



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

Anthony J. D’Angelo

Dear Parents and Carers

Early Lunches. Next week, every day will have an early lunchtime starting at 12.25.

Exams

- The first week of public exams has gone very well. It is three years since we last held them, and while the focus rightly is on the students sitting the exams, there is a complex organisation which underpins them, and the whole College community is affected but also supportive. We have had some mock exams and assessment weeks, but that’s a bit like comparing a dress rehearsal with an opening night. We are well aware that exams are a source of anxiety for even the most well-balanced students, so we strive for perfection (which is quite a challenge with 250+ candidates, 50 different subjects, several thousand individual exam papers, and up to 15 rooms involved !).
- The students sitting exams have been great. The rest of the student community has also been very good, especially in and around the exam areas. Thanks to some parents who volunteered and one or two contacts of colleagues, we have all but filled the gaps for invigilators which was causing concern last week.
- Year 11 students will remain in College until study leave begins on Monday, 13th June. This means that they attend lessons except when they are sitting exams. There are many reasons for this. In no particular order, this was standard practice in all schools before the pandemic; because of lost learning time and exams being stretched out, this has been extended after half-term; most schools locally are keeping students in for at least a week in June, some longer; most students revise better in school; being at home can be isolating, especially if students’ friends are in school; it’s often beneficial to have a range of subjects and teachers to stimulate different parts of the brain; keeping to the school routine is also keeping to the exam timetable routine.
- Just another four and a half weeks to go.

Rights Respecting Schools

- RRS never went away during the lockdown years, but certain aspects of it were severely restricted, mostly those which needed people to work together face to face and also in school. We were obliged to postpone accreditation for Gold status. The good news is that we are very much back on track, and will undertake the accreditation on Tuesday, 5th July. If successful, we will become the first secondary school in Devon to achieve Gold.

- But it really, really isn't about badges and awards. It's about embedding a whole ethos, meaning that Gold is a very important milestone on the journey but not the end of the journey.
- We are a comprehensive school of a thousand young people. Some of these young people have significant difficulties, or have experienced different traumas in their young lives. All students will go through the "teenage years". Therefore, it is not likely that we will achieve perfection in that all students will be kind, tolerant of difference, and 100% engaged in learning all of the time. But that's the general aim. Respect, Participate, Learn were the three key values agreed by students, and which sum it all up. And the word which is sometimes skimmed, especially by students, is "Learn". That's the reason we're all here. In rights terms, all children have the right to an education. Millions around the world do not have this very basic right. In England, we do, and it is tragic to see students waste this opportunity. However, my point is that respect and participation are there in order that everyone can learn. Respect for self, others, and the value of education, plus willingness to get stuck in, try things, and do your best are essential for successful learning. Also, just as students have the right to uninterrupted lessons, so they have the responsibility to not interrupt and let others learn and the teacher teach.
- We believe in fairness and equity. We have developed student voice. There are student groups for Amnesty International, the environment, LGBTQ students and friends, mental health, and our Youth Cultural Champions. The curriculum includes significant RRS content in some subjects, with additional input through assemblies, tutorial programme, and DLDs. Students are engaged in many RRS activities, including running the two recent Ukraine Days. In short, we are educating about children's rights, through children's rights, and for children's rights.
- As I implied, this isn't all lovely and rose-tinted. A RRS school has a particular responsibility to address issues which contravene a child's rights. This includes making others feel unsafe, whether that be "traditional" bullying or through gender, racial, sexual orientation or other comments. "Address" includes punishments, but also education: our aim is to develop good global citizens, which cannot be achieved through punishment alone.
- It's been hard to adjust post-pandemic. Like most schools, we are seeing higher levels of mental health issues, anxiety, and more students whose behaviour has been affected by lockdowns, in particular by the lack of socialisation with peers at a crucial developmental stage. However, we must remain true to our values, and are, and I honestly believe that four years of RRS has helped to reduce many of these issues.

