



NEWSLETTER

*"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay
with problems longer."*
Albert Einstein

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Rights Respecting School Award

I am thrilled that we have been recognised as a school committed to promoting human rights for children, and have been approved for the Bronze level of the RRS Award. Credit to Miss Watt for her energetic leadership, supported by Mrs Battishill and a steering group of staff and students. This builds on our long tradition of supporting human rights and challenging injustice, for example the Amnesty International group, and will see a wide range of improvements to many aspects of the College. I have written a separate, more detailed, letter to parents via the gateway.

Annual awards

Because there's so much going on next week, we had to hold our "end-of-year" assembly a week early! A key part of this event is the announcement of the Clyst Vale Annual Awards. It's no coincidence that two of the Awards link directly to being a Rights Respecting School: the Caring Cup and the Citizenship Shield. All of the awards have relevance, though, promoting effort and/or achievement.

The Citizenship Shield has been awarded to Maddy Ross (Y12) for many years in Clyst Vale promoting Amnesty International and human rights, and especially for her campaign which reached the national press about the difficulties facing women cricketers in Devon. This was a great example of "student voice", as well as shining a spotlight on an equality issue.

The Caring Cup has been awarded to Jasmine Daniels (Y10). Jasmine is one of those rare students who will go the extra mile for everyone. She has given so much to the college - entering every competition, volunteering, supporting friends, and Amnesty. Jasmine has also been a strong supporter of the Harry Patch Peace Garden, and gave a wonderful portrait of Sir Nicholas Winton to Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines when she last visited (Winton chartered trains in 1939 to transport 600 Jewish Czech children to safety: Lady Milena was one of the children).

The Spirit of Devon Award is for the student who has made most academic progress from Year 6 SATs to Year 9, and this year the deserving winner is William Blum (Y9).

The Ostler Award for outstanding personal achievement, which generally means at a national level, has been awarded to India Williams (Y9). India will be well known to many of you through the Clyst Vale shows at the Barnfield and elsewhere, as she is an excellent singer, dancer and actor. She deserves the Ostler Award through being accepted after auditions for a third year running to the National Youth Music Theatre, having performed to public audiences in Bury St Edmunds, Kingston and this year in Yorkshire.

The Tolman-May Award is for a student who has not only overcome challenges in their life, but is successful, remains positive when others of us might not be, and is often a role model to others. Previous winners have had special needs, mental health issues, and a serious medical condition. For reasons of confidentiality I am not able to publish the name of this year's winner, who unquestionably meets the criteria, especially that of being positive, cheerful and an example to others.

The "Pope's Chalice" award for Performing Arts student of the year goes to Josie Tapp (Y13), who has participated in nearly every show since Year 7, taking principal roles as Cinderella in *Into the Woods* and Frances in *The Battle of Boat*. She achieved a starred Distinction in BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts. Outside of Clyst Vale, she has played principal roles as Johanna in *Sweeney Todd* and Christine in *Phantom of the Opera*. Making her especially deserving of this Award, Josie has a wonderfully supportive and humble nature, an excellent role model to younger students who she has helped to direct and rehearse, and a wonderful asset and ambassador for Clyst Vale.

The Schools Cup

This year the proud winners are Yellow School! The trophy was presented in the end of year assembly to Head Girl Rachel Champion and Head Boy Trenell Campbell. The Schools Cup is awarded to the School which accumulates the most points over the whole year: this includes for example praise points (minus behaviour points), points for inter-tutor competitions in sport and other subjects, and Sports Day points. So, students contribute on a daily basis!

Sports Day and Festival on the Field

Still on the theme of awards, congratulations to Rachel Champion and Ben Parsons for being *Victrix* and *Victor Ludorum* on Sports Day (or possibly "*Ludorae*", my Latin's rusty), and to Green School for their overall win. Our Sports Day is a one-off, and this year's was a particularly good one. For the traditionalists, there was a full complement of track and field events, proper competition, personal bests and records. For those who believe sport should be fun and participatory, there were rounders, archery, BMX-ing, target golf, penalties, and tug-of-war. Even the weather was kind to us, as it had cooled down considerably from the previous hot spell but was still pleasant. Festival on the Field was also a success, showcasing our established performers and introducing some new ones. Sadly, I didn't get to see Festival as someone had put me on toilet duty, but it sounded good. That apart, it was a fantastic day, bringing the whole College together, and many thanks to my colleagues for their superb management, organisation and support.

Year 10 Work Experience

Next week Year 10 embark on a week's work experience. Clyst Vale has always been committed to this as part of our Careers offer, and I was interested to discover that some local schools no longer offer it; in my view, being in an unfamiliar working environment often with unfamiliar adults is worth it in itself in terms of developing character, but an early introduction to work is clearly educational, and at its best inspirational. If an issue arises with the placement, please contact us at the first opportunity; and if your son/daughter is unwell, please phone BOTH Clyst Vale and the placement. And a very big "thank you" to all parents who, as employers, offer placements.

