



# NEWSLETTER

“One man who has a mind and knows it,  
can always beat ten men who haven’t and  
don’t” - George Bernard Shaw

**No. 523**  
**w/c Mon 19 September 2016**  
**will be Week A**

Dear Parents/Carers

## **The Good Start Continues**

The first two weeks of term seem to have flown by, and we have now established the routines and ironed out any minor timetable glitches. Seating plans are in place, the revised behaviour policy has started well, and there is a calm, purposeful atmosphere. Uniform is looking very good, thanks in no small part to parental support. Clubs and lunchtime activities, including subject workshops, are springing up. There will always be a few students for whom the move to a new school isn't so smooth, and a few who are coping with difficulties outside school, but we have identified them and are doing our best to support; if you have concerns about your son/daughter, please contact us and ask for the AtHoS of the relevant School. We invest a lot into the options process in Year 9 so that by now Year 10 students are happy with their GCSE choices; however, if there are any concerns about GCSE options, Year 10 students should see Mr Colin or Mr Green urgently.

## **Open Evening**

Thank you to all parents who loaned us your sons and daughters for Open Evening (and provided the customary taxi service). The students were simply magnificent ambassadors for Clyst Vale through their enthusiasm and loyalty for the College. It was a really positive and well-attended evening, an annual reminder of all that is good about Clyst Vale, and why I am so proud of being Principal.

We are offering daytime tours in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October (every day); this will be of particular interest if you have a Year 6 child, or friends or neighbours with a Year 6 child interested in Clyst Vale, or are from Silverton, as the Open Evening clashed with their residential. Please contact Claire Phillips on 01392-463919 or e-mail [phillipsc@clystvale.org](mailto:phillipsc@clystvale.org) to reserve a place.

## **Home Learning Study Club**

A reminder to all parents/carers that we offer a Home Learning Study club on every Monday to Thursday at lunchtime from 1.30 - 2.15, and after school from 3.30 - 4.45, in IT1. This provides an opportunity for students to come and complete any Home Learning or independent study in an IT suite, with a member of staff available for advice and supervision. After school, the Study Club also provides a safe place for students to do something productive while waiting for lifts!

## **Spanish Students Visit**

From 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> October we will once again welcome twelve students from Vigo in Spain. They will be “buddied” with Year 10 students and follow their timetables during lessons 1-3 only, since they will be going on excursions in the afternoon. This link was a great success last year: the Spanish students are generally high achieving students with a good command of English. They really enjoyed and appreciated the teaching at Clyst Vale and our students enjoyed the responsibility of looking after foreign students.

## **Harry Patch Day**

Next Thursday is Harry Patch Day. Clyst Vale had a connection to Harry Patch, who was the oldest surviving soldier from World War I when he died in 2009. Harry’s wish was that young people should never forget about World War I, realise how fortunate they are, and make the most of themselves. So, at Clyst Vale we keep his memory alive with Harry Patch Day; 22<sup>nd</sup> September was Harry’s personal remembrance day when his closest friends were killed but he survived, and we hold various fund-raising activities for Harry’s preferred charity, the RNLI.

## **Clyst Vale Equestrian Team**

Very best wishes to Annabel Duman (Yr 11), Georgia Sheldon-Smith (Yr 9) and Emily Taylor (Yr 9) who will be representing Clyst Vale at a One Day Event (Dressage, Show-jumping and Cross-country) on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at Bicton Arena (EX9 7BL).

## **Stagecoach and Bus Stops**

At 3.20 there are two dedicated Stagecoach buses running from Clyst Vale to the bus station. There is also a third public service bus; this is re-routed into the College by special arrangement so that students do not need to walk down Station Road to the Dog Village stop. This is clearly better for their safety, and enables us to supervise them on site. So, students heading into Exeter should not leave the site at the end of the day.

## **Behaviour: The Annual Cycle**

In most years, the first two weeks of term go well, especially in lessons. However, there are sometimes squabbles on some of the buses, and sometimes rougher play at break and lunchtime. Fortunately, usually this only involves a minority of students, and we are vigilant in responding and heading it off. My principle is that Clyst Vale has a responsibility for students when they are on their way to and from College, and our expectations of courteous, considerate behaviour apply at all times. As for rough play, we will remind students about this regularly (as it can easily become bullying), and more practically have increased our levels of staff supervision this year. It’s far better for students to engage with one of the many lunchtime activities on offer; a list will be issued with next week’s Newsletter.

