



# NEWSLETTER

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Week B

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*“Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.” William Arthur Ward*

Dear Parent/Carer

### College Closure

- Well, the half-term ended in a right storm.... More seriously, I sincerely hope that all students, colleagues and their families remain safe and unaffected by Eunice. School closures are always tricky, emotional, and massively inconvenient, so I am also very grateful for your support and understanding that there really wasn't another option.

### Covid Report

- The situation appears considerably better. There are currently just eight students and three colleagues isolating. Local rates are improving. We don't know exactly what the government will announce next week, nor how the detail in the guidance will differ from the "Freedom Day" headlines. It's not even clear when any changes would be implemented for schools, although most speculation suggests it would be 1st March. I have a horrible suspicion that folks in London don't realise that some of us rural types are on half-term this week, not last....
- However, I am confident that masks will no longer be recommended; this will apply at Clyst Vale, too, although anyone who wishes to wear one may do so. I will be, in crowded spaces. I expect that school and public transport will follow government guidance but encourage mask-wearing as much as they can; if your child uses transport on 28th February, equip them with a mask (also, to me it's common sense to wear one: a bus is a poorly ventilated metal and glass tube with people close together in which virus droplets circulate).
- Apart from the Humanities block, the one-way system will officially end; and apart from certain subjects for safety reasons (Science and DT), students will no longer need to line up outside before lessons.
- Coats will be no longer allowed in lessons. The CO2 meters are showing that the levels are nowhere near any threshold, so we can open fewer windows less widely, even close them for a while. And, of course, the weather will improve after half-term. Yes, it will.
- This has some implications for uniform. It will now be more "visible", and therefore needs to be correct. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

## **Year 12 Parents Evening**

- Thank you very much indeed to all parents who took part in last night's parents' evening, and for your tremendous support of your children, and of my colleagues. I believe that most of the conversations were very positive, and students were glad that they have stayed on at CVCC because they are getting far more individual support than their peers at other institutions. I know I repeat myself, but this is a glorious example of "the tripod": student, home and school all working by themselves and together to create a firm platform for success.

## **Assessment Weeks**

- That old quote about "Life, Death and Taxes" possibly needs "Assessments" adding to it. In order, Year 11, Years 12&13, and Year 10 (shortly after Easter) all have assessments/exams coming up. For Years 11-13, this is valuable exam practice and a stepping stone towards the summer; revision done now will reduce revision needed then, as well as consolidate memory. Also for Years 11-13, the assessments would form some of the evidence should summer exams be cancelled and we need to revert to Teacher Assessed Grade folders.

## **Youth Cultural Champions**

- I am very pleased and excited that we are now running a second cohort of YCC, after an extended pandemic. This is very much part of our commitment to human rights and RRS. It is a group of students, mostly in Years 7 and 8, who are from a variety of different heritages. Led by experienced external trainers, the group does many things: it is a support group, it explores different heritages, recognises and celebrates those differences, it empowers the students, provides strategies in the event of experiencing prejudice or racism, and leads to students helping others become more aware. The first cohort, now in Year 11, will be doing a presentation to staff next month.

## **Behaviour on buses**

- I am hoping that it's student tiredness and that things automatically improve after a week's rest and hopefully some signs of spring. On two School buses in particular, there has been some poor behaviour. Yes, it's a very small number of students plus some hangers-on, but that's not the point. It needs to stop. Any distraction to the driver makes it dangerous as well as just plain anti-social. At Clyst Vale, we always prefer to identify individuals and not take blanket action. There are warning letters, temporary and permanent bans. It's also extremely difficult for students, especially younger students, to "call out" the behaviour at the time. But they can report it discreetly, or tell a parent who can then report it. I'm not daft: there has been a culture of "not grassing" in schools for 200 years, probably ever since schools were invented; however, when other students' rights/safety/well-being is affected, then in my view a line has been crossed.

## **Staff Changes**

- Today we say goodbye to Rebecca Dominy, who has been Exams Officer for nearly six years. Rebecca has done a fantastic job in that time, and it's perhaps not fully appreciated how uniquely complex the role is. Exams wasn't in the best of states when Rebecca joined, and despite continual government changes to exam regulations and two years of pandemic, CAGs, TAGs and AAMs, she leaves it in a significantly better position.
- Amanda Kilby, who was previously Exams Officer in a local school, and a former student of Clyst Vale, joined us earlier this week to ensure a good handover as exams moves into its busy season.
- We also say goodbye to Emma Harris (Finance), who has secured a post in primary education with greater involvement with pupils.
- Joining our support staff on 28<sup>th</sup> February will be Christine Faulkner, providing admin support for senior leaders and also having a six-week handover before becoming responsible for cover arrangements for absent teachers after Easter.