Year 11 Prom

I can't believe I omitted to mention Year 11's Prom in last week's Newsletter. It was held at Reed Hall at the University on Friday 29th June, and was one of the best Proms for a long time. As always, the arrivals were highly entertaining, and we avoided the traffic congestion we sometimes experience; the students looked absolutely brilliant and gave a strong hint of their grown-up futures; the organisation was superb, thanks mostly to Mrs Turner, Ms Prunty and Mrs Grant; and the best thing of all was the atmosphere, which was everything a good social event should be: happy, relaxed, fun, but not too wild. For most schools, the Prom is a significant rite of passage, and I am delighted for Year 11 that it went so well.

Uniform

I can't believe I'm actually writing this sentence, either, but you should have received a letter about trousers. As you know, we have been heartily fed up with the constant arguments and bad feeling about incorrect school uniform, not to mention the casual attitude often associated with it, so have made an attempt to counter this by specifying limited ranges which are acceptable. Many parents have pointed out, quite fairly, that there are plenty of trousers which are very similar, would conform, and are cheaper elsewhere. This is a particular issue for girls, for whom the new skirts are more expensive. Therefore, you should have received a letter about how we will approach this, and how you may get your child's trousers approved and riveted. Stereotyping wildly, my hunch is that there will not be too many issues with boys' trousers, and the huge variety of styles and materials will affect girls more. Excuse the pun, but the bottom line is that we want to end uniform arguments, concentrate on more important issues, and engender some pride in Clyst Vale.

If buying uniform over the summer, please check our requirements, and when in Thomas Moore stress that your child attends Clyst Vale !

Smartphones

You will have been sent a separate letter through the gateway about the smartphone policy and procedures from September. This won't be a surprise, as it was agreed some time ago. Bans can seem negative and harsh, for example the threats of lengthy total bans for repeated confiscations. However, hopefully this will act as a deterrent and we will never need to use them. Most Clyst Vale students are sensible, reasonable young people, and when they have read through the reasons for the ban, I am sure that they will see it is being done for very good academic, behaviour and social reasons.

No Homework Club Next Week

A brief reminder that there will be no Homework Club in the last week of term. If this causes massive issues, please contact your child's AtHoS.

Term Dates

For those of you who plan well ahead, I am pleased to let you know that the term dates for 2019-20 have been confirmed by Governors, and will be on the website shortly.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

WELL DONE!

Sam Palmer We are delighted to report that we have had another successful alumni. Sam Palmer, who left us in 2015, has just graduated from Southampton Solent with a 2:1 with Honours in Broadcast System Engineering. We wish him every success with his future career ambitions.



Jassy Barrington

Boys Inter-School Football World Cup 2018 Photos



Girls Inter-School Football World Cup 2018 Photos

Congratulations to Green School's Portugal for winning this year's Girls World Cup Final. The victory was played out on Friday lunchtime in continued warm conditions, with the winners running out 2-1 victors over Nigeria (Green School) in a penalty shoot out, after a tense 0-0 draw after extra-time.

The participation of the Girls over the five days was superb and emulated the boys competition the week previously, with the students having an opportunity to integrate within their respective school and year groups. The Year 10 girls, once again led by example superbly, with the numbers of girls having the opportunity to play semi-competitively, great to see.

Hopefully the competition has boosted girls interest and involvement in Football, with this nicely running alongside the Senior male England's side success.

Well done to all of the students which took part and also a huge thanks to the staff which supported the event as coaches, leaders and managers and also the Y10 and Y12 sports leaders who officiated the 16-team tournament immaculately!

Mr Pearce



Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Cricket	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Mr Pearce
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Year 8 Girls' Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Revision	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Tues	Year 9 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliott
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Gardening Club	Lunchtime	by Science garden		Miss Morgan
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	All Years Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Wed	Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	1.30pm to 2pm	MA4		Ms Prance
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher Foundation	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Needs/Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 Food Practical Session	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook

Lunch Clubs - Thurs - Fri

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Thurs	Year 9, 10 & 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thurs	Year 7 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Elliott
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO2		Mrs Bennett/Ms
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 13 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.35pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Various Years Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot/Mr
					Miss Cranston/Mr
Fri	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 9 B&V Drop In	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Fri	Year 11 Physics Revision	Lunchtime	SC1		Mr Pearce

CALENDAR DATES

Sun 15 - Wed 18 July	Y8 Bude Residential
Tues 17 July	Woodlands Trip
Wed 18 July - Fri 20 July	Belgium Residential
Wed 18 July - Sat 21 July	Y12 DofE Gold Practice Expedition - Dartmoor
Fri 20 July	Last day of Summer Term
AUTUMN TERM 2018	
Wed 5 Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct	Autumn Half Term
Fri 21 December 2018	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 7 January 2019	Start of Spring Term
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	Spring Half Term
Fri 5 April 2019	Last day of Spring Term
Wed 24 April 2019	Start of Summer Term
Mon 6 May 2019	Bank Holiday
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019	Summer Half Term
Fri 19 July 2019	Last day of Summer 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 Prunty (01392 463913; pruntyc@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, 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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