



# NEWSLETTER

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Week A

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"We have to uphold a free press and freedom of speech -- because, in the end, lies and misinformation are no match for the truth."* Barack Obama

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 Parents Evening

- As always, a big thank you to parents and carers who participated in last night's Parents' Evening. It's a little difficult to generalise as many students will be doing swimmingly well in terms of achievement, attitude and effort, while others need the metaphorical kick. However, my colleagues will have reflected this and given strategies for improvement where necessary. If you were unable to attend, or have any follow-up issues, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s) or tutor.

Covid and Vaccination Updates

- Vaccination Day on Monday went extremely well, was completed in the day, there were no issues apart from sore arms, and nobody was vaccinated without consent. 160 students received the covid jab – many others had already had it over half-term; and over 600 students had the flu vaccination. So, I'm pleased that we have crossed this particular bridge so smoothly. Hopefully this will prevent many cases of both covid, reduce other respiratory infections, and help maintain good attendance levels. There were no "anti-vax" protests beyond a handful of e-mails and letters.
- Currently, there are 15 students isolating including 7 who are awaiting a PCR result. This remains a low total, although after nearly a week of no new cases we have had six on one day. On Monday, all members of staff who have been isolating will have returned.
- Testing: please keep the two-weekly LFT tests going. It's ever so simple – more testing means less transmission which means fewer cases which means we can be more "normal", fewer students miss out, and there are lower risks to adults as well.
- Masks: please give your children a mask for school transport and College, and keep reminding/encouraging/bribing them to wear them. This has gone on for a long time, but is arguably the most effective way of preventing transmission other than medical interventions like vaccination (a world-wide survey concluded this yesterday). Nationally, Public Health have been given more powers to recommend the use of masks in local areas where rates are high; not much change for Devon, then. Rates are above national, and in schools the expectation is that masks stay on (except lessons, and for exempt people).
- Just in case you've missed this, which impacts on some of Year 11 and above: the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose, or 12 weeks following a positive COVID-19 test result – whichever is later. This will be through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP led primary care network sites. The national booking service will be available from Monday 22 November for 16 and 17 year olds.

## Exams 2022

- Following on from my comments last week, we have decided that the Year 11 mocks will be used as evidence for teacher grading in the unlikely event of next summer's GCSEs (and Level 2 qualifications) being cancelled. I have written to Year 11 students and parents to this effect. It's not possible for every subject, but many will give over some lesson time next week for revision purposes and to help reduce any slightly increased worry (including mine...). With Year 11 mocks fast-approaching, a quick decision was necessary; we have a little more time for a considered decision for Year 13 who are currently in the throes of coursework and UCAS applications (and any Year 12 thinking about AS entry next summer).

## GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening, 25th November

- Still calling all of last year's Year 11 ! The Presentation Evening is next Thursday, 6.30 pm, in the Main Hall. Please let us know if you're coming so that we can make the organisation near-perfect ! It's not just GCSE certificates – there are CVCC certificates, too, for highest achievement and highest progress in each subject, with a financial token of congratulation. It would be great to see you again.

## Duke of Edinburgh & Ten Tors

- Near-record numbers of students attending last weekend's training walk on Dartmoor, 48 to be precise. 48 students represent about 5% of the College, but age-limits preclude Years 7 and 8, so it's nearer 10%. This is very encouraging indeed, and says a lot about the positive attitude of these young people. Many thanks to my colleagues and volunteers who supervised and walked – important to remember that outdoor education activities wouldn't happen without them – and to parents/carers who were prepared to transport their children as two minibuses weren't enough. An excellent good news story !

## Homework

- There has been a flurry of homework questions from students and parents recently, so here is an attempt to clarify the present position and think ahead a little. Before technology and even until a couple of years ago, homework was mostly recorded in Planners, and the submission of homework was either on paper or in exercise books. The advent of e-mail and virtual platforms complicated matters a little in that paperless homework could be submitted on line (although in reality many teachers just printed it off anyway). Then we (and many schools) had the pandemic, lockdown, and a rapid migration to other platforms, Teams in our case. This provides amazing opportunities for homework while simultaneously muddying the waters, and now Edulink is on the horizon, adding to the current situation. I could call this an exhilarating time of transition in which we are exploring new, exciting paradigms for homework to improve the current hybrid model, but not quite my style. At the moment: there should be a reference to every homework set in the Planner, even if it merely says "Latin – see Teams"; this allows parents an easy oversight. On Teams, homework will either be set as an Assignment, or through one of the channels: "General" in most cases, although some teachers have set up an additional "homework" channel.