## Anti-Social Behaviour in Cranbrook

- Technically, Cranbrook is not in Clyst Vale's catchment, but we do have quite a number of Cranbrook residents on roll and who receive this Newsletter. And we are consistent in our message of Respect including our communities and neighbours. So, I am happy to support Cranbrook Town Council who have asked if the following message can be communicated:
  - ◇ *Over the last few months, incidents of vandalism in Cranbrook's play areas have increased, especially in Northwood Acres where signs and benches have been damaged, sometimes beyond repair. Remediating vandalised items is a completely needless public expense and means that something else probably cannot be funded to benefit the community.*
  - ◇ *More graffiti has also been appearing on benches, play equipment, lampposts, bins, bus shelters and table tennis tables which, again, costs the taxpayer needlessly for remediation – not to mention the spoiling of these items to the people who want to use them.*

*If anyone has any information or has witnessed any incidents, please do report this to Devon & Cornwall Police via one of their reporting channels <https://services.devon-cornwall.police.uk/crimereporting/>.*

This hasn't been an easy few weeks; covid rates soared, there has been some difficulties with staff absence, and although still a minority more students have been struggling with a variety of health, mental health and family issues. I am really proud of my colleagues for battling through, and really grateful to all students and parents who have supported them. Everybody needs a good half-term break; the calm after the storm ?



Kevin Bawn  
Principal

## CVCC Vacancies

**We are currently recruiting for the following positions within Clyst Vale:**

HR & Payroll Officer  
Data & Exams Assistant

**Full details, including information about how to apply,  
can be found on our website:**



**[www.clystvale.org/vacancies](http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies)**

## Clyst Vale Year 9s vs Tiverton

After a wet and windy start to the week the Dog Village pitches had taken a bit of a hammering. The game was just about on and Clyst Vale were looking to proceed to the semi-finals of this East Devon Cup with a win. Similar to the game versus QE, Clyst Vale were slow to start and looked lethargic in their play. Poor conditions did not suit the boys' style of play, where they tried to play out from the back but ended up needing to clear the ball due to some high pressing from Tiverton. Some great sweeping and 50/50 challenges from Lewis kept the scores at 0-0 with Tiverton finding space in behind the back three of Clyst Vale. This high pressure and tenacity from Tiverton gave them the lead.

With a high ball not dealt with at the back and the defenders being too narrow the ball fell to Tiverton's left winger who dribbled it into the box and hit a shot across Lewis, who managed to get a good hand on the shot but it wasn't enough as it fell to the Tiverton striker who tapped it home. Half time arrived with the boys still eager to achieve and come out with a victory. A discussion on trusting one another and communication were the stand out points to improve on from the first half.

With the second half underway Clyst Vale were a different team. Using the space, not crowding one another and commanding the ball when it arrived with them. On 50 minutes this led to the equaliser following a lovely passage of play that saw the ball being passed across from Oli to Harry - who found himself in space just inside the Tiverton half. He played a side footed driven pass across to Jack, who glided past three of the Tiverton players to cut inside and produce an outside of the boot shot that found the left hand side of the goal. 1-1.

With no longer than 5 minutes left on the clock, Clyst Vale's constant pressure saw them take the lead. A corner came in from the left hand side from Charlie which the Tiverton defence half dealt with. The ball ended up at left back with Oli, who played the ball back up the line to Charlie; he used a bit of trickery to get past his man and laid the ball back to Harry, who was in space on the edge of the box. He took a shot that was timid for his standard, but with a slight deflection it dumbfounded the goal keeper and ended up in the back of the net. 2-1.

With some last ditch defending in the final minutes of the game, it finished 2-1. The boys now move through the group stage to the semi-finals to await their opponents from the other group.

A fantastic performance from all, especially in the second half - with some intricate passing and last ditch challenges, the boys deserved the victory in the end.

Man of the match was a tough one as the speed and incisive decision making from Jack on the wing put him in contention – but ultimately it has to go to Lewis for his solid goalkeeping. Sweeping when the defence needed him, not backing out from 50/50 challenges and pulling off some great saves. Well done! The next round awaits.

**Mr D Stapleton**  
Teacher of PE



## Key Stage 4 Clash!

Year 10 and Year 11 boys went head to head on Wednesday afternoon in a football match that was played with both passion and humour.

Year 10 were captained by the gregarious Charlie and his guidance and calming influence supported some of the less confident players. The older boys had George at the helm and he too portrayed confidence and a clear plan for his team.

