

# NEWSLETTER

“Education is a progressive discovering of our own ignorance”

W Durrant

Dear Parents/Carers

**The start of summer term for students is Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. It will be Week A.**



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## **Awe and Wonder**

There are occasionally events in schools which transcend the normal bounds of “education”. On paper, a hundred 14-year old students in a warm room listening to an elderly lady in her mid-eighties with a light voice describing a series of events over the last 80 years, with no PowerPoint or technology, sounds like a recipe for dullness and restless behaviour. It was completely the opposite. Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines was evacuated from Prague in 1939, literally on the eve of war, on the last of the children’s transports organised by Nicholas Winton; she was nine, looking after her three-year old sister; she had no idea if or when she would see her parents or homeland again. It is an amazing story, ranging across the whole gamut of human emotion; Lady Milena’s talk was enriched through poems, letters to her, and some of the artefacts including the brown card label she wore round her neck. She spoke of friends and neighbours on the journey; of the four survivors from two hundred children on the next Winton train which never left Prague; of those left behind, most of whom never survived the concentration camps, and the handful who did; the fellowship of the special Czech boarding school set up in Wales; and the later developments to remember these events and commemorate Sir Nicholas Winton, an incredible man and a national hero in Czechoslovakia who saved the lives of over 650 children and didn’t mention it again for forty years. Many students were genuinely spellbound by the story, even some who are not noted for sitting quietly in class! Perhaps a few were not as engrossed as they appeared, but their respect and engagement were superb nonetheless. There was an unspoken recognition and respect that Lady Milena was prepared to do a day trip from Preston, Lancashire, just to talk to them, with the hope that in the future these students will remember her and her story when they are talking to their own children, and these events are not lost. This was one of the occasions when the over-used word “inspiring” really applied. I spoke to one lad after the talk had ended; “awesome, really, really interesting” he said; but there was a very thoughtful look in his eye which teachers know means that something has gone in deeply. For students attending, the 1988 TV programme which Lady Milena spoke about was “That’s Life”, and extracts showing Nicholas Winton (later Sir) are on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ai-mwrkpKGI>

## **Budget and Staffing Reductions**

You will receive a separate letter concerning this. Suffice it to say, we have managed to make the necessary savings for next year to ensure no in-year deficit and no deficit balance overall. Despite the alarm caused by certain media outlets earlier this year, there have been no compulsory redundancies. We have reduced staff to the appropriate levels for a school of our size, and have protected the curriculum successfully: the same range of subjects in all years will continue, and no GCSE option has been dropped. In the Sixth Form, where we suffered a drop in numbers, the number of courses has been reduced to fourteen; there is no truth in any rumour that the Sixth Form is closing. The reductions have been spread more or less evenly across the staffing groups in the College. As I am sure many parents know, the threat of reductions and redundancies at work is difficult; despite this, I have been so proud of my colleagues for putting your children’s interests first, and continuing to provide our customary high standards throughout a difficult term.

#### **4x4 National Finals**

(Please see the website “scrolling news” for more information and photos.)

As we have become accustomed, our 4x4 team were once again magnificent ambassadors for Clyst Vale and the South West at the JLR 4x4 National Finals at Silverstone. They gave their best, were enthusiastic and respectful of others, supported each other throughout the event, and drew praise from other teams. The team comprised Maddy Knight, Ellie Harris, Ed Gold, Charlie Blackburn, Elijah Holding, Joe Hartley and Sam Roberts, and as with previous teams the students had a fantastic experience they will remember for ever. The competition includes a range of tests and activities, including a pit display, presentation, technical scrutiny, test drive and manoeuvres. Unfortunately, they did not win any of the categories. This was a real shame, as under the guidance of Mr Hewlett and Dr Turl, they brought two new innovations to the competition, both of which excited a lot of interest among engineering companies present. The team had experimented with the latest composite materials to bring down the car’s bodyweight even further, and the car also made innovative use of a micro:bit. Following the competition, Mr Hewlett has been approached by the National Director of the micro:bit foundation to use the example of the Clyst Vale car with the Sri Lankan government! It would be rare for a 4x4 team to not notch up at least one “first” – and the day ended with the Clyst Vale minibus and team completing two laps of the full Silverstone circuit.....