Best wishes.



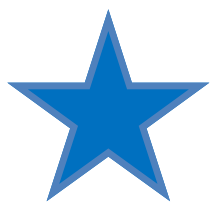
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## **CYCLING INCIDENT**

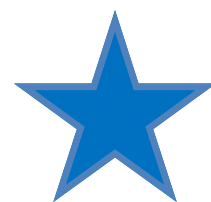
This morning (16/09/16) one of our students was knocked off his bicycle outside the College by a vehicle which did not stop. He was sensibly wearing his helmet and was not seriously injured, however this does highlight the need for students to take care when cycling and to wear their helmets at all times. If anyone saw this incident or has any information please let us know.

# CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 29th September	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
Tuesday 11th October	Ski Trip Information Evening (6pm)
Thursday 13th October	Year 10 Parents' GCSE Information Evening (6pm)
Half Term	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016
Thursday 10th November	Post 16 Open Evening (6pm)
Tuesday 15th November	Year 12 Meet the Tutor (4.30pm)
Tuesday 22nd November	GCSE Presentation Evening (7pm)
Thursday 24th November	Year 10 Parents' evening (4.30pm)
Tuesday 29th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)
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



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### YELLOW SCHOOL

<b>7YJPU</b>	Finlay King
<b>8YME</b>	Ben Folland
<b>8YMM</b>	Rachel Davey
<b>9YSP</b>	Rachel Champion
<b>9YJCO</b>	Damien Beattie & Amelia Whateley
<b>10YMPR</b>	Grace Porter
<b>11YCW</b>	Maddy Ross

### RED SCHOOL

<b>7RCM</b>	Kayleigh Cutting
<b>7RKC</b>	Nicholas Sloan
<b>8RZB</b>	Louie Gray
<b>9RAR</b>	Kyle Wager
<b>10RGG</b>	Mia Hart
<b>11RMHI</b>	Olivia Hellier
<b>10RTMA</b>	Emily Moreton

### GREEN SCHOOL

<b>7GHE</b>	Lara Gimbuta
<b>7GIQ</b>	Theo Munro
<b>8GPE</b>	Rufus Perrott-Kolk
<b>9GABR</b>	Sam Hallett
<b>9GTGA</b>	Molly Munro
<b>10GSW</b>	Lily Collins & Chloe Runciman
<b>11GGT</b>	Jasmine Dolman

### SILVER SCHOOL

<b>10SNG</b>	Ryan Griffiths
<b>11SDJ</b>	John Thurley

## HEAD LICE & NITS

There have been several cases of students with head lice this week. Please check your child's head and go to the following website for advice and treatment information.

[www.treat-lice.com](http://www.treat-lice.com)

## SKI PILA 2017

Two more spaces have become available on the 2017 trip to Italy during February half term. Any student interested in going on the trip should see Mrs Elliot as soon as possible for details.



## Year 9 Rugby - Uffculme 42-7 CVCC

An outstanding effort from the Year 9 boys, who gallantly went down to the County Champions by 7 tries to 1. Despite the scoreline, the lads never dropped their heads and in balmy conditions caused their hosts a series of troubles, with a simply outstanding performance from Man of the Match, Joe Blackburn, who was everywhere, making tackle after tackle and run after run!



There were huge performances from Captain Ben Parsons, the try scorer, No.8 Charlie Sparkes and scrum half Abe Alabaidi, who defended with their lives.

Fred Worth, put in at second row for the game, made some crunching tackles on some of their big runners and put Clyst Vale back on the front foot throughout the game. Brad Maunder, playing his first ever game of contact rugby, did exceptionally well on the wing.

This was by far the toughest test which Clyst Vale will have this year and a good starting point to work from, with upcoming games to Blundell's and St Peter's later this term.

Congratulations to all of the squad:

Tre Campbell, Brad Maunder, Joe Blackburn, Ben Parsons (c), Charlie Blackburn, Harrison Tarrant, Abe Alabaidi, Charlie Sparkes, George Hooper, Charlie Roberts, Zack Killion, Damien Beattie, Fred Worth, Barnaby Bilton and Fin Potter.

Mr Pearce

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



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

## 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.**

- 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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