

Dear Parents/Carers

Similar to that old Cadbury's advert, we seem to have squashed a week-and-a-half's activities into one week.

"Find Your Voice" Human Rights Day

This was a brilliant success. The main thrust of the day was for our student Amnesty Group to train up human rights ambassadors from our local Primary Schools, who would then return and champion an aspect of human rights. Leading Amnesty International figures came to observe and participate in the day, and they were so impressed that they wish to adopt the programme for use in other schools. As one of the core principles of Amnesty and human rights campaigning is to raise awareness, the day also included an aerial photo of at least 400 people forming the Amnesty logo, and the launch of a project (again involving Primary Schools) to create a mural to be displayed in our entrance way. I cannot thank Miss Watt enough for her inspired leadership of our Amnesty Group, although she will be the first to acknowledge tremendous support from a number of colleagues and the students themselves.

Local Learning Community Sports Day

This was the annual athletics meeting of our LLC Primary Schools, held at Exeter Arena on Wednesday. Our part in it was the coordination of the event, and 46 Year 10 students attended as marshals and officials, who thrived in these roles and were great ambassadors for Clyst Vale..

2017-18 Term Dates: Trust Us, not DCC!

At Clyst Vale, the Autumn Term ends on <u>Wednesday 20th December 2017</u>. *This is different from Devon County Council's standard dates*. This is especially important if you are planning holidays or trips to relatives. Our website has the correct dates for the whole year.

New Intake Parents' Evening

I really do not want to tempt fate, but this year's transition events have gone very well indeed, and the new Year 7 look a very promising year group. We have more pupils coming in ones or twos from a wide range of Primary Schools, and I have been heartened by the way others have supported them. The Parents Evening is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's tutor, and raise any questions or worries. Again, it was a successful evening, and I must thank my colleagues, PTFA representatives, canteen staff, and Thomas Moore for their part in providing information and reassurance.

Celebration Assemblies

Each School held a Celebration Assembly this week, with awards for all sorts of achievements including for those students who sometimes pass under the radar. In each School, here were awards for every subject, for 100% attendance, tutor-nominated awards, and Student of the Year. Each assembly also included performances from student members of the particular School. These Assemblies genuinely recognise the successes of the academic year, and do much to bring Schools together with a sense of identity. This means, of course, that Silver School's assembly was particularly poignant.

Year 10 "Lighthouse"

On Thursday, 80 Year 10 students attended Made-Education's "Lighthouse" workshop, led by Sander de Groot (check it out through Google). This was a two-hour workshop focusing on goals, targets, and how to achieve them. The various components of the workshop are captured through illustrating a lighthouse (a metaphor for seeing through the fog and avoiding crashing on the rocks). The student evaluation forms suggest that almost all found the session interesting and enjoyable, with the majority reflecting that they need to focus more intently on their goals, not let things drift, break down their plans into manageable stages, and have a better idea of how to do this. Bearing in mind that most students had "good GCSE results" as their target, this is encouraging!

Measure by Measure

On Thursday evening 16 students ranging from years 7-10 attended a performance of Shakespeare's Measure by Measure by the Cygnet Company (including two former students Jake Sullivan and Guy Dennys). Despite the complex plot an audience member has contacted me to say that our students' behaviour was exemplary. The Cygnet team commented how impressed they had been and stated they wished all school groups were as well mannered and polite. Audience members too commented on the overall engagement and excellent behaviour of the students and were enquiring which school we came from!

Sports Day and Festival on the Field

I think it was a wise decision to postpone Tuesday's Sports Day & Festival on the Field, although if we had been quick enough we might have been able to organise a regatta instead. Clearly, Sports Day hasn't started at the time I'm writing this, but postponing it should not affect its quality. We had planned a couple of other non-sporting events for Friday which have been threaded through the day; Year 10 will have a Theatre Group presentation, and Year 12's final day of term will be a Challenge Day.

Work Experience

We have almost all Year 10 out on work experience next week (or in Iceland, and I don't mean the supermarket). In the hurly burly of the end of term, it should be remembered that this is a pivotal part of our Careers programme and an important part of a student's development. Even if the placement does not reflect a student's career aspirations, simply working in a different environment with unfamiliar adults and following instructions from someone who isn't a teacher or a parent is valuable in itself. As always, thank you to all parents/carers for your support, whether this is in helping find a placement or, as an employer, offering a placement. (A quick reminder: if a Year 10 student is ill, please contact <u>both</u> the placement and us!)

Trips and Visits

To all students and staff embarking on trips and visits this weekend or early next week, we wish a safe, smooth and thoroughly enjoyable time. All of the trips have a strong educational element, including the development of personal skills. For example, Year 8 students at Bude or others on the Camps International Expedition will test their leadership and teamwork skills, practical problem-solving and resilience. For trips that are leaving early in the morning, another gentle reminder to be respectful to our neighbours when dropping off students. Mentioning Bude, there was a minor confusion over departure times: it is 10.00 am on Sunday morning.

