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NEWSLETTER

“Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal”

E Joseph Cossman

Dear Parents/Carers

There are no more early lunches because of exams!

Three Schools

Hopefully all parents and carers will have received my letter earlier this week, sent out via the gateway. There's one typo which caused mild confusion and for which I am sorry: 7MBr will definitely be moving to Yellow School and will become 8YMBR not whatever appeared! I am not happy that we have moved to three Schools, but it has been necessary. The main reason is budgetary, in that the opportunity came to make a financial saving at no cost. We could have maintained Silver School, but something else would have had to go instead – economists call this opportunity cost, and people running household budgets know that if you buy an expensive car you can't afford a holiday as well (unless it goes on credit, which schools are not allowed to do!). So, sadly, the three Schools are an example of the impact of the declining national education funding levels. My colleagues will work very hard to maintain the same standards, and as they are a resourceful bunch will find ingenious ways of working to be more efficient.

Catering

Exciting news! We have new caterers, a company called Caterlink. The catering contract we had with Taylor Shaw was up for renewal, so we brought in a consultant to run an independent tendering process, and to cut a long story short the contract has been awarded to Caterlink. Caterlink are a large, established education catering organisation, with extensive involvement in the FE sector, and schools in Cornwall and other south-west authorities. However, they do not have a foothold in Devon schools, so we will gain advantages as a result. The contract will bring some capital investment (always welcome), and students can expect to see changes starting in September and evolving thereafter. Clearly, a new caterer brings a great opportunity to review everything from the food offer to local sourcing to service points. Caterlink are also fully aware of the statutory nutritional guidelines for schools which will be reflected in the food on offer. Further, Caterlink are keen to be involved more than many companies in the life of the College, with extra-curricular activities and work-related opportunities. So, very exciting, although the punsters among you will be muttering that the proof of the pudding will be in the eating.....

Exam Season

After today, GCSEs are finished except for one Further Maths and one History exam. There are still plenty of A-levels up until 29th June, however. Things continue to go well; candidates have been superb in terms of punctuality, equipment and observing expectations so that there has been just one reportable breach of exam regulations, which barely distracted anyone else. The rest of the student body has also been excellent, especially in keeping quiet in the old playground area where most exams are based.

Other non-public exams are approaching. Year 12 will sit end of year exams from 21st - 23rd June, when the exam rooms are not being used for A-levels. Year 9 exams are being held from 26th - 28th June, but these will be for the Core subjects only and will be classroom based. With the changing of exams to a more linear model, tests and exams are becoming more important than before to encourage long-term memory and retention of information, and of course as a check on progress. The more people who drum this into our students the better, so your support is much appreciated. This is more difficult where an older sibling did modular exams and re-sits, as the approach was different then, and comparisons are not fair ones.

New Intake Non-Feeder Parents' Evening

There has got to be a better name for this event! On Wednesday, we held this extra transition meeting for students transferring from Primary to Clyst Vale on their own or in very small numbers. There was an excellent and heartening attendance. The evening was to introduce these students to each other; to give them an extra pre-visit to help with their confidence; and to reassure them and their parents that all will be well. Clyst Vale is noted for its humanity and compassion, and this is a good example. Our Year 7 helpers attended the same evening last year, and have thrived! Two of them met for the first time a year ago, and have become almost inseparable friends this year. Lots of preparatory work has been done behind the scenes, but this is the symbolic start of the transition process. New Intake Days are 5th - 7th July, and the Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 12th.

Year 7 Visit to Paris

Thank you very much indeed to parents who came to the pre-visit briefing on Tuesday. Having seen the itinerary, most wanted to go on the trip instead of their child! As I have said in Newsletters before, and to parents at this briefing, we will be following world events very closely and be in regular contact with tour companies and venues to ensure safety.

Manners

A key part of transition is imparting the College's values. One of our most important values is good manners. I can use other words such as respect, kindness, empathy towards others, politeness, tolerance of others, awareness of others' differences and difficulties, but "manners" sums it up. The vast majority of our students are well brought up (thank you!) and when their manners slip it's thoughtless rather than nastiness. Nonetheless, I have asked my colleagues to remind students about manners; most of our visitors comment on the good atmosphere and politeness of our students, and we wish to keep it that way.