Off to the Palace

- Congratulations to former students India Sanger-Anderson and James Clark who will today be presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards today at Buckingham Palace. This Award has prestige and recognition, displaying qualities of character, resilience and public service. I am proud that thanks to my extremely committed colleagues, dozens of young people have started their DofE journey at Clyst Vale.

Success for Ella

- Congratulations to Ella Bayley in Year 8 who was given a Bronze Award in the Year 7 & 8 category of a recent "Love Physics" competition, promoted by the Ogden Trust Exeter & East Devon. Ella submitted a drawing showing "a girl with constellations in her hair, a speaker with the sound waves coming out of it, and a falling torch, with arrows pointing out the air resistance and gravity." The creative challenge was open to all schools in Devon, and was to produce a piece of art, cake (!) or photograph/video that represents some interesting Physics.

"Let's Talk Teenagers"

- These on-line sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers of teenagers to hear about the challenges young people are facing today whilst being offered tips, techniques and resources to explore for more help and support. Funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Safer Devon Partnership, and others, these 90 minute sessions will run on consecutive Wednesdays at 7.00pm on the 15th, 22nd and 29th June. Topics covered will include substance misuse, exploitation, healthy relationships, safety online, and social risks.
- Visit devon.cc/teenagers for more information and to book your free place.

Traffic News

- This is not the first time that we have had roadworks starting during the exam season, but it is another source of worry for students and families we could all do without. Sometimes we are notified well in advance so can alert you, sometimes – like the latest lot – we are not. There are no real solutions, except to leave a bit earlier. If quite a few students are genuinely late due to traffic, we can delay the start of the exam by a few minutes. If you are running late, please phone student absence on 01392-463911.

Devon LEA Ofsted Inspection for SEND students

- Devon LEA was identified by Ofsted as having weaknesses in its provision for SEND students when last inspected. Ofsted are revisiting next week (23rd to 25th May) to look at how Devon's action plan to improve on these weaknesses is progressing. This is unlikely to affect Clyst Vale or our students, unless an individual student is selected as a case-study; even then, it is a matter of the paperwork and procedures not direct involvement with the student. To inform the visit, we were asked to send out links to a survey for all parents with a child with SEND. We did this by separate letter. I hope the relevant parents received this, as the deadline is today !

Best wishes,

Kevin Bawn



Kevin Bawn
Principal

Athletics success!

Three of our students attended the Exeter District Schools vs East Devon Schools athletics event after school on Thursday and came away with good results!

Olivia (year 10), Molly (year 9) and Arsene (year 8) competed in their individual events against several other schools from Exeter and East Devon. Molly came 4th in the 75m hurdles, Arsene 2nd in discus, and Olivia 2nd in shotput and 1st in discus!

These results show how hard our athletes work to be successful in their sports, and we are so proud

of them. We look forward to see who goes through to the next round!

Well done to all three!

Jess Fowler
PE Teacher"





LET'S TALK TEENAGERS

Dates:

- Wednesday 15 June
- Wednesday 22 June
- Wednesday 29 June

Free support sessions for parents and carers



Have you got teenagers? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, and find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running sessions throughout June, covering topics such as:

- drugs and alcohol
- body image
- safety online
- mental health
- social risks
- peer pressure



Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm



Visit devon.cc/teenagers to find out more about each session and book your free place.

LLC PRIMARY SCHOOLS FUN RUN

We had a wonderful afternoon today hosting numerous Primary Schools from the Local Learning Community; Whimble, Broadclyst, Westclyst, Clyst St Mary and Stoke Canon. Each School were allowed to bring Year groups 3-6 inclusive which totalled about 250 pupils.

I had some specially selected Year 10 Sports Students helping me line the route, organise the Schools and cheer them all on. They represented the School impeccably including joining in the final run where everyone ran together! Fabulous!

I was also thrilled to see so many of our Clyst Vale pupils spend their lunch time cheering on little Brother's and Sister's, giving them high 5's and greeting old Primary Teachers with such fondness!

A special mention also needs to go to Whimble Primary School who were the only School that relentlessly cheered on every single person that crossed

In front of them
regardless of what
School they were
from!

