



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week A

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"Failure is a bruise, not a tattoo." Jon Sinclair

Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE Presentation Evening, Tuesday, 20th November, Main Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Calling all of last year's Year 11 students and parents! Next Tuesday is our CGSE Celebration Evening where students are presented with their certificates, and the top achieving students in each subject receive a (small) financial recognition, as do students making the most progress in each subject. There is an additional award to the two students who have made the most overall progress, and the best overall achievement.

I am absolutely thrilled that Clyst Vale's highest-profile former student will be our guest of honour: Sara Cox, the first woman referee to be contracted to England's RFU, and only a matter of days ago the first woman to referee a (men's) top-flight game between two premieriership teams. We're really proud of Sara, and from previous experience we know that she is a very inspiring guest of honour.

Employability Week

Next week we are holding our first Employability Week, targeting students in Years 7 to 9. Mrs Bennett deserves enormous credit for pulling this together, and many thanks to all parents and governors who are contributing. There is a wide range of activities planned, including an employability focus in lessons, and we're all looking forward to seeing the employer "speed-dating" event on Tuesday to Thursday afternoons! Employability Week has been introduced as a major response to the government's National Careers Strategy, which encourages schools to increase careers awareness and increase contact with employers and business.

Parents' Group

A reminder that the Parents' Group are hosting a mental health workshop (for up to 50 parents) led by Steve West of Virgin Care on Wednesday 28th November from 6.15 – 8.15 p.m.. We're expecting this to be quite busy, so book your place to avoid disappointment! (details on the poster/advert below). The session will provide an overview of mental health issues affecting young people, including anxiety; it is also not targeted at any particular age-group, as (sadly) anxiety is presenting in Primary-aged pupils through to Sixth Form A-Level students and beyond.

Social Media, Closed Groups and Memes

Please check what your child is up to on-line. We've been made aware of some comments about staff at Clyst Vale which are untrue, offensive and probably break the law. If ever you discover any information about this or similar activity, please let us know. It's too easy for people to hide behind the anonymity of the web.

Attendance

You'll recall that this is one of our top priorities following the Ofsted visit in April. Attendance was very good in the first half of term, better than last year's, but of course it's early in the year, the weather was good, and there were fewer bugs and viruses around. This half-term and the next are when attendance tends to dip, and we need parents to support us. Obviously, if a child is ill and in particular infectious they should remain at home, but I refer to situations where a bit of resilience and encouragement is needed. You may have caught BBC2's "School" on Tuesday: the Deputy Head was discussing attendance with students. He asked what they thought of having 90% attendance, and the students responded that 90 was nearly 100, so it was pretty good. In attendance terms, it's pretty *bad*. 90% attendance means that nineteen school days have been missed in a year. Even 95% is equivalent to a morning off every fortnight. I know children aren't adults, but in most occupations 10% absence would exceed targets by some distance and attract the attention of owners or HR departments.

Staff News

Directly linked to the last paragraph, we have appointed an Attendance Officer so that we can improve and increase the tracking of attendance, including first-day absence contact by phone and e-mail. So, I am pleased to welcome Mrs Penny Ball to Clyst Vale's staff!

Armistice Centenary

You will see on the website the impressive and thought provoking wall of poppies coordinated by the History department. This is a simple but fitting reminder of the men and women who have lost their lives in conflict. I am pleased to report that last Friday appropriately marked the centenary of the Armistice, and many students dressed up very smartly indeed as a mark of respect. A few years ago, Clyst Vale was connected to Harry Patch, at one time the oldest living survivor of the First World War: the message he wanted to keep alive was that war is futile, but also that young people should remember, be glad they will never experience anything like his generation, and to make the best of their lives in the way that many of his contemporaries could not. Another former friend of Clyst Vale was Arthur Jorden, whose task was to clear up days after the D-Day landings; his message to young people was to get the best education possible, then travel as much as possible. Thanks to Mrs Padden and colleagues, I like to think we are indeed keeping these messages alive.

