



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Latest

After over two weeks in which 80+ students were isolating each day, the number of cases has fallen sharply this week so that it is now around 40 per day. Overall this is very good news, but it's still pretty rubbish, inconvenient and concerning for the 40 students and their families. Of course, the isolation period for any new cases will now run into half-term. Nonetheless, it is still essential to keep up the twice-weekly testing next week. (There is no requirement to do so during half-term, but PLEASE let us know any positive cases by phoning/e-mailing Student Absence and/or texting the out-of-hours phone). For the statisticians among you, until midnight last night 216 students have tested positive, 176 have returned after isolation, and exactly 40 are isolating or awaiting a PCR result after a positive LFT. 216 students represents 22% of the total roll.

Vaccination Date Postponed Again

- The NHS School-Age Immunisation Service have confirmed that the twin-vaccination date for flu and covid will now NOT be on 1st November. We're not sure why this is, presumably insufficient capacity; there are a lot of schools in Devon, and the timescale issued by government was extremely tight. We have not yet been given a new date, but I have said many times that I will give parents as much advance warning as I can.
- The Departments for Education and Health & Social Care have issued a letter to all parents and carers encouraging students in the 12-15 age group to have the covid vaccination. The letter can be found here on the government's Education Hub: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/10/11/a-joint-letter-to-parents-of-secondary-school-and-college-students-in-england-on-covid-19-testing-and-vaccines-from-the-secretaries-of-state-for-education-and-for-health-and-social-care/>

Stagecoach Strike, Monday 18th October

Strikes are messy. "Management" of any organisation rarely know the situation until the workforce clock in or set up banners and braziers outside the entrance. At the moment (Friday lunchtime) Stagecoach tell us that negotiations are continuing today, and that they hope to have enough drivers to run a reduced service.

So, I haven't any brilliant advice to give, except common sense. If your child uses a Stagecoach service perhaps assume it's not running and make other arrangements (which could be cancelled if there is a service). Watch Spotlight or Westcountry News as late as possible on Sunday; check the services update link below. I appreciate this may not be good news if you have a stereotypical teenager requiring an earlier start than usual on a Monday morning....

Here are some links which may also be helpful:

Stagecoach bus service updates page

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-service-updates/south-west/greater-exeter>

Stagecoach Strike Action - Disruption to services in the South West

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/service-updates/serviceupdatesarticle?SituationId=ID-13/10/2021-12:41:14:325>

Link to temporary Stagecoach timetables during strike action

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/south-west/strike-action-disruption-to-services-in-the-south-west>

Stagecoach Service to Bradninch and Cullompton

Possibly not the best ever Newsletter for this, but it has now been confirmed that the bus to Tiverton via Bradninch and Cullompton will now call into College at 15.20 (realistically more like 15.40), and this is being enshrined in timetables as well as the drivers' routes. This has happened five evenings out of five this week. So, there is no need for students catching this bus to leave the school site, walk on Station Road's lack of pavements, cross the road, nor wait at the bus stop on a narrow pavement. In terms of safety, this is really good news.

Masks and Water Bottles

Life is so much more complex; when I was at school I only had to remember my packed lunch and homework, and we weren't allowed to drink water except at playtimes. We are giving out around a hundred masks a day; masks will still be expected after half term and the only question is for how long, so please, please add it to the morning checklist (and thank you to the 800 students/families who remember almost every morning – we all make the occasional mistake). The same goes for water bottles: there is a seemingly endless stream not of water but of students wanting a cup because they have no water bottle. This gums up the School offices at break and lunchtimes when there are usually more important and urgent things to do, and contributes to single-use plastic waste as we use up old stock.

St Petrock's "Harvest Festival"

This is becoming an established annual event, part of the curriculum, and very relevant to our general commitment to human rights. Last Friday we welcomed Lucy Patrick from St Petrock's to a special Year 8 Beliefs & Values assembly. Lucy gave our students an insightful talk about how poverty affects our local community and the role of St Petrock's.

The effects of poverty are currently being explored as part of the curriculum in Beliefs & Values. We would like to encourage all students from Year 8 to be active citizens and bring one item to donate from the St Petrock's wish list by Thursday 21st October, if they are able; these will be collected in Year 8 tutor rooms. However, all donations from other year groups and members of staff will be gratefully received, and make a real difference; easiest to drop these into Reception as the storage room is next door. St Petrock's Harvest Festival wishlist of preferred items is here: <http://stpetrocks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/HF-2021.pdf>

Non-Uniform Day, Friday 22nd October

For parents new to Clyst Vale's peculiar ways, and a reminder for everyone else...