#### **Year 10 Mocks**

I’ve been really impressed with Year 10’s attitude and behaviour with regard to their practice exams this week. This is the first time that the year group has experienced the full exam room routine, with strict regulations, designated seating, smartphone rules, working to prescribed times, and so on. All right, I would expect Clyst Vale students to behave well, but they have responded far better than expectations and deserve a pat on the back.

#### **RND totals**

Thanks to the brilliant efforts of many students and the support of staff, a grand total of over £650.00 has been raised for Comic Relief. Please take a look at the photos on the website:- <http://www.clystvale.org/blog/2017/03/29/we-nose-we-made-over-650/>

#### **Devon Schools Golf**

Clyst Vale fielded a team at the Devon Schools Golf Championship last week, and our two golfers represented the College well and creditably. Jack Jeffrey finished 20th and Lewis Beer 42nd out of 68 in the individual event, and the lads came 17th out of 28 in the team event.

#### **Uniform**

If you are buying College uniform during the forthcoming holiday, please make sure it conforms to our dress code. Particular danger areas are short skirts, especially if your daughter is likely to have a sudden growth spurt any time soon; and the trousers which look like trousers but are in fact masquerading as jeans, with patch pockets on the rear and studs on the hip. We will be having a clamp down on uniform immediately after we return in April, and I will continue to make the point that the vast majority of students and parents can understand and follow our expectations, and we are very grateful to them.

#### **Devon County Council Letter to Year 9 (and 8) Parents/Carers**

More on the Year 9 letters concerning “schools with atypical admissions” in Plymouth and Newton Abbot. Last week I said cheerfully that at least parents of Year 8 students will be forewarned for next year. A parent has contacted me to say that letters were sent to parents/carers of Year 8 students at the same time. This reinforces my point that schools were not told anything by Devon County Council! At least parents/carers of current Year 7 students will be forewarned for next year.....

#### **Happy Holiday!**

For students in exam years, the next two weeks can be very significant. It depends on the individual, of course, and for Year 11s and 13s in particular how the year has gone for them. It is important for all students to keep revision going; for some, a decent rest will be essential; for others, a detailed and comprehensive revision plan. All students will have access to revision books, materials, past papers and there are many useful websites. We have run several sessions and assemblies about revising, different techniques, and the importance of self-discipline; subjects have supplemented this with further advice and information. Easter is fairly late this year, so there is not even a month between returning and the first formal exam; various practicals and orals are earlier than this. Whichever year group your children are in, very best wishes to you and your families for a good Spring holiday.



**Dr Bawn**

## Broadclyst Parish Council Opportunities

In true community spirit, we are happy to notify parents/carers that Broadclyst Parish Council currently has three part time vacancies for a deputy clerk, admin assistant, and handyman/woman. If you would like further information, please follow this link: <http://www.broadclyst.org/index.php/broadclyst-news> or contact Angie Hurren [clerk@broadclyst.org](mailto:clerk@broadclyst.org).



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL	
7GIQ	Emma Chick, Joe Whitton, Ryan Greenaway, & Mia Sobey
7GHE	Jack Kingston, Adam Muscat, Sam Walters, Chloe Harris & Louise Ruddlesden
8GPE	Charlie Blackburn, Elijah Holding, Lauren Kelly, Alice Sutcliffe & Callum Lush
9GABR	Tom Doherty, Millie Franklin, Brad Maunder, Archie Brunson & Emily Taylor
9GTGA	Jude Pearson, Noah Muscutt, Grace Tierney, Evie Griffin & Jake Bauer
10GSW	Owen Elliott, Harrison Quinn, Lottie Gilmour, Bea Williams, & Ellie Jackson
11GGT	Poppy Bilton, Annabel Duman, Tom Palmer, Lewis Beer & Emer Cunningham

SILVER SCHOOL	
7SMBR	Martha Bolt & Ted Collins
10SNG	Joe Allan-Thorpe
10SNS	Sam Darke
11SDJ	Teoni Wilson
11SSG	James Wu

RED SCHOOL	
7RCM	Toby Pearce
7RKC	Liam Hudd
8RZB	Louie Gray
9RAR	Ellie Harris
10RDH	Ben Parker
10RGG	Ed Gold
11RMHI	Freya Westney
11RTMA	Millie Pascoe

YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Kalum Meecham
8YME	William Sercombe
8YMM	Emily Dunn
9YJCO	Laura Goss
9YSP	Freya Harris
10YMPR	Mya Walker
11YCW	Maddy Ross

# SPORTS NEWS

## U14 Boys Rugby @ Rosslyn Park National 7's

Congratulations to the U14 Boys who finished runners up in their group at the World renowned HSBC Rosslyn Park Rugby 7's. The national tournament hosts boys and girls from all across the globe and is acclaimed as the biggest school Rugby 7's tournament worldwide.