Summer's Back!

We've entered another hot spell, so we're reminding all those forgetful teenagers about our expectations. Uniform does not fundamentally change; white tops, plain white undershirts, College jumpers. Skirts have to be of a decent length. Shorts are fine if of trouser material, although shorts aren't cool in the fashion sense in school from about Year 8 until Year 12. There's the annual issue of filling water bottles, as well. Many students do not really see the problem of having the maximum amount of break and lunchtime, and filling up in lesson time. Queues form, lessons start late, sometimes very late. Call me old-fashioned, but lessons are for learning, and water-bottle filling should be done in a student's own time and they need to take a few minutes off to do this. I have always been committed to providing water for students for the health benefits of being properly hydrated (it does not improve intelligence), but it is a privilege not a right.

As ever, thank you for your understanding, support and reinforcement of these messages. By being clear about all these peripheral things, it reduces the battles my colleagues sometimes face, means students spend more time in lessons, and improves learning.



Dr Bawn

Junior Maths Challenge Success 2017

Students at Clyst Vale achieved 3 golds, 9 silvers and 21 bronzes in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Approximately 6,800 of the top students are invited to sit a follow-on competition, the Junior Mathematical Olympiad or Kangaroo. Congratulations to Jack Eynon who has qualified for this.

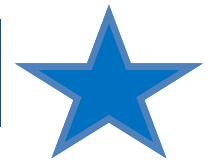
The Junior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. It is aimed at those in Years 7 and 8 and is sat in schools.



Michelle Barratt
Head of Maths



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Max Walker
8YME	Niamh Walter
8YMM	Louis Scant
9YJCO	Ben Parsons
9YSP	Jaimee Slocombe
10YMPR	Grace Porter

SILVER SCHOOL	
7SMBR	Poppy Lugg
8SAO	India Williams
9SLA	Ruby Martin
10SNG	Emily Blatchford
10SNS	Grace Reed

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 the Maths block		Miss Barratt
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Wright & Mrs Needs
Mon	Vocal Harmony Group	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Year 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Cricket Nets	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Miss Wright
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 v 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	All Years Boys & Girls Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Woolacott
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Jazz Bank	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Elliot & Mrs Broomfield
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 9 & 10 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Wed	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber

Lunch Clubs Thurs - Fri

Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years Boys & Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	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	Year 11 Revision (to half term only)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Learn To Read Music (half term onwards)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Sign Up Only 10 Hula-hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 9 Boys & Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9, 10 & 11 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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	Band/Group Rehearsals for Festival on the Field	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

YEAR 11 PROM

The final arrangements are being made for the Year 11. This event is being held at Reed Hall, University of Exeter on Thursday 29th June 2017. Tickets are £28.50 and are available to purchase on-line until 26th May. The price will include a mocktail on arrival, a food and sweet buffet, disco, photo booth and an individual 9 x 6 portrait (portraits will be available to collect from school on GCSE Exam Results day).

We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00pm. The evening will finish at 11.00pm and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter from the venue.

I am sure the students are looking forward to the prom and will have a wonderful evening. If you would like any further information, please contact Miss Hellier on 01392 463913 or email hellierc@clystvale.org.

Miss Hellier
Green School AtHoS

UNIFORM

Thomas Moore is offering 10% discount on uniform purchases made in store (not online) on 15th/16th/17th July. If ordering online, please do so by 31st July to prevent any delay in receiving items.

