



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week A

"Curiosity is the key to creativity."
Akio Morita

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder: the first three days of the Spring Term, January 3rd – 5th 2018, will be Week A

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thank you to Year 8 parents and carers for a healthy attendance of 72% at Tuesday's parents evening. Clearly, the evening is about students' academic progress and the qualities and behaviour that underpins this. There will always be exceptions and individual cases, but our tracking information suggests that Year 8 are on track at the moment. The Year Group is "boy-heavy", which sometimes presents challenges when they reach Years 10 and 11, so it is very important to establish good habits and to maintain good links with home, which is why a good turn-out is always encouraging. Thank you to 58 parents for completing the questionnaire (which is exactly the same as Ofsted's). The scores on the doors (almost literally, thinking about where most parents filled them in) are below. The lowest ranking (albeit 88%) is for appropriate homework, which is something my colleagues will note and take on board in January.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Overall Positive	Disagree	No response
	My child is...	%	%	%	%	
1	...Happy	74	26	100	0	0
2	...Safe	74	26	100	0	0
3	...Making Good Progress	64	36	100	0	0
4	...Well looked after	72	28	100	0	0
5	...Taught well	66	34	100	0	0
6	...Getting appropriate homework.	40	48	88	12	0
7	Behaviour is good	52	43	95	5	0
8	College deals with bullying well	46	46	92	8	2
9	College is well led and managed	62	38	100	0	0
10	College responds well to concerns	53	38	91	9	3
11	I am well informed re progress	51	46	97	4	1

Human Rights Day

Yesterday's Human Rights Day was a great success, upholding its tradition of putting across some very powerful messages about human rights through a lot of fun and activity and noise! For most students, the highlights will have been the hot chocolate at breaktime and the talent show at lunchtime. However, the day was to point out that there are millions of young people in the world who simply do not have the opportunity to ever experience such freedom, or even go to school. The particular focus for the day was the plight of the Rohingya in Myanmar. Meanwhile, in Mr Brooks' Art room.....the Primary School human rights ambassadors painted up their mural pieces from designs they have been working on previously. I don't want to spoil the surprise, but I can say that the pieces will now be weatherproofed and put up on the wall outside the College main entrance in the Spring Term. It will be something different, the work of Primary children outside a secondary school: but that's actually the whole point. We are all different, but we are all human.

Carol Service

The annual Carol Service will be held in Whimple Church (St Mary's) at 7.00 pm on Monday. You can guarantee that it will be a genuinely lovely and heart-warming event. There is something for everyone: we have some really high-quality musicians and singers; a mix of religious and secular readings; all Year groups represented. And if that's not heart-warming enough, there will be mulled wine afterwards (and mince pies).

Technology

You should have received a free copy of "Digital Parenting" magazine this week, with useful advice and articles about, well, being a parent or carer in these fast-changing digital times. Christmas is a time when students often receive a first or an upgraded electronic item, whether smartphone, console or other; therefore, we always have a push in Spring Term to remind students about keeping themselves safe on the internet. This will include an evening for parents organised by the Parents' Group formerly known as the PTFA. By chance this week, Josh in Year 11 found an old Newsletter from June 2006 tucked in a book; there had been an Ofcom survey finding that 51% of young people had access to a games console, 18% a MP3; average internet usage then was 8 hours per week, with TV watching on average 14 hours per week. Smartphones and mobiles weren't even mentioned, and it is quite a sobering reflection that we thought use of technology was a huge distraction 11 years ago; I haven't any recent figures, but I would imagine that the 2006 figures are now wildly out, especially if "internet use" is extended to include social media. (Mind, 2006 seems like a different age altogether: the same Newsletter indicated that Devon planned to move us lock, stock and barrel to Cranbrook in September 2010.)

Staff Illness


In the last couple of weeks we have had fairly high levels of staff absence; for example there were seven teachers not at the Year 8 Parents' Evening because of illness. There are a lot of upper respiratory conditions such as bronchitis, other chest infections, and laryngitis which have longer recovery times than a routine cough or cold. Clearly, we do our best to manage this; ill teachers will send in work from home and do their best to keep up with marking, and we buy in the best supply teachers we can. However, this is bound to have *some* impact, especially on homework and marking if a teacher is away for more than a couple of days. Also, although most would never admit it, students miss their regular teacher when they're not there.

Year 10: University of York PhD Research

This has gone really well this week, and thanks from my daughter Rosie to all involved. Rosie has been very impressed with our students; especially their ability to turn up on time, politeness, and in many cases a real genuine interest in what the research is about (the links between birth order, theory of mind, and vocational thinking, and how it changes over time; Rosie is conducting the same exercises with the 20-21 age group).

