of entertaining and thought-provoking events including talks and workshops. Learn about fossils, stars, energy, light, weather, brains, rockets and much more. Launch a weather balloon. Race a jet car. Get involved in a technology workshop. Visit the gallery of schools' art. Celebrate Ada Lovelace Day with female speakers. There are lots of free events suitable for everyone.

The Festival runs from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with events for all ages and all abilities as shown in the attached At A Glance. Please check out our website www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org where you can find details of the full programme, news about events and how to reserve places for some events.

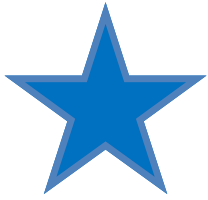
A whole week of family friendly events which are educational as well as fun. Something for all abilities and all ages. Something for everyone. And mostly free.”

The Great Stink

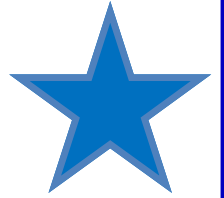
If you did social and economic history at school, you might recall that this was a two month event in London in 1858, prior to massive public health changes. Unfortunately we have our own mini-version in Post-16 and it is pungent. This is the result of some absolutely shocking work by the contractors who re-fitted the canteen area, meaning that we have been unable to use it. Clearly, we will use a local firm to remedy the work, but the important thing is that we are on top of the problem and it will be sorted out as a priority. Caterlink wish to set out their improved provision; Post-16 students want to be able to breathe and use their own eating area. The only positive is that the problem is contained to one relatively small area.



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7REW	KELLY ORCHARD
7RTMA	AIDAN COATES
8RCJ	NICHOLAS SLOAN
8RCM	KAYLEY CUTTING
9RZM	AMY JENNINGS
10RLA	LUCY HOWES
11RDH	ELLA BASHFORD
11RGG	LAUREN HARKER

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YRB	NICKY HOPF
8YMBR	EMMA SPRUCE
8YJPU	LILY DAVEY
9YMM	COURTNEY WHITE
9YZK	LIZZIE WEST, ALICE WOOLDRIDGE & INDIA ROSS
10YMHI	TOM CLEMENTS
11YMPR	ALEX DEACON
11YNS	CAIN MITCHELL

GREEN SCHOOL

7GDJ	ADAH HARTLEY
7GGT	LIBBY PEARSON & CHARLIE HARRISON
8GHE	JOSHUA WORLIN & SHINO HOSGOOD
8GIM	MIA SOBEY
9GAO	LARA DARKE & MAX LOCKYER
9GPE	MIA CARTHEW & SAM ROBERTS
10GABR	MILLIE FRANKLIN & DYLAN COSSLETT
10GBA	CHLOE SOMERWILL & JOE BLACKBURN
11GNG	MEGAN FARNHILL & ALFIE BLUNDEN
11GSW	THOMAS HANNAFORD & HANNAH BURNETT



CALENDAR DATES

Sun 17th Sept	P16 Bude trip leaves
Tues 19th Sept	YR6 Open Evening 6.00pm —9.00pm
Wed 20th Sept	P16 Bude trip returns
Fri 22nd Sept	Harry Patch Day Tanzania Expedition Assembly & Whole School Photos
Mon 25th Sept—13th Oct	Spanish Students visit
Wed 27th Sept	Camps International Expedition Parents' Presentation Evening 6.30pm—8.00pm
Thurs 28th Sept	YR7 Meet the Tutor 4.30pm—7.00pm
Wed 4th Oct	GCSE PE Practicals — Handball 3.30pm—4.30pm
Thurs 5th Oct	Eden Art Trip & YR10 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
Mon 9th Oct	YR9 Sikh Guest Speaker/Workshop
Wed 11th Oct	KS3 Around the World in 80 Days Trip 7pm
Wed 18th Oct	Deep Learning Day & Learn to Live 12.20pm—3.00pm
Fri 20th Oct— 27th Oct	Half Term

DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME?

We are looking for a Meal time Assistant for 1 hour a day. £8.96 per hour. There may be a Mum, Dad, Nan, retired/unemployed person who just wants to earn a bit of pin money. £44.80 a week for 39 weeks a year - it's a bag of groceries a week!

Duties include:- queue monitoring, wiping tables, sweeping up. DBS will be undertaken.

If you are interested then send an email of interest to allens@clystvale.org or a letter to Sophie Allen, Facilities Manager c/o Clyst Vale

Sophie Allen

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.
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 @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 all black 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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