



# NEWSLETTER

**No. 577**  
**w/c Mon 22 January 2018**  
**will be Week B**

*“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.”*

Abraham Lincoln

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **4x4 Success: the Tradition Continues**

Very many congratulations to our latest 4x4 STEM team who achieved second place in the Jaguar Landrover South West Regional competition, and will now represent the South West at the National Finals in March! The team consist of Maddie Knight, Ellie Harris, Joe Hartley, Emma Gold and Summer Harlow. All of them were involved in creating and displaying the pit stop, the development of the car, driving during the track run, presenting to the judges panel, and being interviewed by engineers. The team are relatively young compared to many others, so have done fantastically well. It's also good to note that the stereotype of engineering being for men has been significantly challenged with 80% of the team female! So, I'm very proud of them, and Mr Hewlett and Dr Turl. It's always great to win things, but the team's attitude, commitment and the superb way they represented Clyst Vale makes it even better.

## **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

Just a reminder that the subject evening for Year 11 parents is next Tuesday. We're delighted that the evening will be enhanced by the presence of representatives from NCS and NSSW. NCS, the National Citizen Service, will be there to provide information and answer questions about the voluntary scheme which runs in the summer after GCSEs are completed, is excellent experience, and of course is an asset on a CV or personal statement. NSSW is Next Steps South-West, and organisation based at local universities but in this case focussing on Level 3 progression routes, the next step after GCSEs. NSSW gave a really useful presentation to Year 11 this morning (Friday), outlining the three principal routes: A-Levels, vocational courses, and apprenticeships. Their presence on Tuesday will be a chance for students who have reflected on the presentation today to follow up with more specific, individual questions.

## **Year 9 Options**

The process starts next week! Actually, there have been inputs before now, particularly in Course 42 lessons, but the first big event is the Options Assembly for Year 9 students next Friday. Students will be issued with the Options Booklet in the week after the assembly, and The Options Evening for parents and students is to be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. After half-term there will be a Year 9 subject-based parents' evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, and the deadline for option choices is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. As we say every year, students must take their time to reflect. Even if they have made their decisions already, they must be open-minded to test this out against all the advice and information they will be given.

## **Funding**

Today you will receive a letter and a factsheet from the “Worth Less?” campaign of which we are a small part. This is the group of Headteachers across 23 authorities representing over 5 million pupils who are in effect a pressure group demanding better and fairer funding. However, this letter is particularly Devon-focused. You will see from the information that despite the Government’s rhetoric, children in Devon will still attract £286 less *than the national average*, and considerably less than London boroughs. In fairness, London schools do have higher staffing costs and often serve deprived, challenging areas, but the BBC ran a story this week asking the question whether it is a coincidence that these significantly enhanced levels of funding achieve much better results? Once again, the letter calls on parents and others to write to their MP; by all means use the information in the letter and factsheet. Every so often parents contact me with the (usually) anodyne standard reply their MP has written back to them, and I am immensely grateful to parents for keeping on writing. Despite Brexit and Carillion, I am told that the Government is sensitive about education funding as it cost them at the last election.

## **Gardening Club**

As we move away from Christmas and head towards Easter, please make sure all that chocolate shopping happens in Exeter Tesco branches, and you put the plastic tokens into the Clyst Vale Tesco “Bags of Help” box! I am acutely aware that I seem to be advertising Tesco, which is (cynically) an undoubted benefit of the scheme for the giant retailer. On the other hand, it’s thanks to the enterprise of colleagues in the Science Department that we are in the position, and it is a very good cause, so I don’t feel too bad. As they say in the media, other supermarkets are available (just don’t go there until March, by which time the scheme will have ended).

## **Behaviour in January**

Do you often find that people in general are a bit grumpier in January? Coughs and colds, the weather, the post-Christmas slump, a long time until payday... Well, schools reflect society, and we often find that students are grumpier, too. Except that young people have lots of pent-up energy, so are louder, shriekier, jostle more, argue more (mostly with each other) and are less good at thinking through consequences. We haven’t been helped by the fields being too wet to use, either. Anyway, I wish to reassure parents that behaviour in lessons remains very good overall, and that we continue to intervene with our normal range of sanctions at break and lunchtime. However, self-regulation of behaviour is far, far more effective and to be encouraged. Any support you can give us at home is very welcome, especially if you receive a call from a Head of School or AtHoS!

## **Weather in January**

Two days ago, the north of England and Midlands ground to a halt because of snow. As I write, the sun is streaming in, so it now feels odd to issue the extreme weather reminders. In a nutshell, we always try to stay open. If we have to close or part-close, this information will be on our website front page and on local radio. Do not believe what you read on social media; it may be fake news, so check it out. If a school transport bus can get your children here, they are contractually bound to get them home again (this does not apply to Stagecoach).

