



# NEWSLETTER

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Week A

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." Howard Zinn*

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Ukraine Day

- Thank you to students and families for your generosity, and thank you to my colleagues for coordinating it all, especially Miss Brotherton. The non-uniform day and donations raised £1140, with one Sixth Former donating £80 and a Year 11 emptying her "swear jar" of £21 ! The funding is going to the UNICEF appeal to support children in Ukraine. The collection of items filled two Landrovers, before late contributions - including some from our local community - filled a third. The collected items will be shipped to refugee organisations in Ukraine and Moldova.

### Camps International

- There were special assemblies this week for students in Years 9 – 12 about the Summer 2023 expedition to Cambodia. There will be a parents' information evening next Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) at 6.30 pm in the Hall. The Camps expeditions are an amazing experience, sometimes life-changing, which challenge students and in so doing develop their personal qualities. The expeditions are not cheap, and we are very aware of the cost of living issues facing families, but feel it would be wrong to not offer such a great opportunity.

### Assessments

- Year 11's assessments have finished, and Year 13 (and Year 12 AS students) are in the middle of theirs. I won't repeat myself from last week, except to say that students have approached their assessments with a really good attitude, and will benefit from the experience.

### Legally Blonde

- Excitement is building, with opening night just eleven days away ! Whether pink is your favourite colour, you're a dog lover, you enjoy stereotypes being smashed, or you believe hard work and integrity are essential values, there's something for you ! Exmouth Pavilion, 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April, tickets available from <https://www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion/book-now/legally-blonde>

## **HMI Visit 25<sup>th</sup> March: Catch-Up Programme**

- This is not an Ofsted inspection, but a visit by Ofsted to find out about covid catch-up and the national tutoring programme (NTP) in particular. We were one of several hundred schools selected to take part, and it doesn't mean we are doing a particularly bad job or indeed a good one. If you follow national educational news, you'll know that there have been quite a few problems with the NTP, and we are no different. We have been offering support for eligible Year 7 students in English and Maths. If your child is involved, we will have contacted you separately for consent.

## **Covid Latest**

- As of Friday morning, there are 33 students and 5 members of staff (all teachers) isolating; last week's Year 8 spike has fortunately subsided a lot. This overall increase is consistent with rates locally to us, which are above national for Exeter, East and Mid Devon. The numbers in College do not require any new measures or restrictions, but it still remains essential that all of us are cautious and practice good hand hygiene. Five teachers may not sound very many, but it means that a hundred lessons in one week will be taken by cover supervisors, supply teachers, or already busy teachers. As I have said before, we do our utmost to put the best possible people in front of classes, and set the best possible learning, but we are still a long way from pre-pandemic normality.

## **Science Week**

- Another event returning after a two-year lay off. Thanks mostly to Dr Odunlade and the Science Club, there will be three Science-themed assemblies next week, one for each School, and a Science Fair on Wednesday lunchtime.

## **Ten Tors and DofE Overnight Camp**

- There is a fuller article with photo on the front page of the website, but I must pay tribute to our students, staff and parent volunteers. It was horrible weather on Dartmoor last weekend, and walking on Saturday was really hard work. However, over twenty students chose to stay out, pitched camp in the wind and the rain, and got going again on Sunday. This is true character-forming activity, and credit to all the young people for their resilience. Huge thanks to Mr Eales, Miss Barratt and Mr Hewlett for their organisation, very close regard to student safety, and of course they too endured the same weather as the students. Fortunately, Monday was a good drying day....

## **Deep Learning Day**

- Today is our first DLD for some time, but I'm writing this before it is properly under way (or is it "weigh" as in anchor?). Report to follow next week! Many thanks to Mrs Bennett for a phenomenal achievement in organising and coordinating the whole day, and to my colleagues for making it work!

## **Talent Show**

- Auditions have been held this week for this fast-approaching fund-raiser on 5<sup>th</sup> April, proceeds going to our "official" charity UNICEF. Thank you to all students who are both talented and brave enough to put themselves forward. Sadly, I have been on lunchtime duty so could not fulfil the role of Simon Cowell.....

## **Youth Cultural Champions**

- There are some great occasional perks of being Principal. Being invited to the YCC "sharing lunch" is one of them. South Asian bean and rice dishes; Jamaican dumplings; Turkish tuna; Colombian snacks; English pork pie; and many more – I still remember Polish pierogi and Traveller Bacon Pudding very fondly from three years ago!

- The educational aspect of this was for students to talk about their heritage and celebrate an example of food from their culture; this is also an exercise to help the group to bond. For me, it is incredibly interesting and valuable to hear the voices of students and their experiences so that we can be even truer to our RRS ethos and improve the College even more in terms of respecting difference.

### **Behaviour on Buses**

- On literally one or two school buses students need to be more respectful. It's not bad behaviour in a dangerous sense, but disrespect in terms of litter, being silly with food, and leaving chewing gum where it shouldn't be. As ever, it's a few students who are letting others down. We will be writing to parents of students on the relevant buses separately.


### **Windows and Scaffolding**

- I am very happy that the "wooden box" has gone ! This was protecting students from scaffolding, but has made a horrible, scruffy pinch-point just outside the Giraffe House since September. Don't get me wrong, I am also very happy that a lot of old, rotten, draughty, leaky windows have been replaced too, but it's like a shadow being lifted, literally. The work continues, but as it draws to a close more and more scaffolding will disappear.

### **Vacancies**

- We currently have support staff vacancies for Data & Exams Assistant, Assistant to the Head of Post 16, and for Exam Invigilators – please see the "box advert" below in this Newsletter !

