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NEWSLETTER

"Where is the Life we have lost in living?"
T S Eliot

Dear Parents/Carers,

Financial Situation

I'd like to start with a personal thank you to all the parents who e-mailed me about last week's press report, and who stopped for a word at the Options Evening. Quite understandably, there is concern about staffing reductions and possible impacts, but equally I was very grateful for parents' awareness of the general funding situation in education realising that we are not alone, and especially for not believing lurid exaggerations of school closure (which, in fairness to our local press, came from social media). As I said, whatever the impact, your children come first.

Making the Parents' Voice Heard (continued...)

Some parents have asked me about how they can contact MPs, and what in particular to write about. It is perfectly acceptable to send an e-mail rather than a formal letter in an envelope; however, you **MUST** include your address and postcode to prove you are a constituent. The e-mail addresses for the four MPs in the Clyst Vale "constituency" are:

mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk

hugo.swire.mp@parliament.uk

ben.bradshaw.mp@parliament.uk

neil.parish.mp@parliament.uk

In terms of what to write, there are two major issues for a Clyst Vale parent. One is the current situation in which we are making staffing reductions partly because of Devon's historic unfair funding (by which a Devon child is "worth" £290 less than the national average); and partly because of government cuts to funding as well as increased costs beyond schools' control such as increased national insurance and pension contributions. The second issue is the proposed "fair funding" formula which will remove a further £67,000 from Clyst Vale's budget. Generally, organisations are advised against producing standard template letters for MPs, but again in response to parental comment I have provided one with this Newsletter: please feel free to shorten it, alter it, and include information or opinion particular to your own situation.

A good tactic is to ask your local MP to write on your behalf to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Education. Letters to ministers will in most cases be dealt with by civil servants, but when MPs write to ministers, the convention is that ministers will sign off the response, which ensures the message gets through directly. It was heartening to see that East Devon MP Hugo Swire, writing in the Telegraph (reported in the E & E), is so critical of the funding policy that he is even prepared to vote against it.

As I wrote last week, a quick and easy way to take action is to support Uffculme's petition demanding fairer funding for all Devon schools. The link for this is

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177952>

Year 9 Options

What a great evening, and thank you to parents and students who attended! Most of us can remember our own options experience when we were at school, which shows that it is quite a big deal. Hopefully, students and parents left with a clearer understanding of the process, and more information to support their decision-making. Despite the staffing downsize, there are eighteen options from which to choose, the same as last year. This year's hot topic is the expectation that the top 50% of Year 9 linguists should go on to be the top 50% of next year's Year 10 linguists as well. There are many reasons: a language develops cognitive, linguistic and thinking skills; it shows breadth and broadens horizons; it looks good on a CV; many employers and universities like to see a language; and yes, it is part of the government agenda and forms two of the accountability measures. A wider point is that Clyst Vale traditionally has an above-average intake, and the expectation would be a good language take-up. So, the question has hardened from "Why don't you study a language GCSE?" to "Why wouldn't you study a language GCSE?".

Looking Ahead

The six weeks after half-term will continue to be busy. For parents, there is a Year 9 Parents' evening on 23rd February, and a Year 12 one on 23rd March. We are also offering a pre-exam information evening for Year 11 parents (and students, if they wish to come) on 28th February. Students in Years 10 to 13 inclusive all face mock exams at some stage. And, of course, there is the production of "Bugsy Malone" at the Barnfield for four nights (and a matinee) from 15th March – lucky we're not performing Julius Caesar.....

Uniform and Expectations

Just as "not everyone got a new smartphone for Christmas" (it used to be a bike), so not everyone at Clyst Vale has a nose stud or white soles to their black shoes or a skirt made out of stretchy fabric. In fact, the vast majority of students do not, and I would like to thank parents for your continuing support in the high standards of uniform we have. However, I would like to make a general reminder that any school uniform purchases over half-term should be the College uniform, and it will be a waste of money getting a nose or facial piercing. I know that a handful of students in Years 10 and 11 don't like it, but we intend to hold the line on uniform.

Best wishes for a peaceful half-term holiday week.



Dr Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL	
7RCM	Alisha Newton
7RKC	Liam Hudd
8RZB	Catherine Tooze
9RAR	Rosie Pring
10RDH	Sam Terrett
10RGG	Lauren Harker & Olivia Barradine
11RTMA	Marcus McCabe

YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Martha Bailey
8YME	Courtney Jones
8YMM	Archie Graham
9YJCO	Lucia Boyden
9YSP	Dylan Mizon
10YMPR	Charlie Townsley
11YCW	Joseph West

SILVER SCHOOL	
10SNG	Shannon Carpenter
11SDJ	Connor Hepburn
11SSG	Harry Thompson & Trevor Tester

GREEN SCHOOL	
7GHE	Chantell Hughes
8GPE	Lauren Kelly
9GABR	Emily Ferdinand
9GTGA	Gaby Johnson

SPORTS NEWS

SECOND IN THE WHOLE OF THE SOUTH WEST

The above title says it all for our cross country running superstar Sam Mills in Year 7. 'Second by a second' would be more precise as Sam was just pipped in the last few metres at last week's race in Truro. To put it in context, out of all the Year 7 boys in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset Sam was placed second..... by a second! A wonderful achievement, well done from all at Clyst Vale.



Knowing Sam's determination and fiercely competitive spirit, he will continue to strive to improve with his club events over the next couple of months, and then Athletics will kick in of course. Watch out for him on Sports Day!

Mr Everett
Sports Co-ordinator

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	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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
Mon	Production Auditions/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	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	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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

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	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	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	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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

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

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February	Half Term & Ski Trip
Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week
Thurs 23rd February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 25th February - Sun 26th February	Ten Tors 2 nd overnigher
Tues 28th February	Y11 Pre-exam Support Evening
Thurs 2nd March	1.30pm Y13 Slapton Ley trip leaves
Sat 4th March	Y13 Slapton Ley trip returns
Mon 13th March - Fri 17th March	'Bugsy Malone' School Production, Barnfield Theatre
Tuesday 21st March	Deep Learning Day
Thurs 23rd March	4.30 - 7.00 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day
Sat 25th March - Sun 26th March	Ten Tors third overnigher
Mon 27th March - Fri 31st March	Year 10 mock exams week
Fri 31st March	Last day of Spring term

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

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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