Some Bad Moos to End With

I'm sorry to report that we have had some very destructive and anti-social intruders on site for the past two nights in succession when no one is around to see them. Fortunately, they do not seem to have the manual dexterity needed to gain access to the buildings, but have done some very unpleasant things on the field. We have caught some of them, and apart from a sort of bovine stubbornness, they have cooperated and left peacefully. You've guessed it, we have had night visits from the Community Farm cows, and we are obviously now in urgent discussions about fencing. Our field is currently out of bounds anyway because it's very wet (even wetter now,,). The serious aspect is that the field will need some attention to level the surface in the worst areas. On the plus side, we have some excellent organic material for the Gardening Club, and our partnership with Ndururumo High School in Kenya taught me that cows are nothing compared to when a hippo eats your whole garden. You don't get things like this happening in Exeter schools.....



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YRB	Joe Clark
7YKHO	Reuben Reed
8YJPU	Martha Bailey
9YMM	Lily McPhee
9YZK	Daisy Norris
10YSP	Tom Raeder
10YMHI	Laura Goss
11YNS	Jazmine MacDougall
11YMPR	Grace Ford

GREEN SCHOOL

7GDJ	Charlie Norman & Adah Harris
8GIM	Joe Whitton & Miyuki Brown
9GAO	Eloise Blatchford & James Slater
9GPE	Tilly Pilcher & Jack Hannaford
10GABR	Mia Francis, Barnaby Bilton & Brad Maunder
11NGG	Megan White & Matthew King
11GSW	Sam Craig & Tabi Wise

RED SCHOOL

10RLA	Charlie Sparkes
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BT BOOTCAMP 28th November 2017

On November 28th thirty year 10 students travelled to the BT offices for a careers 'bootcamp'. The students were working with employees from BT and an organisation called 'mykindafuture' to develop their knowledge about their future careers. The students discussed their dream jobs, skills they would need to be successful and job descriptions. They were able to make goals for the future and the steps they could take in the short term. The



afternoon involved doing a mock interview for a job with one of the employers where the students practiced the perfect hand shake and body language. We were taken on a tour of the building where we could see how the different departments worked including cyber security, customer complaints, BT Sport, Open Reach engineering and the Police. Students also had to practice being involved in an assessment centre activity (a bit like Dragons' Den) where they designed various technological items and presented this to the staff. The students who designed a techno jacket were awarded the prize.

It was also very interesting to hear about the variety of jobs that were available at BT and the advantages of working for a large company.

I received the following personal email from the tutor for the day.



"The CVCC students were fantastic through the day and really engaged with the skills workshop. They communicated with the BT volunteers in a mature way and all of the volunteers fed back how much they enjoyed working with the students. As we discussed, some of the students needed to raise their expectations of themselves and I really feel through the day we were able to have an impact and broaden the students' ambitions. I hope the students follow up on the skills they learnt and I wish them every success in the next part of their journey towards an exciting career."

I would like to congratulate all of the students involved who were really engaged in the process and thank the staff from BT who gave up their time to work with them.

Mrs Bennett
Careers and WRL Coordinator

Lunch Clubs - Monday - Thursday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Netball (to start in a few weeks time)	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Needs
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Science Club - WEEK B	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	All Years Dance & Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Surgery - WEEK A (Starting after Half Term)	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt Ms Prance
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 8 & 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Girls Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

Lunch Clubs - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield/ Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 18th Dec	Y12 Geography Fieldwork Trip, Plymouth 7.00pm Carol Service - Whimble Parish Church
Thurs 21st Dec - 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Wed 3 Jan	First day back for students
Thur 11 Jan	Y10 Parents' Evening
Sat 13 - Sun 14 Jan	Ten Tors Overnight 1 Dartmoor
Mon 15 Jan	Y11 Photographs
Sat 20 - Sun 21 Jan	DofE Bronze Practice/Ten Tors Overnight 2, Dartmoor
Mon 22 - Fri 26 Jan	Y13 mocks/practice exams
Tues 23 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening
Tues 6 Feb	Y9 Options Evening
Fri 9 Feb	Non Uniform Day - MIND
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb	Spring Half Term (Ski Trip & Washington Trip)
Thurs 22 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 24 - Sun 25 Feb	Ten Tors Overnight 3, Dartmoor
Wed 28 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip, Swanage
Thur 8 - Mon 12 Mar	Y11 Core Mocks
Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar	Y10 Mocks
Fri 23 Mar	Non Uniform Day - Sport Relief
Thur 29 Mar	End of Spring term

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



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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, PE kit and reversible jacket can be purchased 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.

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