- We hold five non-uniform charity days a year. Many schools hold them to raise money for themselves; we are holding true to our RRS values of raising money for charity, and attaching some education with it. Friday's fundraiser is for Water Aid – a covid-affected non-uniform day last year raised much less than normal, so we are repeating it. There are 771 million people in the world without access to clean water; for children, this lack of water connects to articles 6, 24 and 27 of the UN Charter of Children's Rights.
- On non-uniform days, there is a suggested contribution of 50p, which tutors collect at morning registration. Although it's not uniform, it IS a day in school in which we expect students to learn. So, like the "dress-down" Fridays in offices pre-pandemic, clothes should be clean, respectable, presentable, not too scruffy or casual, not expose shoulders or tums. So, despite the howls of disappointment from mainly Years 10 & 11, we don't want ripped jeans nor tubular torso-wear, please...

Year 8 Parents' Evening, 18th November

One or two hawk-eyed parents have been enquiring about the Year 8 parents' evening which in some places is down for next Thursday. Many apologies – it will be held on Thursday, 18th November. I have written separately to Year 8 parents about this. Booking information will come out after half-term.

Improvements to Reporting Coming

- When you receive your child's first TPR (Termly Progress Report) you will note some changes, especially if you are a Year 8 parent. This includes the Year 10 TPR next week. Responding to parental comment pre and during last year, although delayed slightly by the lockdowns, we are aiming to make the TPRs a bit clearer. For Years 10 – 13 there are few changes: a "current performance" grade will be introduced as well as the projected grade for the end of the course. For years 7-11 the key indicators have been renamed "homework", "attitude to learning" and "behaviour" with defined criteria. The "+/=-" judgements for these have been supplemented by "!" where there are serious concerns, but "!" will never appear unless a parent has been informed before the TPR.
- The bigger changes are for Year 7-9 TPRs. Each subject in each year has its own set of knowledge and skills which students need to master. Grading reflects how secure students are in the knowledge and skills for that year's work. For example in Year 7, students will be graded from 7.1 up to 7.9, where 7.9 indicates a total mastery of the year's work; Year 8 will be 8.1 to 8.9. TPRs in Years 7 to 9 will indicate the student's current level of achievement rather than a projection for the year. The expectation is that many students will tend to follow a 'flat path', so a student achieving a 7.6 in Year 7 could typically achieve 8.6 in Year 8 and 9.6 in Year 9. This would represent progress as the knowledge and skills in 9.6 are greater than those in 8.6 which are greater than 7.6. Of course, student progress is often not linear so there will inevitably be some exceptions to this.
- Ms Jacobs will hold a Year 7-9 information evening (virtually) on Thursday 4th November, which will be recorded and also put on our website.

Darker Evenings

Common sense, really – the mornings and evenings are getting darker, so if your child cycles, or walks down unlit lanes in the more rural parts of our catchment (for example), please make sure they can be seen by motorists.

Free School Meals Holiday Voucher Scheme

This is from Devon County Council. It is very important if your child receives FSM, or if your circumstances have changed and you believe you may be entitled to FSM. The full link is here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme/>

- "Ahead of the October half-term holiday, families of primary, secondary and sixth form college pupils who currently receive free school meals will automatically be sent supermarket vouchers to help them buy food.
- Eligible pre-school-aged children in Devon County Council maintained nurseries (including academies) also received the vouchers if they usually attended sessions before and after lunch. Private, governor run and charity run settings are not funded for free school meals.

Parents and carers of children currently receiving free school meals will be sent a letter or email by Friday 22 October with information about how to access their vouchers. Please get in touch with our free school meals team if you were expecting to receive one but didn't. You can email them at freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or call our education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019)."