Wishing you all a very pleasant and hopefully sunny weekend!



Kevin Bawn  
Principal

# LEGALLY

Clyst Vale has developed an incredible reputation for energetic, vivacious productions and this one will be no exception!

Join the stunning and popular sorority sister Elle and her spirited Delta Nu friends in this action-packed musical based on the well-loved movie. When Elle is dumped by her ambitious and self-centred boyfriend Warner, she swaps credit cards for books, feeling she needs to become more 'serious.' Accompanied by her trusty pooch Bruiser, she goes on a journey of self-discovery, meeting a plethora of highly entertaining characters along the way. With the support of friends new and old, she realises that smartness comes from within.

With well-known songs such as *OMIGod You Guys*, *What You Want* and *So Much Better*, accompanied by a live band, this show bubbles and fizzes its way through a hilarious and colourful adventure!



Performances from 29th March—1st April, 2022, nightly at 7pm  
Tickets: [www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion](http://www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion) or 01395 222 477

Full Price - £15.50 flat seating and £17.50 raised seating  
Under 16/students: £10.50 flat seating and £12.50 raised seating

# BLONDE

Tickets for our incredible production of **LEGALLY BLONDE** are now on sale!! It would be amazing if families came along. **Legally Blonde** is a bright, bold, exuberant musical all about dispelling stereotypes and the cast are simply amazing. We have over 80 students involved across all years - 7-13, plus a stunning live band including a simply brilliant Year 7 drummer!!

Although we are a little further afield in Exmouth due to the temporary closure of the Barnfield, please remember that Exmouth is not only home to Rockfish, but also the battered chip (!) What better antidote to the stresses and strains of a working day than a stroll along the sea front, taking in the sights and sounds of the Marina before heading to a restaurant for a pre-theatre supper- a glass of champagne accompanied by a pea, chorizo and scallop starter, a grilled sea bass and samphire main and a lemon posset for pudding (or a can of Thatcher's and fish and chips). Rounded off by a fantastic evening's entertainment by the sea side! This is surely heaven?!

Tickets are available here <https://www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion/book-now/Legally-Blonde>

# CVCC Vacancies

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



## **Data & Exams Assistant** **Assistant to Head of Post-16**

Full details, including information about how to apply,  
can be found on our website:  
[www.clystvale.org/vacancies](http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies)



### **Food Service Assistant at Clyst Vale Community College**

**Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, 38 weeks per year

**Salary:** £9.50 per hour

Duties include:

- Undertaking basic food preparation
- Setting up food service areas
- Cleaning dining halls and general cleaning duties
- Serving customers in a polite and professional manner
- Working on the tills
- Supporting with hospitality

A team player with strong communication skills and a can-do approach is key for this role. Experience is preferred but not essential, as full training will be given.

The successful candidate will be organised, have the ability to maintain the highest standards at all times and will ensure optimal service to staff and students.

**Safeguarding:** Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role.

For additional information please contact:  
Ann Hopkins (College Manager)  
[hopkinsa@clystvale.org](mailto:hopkinsa@clystvale.org)

# LET'S TALK TEENAGERS



## Dates:

- Tuesday 8 March
- Tuesday 15 March
- Tuesday 22 March

## Free support sessions for parents and carers



Have you got teenagers? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, and find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running twilight sessions throughout March, covering topics such as:

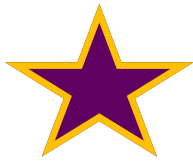
- drugs and alcohol
- body image
- sexuality
- mental health
- social risks
- peer pressure



Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm



Visit [devon.cc/teenagers](https://devon.cc/teenagers) to find out more about each session and book your free place.



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Charlotte Tills
7GIM	No permission to print name
8GDH	Daniel Lush
9GAW	No permission to print name
9GBA	No permission to print name
9GBA	Louise Maby
10GSW	No permission to print name
11GMN	Ella Cartwright
11GGT	Eden Underhill

## RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Ruby Somerville
7RHSP	Lana Zumaran
8RSGA	Liam Milton
8RZB	Harry Bowern
9RAO	Kayla Dart
9RMAH	No permission to print name
10RER	Zach Jenner
10RGG	No permission to print name
11RSS	Sophie Pepper
11RTMA	No permission to print name

## YELLOW SCHOOL

7YTZI	Dylan Carstairs
7YMBR	Olive Aguis
8YPN	Luke Bassett
8YSSC	No permission to print name
9YDS	Olivia Woollam
9YSP	George Craig
10YMPR	No permission to print name
10YNS	Jamie Beuscher
11YRB	No permission to print name
11YCW	No permission to print name

# 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 BTEC/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

• Colour coded refers to Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh only



# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
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 rehearsal (principals only) 9am - 10pm Remaining cast to join rehearsal 5.30pm - 10pm
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
Thurs 21 April	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Thurs 21 April	6pm - 8pm Sports Awards Evening
w/c 25 April	Y10 Mock Exams
Thurs 28 April	4pm - 7pm Year 7 Parents' Evening
Mon 02 May	Early May Bank Holiday
Sat 07 & Sun 08 May	ALL DAY - Ten Tors Weekend
Sat 21 May	DofE Silver Assessed
Mon 30 May - Fri 03 June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Thurs 16 June	New Intake Non Feeder Schools Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
Fri 24 June	Year 13 Prom
w/b 27 June	Year 12 Mocks
Thurs 30 June - Sun 03 July	DofE Gold
Fri 22 July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

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



## **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 Jassy Barrington on 01392 462697

Email: [barringtonj@clystvale.org](mailto:barringtonj@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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