## **Catering**

On Tuesday, Caterlink met with students from pre and post-16, with staff, and considered parental comments as well. Students feel that the “grab and go” approach with the open hot and cold shelves is working well; generally, food choice and options are also good, with one or two specific issues. For example, healthy smoothies were promised last term, and have not yet materialised (but will soon). There was a feeling that all products should be gluten-free or at least better signposted. The old chestnut of pizza and cakes was raised: all food has to conform to nutritional standards, so “pizza” is not stuffed crust with a thousand calories, but made with no salt, sugar or additives. There is a difficult decision to be made about plastic cutlery; we, and Caterlink, are committed to reducing plastic (and the cutlery makes unsightly litter), but at present all the alternatives are likely to put up costs slightly; behind the scenes, Caterlink are already pressing their suppliers to reduce plastic packaging. Other ideas were floated, including the idea of an express till with a limited range for students who have clubs at lunchtime; this is being looked into.





# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## RED SCHOOL

|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| 7REW  | Jamie Anderson      |
| 7RTMA | Madeline Smith      |
| 8RCJ  | Emma Gold           |
| 8RCM  | Will Jermey         |
| 9RZB  | Lucy Reed           |
| 10RAR | Ellie Harris        |
| 10RLA | Niamh Truscott-Jane |
| 11RDH | Ben Parker          |
| 11RGG | James Venton        |

## YELLOW SCHOOL

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| 7YRB   | Erin Ryan          |
| 7YKHO  | Amaryllis Shelley  |
| 8YMBR  | Sophie Garnsworthy |
| 8YJPU  | Abi Quest          |
| 9YMM   | Oli Bunkum         |
| 9YZK   | Hallie Morgan      |
| 10YMHI | Alex Rogers        |
| 10YSP  | Will Atwell        |
| 11YNS  | Abi White          |

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Netball against West Exe

“On the 10th January, we played against West Exe school in a Netball match. Through all four quarters we played well with great passes being made from every team member. Our strength was definitely our attack. Summer passed some lovely balls to myself and Emma who were ready to shoot. However, our defenders Emily and Karensa did intercept and get the ball down the other end. Our team worked really well together and there was no moaning instead we always want to improve. It was a great match even though we did lose. We are not that disappointed as we enjoyed the game and can take away the positives and improve on our weaknesses. I would just like to say thank you to Mrs Needs and Mrs Elliot who gave us advice and refereed our match! Also, well done to Summer Harlow who was player of the match in the A team!”



**Lara Gimbuta 8GHE**

Don't forget Year 8 training is on Monday lunchtimes and everyone is welcome! Change in the new school changing rooms and meet on the court for 1.35 ready to play!

**Mrs Needs**  
P/T Teacher of PE

## U15 Rugby Girls Successful at Exmouth!

Congratulations to the 12 U15 girls who represented the College at Exmouth Community College on Wednesday evening. Playing on a synthetic 3G surface, the girls took a while to get to grips with the demands of the game, falling behind to three very quick tries by two very strong Exmouth girls. Despite this, the girls responded very well with tries from Lenni Bashford and Ellie Bradner, using their superior strength to power through tackles. The girls were reinforced after half time, with Lauren Elliot leading the charge with some powerful tries, runs, tackles and astute rucking. Becca Nisbett ran well and worked tirelessly throughout, Rowan Greaves tackled superbly well on some very tall girls, Rachel Champion used her speed efficiently and Fay Beer was solid in the center. Eloise Blatchford scored 4 tries in succession, with the best game she has had whilst playing for the school. Daisy Norris showed sublime hands to release many runners for scores, with Chloe Elliott adding much needed bravery and Chloe Walker illustrating superb catching skills on kick offs and good physicality.



Overall, the Clyst Vale girls shaded the match, winning the game by a couple of scores, however the girls were excellent and once again, progressed their knowledge and experience of the game massively in this fixture. They must remember to push on and to train every Monday lunchtime in preparation for the area festival on March 2.

