



NEWSLETTER

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**“Hope sleeps in our bones like a bear waiting
for spring to rise and walk“**

Marge Piercy

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

Thank you very much to parents of Year 10 students for an excellent turn-out last night. With the curriculum and assessment changes which largely affect this particular year group nationally, it is very important that parents realise the increased demands of the courses, the support that we can offer, and that the time-worn advice about hard work, organisation and resilience are more important than ever before. Miss Barratt and Miss Watt quickly went through the syllabi in Maths and English, and several parents commented afterwards that the demands are similar to those in O-levels, in terms of applying knowledge to situations in Maths, and having to memorise texts and poems in English as all exams are now “closed book”. The changes to the primary school curriculum mean that by the time current Year 6 reach GCSE they will have been trained in these approaches (and Year 7 have had one year of the new primary curriculum); we are revising how we teach Year 8 and 9, of course. For Year 10 all GCSEs will be on the new grading system of 9-1, except in Design Technology subjects which retain A*-G for one more year. One of the most significant changes is that there is no coursework or controlled assessment in many subjects; practical-based subjects will retain projects counting up to 50 or 60% of the final grade, but not others. This puts huge emphasis on the final exams, and students' ability to remember two years of work. One consolation is that all schools are in the same boat; however, it's a messy sea, and we will do all we can to navigate our way through it to ensure that no student here is disadvantaged. If you do have any further questions, do not hesitate in contacting your son/daughter's tutor or Head of School; there is also a lot of subject information on Moodle 2. For those who were unable to attend, the presentations and resources are on our website.

PTFA

The AGM on Wednesday generated a lot of discussion and useful feedback. This had been prompted by a presentation from Paul Sutton on students' emotional health, and how the College supports students in difficulties. It was a wide-ranging discussion, and very topical given the rise in mental health issues among young people. As with the Year 10 Evening, PowerPoints have been put on the website. There are also some very useful links for parents and young people to seek advice and support. It's important to underline that these are not the same as Childline or NSPCC which focus on abuse and child protection, but support a much broader range of mental health including anxiety and depression. Most PTFA meetings now combine the traditional meeting agenda with a presentation or discussion; so, the next meeting on 30th November will include a talk and discussion about how assessment has changed for all years after the government reforms, and how this impacts on reports.

Mobile Phones

One issue discussed at the PTFA was that of mobiles or smartphones. Parents present recognised our dilemma: phones are really useful in a rural catchment area with limited public transport, and phones can be an incredibly useful learning tool; for example, many students use phones (with teachers' permission) to photograph homework or other work. We aim to prepare students for the "real world", and the real world of work makes extensive and responsible use of smartphone technology. Our policy in the classroom is robust; unless a teacher gives permission otherwise, all phones should be off and out of sight in bags. If a phone is being used inappropriately, it will be confiscated until the end of the day when it will be returned. Breaks and lunchtimes are different; it would be impossible to enforce a ban, and in any case students reflect the society in which they live. It is now normal for adults at work to dive straight for their phones at lunchtime. The vast majority of students use their phones responsibly, and the vast majority have a good sense of balance in not letting phones prevent them from engaging in other activities. We are extremely vigilant about inappropriate use of technology, frequently covered through assemblies, ICT lessons and Course 42. However, in light of the PTFA AGM we will increase messages about *productive* use of ICT as well.

Autumn Safety

Dark nights once the clocks go back, Halloween and Bonfire Night have now been joined by scary clowns on the list of "Autumn Safety" risks. We have a fantastic body of students and parents, and almost all will be safe and sensible during this period, which includes half-term. That said, there are always exceptions. As a school, we will reinforce safety messages and the importance of respecting your neighbours, especially those who are vulnerable and more easily frightened. Devon and Cornwall Police traditionally run an Autumn Safety campaign which we wholeheartedly support, and we will always cooperate with the Police should instances of anti-social behaviour occur in our communities.

Best wishes.



Dr Bawn

Year 11 Prom 2017

The final arrangements are being made for the Year 11 Prom and I wanted to provide you with as much detail as possible about the evening to enable you to make arrangements for your child.

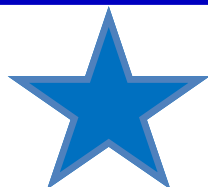


This event is being held at Reed Hall, University of Exeter on Thursday 29th June 2017. I will provide details of the cost and how to pay shortly. The price will include a buffet, disco, sweet buffet and photographs. We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00pm. The evening will finish at 11.00pm and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter from the venue.