Mrs Smith
PA to Principal/Office Manager

CALENDAR DATES

Thurs 22nd June	Y12 Mock Exams begin
Mon 26th June—Wed 28th June	Y9 Mock Exams
Thurs 29th June	Y11 Prom
Thurs 29th June	DLD
Fri 30th June	Y13 Prom
Mon 3rd July—Tues 4th July	Y10 P16 Taster Sessions
Wed 5th July—Fri 7th July	New Intake Days
Mon 10th, Wed 12th, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th July	Celebration Assemblies
Tues 11th July	Sports Day
Fri 14th July	P16 Taster Day
Sat 15th July—Mon 17th July	Y9 Trip to Ypres
Sun 16th July—Sun 13th August	Borneo Expedition
Mon 17th July—Fri 21st July	Y7 Paris Residential
Mon 17th July—Wed 19th July	Bude Residential
Tues 18th July—Sat 22nd July	Y10, Y11 & Y12 Geography Field Trip to Iceland
Wed 19th July	Y7 & Y9 Woodlands Trip
Fri 21st July	Non-Uniform Day

Clyst Vale Public Library

Did you know that there is a public library at Clyst Vale Community College? Part of Devon's Libraries Unlimited, the public is welcome to borrow books and audiobooks, use the internet, reserve items for collection and return books from other public libraries across Devon. There is also a fortnightly Bounce and Rhyme session for parents/carers and their babies/toddlers. Please call in to the library for more information during the opening hours listed below:

Mon: 3.30 - 5.30
 Wed: 3.30 - 5.30
 Thurs: 4.00 - 6.00

The Public Library is part of the School Library and is located next to Reception. Access can be gained from the main school entrance.

Mrs Foulds
Library Manager

Ski Pila 2019

If your child is interested in being part of the next Ski Trip in 2019 they need to collect a letter from Mrs Woolacott or from the folder outside of the PE office.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70kms of pistes offering high altitude, snowsure skiing for everyone from complete beginners to those who have previously skied. The price will be **£969.00** which includes the following:

- Travel from College to resort and return journey (luxury 49 seater coach fitted with seat belts), plus ferry, together with use of coach whilst in resort
- Ski lessons (morning and afternoon for six days)
- Hire of skis, boots and poles
- Full area lift pass
- Full insurance (including 24 hour Medicare, ski breakage and snow guarantee)
- Full board accommodation, including hot lunch on the slopes
- Après-ski activities, such as ice-skating, tubing, ski test and Presentation Evening
- College ski hooded sweatshirt

Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.



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

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



BROADCLYST FUN DAY FAMILY DOG SHOW

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH 2017



ALL PUPPIES MUST BE 6 MONTHS OR OLDER ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW

ENTRY £1.00 PER CLASS: PAY AS YOU ENTER THE RING

JUDGING FROM 1:30PM



- CLASSES 1-10**
- 1: BEST PUPPY 6-12 MONTHS
 - 2: BEST PEDIGREE
 - 3: BEST CROSS-BREED
 - 4: BEST CONDITION
 - 5: BEST ROUGH/LONG COAT
 - 6: BEST SMOOTH/SHORT COAT
 - 7: BEST CHILD HANDLER
 - 8: BEST VETERAN (OVER 7YRS)
 - 9: BEST TRICK
 - 10: BEST FANCY DRESS



SHOW CHAMPION ALL 1ST PLACES FROM 2-10 (not class 1)

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSOR "BEAUMONT VETERINARY PRACTICE" FOR SUPPORTING THE 2017 DOG SHOW AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Broadclyst Fun Day & Family Dog Show



Saturday 24th June 2017
on Broadclyst Playing Fields, EX5 3JB

11am-5pm

- Community stalls
- Games
- Kids races
- Raffle
- Tombola
- BBQ

Timetable:

11.30am	Kids Races
12.45pm	Gameshow Challenge!
1.30pm	Family Dog show
2.00pm	Cream teas served
4.00pm	Raffle draw
4.30pm	Grand finale! Egg-throw

All day: Check out the stalls with lots of fun activities and challenges!

- Jacket potatoes
- Coconut shy
- Beer tent
- Local ale
- Skittles
- Face painting

Ozzy D Magic

Bouncy castles

FREE ADMISSION!

New for 2017! The family Gameshow Challenge, hosted by the one and only Ozzy D!

Enquiries - broadclystfunday@hotmail.co.uk or 07532 286713

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.

- 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.

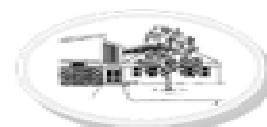
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Principal: Kevin Bawn, BA PhD



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