"Dying Matters" Conference

Also last Friday a group of 30 Year 10 students attended the Dying Matters Interfaith Conference. Ed Pawson, the organiser wrote to let me know that "they were a real credit to the school. The quality of their questioning was excellent and their level of engagement was absolutely in keeping with the significance and seriousness of the issues being discussed." Thanks to Ms Brotherton for organising the visit.

Funding

The WorthLess? Campaign now represents 57 local authorities and 7000 Headteachers/Principals. In its latest initiative, I have written to the College's MP Sir Hugo Swire asking for his support to persuade the Department of Education to release some emergency funding for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The following points were made:

- There are 1.28 million children with recognised SEND in England. Of these children, 1 million are not supported with formal EHCPs or similar. (First Statistical Release – DfE 2018)
- As school budgets have faced real terms cuts of 8% (Institute for Fiscal Studies), overall Local Authority budgets have faced real terms cuts of 50% (National Audit Office) in the same period – 2010–2018.
- The 2014 Children and Families Act extended supporting Statements (Educational Health and Care Plans) for children and young adults up to the age of 25 years (from 18 years). This caused a 17% (4-16 years) and a 46% (16-25 years) rise in applications for EHCPs since 2016. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statements-of-sen-and-ehc-plans-england-2018>)
- Furthermore, 40% of parents are experiencing an 18 month waiting time for their EHCP application to be fully processed (Ambitions for Autism)

Best wishes



Dr Bawn

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS - URGENT APPEAL

Half of Clyst Vale's library books that are out on loan are OVERDUE. Despite email reminders and notes in registers, students are still not returning their books on time – or at all. Some books are months overdue. Can I ask that a few minutes are spent looking for library books at home and in school bags and that they are returned to the library as soon as possible please. If you have lost your book, please let me know as soon as possible.



Our library books are a valuable resource, and students need to recognise that it is their best interest to ensure the library has a good stock of material on offer.

Students will receive a Behaviour Point for every month that a book is overdue, and I will send invoices out to borrowers with LONG overdue books in order to pay for replacement(s).

Thank you

Lucy Cooper, Library Manager. Tel: 01392 464010, Email: cooperl@clystvale.org

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Running

Last week our Cross Country team competed in the Exeter Championships at Blundell's School, Tiverton, from which the top 16 in each race have been selected to run against East Devon on November 28th. Well done to all our representatives, and congratulations to the following who gained their place by finishing as mentioned in their respective races; Tamara Dow - 2nd, Harriet Wragg - 10th, Sam Mills - 2nd and Harvey Tarrant - 14th.



Mr Everett
Teacher of PE

Wednesday 14th November

U15 Girls Rugby v Exmouth

A close match with end to end action. CVCC opened with our first try coming from a good wing break from Chloe Harris and then close to the line Natasha Barley using her strength to get over the line. Exmouth fought back with using their open space well and equalised. Clyst Vale then regrouped and responded with a second try. Exmouth used their wings well and with 3 open breaks took the lead, forcing Clyst Vale tighten up the defence. Izzy Price making an awesome tackle when it was needed. The last 10 minutes CVCC fought back and supported each other better. A very physical game with forwards playing well and forcing a second try from Natasha Barley. With Exmouth leading, Clyst Vale had some good agility and switched play opened up Chloe Harris and Izzy Price to finish off with two tries for us. The CVCC girls fought till the end and came back to make it a draw with five tries a piece. Great to have a good contest against Exmouth. Player of the match was Natasha Barley.



Mrs Broomfield
Head of GCSE PE and KS4 Co-ordinator
Physical Education

Please Note: Student Absences Years 7 - 11

The number for absences is 01392 - 463936 or you can email them at:

studentabsence@clystvaley.org



SPORTS NEWS

7B Netball v Cullumpton 4-4 draw

CVCC played a strong game and took the lead. Interception was good and it was a fairly equal match. The girls kept tight marking and the score was a 4-4 draw. We pushed ourselves to the limit, giving 100% every minute of the way. We were comfortable with the ball and played a fair match. The player of the match on our team was Daisy and Evie David we think they both very much deserved it!

