



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

The proper response of any nation to refugees includes "OMG, we're so glad you survived!" and "Welcome." Get Bullish

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid and Schools' Guidance

You should have received a letter from me on Tuesday, which I will not repeat here. Suffice it to say that the guidance for schools has not changed from June 21st, and we are expected to keep all the existing covid control measures in place. In the letter I said that in Devon no schools had been affected recently; since then two schools, one in Exeter, have been forced to isolate one year group each. So, while there's no need to panic or change anything in the College, there is good reason to keep doing what we're doing, and try to do it even better.

Lateral Flow Testing

I have had my weekly reminder from the Department for Education to remind all parents that twice-weekly LFTesting is still essential in helping reduce transmission of covid; doubly so, in that one in three positive covid cases has no symptoms.

We also had our latest delivery of testing kits, which were issued to students on Tuesday or Wednesday. Contrary to the DfE information circulated previously, these are the "old" style LFT kits which are better with a throat and nostril swab, not the "new" ones (for which a double nostril twizzle is recommended).

Sports Award Evening

Wednesday's Sports Awards Evening was great, with a really lovely, positive atmosphere. Clearly, schools' sports fixtures have been decimated through covid last year, but there was still plenty to celebrate, and many of the awards relate to sporting achievement and contributions over 2-3 years. 45 invited Year 11 students enjoyed the evening, including a really valuable input from Exeter City's Harry Kite. Although Harry is a professional footballer, and trains six hours a day, in his afternoons and evenings he is studying with the Open University because his football career won't last for ever and there is always the risk of injury. Clyst Vale's Sports Ambassador of the Year is Lara Gimbuta, which is thoroughly well-deserved. Lara played table-tennis at national level, and was also selected for England rounders, as well as being very proficient at almost every sport she plays, including netball or lunchtime football on the field. More than this, Lara has contributed much more widely to supporting the PE department, and helping younger students. Mr Pearce, who has been absent for a few weeks recovering from an eye problem, made a guest appearance as well. All in all, an excellent evening, and there's more detail and photos on the website.

Successful DofE Expeditions

It's so good to see students doing more "normal" things, even if it can only be in small numbers. Please see the website for more information and photos, but last weekend (and Monday for Year 11) Year 10 and 11 Duke of Edinburgh Award students completed the expedition element for Bronze and Silver Awards respectively. It was really hot weather for walking, but the students were brilliant. And once again, huge thanks to Miss Barratt, Mr Eales and Mr Robb (volunteer) without whom none of this would be possible.

Deep Learning Day

Next Tuesday is a “DLD”, as we like to abbreviate it. These are timetable collapse days, in which year groups study a topic or theme in depth. In normal times, we have three or four DLDs a year, which include various visits, visitors and a range of activities many of which have not been possible with covid restrictions. So, next week’s DLD is very much school-based and safe in covid terms. I can’t give too much away in advance, but Years 7 and 8 will undertake a day which uses and reflects on skills including problem-solving, teamwork, leadership, and presenting; Year 9 will be using similar skills but in the context of an issue which is a top priority for young people and also a big feature in RRS; Year 10’s day is a key part of our Sex & Relationships provision, including some of the issues which have become very topical in the last week or two concerning sexual harassment. Year 12 students are also having a strong skills focus on teamwork, leadership and problem-solving with activities akin to “Taskmaster” on TV; as well as input from current undergraduates about university life. Huge thanks to Mrs Bennett and Miss Watt for their considerable efforts in coordinating and organising the whole day, except the Sixth Form (Miss Haynes). As I say, it’s really good to get some of our normal events back in place and provide some variety.

Geography Fieldwork

This is an important part of the curriculum which our Geography department have managed to keep going despite all the challenges. Unfortunately, what is normally a residential for Year 12 has had to be day visits instead, but it still develops fieldwork skills and is useful when it comes to assessments and exams. So, Year 10 have been out earlier in the year, and will go again next week! This week, Year 12 visited Plymouth to study urban regeneration: again, more information on the website scrolling news feed.....

Well Done, Bethy!

News of Bethy Lawrence, Year 11 BMX-er and winner of last year’s Ostler Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement. Bethy has qualified for the BMX World Championships in Papendal this summer on both her bikes . This is even more impressive in that Bethy has moved up age groups into Women’s 17-24 on 20” wheels and Women’s 17-29 on Cruiser. And, British Cycling are only taking 5 of the British girls moving up into the 17+ categories! Amazing achievement based on real commitment and dedication over many years. We wish her every success.

