

NEWSLETTER



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“Every day, in every way, I’m getting better and better “

Emile Coue

Dear Parents/Carers

There is plenty happening at the moment, and I am delighted that almost all of it relates to student opportunities and achievements!

Bugsy Malone

Massive congratulations to everyone involved in Bugsy Malone, and many thanks to parents, carers and the College community for supporting it! I’ve thoroughly enjoyed the first two nights, and am hugely proud. Clyst Vale’s productions have several levels to them. As a performance, a piece of entertainment, Bugsy is excellent – it’s good fun, fast-paced, memorable songs, a huge amount of humour, some topical references and the well-known splurge guns. If you leave the theatre smiling and humming one of the tunes, then it’s a sign of a very successful show. At another level, a production is a complex and skilful collaboration, and Bugsy is no different. The numbers are amazing – if you look at the programme, just under 10% of Clyst Vale’s students are involved in some way, as well as many members of staff and the wider community. Another level is that it is an enormous learning experience, and I’d need about two Newsletters to unpick this: practice, rehearsal, self-discipline, teamwork, timing, coping with high points and low, dealing with setbacks, camaraderie, mutual support. This is a parents’ newsletter, so especial thanks to you: a bit like the orchestra, cast and crew, this is far more than just turning up on the night – it’s the weeks of taxi services and coping with the adolescent “artistic temperament” at home!

Maths Team Challenge

Well done to Tom Davey, Tilly Pilcher, Ellie Harris and Jacob Drinnan, who represented Clyst Vale at the recent regional Maths Team Challenge event, in Exmouth. The team did very well to achieve a creditable 8th place from 29 teams, and were great ambassadors for the College.

Science Week

Inspired and coordinated by Dr Odunlade, there has been a focus on science this week as part of National Science Week. Year 11 students in white coats have performed a variety of spectacular science experiments in assemblies, with a presentation on the importance of science in society. On Wednesday, a big team of students from all years (ably assisted by the Science staff) ran a series of stalls with a very wide range of activities; not surprisingly, a popular one was making a DNA model out of various sweets. Good fun, good learning, and good to see so many students engaged!

Spotlight on Men in White

Mentioning white coats, you might have noticed Clyst Vale students on Spotlight on Wednesday. This was a report on a project offered by the University of Exeter Medical School in which a group of more able students gained hands on experience of working in a research laboratory. They used clinical trials, DNA sequencing and microscopic scrutiny of mutated microorganisms to deduce who the villain was in a ‘whodunit’ scenario involving a fictitious case of genetically modified bananas.

Year 11 “Mocks” Next Week

Bearing in mind that exam entries have been made, these are very much practice exams with several aims. Mostly, it’s for teachers to assess progress and areas of strength of weakness. In some subjects, it’s to test formally content that has not been tested before in exam conditions. It is also a refresher as to the rules and expectations in place for the GCSE exams in May and June. We expect students to take them seriously and prepare as best they can; this then allows some self-reflection as to what revision works best, and how students can improve further with further revision. (Year 10 will be the week after....)

Deep Learning Day

Next Tuesday is our third (of four) Deep Learning Days. Every year I am asked by Year 11 students why this day is held so close to their mocks, and why can't they have the day off to revise. The date is determined by a really important external event for Year 12 students, although we are considering "de-coupling" this in future. As for the content of the day, in Year 11 we use DLDs to teach some of the statutory elements of sex & relationships education, including safeguarding. I shall be joining Year 7's visit to Chepstow Castle; Year 8 have a literacy day; Year 9 divide between ICT and PE/Health; Year 10 have a Science coursework day. These are clearly much more exciting and interesting than they might appear as a list!

Early Lunches

Next week there will be early lunches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (22nd to 24th March). What this means to parents/carers new to the College is that lunch is taken an hour early between 12.25 and 1.20, with lesson 4 moving to the afternoon. The reason for this is to accommodate exams; it's always tricky juggling the use of the Hall between exams and lunch, and ensuring as quiet an atmosphere as we can. Next week is for Year 11 mock exams, but there will be a number of early lunches throughout the public exam period in May and June.

Red Nose Day

This is next week on Friday 24th March. The Schools and a variety of individual colleagues and students will be offering various opportunities for giving money, so please bring some cash! It is a non-uniform day, with proceeds going to Comic Relief. Exceptionally, we will allow Year 11 to do their mock Science and Maths exams in non-uniform; we usually insist on GCSE students wearing correct uniform for exams, but it seems unnecessarily harsh to enforce this on this occasion.

Education Funding

Scarcely a day passes without another headline news item about this; today, another think-tank opines that secondary schools will lose the equivalent of six teachers by 2020. Last week, my professional association, ASCL, released the results of a survey of over 1000 secondaries. This showed that 95% have cut back on education support; 68% cut enrichment activities; 82% increased class sizes to average of 33; and 72% have reduced courses at Y10-11, especially vocational subjects, Music, Drama and Design Technology. For September, we will need to reduce education support; will try to protect enrichment (this includes things like productions – see above!); will see some increases in class sizes, although not to the average in the survey; and so far have managed to protect a broad curriculum at GCSE.

The government's consultation on a National Funding Formula closes on Wednesday (22nd March). <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/> You have every right to respond as an individual, but given the density and technical aspects of some of the consultation it might be easier to write to or e-mail your local MP about the current state of education funding and expressing anger or dismay that the proposed formula would remove £67,000 from Clyst Vale's budget when we are already in one of the lowest-funded local authorities to begin with.



Dr Bawn



Our next non uniform day will be in aid of Comic Relief and Red Nose Day.
This is taking place on Friday 24th March and costs just 50p.

If you would like to do anything else to help fundraise for Comic Relief, please see the Charity noticeboard (outside Dr Bawn's office), ask your AtHOS or HoS or me. I have plenty of resources/sponsor sheets/balloons and stickers.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Phillips

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



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	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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

GREEN SCHOOL

7GHE	David White
7GIM	Henry Walker & Theo Munro
8GPE	Harvey Board & Elijah Holding
9GABR	Kiera Raynor-Johnson, Lucy Bridger & Josh Bradley
9GTGA	Angel Justus
11GGT	Matthew Hill

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Jack Davies
7RKC	Lara Gulec
8RZB	Kitty Pepper
9RAR	Jamie Faulkner
10RGG	Naglis Ziukas
11RMHI	Jasmine Cosway & Eleanor Sansbury
11RTMA	Rafael Pereira Piccoli

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Abigail Quest
8YME	Harrison Ware
8YMM	Camden Hayler
9YJCO	Stefan Bateman
9YSP	Jess Norgate
10YMPR	Zack Parker
11YCW	Kim Pike

SILVER SCHOOL

7SMBR	Emily Cornish
9SLA	Sam Taunton
10SNG	Tom Rush
10SNS	Chloe Tucker
11SDJ	Chris Grieve
11SSG	Jessica Pascoe & Adam Barber

CALENDAR DATES

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
Wed 15th March - Sat 18th 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

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

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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