Westclyst Skatepark

- I'm disappointed once again that there has been a recent spate of anti-social behaviour based around Westclyst, which will inevitably include some students who attend Clyst Vale; in fact, thanks to excellent support from Westclyst residents we have been able to identify some students, issue sanctions (which I am entitled to do) and contact parents. So, two messages really: if you are a Clyst Vale student around Westclyst please do not get involved in any anti-social behaviour and if you do, we will do our very best to find out who you are; if you are a parent of a Clyst Vale student around Westclyst, do you know what they might be up to when they are out of the house? Rights Respecting School: Westclyst residents and their young children have a right to go to the park (for leisure, article 31, without being worried by litter or poorly-behaved older children. And Clyst Vale students should know that "respect" applies to their neighbours, their community and their local environment. It is only a minority, a handful of students, but they so easily bring the other 950+ into disrepute.

I won't end on a negative. As I walked around the site yesterday and today at lunch and after-school, there were sports practices, clubs, inter-tutor sports, students in the Library, many students sitting and chatting around the site. It's beginning to feel a bit more "normal" at last, and of course all these activities and social times are a very important part of students recovering from lockdown.

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn
Principal

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

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

You may also use this number if you have accidentally recorded an LFT result as positive – please always notify us if this has happened in error.

(During the school's normal opening hours, please contact Student Absence on **01392 463911** or email: studentabsence@clystvale.org)

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
- Which symptoms, or no symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result

If necessary, someone will contact you having received this information. Thank you!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Harley Ewings
7GIM	Jake Lucas
8GABR	Alexandra Symons
8GDH	Yasmin El Aboussi
9GAW	No permission to publish name
9GBA	Katie Ball
10GHE	Orianne Connelly
10GSW	Jake Gregory
11GGT	Amelia Palmer
11GMN	No permission to publish name

RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Oliver Clark
7RHSP	Samual Studholme-Lyons
8RZB	Charlotte Sillett
8RSGA	Rebecca Loaring
9RMAH	No permission to publish name
9RAO	No permission to publish name
10RER	James Rowe
10RGG	Tommy Pullyblank
11RTMA	Bracken Snell
11RSS	Tom Brooking

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YMBR	No permission to publish name
7YTZI	Luka Rice
8YSSC	Beth Duffy
8YPNE	No permission to publish name
9YDST	No permission to publish name
9YSP	Oliver Hawke
10YMPR	Pablo Lopez
10YNS	No permission to publish name
11YCW	Harry Thompson
11YRB	No permission to publish name

Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Rugby v Blundells School (A):

Congratulations to all three boys' sides who went across to Tiverton on Wednesday afternoon. Blessed with glorious sunshine throughout, the students represented the College outstandingly, both on and off the pitch.

The Year 7 side went down to Blundells by 20-10, despite being level at half time and great performances from Captain, Jacob Kyffin, George Phillips, Inti Zumaran, Max Ferris, Michael Bennett, Archie Moreton and Oliver Eavis. A less experienced side took on Uffculme School and lost 25-10. Next up is St Peters, way next Wednesday afternoon.

An inexperienced Year 8 side, bolstered by two year 9 students in Toby Brooks and Alex Johnson went down in both games but acquitted themselves superbly throughout and improved hugely over the two games. A special mention goes to skipper, Jasper Forty for an outstanding display of skill and commitment.

The Year 9's played a mix of Blundells A and B side and lost 35-20, with Oliver Hargreaves bagging all four tries in a special performance which caught the eyes of the spectators. George Craig was outstanding in his cover tackling and the boys continue to go from strength to strength as individuals and as a team and have a very bright future. They play Cullompton at home next Wednesday. A big thanks to Post 16 student, Tom Massey who helped with the leading of the Year 9's.

Training continues on a Wednesday after school (3.30-4.30pm) and Thursday lunchtime with new players always welcome to play this great sport!

Congratulations to the squads:

Year 7: Jacob Kyffin (c), Dylan Carstairs, Inti Zumaran, George Phillips, Ethan Rees, Rudi Startup, Oliver Eavis, James Quarrington, Max Ferris, Billy Heals, Kai Sparkes, Michael Bennett, George O'Malley, Gaby Barry, Aston Jones, Archie Moreton and Blair Wills.

Year 8: Jasper Forty (c), Luke Bassett, Archie Cross, Ben Sandford, Guy Earnshaw, Harry O'Donnell, Jak Gould, Callum Voysey, Callum Smith-Watt, Shaidon Tippett and George Quarrington.