Match report from Cecily Marsh (Captain)

7A Netball game v Cullompton 7-1 Won

Emily Quest captained the team to a strong win. The centre pass from training was working well and proved to get the ball straight into the attacking defense and net some goals. Defence trio Lucy, Annelise and Tabitha worked well and kept the ball away from Cullompton with better marking as a whole team. Interception in mid court by Harriet and Zoe worked well and lead the ball up to our shooters. Sophia Headon slot into the shooting position while joining Emily in attack. Player of the match was Emily Quest.

Next week Thursday at Netball Club we will have some team photos. See you then girls! Well done on another good performance!

Mrs Broomfield

Win a £5 voucher!

All you need to do is write an amazing *book review...*

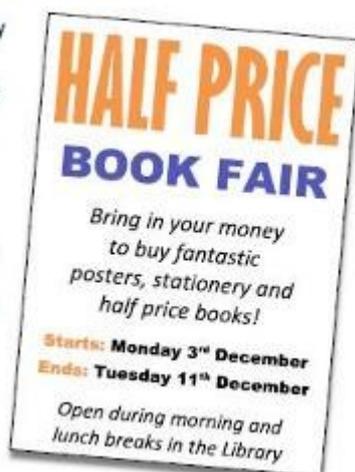
Praise Points will be awarded for all entries and you could win a **£5 BOOK FAIR voucher** if your review is in the top three!

Choose a book that you really enjoyed reading and think about how to create a brilliant book review.

Remember, don't give away the plot (spoilers!), but think of ways to entice and interest potential readers, without revealing too much of the story.

Pick up an entry form from the Library and return by Monday 3rd December.

Good luck and get writing!



HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR

Bring in your money to buy fantastic posters, stationery and half price books!

Starts: Monday 3rd December

Ends: Tuesday 11th December

Open during morning and lunch breaks in the Library

Year 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 13th December 2018

4.30 – 7.00pm in the Main Hall

The online system to book your appointments will be available for you to book appointments from 21st November 2018 at noon and will close on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at Midnight. Please access the site at: <https://cvcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. We use the preferred name of your child.

Miss Prunty, Assistant to the Head of School will be available, should you wish to discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child or would simply like to come along and introduce yourself.

If you have trouble logging on to the system, please contact your AtHoS.

Regards

Mrs P Grant

Assistant to the Head of Red School

CVCC – Parent Information Group

Wednesday 28th November 6.15pm

Post 16 Room

We are very pleased to be able to offer this insight for Parents and carers into provisions being made in Devon for Mental Health care of our children.

Steve West of Virgin Care Link will be presenting the EH4MH initiative and he will be happy to take questions after the session.

All interested parties are welcome to attend so if you are currently experiencing related issues with your children or would like to learn how to help your children stay mentally healthy, this is an excellent opportunity to access an expert.

**Numbers are limited so please book your space –
email jls.sanders@btinternet.com or text 07711 100250**

This is Devon's new dedicated service for school staff.



Our aim is to:

- Share with you the work we have been doing with the EH4MH team to bring our school in to a mentally healthier place to be, work, learn and grow.
- Consider what is mental health?
- Consider how we learn to be mentally healthy?
- Consider how we can support our teens developing a positive approach to managing their mental health.
- We would also like to raise how we look after ourselves in our role as parents.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Ollie Mearing
8YRB	Ellis Tagg
8YKHO	Natasha Hopf
9YJPU	Ellie Hooper
10YMM	Tom Sluggett
10YZK	Ed Sleep
11YSP	Harry Quinton
11YMHI	Ben Shelley

RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Natalie Bishop
7RHCH	Zach Jenner
8RHC	Daisy Pott & Joe Fellows
8RTMA	Cassidy Perkin
9RCJ	Summer Harlow
9RCM	Dan Roach
10RZB	Lidia Sharland
11RAR	Nathan Squire
11RLA	Tiff Bament