**Adam Pearce**

## Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

| Day  | Club   | Time             | Where                  | Changing Rooms | Teacher                 |
|------|--|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Mon  | Music Club - WEEK A & B  | Lunchtime        | PA2                    |                | Mrs Sprenkel            |
| Mon  | Girls Netball - Year 8   | Lunchtime        | Courts                 | New Block      | Mrs Needs               |
| Mon  | Battle of Board rehearsals   | Lunchtime        | PA1                    |                | Miss Ruscoe             |
| Mon  | Home Learning Study Group  | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2                    |                | Mrs Gillespie           |
| Mon  | All Years Girls Rugby  | Lunchtime        | Field                  | New Block      | Mr Pearce               |
| Mon  | Science Club - WEEK B  | Lunchtime        | SC2                    |                | Dr Odunlade             |
| Mon  | Battle of Boat cast rehearsals   | Lunchtime        | PA3                    |                | Miss Williams           |
| Mon  | Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club                                  | Lunchtime        | Library                |                | Mrs Foulds              |
| Mon  | B&V Year 11 Religion Unit  | 1.45pm           | HU2                    |                | Miss Brotherton         |
| Mon  | Year 10 & 11 Football  | Lunchtime        | Field                  | New Block      | Mr Everett              |
| Tues | Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up<br>Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up | Lunchtime        | HU7                    |                | Mrs Padden              |
| Tues | - WEEK A   | Lunchtime        | DT3                    |                | Mrs Crook               |
| Tues | Home Learning Study Group  | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2                    |                | Mrs Manaton             |
| Tues | Amnesty  | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | EN7                    |                | Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie |
| Tues | Year 9 Netball   | Lunchtime        | Courts                 | New Block      | Miss Bennett            |
| Tues | All Years Dance/Weights  | Lunchtime        | Dance Studio           | New Block      | Mrs Elliot              |
| Tues | Year 7 & 8 Rugby   | Lunchtime        | Field                  | New Block      | Mr Pearce               |
| Tues | Year 9 Basketball  | Lunchtime        | Sports Hall            | Sports Hall    | Mr Everett              |
| Tues | Music Club   | Lunchtime        | PA2                    |                | Mrs Sprenkel            |
| Tues | GCSE Drama Support   | Lunchtime        | PA1                    |                | Miss Ruscoe             |
| Tues | Year 12 Maths  | Lunchtime        | MA5                    |                | Mrs Adie                |
| Tues | Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit  | 1.45pm           | HU1                    |                | Miss Brotherton         |
| Wed  | Home Learning Study Group  | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2                    |                | Mrs Woolacott           |
| Wed  | Year 9 B&V   | 1.45pm           | HU2                    |                | Miss Brotherton         |
| Wed  | All Years Dance & Weights  | Lunchtime        | Dance Studio           | New Block      | Mrs Elliot              |
| Wed  | Battle of Boat rehearsals  | Lunchtime        | PA1                    |                | Miss Ruscoe             |
| Wed  | Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In   | Lunchtime        | Opposite Mr Jones Room |                | Mrs Gillespie           |
| Wed  | Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals  | Lunchtime        | PA3                    |                | Miss Williams           |
| Wed  | Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In   | Lunchtime        | Careers room           |                | Mrs Bennett             |
| Wed  | Year 11 Maths Higher   | Lunchtime        | MA4                    |                | Ms Prance/Miss Mann     |
| Wed  | Art Club   | Lunchtime        | AR3                    |                | Mrs Walton              |
| Wed  | Year 10 & 11 Netball   | Lunchtime        | Courts                 | New Block      | Miss Shire              |
| Wed  | Year 8 & Year 9 Football   | Lunchtime        | Field                  | New Block      | Mr Everett              |
| Wed  | Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch  |                  |                        |                |                         |
| Wed  | - WEEK A   | Lunchtime        | DT3                    |                | Mrs Crook               |
| Wed  | All Years Badminton  | Lunchtime        | Sports Hall            | Sports Hall    | Mr Powell               |

