



No. 520 w/c Mon 18 July 2016 will be Week B



Aristotle

"The greatest thing by far is to be a master of metaphor"

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a difficult week emotionally for my colleagues following the very sad and unexpected loss of Facilities Manager Mrs Tina Burridge. Tina was a larger-than-life character, and because of her role and time at Clyst Vale was known to almost all of my colleagues, although perhaps not many students. She has been at Clyst Vale since October 2005 in a variety of support staff roles, and had a web of family and local connections which crossed over from Clyst Vale into our wider community. Schools are associated with youth, energy, vitality and optimism, so an event like this is both very rare and quite a shock. Our very best wishes go to Tina's family and friends; she will be greatly missed. Nonetheless, we have maintained a very busy programme of trips and activities so that hopefully our students will have experienced "business as usual".

The History trip to the Belgium battlefields and memorials returned late on Tuesday evening, and Mrs Padden was full of praise for the superb attitude and behaviour of our students; it is quite an experience visiting the cemeteries and service at the Menin Gate, and we can all be proud of our students' respectful and responsible behaviour. We even received an e-mail from an Australian visitor commenting on how impressed she was by our students.

Meanwhile, Year 10 Work Experience has been going on all week; there will always be one or two exceptions, but overall this has been massively successful this year. We will achieve 100% coverage regarding visits (or very, very close), and far from being a chore these are really uplifting, as we can see how students have risen to the challenge, grown in confidence, learned a great deal, and allow us to meet with employers and thank them in person.

This week, each of the Schools has held a Celebration Assembly. This does exactly what it says on the tin: it celebrates students who have done well in their studies, done well in other aspects of College life, helped others, overcome difficulties, achieved 100% attendance, and far more besides. Students in each assembly have performed musical or dance items, again a recognition and celebration of the talent we have here at Clyst Vale.

Following last week's new intake days, we held our New Intake Parents' Evening on Tuesday. As ever, it was a positive and optimistic evening, and parents who did have concerns were able to raise them and be reassured. The full tutor team was present, so all the students and parents attending could put a face to a name, and the tutors outlined the ethos and expectations of the College. There is no doubt that parents really like the three-day induction, as this makes it feel less like a day trip and also significantly boosts students' confidence. Students should not have too many worries over the summer about getting lost, where the toilets are, how to get food, or making friends. Of course we want our students to excel, and leave Year 11 with the very best grades they can; but this journey starts at the start of Year 7, when the priority for the first few days is settling-in and feeling secure.

Looking slightly ahead, the Year 8 residential trip leaves for Bude on Sunday from Clyst Vale coach park at 2.00pm (promptly, please!). This is always a great trip, providing abiding memories for students which they talk about years later. Lots of information has already gone out to parents on several occasions, but it is worth noting that the weather forecast is very good for the week, so sun protection is emphasised. When students return from Bude on Wednesday, if it is not possible for parents to pick them and their huge bags up, the bags can be left in College, provided that they can definitely be picked up on Thursday morning after 8.30am (the bags will also be twice their dry weight because of the wet clothing...). Almost all of the students here on Tuesday are going to Woodlands in a fleet of ten coaches; the College start and finish times are the same as normal, the trip is clearly non-uniform, and again the forecast is very good so sun protection is a must.

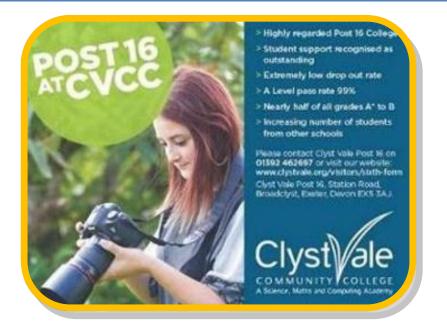
I have been asked about the charity benefiting from today's non-uniform day. I have a principle that this is never a secret and will be known in advance, but as a tribute to Tina Burridge all I can say at the moment is that the monies raised today will be donated to a charity of her family's choosing.

It is a very busy end to term, and depending on which years your children are in, it could well be very busy for you, too. So, thank you very much to all parents and carers for your continuing support!

Best wishes.

Dr Bawn

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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL				
7RZB	Ashton Dawkins			
8RAR	Lucie Halliwell			
9RDH	Ben Parker			
9RGG	Mia Hart			

SILVER SCHOOL				
8SLA	Immie Hopkinson			
10SDJ	Kelsey Marriott			

YELLOW SCHOOL				
7YME	Jack Craig			
7YPG	Olly Bunkum			
8YJC	Gabe Clark and Tom Raeder			
8YJCO	Benedict Shelley			
9YMPr	Alex Deacon			
10YCW	Annie Pulman			



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## CALENDAR DAMES

Sun 17th-Wed 20th July	Year 8 Bude Residential
Wed 20th July	Last day of Summer Term

Start of Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5th September 2016		
Half Term	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016		
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 16th December 2016		
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wednesday 4th January 2017		
Half Term	Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2017		

### LUNCHTIME CLUBS Mon-Thurs

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	Teacher
				Rooms	
Mon	Minecraft for Girls/IT Girls Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Mon	Music Club	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Art Club	1.30 - 2.15	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	B&V 'help clinic'	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Borny
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman/Miss McGinley
Mon	Year 9 & 10 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 7 Tennis	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolacott
Mon	Dance (All Years)	1.35pm	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Mon	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	IT Club/Robots	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2pm	EN7		Ms Watt/Miss Borny
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Basketball (Year 7, 8 & 9)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 7 - Year 11 Dance	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Mr Olde
Tues	Year 8 - 11 Tennis	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Courts	
Tues	Gardening/Eco Club	1.40pm	SC7		Science Techs
Tues	B&V KS3 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	STEM (FULL)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Miss Borny
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Maths	Lunchtime	MA7		Miss Mann
Wed	Year 9 Maths	Lunchtime	MA6		Miss Gale
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	A Level Dance (Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Miss Arnold
Wed	Year 7 Rounders	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 9 - Year 13 Indoor Cricket	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett & Mr Powell
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Athletics	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett & Mr Olde
Thurs	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3	IVEW BIOCK	Mr Bailey
Thurs	Games Club (Year 7 & 8)	1.25pm to 2pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Miss Borny
	Year 7 & Rounders	1.35pm	Field	Sports Hall	Mrs Elliot & Ms Bennett
Thurs	Year 10, 11 & Post 16 Weights	1.35pm	i iciu	Dance Studio	Mr Pearce
Thurs			PA1	Dance Studio	
Thurs	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime			Mrs Ruscoe
Thurs	STEM (Full)	Lunchtime	DT2	1	Mr Hewlett

#### LUNCHTIME CLUBS Fri

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	Teacher
				Rooms	
Fri	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Staff IT Club/IT HW Help	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Art Club	1.30pm to 2.15pm	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Fri	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Various	Sports Hall	Mr Everett/Miss Garman/ Mr Powell/Miss McGinley
Fri	Year 10 v Year 11 v Year 12 Softball	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	B&V KS4 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	B&V Revision	1.30pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Shakespeare Festival	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

## 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.

- Evebrow 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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