NETBALL CLUBS

YEAR 9, 10 & 11
MONDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM

YEAR 7 & 8
THURSDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM



LUNCH CLUBS



Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday (Week A & B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Monday	B&V Paper 1 Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Monday	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 9 & 10 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Monday	Year 11 Boys Rugby Club	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Monday	Year 11 Revision Buddhism & Sikhism	1.30pm	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Monday	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Monday	Drama Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Tuesday	B&V Paper 2 Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tuesday	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	Maths Rooms		All Maths except Dr Turl
Tuesday	Key Stage 4 & 5 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tuesday	Year 11 Pilates	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Needs
Tuesday (Week A)	Year 10/11 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tuesday (Week B)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		
Tuesday	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tuesday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tuesday	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Wednesday	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wednesday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wednesday	Year 9 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wednesday	Year 12 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA4		Miss Prance/Dr Turl
Wednesday (Week A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wednesday (Week B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wednesday	KS3 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Exeter Chiefs
Wednesday	Year 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wednesday	Drama Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Thursday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/Mr Powell & Mrs Elliot
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	Library		Miss Matthews
Thursday	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Thursday	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thursday (Week A)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday (Week B)	Year 10 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		
Thursday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett/Mr Powell & Mrs Broomfield
Friday	Dram Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Friday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott

CALENDAR DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2018	
Tues 20 Nov	GCSE Celebration Awards Evening 6.30 - 9.00
Thurs 6 Dec	Y12 Tutor Parents' Evening 4.30 - 6.30
Thurs 13 Dec	Y8 Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.00
Sun 16 Dec	D of E Y12 Dartmoor Day Walk
Wed 19 Dec	Christmas Concert (tbc) 6.00 - 8.00
Fri 21 Dec 2018	Non-Uniform Day (Rights Respecting Schools) LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
SPRING TERM 2019	
Mon 7 Jan 2019	START OF SPRING TERM
Sat 12 - Sun 13 Jan	Ten Tors Bronze D of E Weekend
Thurs 17 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30
Wed 23 - Sat 26 Jan	College Production of 'Annie' at Barnfield Theatre 7pm all evenings plus 2pm on Saturday
Mon 28 Jan	Y9 Girls' HPV Vaccinations
Wed 30 Jan	Ski Trip Information Evening 5.15 - 7.30
Tues 5 Feb	Y11 Pre Exam Support Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Sat 9 - Sun 10 Feb	Ten Tors Practice/Bronze D of E Weekend
Thurs 14 Feb	Y9 Options Evening 4.30 - 6.30
Fri 15 Feb	Non-Uniform Day (Force)
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	SPRING HALF TERM
Thurs 28 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening 6.30 - 8.30
Fri 8 March	Y9 BCG Vaccinations
Tues 12 March	Y10 Parents' Evening 6.30 - 8.30
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 - 9.00
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 - 7.00

Continued overleaf.....

CALENDAR DATES cont'd

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



2018 Parent Workshops in Exeter

Supporting a Young Person with Challenging or Aggressive Behaviour
2 Day Ticket - £40
Thursday 8th & Friday 9th November

Understanding & Supporting an Autistic Child
2 Day Ticket - £40
Thursday 15th & Friday 16th November

Understanding and Supporting Young People with ADHD/ADD and Developing Executive Function
2 Day Ticket - £40
Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd November

You First: Supporting yourself to support your child
1 Day Ticket - £40
Friday 30th November

Parent Safety & Breakaway Training
2 Day Ticket - £75
Thursday 13th & Friday 14th December

All courses run from 9.30am to 2.30pm at
Devon Disability Collective
22 Marsh Green Road
Marsh Barton
Exeter EX2 8PQ

To book online or find out more visit our website:

www.cedaonline.org.uk
or contact us directly at
sam.harris@cedaonline.org.uk

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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:

Sara Parker/Sue Uttley (Data Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463936

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

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 FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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