## Lunch Clubs - Thursday - Friday

| Day   | Club                                   | Time             | Where        | Changing Rooms | Teacher                         |
|-------|--|------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Thurs | Home Learning Study Group              | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2          |                | Mrs Woolacott                   |
| Thurs | Year 9 & 10 Rugby                      | Lunchtime        | Field        | New Block      | Mr Pearce                       |
| Thurs | Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals    | Lunchtime        | PA3          |                | Miss Williams                   |
| Thurs | Battle of Boat rehearsals              | Lunchtime        | PA1          |                | Miss Ruscoe                     |
| Thurs | Art Club                               | Lunchtime        | AR3          |                | Mrs Pieczenko                   |
| Thurs | GCSE Art Club                          | Lunchtime        | AR1          |                | Mr Brooks                       |
|       | Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up   |                  |              |                |                                 |
| Thurs | - WEEK AB                              | Lunchtime        | DT3          |                | Mrs Crook                       |
| Thurs | Year 13 Maths                          | Lunchtime        | MA8          |                | Miss Barratt                    |
| Thurs | Year 10 & 11 Basketball                | Lunchtime        | Sports Hall  | Sports Hall    | Mr Everett                      |
| Thurs | Hula Hoop Club                         | Lunchtime        | Dance Studio | New Block      | Mrs Gillespie                   |
| Thurs | Year 11 Science Workshop               | Lunchtime        | SC5          |                | Mrs Serven                      |
|       | Child Development/Health & Social Care |                  |              |                |                                 |
| Thurs | Catch Up                               | Lunchtime        | VO2          |                | Mrs Bennett/Ms Chandler         |
| Thurs | Year 7 Netball                         | Lunchtime        | Courts       | New Block      | Mrs Elliot                      |
| Thurs | Film Club                              | 1.40pm           | HU5          |                | Ms Matthews                     |
| Thurs | Year 7 & 8 B&V                         | 1.45pm           | HU1          |                | Miss Brotherton                 |
|       |  |                  |              |                |                                 |
| Fri   | Art Club                               | Lunchtime        | AR2          |                | Mrs Wakefield                   |
| Fri   | Home Learning Study Group              | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT2          |                | Mrs Woolacott                   |
| Fri   | Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals    | Lunchtime        | PA3          |                | Miss Williams                   |
| Fri   | Battle of Boat rehearsals              | Lunchtime        | PA1          |                | Miss Ruscoe                     |
| Fri   | Music Club - WEEK A & B                | Lunchtime        | PA2          |                | Mrs Sprenkel                    |
| Fri   | Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In         | Lunchtime        | Careers Room |                | Mrs Bennett                     |
| Fri   | Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor                | Lunchtime        | Various      | Various        | Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot |
| Fri   | Year 11 French Revision Sessions       | Lunchtime        | MF1          |                | Miss McConnachie                |
| Fri   | GCSE History Workshop/Revision         | Lunchtime        | HU7          |                | Mrs Padden                      |
| Fri   | Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up      | Lunchtime        | PE5          |                | Mr Powell                       |
| Fri   | Year 7 Football                        | Lunchtime        | Field        | New Block      | Mr Everett                      |

# CALENDAR DATES

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Mon 22 - Fri 26 Jan         | Y13 Mocks/Practice Exams                      |
| Tues 23 Jan                 | Y11 Parents' Evening                          |
| Tues 6 Feb                  | Y9 Options Evening                            |
| Fri 9 Feb                   | Non Uniform Day - MIND                        |
| Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb         | Spring Half Term (Ski Trip & Washington Trip) |
| Thurs 22 Feb                | Y9 Parents' Evening                           |
| Sat 24 - Sun 25 Feb         | Ten Tors Overnight 3, Dartmoor                |
| Wed 28 Feb - Fri 2 Mar      | Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip, Swanage         |
| Thurs 8 - Mon 12 Mar        | Y11 Core Mocks                                |
| Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar         | Y10 Mocks                                     |
| Fri 23 Mar                  | Non Uniform Day - Sport Relief                |
| Thur 29 Mar                 | End of Spring term                            |
| Tues 17 Apr                 | Start of Summer Term                          |
| Sat 21 April - Sun 22 April | Ten Tors Overnight 4 - Dartmoor               |
| Tues 24 April               | 4.30 Y7 Parents' Evening                      |
| Thurs 3 May                 | 4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening                     |
| Mon 7 May                   | Bank Holiday                                  |
| Fri 11 - Sun 13 May         | Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor        |
| Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June     | Summer Half Term                              |
| Sat 9 - Sun 10 June         | D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition             |
| Wed 13 June                 | 5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening              |
| Wed 27 June                 | 7.00 Y13 Prom                                 |
| Thurs 28 June - Sun 1 July  | Y12 DofE Practice Gold Expedition - Dartmoor  |
| Fri 29 June                 | 7.00 Y11 Prom                                 |
| Mon 9 July                  | 6.00 New Intake Parents' Evening              |
| Tues 10 July                | Sports Day                                    |
| Fri 13 July                 | Reserve Sports Day                            |
| Sun 15 - Wed 18 July        | Y8 Bude Residential                           |
| Wed 18 July - Fri 20 July   | Belgium Residential                           |
| Wed 18 July - Sun 22 July   | Y13 DofE Gold Expedition - Brecon             |
| Fri 20 July                 | Last day of Summer Term                       |
| Wed 5 Sept                  | First day back for students                   |
| Mon 22 Oct—Fri 26 Oct       | Half term                                     |

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# THAILAND

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## 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

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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport)*



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## 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, PE kit and reversible jacket can be purchased 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.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Principal:** Kevin Bawn, BA PhD