- The submission of homework is more varied: written in ex books; returned electronically as a Teams assignment; completed as an electronic document and e-mailed/returned through Teams; brought in as a physical artefact; or not submitted but monitored through MyMaths, GCSE Pod or Seneca, for example. To an extent it was ever thus: different subjects have different pedagogies and thereby different homeworks. My colleagues are also aware that not all families have access to the same technology, printers for example. I think the issue here is clarity for students when the homework is being set, both in class and also in the written instructions.
- We are reviewing homework and investigating Edulink as a future possibility, which would mean another change in platform when not everyone has arrived on this one yet. So, this would not be rushed, and announced well in advance. In the meantime: please check the planner, look at teams, and we will be clear about submission.

#### Vacancies for Parent Governors.

- A “heads-up” that very shortly Miss Prunty, Clerk to Governors, will be sending out communications about this; we seek nominations and there is an election process. The Governors (or Trustees as they should really be called, and which gives a more accurate flavour of the role) would welcome financial experience or ability to strengthen the skill-set, but this should not deter anyone from putting their name forward.

#### Site update

- I am informed that the roofing work is now complete, and sections of scaffolding have been taken down. However, the second phase of work, replacing certain ancient, decaying and stuck windows (plus improving ventilation), has barely started and will continue well into the Spring Term. There will need to be re-rooming for certain rooms for short periods, starting next month. Unfortunately, the windows work means that scaffolding remains in place in areas of the site, mostly the main block, and in one or two of the more awkward spots. Students have been incredibly sensible and patient about the work this term, and long may that continue. Also, the contractors have been very good, too, keeping themselves to themselves (I suppose that’s easier if you’re on a roof all day). It’ll be nice when it’s finished...



Kevin Bawn  
Principal

## Evenings and weekends – reporting of Covid-19 positive test results

We have introduced a dedicated phone number, solely for reporting positive Covid-19 test results at evenings and weekends.

You may also use this number if you have accidentally recorded an LFT result as positive – please always notify us if this has happened in error.

(During the school's normal opening hours, please contact Student Absence on **01392 463911** or email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org))

The number is:

# 07818 212 931

It is not for suspected cases, non-Covid-19 illness or absence, and is not an advice line.

We would prefer you to text positive Covid-19 test result information to this number, including:

- Name of student
- Student's tutor group
- Date symptoms appeared
- Which symptoms, or no symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result

If necessary, someone will contact you having received this information. Thank you!

## Year 11 Prom

I'd like to provide you with some details regarding the Year 11 Prom. This event will be held:

At The Reed Hall, University of Exeter

On Friday 8th July 2022

We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30 pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00 pm.

The evening will end at 11.00 pm and you will need to make arrangements for your child to be collected.

I will be in touch again in the New Year to provide you with further information,.

If I can be of any further help please contact me by email.



Ms Catherine Prunty  
Assistant to Head of Green School  
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# Rugby Match Reports



## **Y11 Boys Rugby:**

**Kings School, Ottery 17-10 Clyst Vale**

On a pleasant Autumn afternoon, the Y11 lads made the trip over to Kings School in Ottery-St-Mary for their third game of the season. A tightly contested affair ensued for 60 minutes, with a Devon Society Referee taking charge. Clyst Vale kicked off with centre Ned opening proceedings with another well taken individual try, chipping and chasing from 40 metres out. Kings hit back with a try following sustained pressure but Clyst Vale finished the half with a great team try following several phases near the Kings line, with full back Reece diving over. Felix went off after making a strong tackle and was replaced with Paddy in the boiler room of second row, who did a sterling job along with McKenzie who put himself about outstandingly well.