Many thanks to all
that helped run the
event,

Mrs Needs

Kate Needs
Teacher of PE





**GIRLS RUGBY CLUB WITH EXETER
CHIEFS COMMUNITY COACHES**

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL:

3.20-4.20PM



Clyst Valley Trail

Public Consultation

We'd like to hear your views ...

We want to ask for your views on the proposals for the Clyst Valley Trail route. You can take part in the online consultation via the following website devon.cc/cvt

If you would like to speak to a member of the project team, we will be hosting an online webinar on **Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 5.30pm** and will be attending a number of parish council meetings in the next couple of weeks. For more details, please visit the website.

If you would like to request paper copies of the consultation material and a paper feedback form, email us at transportplanning@devon.gov.uk or write to us at: Transport Planning, Matford Offices, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD or phone us on **03451551004**



**The consultation will finish
on Friday 10th June 2022**

Looking forward to hearing from you





Food Service Assistant at Clyst Vale Community College

Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, 38 weeks per year

Salary: £9.50 per hour

Duties include:

- Undertaking basic food preparation
- Setting up food service areas
- Cleaning dining halls and general cleaning duties
- Serving customers in a polite and professional manner
- Working on the tills
- Supporting with hospitality

A team player with strong communication skills and a can-do approach is key for this role. Experience is preferred but not essential, as full training will be given.

The successful candidate will be organised, have the ability to maintain the highest standards at all times and will ensure optimal service to staff and students.

Safeguarding: Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role.

For additional information please contact:
Ann Hopkins (College Manager)
hopkinsa@clystvale.org



CVCC Vacancies

**We currently have vacancies
for the following positions:**

PA to Principal

Full details for all vacancies, including job descriptions and further information about how to apply, can be found on our website:

www.clystvale.org/vacancies



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Toby Offord Bennett
7RHSP	James Rainton
8RSGA	Isaac Laramy
8RZB	
9RAO	Dilly Pepper
9RMAH	
10RER	James Rowe
10RGG	
11RSS	Olly Triggs
11RTMA	

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YTZI	Dylan Carstairs
7YMBR	
8YPNE	Maddison Edmondson
8YSSC	Owen Stephenson
9YDS	
9YSP	
10YMPR	
10YNS	
11YRB	
11YCW	

GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Holly Middleton
7GIM	Emily Gill, Jacob Newell
8GABr	Max Clemens
8GDH	
9GAW	Issey Fry
9GBA	Isla Wollen
10GHE	Izzy Jackson-Lawson
10GSW	Liberty Headon
11GGT	
11GMN	

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 10 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mr Pearce & Mrs Elliot
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – K3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battisill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	History Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Tuesday	Year 7 to 11 Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 9 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
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 Battisill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	GCSE Photography Club	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Wakefield
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sport Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday	Year 7 to 9 Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Miss Hall
Wednesday	Year 9 Mixed Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Year 10 & 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimblar
Thursday	Yu-Gi-Oh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thursday	History (grades 8-9) Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield Mr Pearce
Friday	K3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Friday	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts		Mrs Woolcott

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sat 21 May	DofE Silver Assessed
Mon 30 May - Fri 03 June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Thurs 23 June	New Intake Non Feeder Schools Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
w/b 27 June	Year 12 Mocks
Weds 29 June	Year 13 Prom
Thurs 30 June - Sun 03 July	DofE Gold
Mon 04 & Tues 05 July	UNICEF Gold Visit
Tues 05 July	CVCC Y11 Post-16 Taster Day
Thurs 07 - Fri 08 July	New Intake Induction Days (2)
Fri 08 th July	Year 11 Prom
Mon 11 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Mon 11 July	CVCC Y10 Post-16 Taster Day (1)
Tues 12 July	CVCC Y10 Post-16 Taster Day (2)
Weds 13 July	Sports Day
Thurs 14 July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 15 July	Year 12 UCAS Day
w/b 18 July	Y10 and Y12 Work Experience
Mon 18 - Fri 22 July	Gold D of E Brecon Expedition
Fri 22 July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM



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

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

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: voyseys@clystvale.org

Copying in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@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

- 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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