Wednesday's Traffic Forecast

Next Wednesday we could have six coaches from Woodlands and three from Woodlands arriving at the same time to join five CV buses, two Stagecoaches and a few taxis, as well as parents' cars. We are working with Dartline to stagger some times, and looking at other drop-off/pick-up options so that we don't gridlock the village! Please allow more time on Wednesday; if you pick up your child, and if possible can delay it, they can stay safely in College until 5.00 pm! And please keep an eye on your e-mails, in case we need to send out some guidelines via the gateway.

Staff Changes

There are several staff retirements and other changes at the end of term, and it is difficult to do them all justice. Any school is a dynamic organisation, so there will always be colleagues joining and leaving; in fact, up to a point, staff turnover is a positive thing. The following colleagues have been at Clyst Vale for periods of time ranging over six months to 28 years. What they all have in common is that they have contributed to the successes of the College, taught and supported your children, and we wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their lives. Undoubtedly, there are more changes than usual because of the financial pressures schools are under, but now is not the time to dwell on government policy. It has been a pleasure to work with all of my colleagues who are off to pastures new, to celebrate their loyalty and commitment, and to recognise the differences they will have made to literally thousands of young people over the years.

Mike Endacott (History, Business) retires after 28 years. For many of those years, Mr Endacott was also Head of Year. Paul Colin (Deputy Principal) also retires after 27 years; Mr Colin was formerly Head of Science, and has been the College's timetabler for almost 20 years. Christine Dormand (Deputy Principal & Head of Sixth Form) is another retiree, after two spells at Clyst Vale totalling nearly 21 years. Tanya Hucklesby (Hearing Support) also leaves us after 18 years to take up further opportunities to develop her work in deaf education. Nathalie Roberts (Teaching Assistant) has been at Clyst Vale for almost 12 years, and hopes to relocate to Torbay. Judith Colin (Health & Social Care, Course 42) will join husband Paul in retirement after nearly eleven years at CVCC. Leaving us after seven years to a new post at Torquay Girls' Grammar School is Tania Grigg (Head of Humanities and Geography). Jill Collins steps down as our Clerk to Governors after five years. Tania Gale (Maths) leaves us for new adventures after three years. Sarah Sinclair (Teaching Assistant) leaves after eighteen months, supporting some of our most vulnerable students. Katie Crawshay has secured a new post at Wellington Academy, and moves on after a year. Also leaving are Charley Wright (PE) and Kirsty Braddick (Geography), whose contributions over the past few months have been invaluable.

In other changes, Linda Smith (my PA) is stepping down from that role, but will continue in a part-time post. This week, we have been pleased to welcome back Ingrid Quick (English) and Claire Wakefield (Art) from adoption and maternity leaves respectively; however, this means more good byes, to their replacements Hayley Clanfield and Sophie Walton. The goodbye is only temporary in the case of Mrs Walton, who will rejoin us in September. Parents will already be aware that we will be reducing to three Schools in September, but I'm delighted that both Mrs Battishill and Mrs Knowles will remain on the Clyst Vale staff, albeit in different roles.

Uniform

If - as is very likely given that teenagers seem to grow taller in the summer holiday – you are buying uniform, please read the guidelines on this and every Newsletter for the past year. In particular, please avoid shoes that are not completely black, and skirts that are either too short and/or made of clingy material.

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CYCLE TO WORK DAY

Cycle to Work Day is back for 2017! Join us on Wednesday 13th September for a nationwide celebration of cycling.

Whether this is your first or fifth year cycle commuting, we want you to get involved. Taking part is simple – go to <u>www.cycletoworkday.org</u> to pledge the miles you'll be doing on the day and watch our totalisers soar.



SPORTS NEWS

Inter School Champions Cricket Trophy

In consecutive weeks we saw the annual interschool respective boys' and girls' sporting competitions, which see students integrate within their Schools between Years 7 to 10. Both weeks were superbly attended by the students who had the opportunity to cooperate and compete whilst having the chance to play some soft ball 'Kwik' Cricket. The group stage days of Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes culminated in the knockout stages towards the end of the week, with both the Final and Bronze Medal matches on the Friday. In both instances Green School was victorious, with Bangladesh beating their Yellow school counterparts in the boys' competition and Ireland beating Bangladesh in the girls'. Games were fiercely contested and brilliantly officiated, with special thanks going to the staff who helped along with the magnificent students from Year 10 who gave up their time.

Well done to all the students who took part. 2018 will bring about an Inter School Football World Cup, in line with the inferior tournament in Russia.

Results for both knockout stages of the respective tournaments are listed below:

Boys: Quarter Final 1: 1.40pm: Pitch 1: India 124 v 115 Australia Quarter Final 2: 1.30pm: Pitch 2: New Zealand 122 v 152 Scotland

Quarter Final 3: 1.30pm: Pitch 3: Zimbabwe 124 v 127 Brazil Quarter Final 4: 1.30pm: Pitch 4: Nepal 112 v 113 Bangladesh

<u>Semi Final 1:</u> 1.30pm Pitch 1: India 138 v 115 Scotland





CHARITY NEWS

Devon Air Ambulance Trust



The next Non Uniform Day is on Friday 21st July 2017 in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

JUST 50p Thank you for your support. Ms Phillips Additional Support

SPORTS NEWS cont.....