The second half resumed, with Clyst Vale starved of possession but dominating at scrum time, shunting Kings off their ball and winning every scrum that came their way. This all changed with a yellow card to Kings and then uncontested scrums which shifted the momentum of the game into Kings favour. A huge tackle from Harrison gave spirits to Clyst Vale, with other defensive shifts coming from Jonny, Jed and hooker, Jamie which kept us in the game. Oliver at tight head gathered plenty of loose balls, with Max constantly being a wrecking ball at number eight. Sam at nine and Tom at ten, respectively, kept Kings pegged back from Clyst Vale's line but unfortunately this couldn't cancel out another well deserved score from Kings with ten minutes to go, which was converted to leave it a two point game. With the last play coming and Clyst Vale struggling for field position, Josh linked well with Reece from deep to create an attack to leave a two on one on the wing, with Reece's offload to Tom not going to hand and the Kings ten running in an intercept from half way – which was unconverted to leave the final score at 17-10.

Throughout a very physical and tight game, the Year 11 boys continued to show what a true credit they are to the school, working hard for one another and being independent in their work ethic and attitude. This was tested a few times, including the final play where a fracas could have turned nasty, however it didn't due to the lads' great maturity and understanding of the situation and the sport they were playing! Being on the end of the other side of the penalty count and by having continued contested scrums the score may have been very different. Man of the match was to Josh on the wing who, with the ball, caused several attacking runs which led to scores and in defence made huge hit after hit, disrupting many dangerous Kings attacks.

Well done to all of the squad, training resumes next Wednesday after school with the next fixture being a home game versus Tiverton on Wednesday 8 December.

**Mr Pearce**

**Head of Green School**

## Y7 Rugby - Match Report

Another great turn out from the Y7 boys who appear to be gaining both in skill and confidence following recent matches and good attendance at lunchtime club on a



Thursday. Cullompton arrived with a spring in their step and they looked good in the passing drills pre-match. Run as a competitive fixture, but with an emphasis on fun and learning, visiting staff Mr Beard and myself coached heavily throughout.

However, it didn't take long before some nice passing from Dylan and Jacob released Archie to race in down the slope to the 'container corner'. The boys' focus was to improve on some lacklustre rucking in the last game. Indeed it was apparent that the Y7 boys had stepped up in this area. Led by Kai but followed into the melee by Ethan, Billy, Luca and later Max. This meant George at scrum half had some nice balls to throw out to the evasive Jacob and Inti. Soon Jacob capitalised on this decent ball to sneak over for a try of his own. This was followed before half time by another for Archie and then Kai who picked up from the base of yet another CVCC ruck to crash through tackles to gain a deserved try.

In the second half Leo continued to prove a rock in the scrum and new players flooded on including Rudi, Cody, Oli and a first outing for Lewis. Cullompton continued to tackle with passion and eventually they got their rewards with two second half tries. However, some smart thinking from George saw him steal a ball from some Cullompton hands to drive in for a try in front of the Humanities block followed by a lovely move to release Dylan for a late try of his own.

Without floodlights the match was concluded in the moonlight with a final score of 30-15. Some great cheers and etiquette from the CVCC boys at the finish and lovely support from a number of parents. Thanks also to Tom from Y9 for touch judging again and Reese from Y8 for helping at the end.

Man of the match: Archie - two great tries, a fabulous crunching tackle in container corner and the decency to help up his opponent.

**Mr J Powell**  
**Head of PE**

## Netball Matches 8/11/2021

### A Team

On Monday 8th November Clyst Vale Year 7 A and B teams played their first netball games at home against Uffculme, It was a strong team performance showing a real understanding of the tactics they have learnt since starting Clyst Vale. They were both excellent matches with Clyst Vale dominating both games. Most valued player went to Esmee Matthews (A Team - GA) for a confident performance throughout. The end results were 6-0 for the B team and 14-0 for the A team.

*(Written and Captained by Immy Woollam)*



### B Team

Our first match of the year, our first match for Clyst Vale, and we won against Uffculme the apparently 'unbeatable team' We started the game nervously and carefully trying not to make mistakes. Our Centre and Wing Attack played a solid role, ensuring the team got the ball down to the shooters. The Goal Attack scored first, giving the team extra confidence against Uffculme.

The defence were able to keep Uffculme from scoring throughout the game, sending the ball back to the attack of Clyst Vale to enable more goals to be scored. The final score for the B team was 6-0. It was an enjoyable evening, spurred on by our supporters. Most valued player was awarded to Emily Gill.