Grades Update

We have submitted all the grades to the exam boards. The next thing is that we will be asked to send up various student folders from different subjects for a sampling process. After that we will be issuing information to students and parents about the appeals process, and about results days (although the basics remain unchanged – 09.00 on 10th August for A-level and Level 3, 12th August for GCSE and Level 2).

Assembly Messages This Week

I have spoken to Years 7,8,9 and 10. There have been two main messages: one is that students must not relax their approach to our covid measures: hand sanitising, socially distancing of one metre whenever possible, masks on transport, and making sure year groups don’t mix (sticking to the one-way system is the easiest way of doing this without having to think). The second message relates to respect and kindness towards everybody, especially if they are different in some way. Topical are sexual harassment and anti-racism (taking the knee), but the message is that any student feels upset or uncomfortable or unsafe because of bullying, racism, sexual comments, their appearance or anything else, they must report it to an adult. Sometimes it’s not easy or quick to “fix” a student’s behaviour, especially if they have individual rights themselves, but in most cases we can make a difference very swiftly if we have the information.

The Journey Home

Just a reminder (and hopefully a reassurance) that as far as we concerned, Clyst Vale’s responsibilities cover the journey to and from College. So, if there are any incidents on the buses, or as students walk home from College or wherever the bus drops them off, we will take action as necessary. It’s part of “safe, happy and successful”. Sometimes our students do something helpful or positive, too – we like to hear about these things as well.

Summer Uniform and Hot Weather

As with many things, we try to combine common sense with maintaining high standards. So, there is no special summer uniform. Students are expected to wear a plain white shirt or blouse; therefore, anything underneath it also needs to be white and plain. Students can wear skirts, shorts or trousers. Footwear needs to be plain black with the toes covered: this is for safety reasons. Jumpers are good; coats if it is wet; a hoodie is neither a jumper nor a coat.

Students have to take some responsibility for themselves in hot weather; for once, shorter breaks and lunchtimes are helpful in that students spend less time in the sun. Students do not have to be in the sun: there is shade, and all the indoor spaces are open. We provide free, cold water. Shoulders should be covered at all times. Students can wear hats, although not in the buildings or lessons. We can't provide sun block for reasons of cost, practicalities, and health risks (allergies mainly).

Public Library

Unfortunately, there is a temporary staffing difficulty with the Public Library, which might not be able to open next Thursday, so if you can, please avoid a journey which may be wasted. This doesn't affect the College Library during the school day.

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn
Principal

Evenings, weekends and holidays– reporting of Covid-19 positive test results

We have introduced a dedicated phone number, solely for reporting positive Covid-19 test results at evenings and weekends

(At all other times, please contact Student Absence on 01392 463911 or e-mail: studentabsence@clystvale.org)

The number is: **07818 212 931**

It is not for suspected cases, non-Covid-19 illness or absence, and is not an advice line.

Please text positive Covid-19 test result information to this number, including:

- Name of student
- Student's tutor group
- Date symptoms appeared
- Which symptoms, or no symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result

If necessary, someone will contact you having received this information. Thank you!

PHOTO'S FROM THE SPORTS AWARDS 2021

We had a superb evening last night with our annual 10th Sports Awards evening. It was not the full awards evening as we were unfortunately unable to include Year 9 and 10 this year due to covid restrictions. But we were able to invite our Year 11 students. Due to a date change we had our annual sports awards later in the year and Year 11 came back in force with a room full of sporting stars. We spoke about their journey as individuals and as sports teams throughout their time here at Clyst Vale so far.

We were honoured to have our Guest Speaker Harry Kite, Senior Professional Exeter City Footballer who joined us for the evening. He spoke eloquently about his career pathway and successes so far as well as plans for the future. The students were in awe of his presence and inspired by his positive attitude to sport and education.

During the evening Half and Full Colours are presented to students depending on their contributions and commitment. We gave out numerous Full Colours as this particular Year 11 cohort were fabulously sporting bunch who have excelled even through lockdown and who have been great role models for the younger years.

The final award of the evening was the Sport Ambassador which goes to a student who is a role model, who has shown full commitment for their time at Clyst Vale and who consistently goes above and beyond expectations. We as a PE department discussed this at length and arrived with the following nominations: Sam Walters, Joseph Tandy, Lara Gimbuta, Dom Boots-Hutchings, Luana Dart, Bethy Lawrence, Tom Massey, Emily Pattison. To get nominated is a huge acknowledgement of student and the esteem in which we hold the students. The overall winner of the Young Ambassador this 2021 went to a truly deserved Lara Gimbuta.