Clyst Vale Loses Out in Final at Exeter Community Chiefs Wheelchair Rugby Festival

Congratulations to the eight students who represented the College at the recent festival at St Luke's, organised by the Exeter Community Chiefs. This is a culmination of the eight week programme of Wheelchair Rugby sessions, held within our Sports Hall on a Thursday morning. The game combines elements of physicality and coordination, with the main aim of the competition being the experience and having fun and respect for one another.

The mixture of students did brilliantly well during the day, defeating Kings 11-7 and Cullompton 15-7. The victories were interspersed with a defeat against the National Champions St Luke's by 9-17, who have a strong link with the Westcountry Hawks, who are based in Plymouth but come to Exeter to train students every Wednesday.

The final was between the top two teams in the group, which meant a St Luke's rematch for the CVCC students. Clyst Vale shot into a 2-0 lead and held a narrow advantage at the break to everyone's surprise and shock. However St Luke's did show their experience after the break with a 19-10 victory.

Congratulations to all of the squad who did superbly well on and off the court, representing the College exceptionally well.

Ben Matthews ©, Shannon McIllroy, Amelia Agutter, Georgia Sheldon-Smith, Cameron Morley, Josh Urwin-Barrett, Jack Williams and Jack O'Connor.



CALIENDA'R DA'NES

Mon 17th July—Fri 21st July	Y7 Paris Residential
Sun 16th July—Wed 19th July	Bude Residential
Tues 18th July—Sat 22nd July	Y10, Y11 & Y12 Geography Field Trip to Iceland
Wed 19th July	Y7 & Y9 Woodlands Trip
Fri 21st July	Last day of term Non-Uniform Day
Wed 6th Sept	First day back for Students

THANK YOU FROM THE AMNESTY GROUP

CVCC, and especially the Amnesty group, would like to say a massive thank you to Bell Interior Solutions in Sowton for supplying the wood for the mural which will be situated in the entrance to the College, and for their time making the jigsaw pieces from which it will be constructed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Mrs Gillespie Study Supervisor and Learning Mentor

Clyst Vale Public Library

Did you know that there is a public library at Clyst Vale Community College? Part of Devon's Libraries Unlimited, the public is welcome to borrow books and audiobooks, use the internet, reserve items for collection and return books from other public libraries across Devon. There is also a fortnightly Bounce and Rhyme session for parents/ carers and their babies/toddlers. Please call in to the library for more information during the opening hours listed below:

Mon: 3.30 - 5.30 Wed: 3.30 - 5.30 Thurs: 4.00 - 6.00



The Public Library is part of the School Library and is located next to Reception. Access can be gained from the main school entrance.

Mrs Foulds Library Manager

Lunch Clubs Mon - Wed

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in the Maths block		Miss Barratt
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Wright & Mrs Needs
Mon	Vocal Harmony Group	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Year 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Cricket Nets	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Miss Wright
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 v 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	All Years Boys & Girls Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Woolacott
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Jazz Bank	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Elliot & Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	French Year 11 Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	Year 9 & 10 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Wed	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber

	Lun	ch Clubs	Thurs	- Fri	
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years Boys & Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Year 11 Revision (to half term only)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Learn To Read Music (half term onwards)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Sign Up Only 10 Hula-hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 9 Boys & Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9, 10 & 11 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - Week A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Band/Group Rehearsals for Festival on the Field	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

UNIFORM

Thomas Moore is offering 10% discount on uniform purchases made in store (not online) on 15th/16th/17th July. If ordering online, please do so by 31st July to prevent any delay in receiving items.

Mrs Smith PA to Principal/Office Manager

Ski Pila 2019

If your child is interested in being part of the next Ski Trip in 2019 they need to collect a letter from Mrs Woolacott or from the folder outside of the PE office.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70kms of pistes offering high altitude, snowsure skiing for everyone from complete beginners to those who have previously skied. The price will be **£969.00** which includes the following:

- Travel from College to resort and return journey (luxury 49 seater coach fitted with seat belts), plus ferry, together with use of coach whilst in resort
- Ski lessons (morning and afternoon for six days)
- Hire of skis, boots and poles
- Full area lift pass
- Full insurance (including 24 hour Medicare, ski breakage and snow guarantee)
- Full board accommodation, including hot lunch on the slopes
- · Après-ski activities, such as ice-skating, tubing, ski test and Presentation Evening
- College ski hooded sweatshirt

Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.





School Transport

- Clyst Vale supports the (DCC) Devon County Council's "No Pass No Travel Scheme" that operates on transport to and from this College.
- 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.
- 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

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 Silver School: Julia Knowles (01392 463906; knowlesj@clystvale.org) 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

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 <u>all black</u> trainers.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

All uniform 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 <u>www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk</u>.

- 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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