The Under 14's followed in the footsteps of Y11 boys and U18 girls teams, which in 2014 were crowned champions, so had been looking forward to the trip for a very long time.

There was a very early start on Thursday morning to travel to London, and a 10.20am first match versus Plymouth College (Henry Slade's former school) brought about a very impressive 19-12 win. Captain Ben Parsons was the star of the show, scoring a hat trick of tries, with impressive work by Joe Blackburn at the breakdown and Tre Campbell offloading several balls. Tom Rush slotted two from three conversions.

The second group game versus Mount St Mary's College (eventual semi finalists) saw the Clyst Vale lads a little overawed initially with the powerful, fast and well drilled opponents racing into a 19-0 lead. Despite this, the lads regrouped and Parsons scored a length of the field effort after a great catch from the restart from Josh Urwin-Barrett. Parsons shortly added another two scores to tie the scores at 19-19, with Rush converting two from three again. At this stage, MSM were on the ropes and a huge upset was on the cards. Unfortunately, despite some superb defensive efforts from Fred Worth and fitness from Charlie Sparkes, the boys succumbed to a 33-19 defeat. This was the closest that MSM were pushed until their defeat in the semi final.

The third game against Haileybury was a little disappointing, with a 26-21 defeat, Parsons with two and Blackburn with one, with three Rush conversions. This was a game that got away from the CVCC lads, who only started truly believing they could win during the latter stages of the game, with Haileybury scoring a length of the field try in the last play.



## SPORTS NEWS continued



The last scheduled game of the day, which the boys were really looking forward to, was against Robert Clack, who frustratingly withdrew an hour before kick off. This meant that CVCC had a walkover and finished overall second place in the group, which could have easily been first on a different day! This allowed a 6 v 6 in house game to be played, with Fin



Potter demonstrating his excellent restarts, Barnaby Bilton showcasing his finishing skills, Alex Rogers his bags of pace, Charlie Roberts his hard work and determination, Harrison Tarrant his sharp eye around the breakdown and Zack Killian's straightening of the line in attack.

The boys represented themselves superbly well in their overnight stay at the hotel in Wimbledon and thoroughly enjoyed their morning guided tour of the Twickenham Stadium. The whole group were a true privilege to take away and showcased Clyst Vale in the very best of ways.

Well done to the squad: Ben Parsons (c), Joe Blackburn, Charlie Sparkes, Tre Campbell, Charlie Roberts, Harrison Tarrant, Tom Rush, Zack Killian, Barnaby Bilton, Fin Potter, Josh Urwin-Barrett, Fred Worth and Alex Rogers.



## CALENDAR DATES

Wed 19th April	First day back after Easter
Mon 24th April	Y12 House of Commons & Lords trip
Wed 26th April	Y9 Boys' vaccinations—9.15
Fri 28th April	Y10 Boys' & Girls' vaccinations
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tues 2nd May— Fri 5th May	Y10 Mock Exams
Fri 5th May—Sun 7th May	Ten Tors Main Event
Tues 9th May	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.30pm—7.00pm

## Lunch Clubs Mon - Wed

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in Maths Rooms		Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 8 (girls) Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Miss Wright
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot Mrs Bennett
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	All Years Badminton	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce Miss Wright
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 10 Maths Workshop (Disadvantaged Students)	Lunchtime	MA8		Mrs Manaton Mrs Hucklesby
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Dance (all years)	1.45pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	French Year 11 Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	Year 7 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett



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

## Lunch Clubs Thurs - Fri

Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	1.45pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.45pm	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/ Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	GCSE PE Revision (Week A)	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield

### 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)

### 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)

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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.

**All uniform 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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