A great evening to spend with some fabulous Year 11 student s and they will be missed. It was a honour to be able to organise this evening for such a great bunch of students who will go onto greater things and I hope one day they may be a guest speaker of our own amongst this 2021 cohort.

Anne-Marie Broomfield
Head of GCSE PE and KS4 Co-ordinator



NEWSLETTER: Silver DofE Expedition

Between 12th-14th June, 9 students (4 from year 11, 5 from year 10) completed their Silver DofE expedition.

They had to plan routes for the three days on Dartmoor, covering around 18km each day on difficult terrain and in very hot weather. Hats on all day and factor 50 sun cream! Their packs weighed between 15 and 20kg. They wild camped on both nights - there was no one else around and it was light by 5am, with amazing views from the tents.

The schedule was as follows:

Day 1: Ivybridge to south of Princetown

Day 2: Princetown, along to Dartmeet - where we all cooled off in the river! - then north to Merripit, just above Postbridge

Day 3: Postbridge onto the lonely and hilly north Moor, then along to Prewely

The students demonstrated amazing team work and resilience. They suffered quite a few blisters, but all 9 completed the expedition.

Miss Barratt and Mr Eales are very proud of every single one of them - they were fabulous!

Sue Voysey
PA to Principal

For Year 9 or Year 10 GCSE PE , BTEC Dance or BTEC Sport students

Parents and carers of Year 9 students studying the above courses will hopefully by now be aware of the option to purchase the following PE tops for their child.

Polo Shirts (can be personalised)



Training Tops



These are available to purchase via School Gateway.

Please refer to the letter that you have received previously from Mrs Broomfield for all further details. Mrs Broomfield can be contacted at the following email address with any questions that you may have: broomfielda@clystvale.org



BMX World Championships Qualification

Well done to Bethy Lawrence who qualified for the BMX World Championships in Papendal, Netherlands in two categories. Now racing as an U17, we are all delighted for Bethy who followed the GCSE PE course this last two years with great enthusiasm despite her sport not being able to be assessed. We all wish her the best of luck in the World Champs and of course with all her GCSE's!



*Mr J Powell
Head of PE*

Devon County Schools Championships Success

Well done to Y11 student Sam Mills who came first in the Devon County Schools Championships last weekend. Sam has represented Clyst Vale throughout his time here over the longer distances and cross-country. He won the U17 Male 1500m in a time of 4mins 24secs and will progress to the Nationals later in the Summer.



*Mr J Powell
Head of PE*



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

- 7GABR Eve Van Het Bolscher
- 7GDH Charlie King
- 8GAW Gracie Sobey
- 10GGT Name Witheld

RED SCHOOL

- 10RSS Daisy Pott

YELLOW SCHOOL

- 7YPN Gethin Rees-Lee
- 8YDS Katie Jaggs
- 9YNS Marlon Blum

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:

Penni Ball/Sharon Leaman (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

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 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 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

- 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.

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



CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Mon 21 June	Induction to Y12 Day
Tues 22 June	Deep Learning Day
Thurs 24 & Fri 25 June	Y10 Geography Fieldwork
Fri 25 June 6pm - 11pm	Y11 School Prom (Postponed)
w/b Mon 28 June	Y10 Exams in Hall
Wed 30 June	AS Geography Fieldwork trip—Slapton
Thurs 01 - 03 July	Gold DofE Practice Y12 & Y13
w/b 5 July	Y12 Exams in Hall
Thurs 8 - Fri 09 July	New Intake Induction Days (Cancelled)
Mon 12 July 6.00pm - 8.00pm	New Intake Parents' Evening (Virtually)
Mon 12 - 13 July	Y10 Taster Days - Post 16 (Postponed)
Weds 14 July	Sports Day
Thurs 15 July	Sports Day (reserve date)
Fri 16 & Sat 17 (all day) & Sun 18 July (half day)	School Production Technical Rehearsal
19 July - 22 July	Gold DofE Expedition (Cancelled)
19 July - 23 July	Y10 and Y12 Work Experience
20 July - 23 July	School Production Performance
Fri 23 July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - NON UNIFORM DAY - WATER AID

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