*(Written and Captained by Emily Gill)*

I wanted to add a massive congratulations to both teams for amazing performances in their first competitive matches for the school! It really will go down in the history books for me! I also want to mention the positive attitude and sportsmanship that they showed on the evening.

Thank you again to all the parents/guardians who came to watch and who created a lovely atmosphere, and thank you as well to Liv Woollam for helping on the evening by warming the girls up and helping to settle their nerves!

*Mrs Needs  
Teacher of PE*

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





# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **GREEN SCHOOL**

<b>7GCMC</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>7GIM</b>	<b>Jake Lucas</b>
<b>8GABR</b>	<b>Eve Van Het Bouscher</b>
<b>8GDH</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>9GAW</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>9GBA</b>	<b>Alex Johson</b>
<b>10GHE</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>10GSW</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>11GGT</b>	<b>Charlie Harrison</b>
<b>11GMN</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>

## **RED SCHOOL**

<b>7RBAT</b>	<b>Darcy Dixon</b>
<b>7RHSP</b>	<b>Lilian Tipper</b>
<b>8RZB</b>	<b>Lily Nash</b>
<b>8RSGA</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>9RMAH</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>9RAO</b>	<b>Ollie Hargreaves</b>
<b>10RER</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>10RGG</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>11RTMA</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>11RSS</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

<b>7YMBR</b>	<b>Daisy Wilding-Webb</b>
<b>7YTZI</b>	<b>Grace Alexander</b>
<b>8YSSC</b>	<b>Owen Stephenson</b>
<b>8YPNE</b>	<b>Callum Walters</b>
<b>9YDST</b>	<b>Sonny Brown and Charlotte Curwood</b>
<b>9YSP</b>	<b>Jack Spurrier and Phoebe Baines</b>
<b>10YMPR</b>	<b>No permission to publish name</b>
<b>10YNS</b>	<b>Sam Stone and Freya Baseley</b>
<b>11YCW</b>	<b>Frankie Apps and Lily-Mae</b>
<b>11YRB</b>	<b>Sam Knee</b>



# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 – 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 – 11 Btec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Monday	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Week A - GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battshill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh Award	1.30pm – 2.10pm	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Post 16 Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Ms Watt/Mrs Battshill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton/Mr Brooks
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimble
Thursday	Yoghioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Friday	Various Years Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

- Colour coded refers to Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh only

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 25 November	GCSE Celebration Awards Evening 6pm - 8pm
29 Nov—Wed 8 Dec	Y11 Mocks
Thurs 02 December	Y13 Parents' Evening 4pm - 6.30pm
Sat 04 December	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event - all day
Tues 09 December	Y9 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Weds 15 December	Carol Service, Whimble Church 7pm - 9pm
Fri 17 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Sat 18 December	DofE Gold Day - all day
Mon 20 December - Tues 04 January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Weds 05 January	START OF SPRING TERM
Sat 15 January	DofE Overnight 1: Bronze
Thurs 20 January	Y11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Tues 25 January	Y9 Options Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
Thurs 27 January	Y10/Y11 Trip to Southall Gurdwara
w/b 31 January	Y13 Mock Exams
Sat 12 February	DofE Overnight 2: Bronze All day
Thurs 17 February	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Fri 18 February	Y9 Options Fair
Mon 21 - Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM
Mon 28 February	Y11 Food Practical Exams
Tues 1 March	Y11 Food Practical Exams
w/b Mon 7 March	Y11 Mock Exams
Sat 12 March	DofE/Ten Tors Overnight 3
Tues 22 - Fri 25 March	Y11 Art/ Art Photography Exams
Weds 23 - Fri 25 March	Rossllyn Park Rugby 7s Tournament
w/b Mon 28 March	Y10 Exams
Tues 29 March - Fri 01 April	Y13 Art/ Art Photography Exams

## **Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence**

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps 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.

### **Medical Appointments**

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

### **For Years 7 - 11 Absences**

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [barringtonj@clystvale.org](mailto:barringtonj@clystvale.org)

## 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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts - Blue Tartan and knee length
- Trutex Senior stitched down/Taylor Tartan (blue) skirt and may be worn no more than 2" above the knee. Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn.
- Black sturdy shoes or **all black** trainers.
- White socks or black tights with skirts.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

*All uniform and PE Kit 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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