The first half was incredibly tight with Sonny saving well from a lovely strike from Will, and Kayden offering equal defence at the other end as the Year 10 boys pushed forward. In defence Marlon was a rock, repeatedly stopping the onrushing older lads, notably the nimble Liam and combative Owen. Ned acted as the muscle in defence and whilst there were a few toe punts, his athleticism made up for the lack of poise.

In the previous Year 11 match Jed was player of the game and once again he proved an impossible task as Sam from Year 10 was repeatedly foiled and shepherded off the ball. It was George from 10GHE who came the closest in the first half, with a couple of headers and a lovely low drive. But 0-0 after 35 minutes was a fair reflection.

In the second half a few changes saw Jed depart and Dillon take the field. Other additions included the fabulous dribbling Ben and Harry. Noah also took the field and did a great job controlling the pacey Year 11 attack line. Eventually, the finely balanced game tipped. George capitalised on some dodgy marking and used the half way line to beat the offside trap. He raced on to the pass and even Kayden the Cat couldn't stop the goal.

George and the Year 10 boys continued to find space behind the defence and it wasn't long before a cross drifted in on the wind and it was 2-0. Year 11 rallied and as George moved himself higher up the pitch he suddenly found himself one on one with Marlon. A little shimmy and Marlon bit, contact and George was on his face in the box. Penalty awarded and despite a great effort from Sonny, George smashed it home.

That would be a fair score, but there was more to come. As Year 11 pressed for the draw, a fast break by George, led to Fraser driving home the final nail in the coffin. A superb game with many lads playing for the first time in ages. Felix used many parts of his body as well as his feet, Harry was a voice of reason and comedy and Tom and Ned showed that there is a home on the football pitch for two of our top rugby stars.

I lost count of the number of times the two teams laughed, teased and helped each other up. A truly brilliant group of students and a pleasure to referee. Not a word out of place, not a tackle with malice. A rematch is on the cards.

Man of the Match: George D for his two goals, elegant runs and partial assist.

**Julian Powell Head of PE**

# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 BRec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Fitness	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battisill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh Award	1.30pm – 2.10pm	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Post 16 Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Ms Watt/Mrs Battisill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MT1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 10 Film Club	Lunchtime	IT4		Kate Jones
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Rosslyn Park 7s	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimber
Thursday	Yogioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

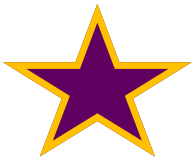
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# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Mon 21 – Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM
Fri 25 February	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Tues 1 March— Thurs 3 March	Y11 Food Practical Exams
w/b Mon 7 March	Y11 GCSE Assessment Week
w/b Mon 7 January	Week 2: Cultural Fortnight
Sat 12 March	DofE/Ten Tors Overnight 3
Sun 13 March	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Mon 14 & Tue 15 March	Further Y11 GCSE Assessment
Thur 17, Fri 18, Mon 21 & Tue 22 March	Y13 Assessments
Sun 20 March	Legally Blonde Rehearsal
Wed 23 - Fri 25 March	Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s Tournament
Fri 25 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sat 26 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sun 27 March	Production: rehearsal in school Half day
Mon 28 March	Production: technical rehearsal & evening dress
Mon 28 March	Production: remaining cast to join rehearsal
Tues 29 March - Fri 01 April	Legally Blonde - Musical Production
Tues 05 April	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Wed 06 April - Wed 20 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

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# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GCMC	Kitty Ford
7GIM	Wyatt Bastin
8GABr	Matthew Ware
9GAW	Samuel Hannaford
9GBA	Ella Rogers
10GHE	Killian Haylock
10GSW	No permission to publish name
11GGT	Izzy Cocking
11GGT	No permission to publish name
11GMN	Maddie Grabham

## **RED SCHOOL**

7RBAT	Michael Bennett
7RHSP	Lucas Matterface
8RSGA	Lily Cocker
8RZB	Lucy Jones
9RAO	Kayla Dart
9RMAH	No permission to publish name
10RER	Imogen Pearce
10RGG	No permission to publish name
11RSS	Kim Martin
11RTMA	No permission to publish name

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

8YSSC	Freya Bayley
9YDST	Holly Phillips
10YMPR	Grace Anning
11YCW	Amaryllis Shelley



## **Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence**

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps 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.

### **Medical Appointments**

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

### **For Years 7 - 11 Absences**

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring Maria Murch on 01392 462697

Email: [murchm@clystvale.org](mailto:murchm@clystvale.org)

copying in: [haynesc@clystvale.org](mailto:haynesc@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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts - Blue Tartan and knee length
- 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.
- 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](http://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.

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