I am sure the students are looking forward to the prom and will have a wonderful evening.

If you would like any further information, please contact me on 01392 463913 or email hellierc@clystvale.org

Ms Hellier



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Kerens Hurren
7RKC	Keira Clarke
8RZB	Catherine Tooze
9RAR	Harriet Duddridge
10RGG	Beth Towers
11RMHI	Paddy Gray
11RTMA	Rafael Pereira Piccoli

GREEN SCHOOL

7GIQ	Oliver Bradley
9GABR	Emily Taylor
9GTGA	Jude Pearson
11GGT	Mattie McCord

SILVER SCHOOL

11SDJ	Harry Knowles
11SSG	Rosie Martin

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Max Walker
8YME	Haille Morgan
8YMM	Tom Sluggett/Tom Davey
9YSP	Ty Pardew
9YJCO	Laura Goss
10YMPR	Molly Dart
11YCW	Lucy Carter

Operation Christmas Child/Shoebox Appeal

It is that time of year again when we start to think about Operation Christmas Child.

Each year we fill shoeboxes for less fortunate children. If you would like to fill a shoebox, leaflets will be available soon in College, or follow the links below for other suggestions.

We would be grateful for any spare shoeboxes. If you cannot fill one yourself, you could group together with some friends and each donate something.

Handy information on 'how to pack your shoebox gift' can be found at the link below:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

Please note that shipping costs can now be purchased online, printed out, and put straight into your completed box – see link below for information:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/follow-your-box-donation/

For more details on their work please look at their website www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

If you would like any more details, please contact Claire Phillips on 01392-463919.



MUSIC LESSONS

I currently have a few spaces available if your child would like to learn to play any of the following instruments:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone or Piano/Keyboard

Please be aware your child will need an instrument available at home and in school to be able to practice. Most instruments are available to hire. Please contact me if you would like any other information.

Thank you

Julia Carnell

carnellmusic@icloud.com

CALENDAR DATES

Half Term	Mon 24th October to Fri 28th October 2016
Thurs 10th November	Post 16 Open Evening (6pm)
Tues 15th November	Year 12 Meet the Tutor (4.30pm)
Tues 22nd November	GCSE Presentation Evening (7pm)
Thurs 24th November	Year 10 Parents' evening (4.30pm)
Tues 29th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 16th December 2016
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wed 4th January 2017
Half Term	Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February 2017



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

YEAR 7/8 UNIFORM FOR SALE/ DONATIONS WELCOME

My daughter attended Clyst Vale for just a few weeks this Autumn term in Year 7 before changing school, so I have several items of either brand new or barely worn uniform ordered from the official SWI uniform shop. My daughter is tall and of average build so I would say the items are more age 12-13 size than average age 11.

The items available are:

3 x RED SCHOOL LOGO JUMPERS 30/32

1 x PRO TEC LONG SLEEVE RUGBY SHIRT 30/32

1 x HAZE POLO TOP 32/33

2 x RED SCHOOL TIES

Also from Marks and Spencer

3 x BLACK knee length PLEATED SKIRTS AGE 12/13

All items are either unworn or worn only a few times so as new.

Please contact me if any items are of interest. I will accept donations which I will pass on to Force (our local cancer support centre).

Please make contact via Mrs Grant, grantp@clystvale.org or 01392 463910 who will forward your messages on to me.

Many thanks!

Sharon Pagliero

PTFA Events 2016/17

January - date to be confirmed

Presentation and discussion on

Internet Safety

May - date to be confirmed

Presentation and discussion on

Post 16 Studies and Careers

PTFA welcomes all parents and guardians to our events and if you have any suggestions for topics of discussion please contact us.

Our PTFA offers a friendly environment for discussion and an informal link for parents and the College's senior leadership team.

All meetings in Post 16 Block

Jenny Sanders CHAIRPERSON, jls.sanders@btinternet.com

Cathy Sharkey SECRETARY cape@shark.eclipse.co.uk /

sharkeyc@clystvale.org

Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in Maths Rooms		Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Production Auditions/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	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Textiles Club - Starting date tbc	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Mrs Adie
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett/Miss Carnall
Tues	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision (AFTER XMAS)	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	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 7 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Wed	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 7 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thurs	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Lunch Clubs—Fri

Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	Various	New Block Unless Specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce Mrs Elliot/Miss Garman
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Games Club - Year 7	1.30pm - 2.00 pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

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

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

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 can be purchased from SWI online shop or Thomas Moore.

PE kit is only available from SWI online shop.

The reversible jacket is only available 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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