Year 9: Charlie Williams, Oliver Hawke, Oliver Hargreaves, Daniel Horn, George Craig, Lenny Bolt, Jack Spurrier, Daniel Baker, Nick Ball, Josh Jones, Otto Moxey-White, Jake Ferris, Alex Johnson, Olivier Krzemien, Archie Jameson, Toby Brooks and Tom Rintoul.

Mr Pearce
Head of Green School
Teacher of PE

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



Y11 Boys Rugby: Clyst Vale 26-14 St Peters

The Y11 lads went two from two on another glorious Autumn evening on Thursday. Playing on a dry pitch and with no wind, the boys were once exceptional in their representation of the College with outstanding play, attitudes, and a great work ethic.

Full-back Reece Aldridge shot them into the lead with a run to the corner and then dotting down under the posts, with Ned Brown seizing upon a loose ball to chip, chase and gather from the half way line for their second. Captain Tom Brooking converted both for a 14-7 lead at half time, with Jamie Horwell very unlucky not to add another on the whistle, with it being ruled out by the TMO!

The second half saw a step up in organisation and intensity by the home side, with once again outstanding defence by the whole squad, leading to further scores from winger Jed Wade and flanker George Wright, with Brooking converting one.

Credit must also go to the St Peters lads who were also superb in their participation and mutual respect. It was an excellent showcase for schools rugby.

Training resumes for the boys on Wednesday after school at 3.30pm, before the half term break.

Congratulations to the squad: Reece Aldridge, Jed Wade, Reagan Seagrave, Ned Brown, Riley Jones, Tom Brooking (c), Ben Heywood-Rose, Max Kerlake, George Wright, Ben Waycott, Jonny Baker, Felix Bilton, Oliver Watt, Jamie Horwell, Harrison Rees and McKenzie Fincham.

Mr Pearce
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Thursday 14th October—KO 15:45

On a lovely sunny October evening Year 7's were up against Year 8 in an in-school friendly, due to a cancellation in a fixture. Both teams lined up strong with the Year 7's looking very determined and the Year 8's with a cool calm collective manner about them.

The first 15 minutes of the game the Year 8s were on the back foot but with a great strike from Charlie King took an early lead. Year 7s fought back and manage to equal the score. 1-1. The year 8s got into the groove of things and managed to score another 2 goals before half time. 3-1.

After the second half interval the Year 8s continued on top despite the determined and mature attitude from the Year 7s to fight back. Year 8s continued to score and took a 4-goal lead. 5-1. With this in mind and the year 8's have a clear lead Mr Stapleton reduced the Year 8s to 10 men to see how they would cope.

This gave the Year 7s a bit of fire in their belly and they up they anti up front with plenty of chances falling the Year 7s way. 10 minutes passed and the Year 7s managed to claw back the deficit to 2 goals with some great play from the front three of Luca Rica, Inti Zumaran and Tom Glassborow. 5-3.

The year 8s were back in the flow as they had 11 players back on the field but that didn't stop the Year 7 onslaught and managed to score another. 5-4. With minutes to go the Year 7's continued to push for the equalizer but this led to a final goal from Tom Ruddlestone who went on a bounding run to finish the scoring and give the Year 8s the win 6-4.

An excellent game from both Year groups, with a superb and excellent manner from the players. The standout performers from both teams were: Alfie Bowden and James Dickinson.

Well done everyone!

Mr D Stapleton
Teacher of PE

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 – 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 – 11 Btec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Monday	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battshill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 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	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 Wat/Mrs Battshill
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	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
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 7, 8 & 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton/Mr Brooks
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Thursday	Yogioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Friday	Various Years 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
Fri 22 October	Non Uniform Day—Water Aid
Mon 25 - Fri 29 October	HALF TERM
Thurs 11 November	Post 16 Open Evening, 6pm - 8pm
Sat 13 November	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day walk*, all day
Thurs 18 October	Y8 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 7pm Virtual
Thurs 25 November	GCSE Celebration Awards Evening, 6pm - 8pm
w/b 29 Nov	Y11 Mocks, all week
Thurs 02 December	Y13 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 6.30pm
Sat 04 December	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day event*, all day
Tues 09 December	Y9 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 7pm
Weds 15 December	Christmas Carol Service, Whimple Church, 7pm - 9pm
Friday 17 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Sat 18 December	DofE Gold Day, all day
Mon 20 December - Tues 04 Jan inclusive	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@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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