



NEWSLETTER

"Television contracts the imagination and radio expands it."

Terry Wogan

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The Autumn Term begins for all students on Monday, 5th September 2016.
Students are not required to bring PE kit on the first day.

Dear Parents/Carers

Summer at Last

This week finally saw some hot weather, while Year 8 students were at Bude and almost everyone else went to Woodlands yesterday. It was quite an experience watching ten coaches depart yesterday morning, not to mention managing their return along with eight other school run buses in the afternoon. In between, our students and staff had a great day, and were fantastic ambassadors for Clyst Vale; a couple of the coach drivers who have done several school trips in recent days commented on the attitude and behaviour of our students. They were polite, left very little litter, behaved well on the coach, and most thanked the driver as they got off. To be honest, this is what I would expect, but apparently we compare very well to some of our neighbours.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

A few minutes after the Woodlands trip left, two minibuses pulled out of Clyst Vale. They contained thirteen Clyst Vale students, and ten from other schools, who are now into the first full day of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Expedition in the Brecon Beacons. This is the largest group we have taken, and is another reminder of how successful the DofE Award has become, under the direction of Miss Barratt supported by Mr Eales and Graeme Robb.

Summer Holiday at Last

Actually, that might create the wrong impression, because it has been a very busy and rewarding year, and in many ways it's a shame it's coming to an end! 2015-16 did not witness any very big events, such as Ofsted or a new building, but it has been a year in which students and staff once again worked very hard to improve learning and progress, especially in the critical exam years, while at the same time we maintained and extended a wide range of activities and opportunities. However, my colleagues and I could not do this so successfully without the help of parents and carers in a thousand and one ways, and as 2015-16 ends I would like to thank all of Clyst Vale's families for your continued support and appreciation.

Clyst Vale Annual Awards

The annual awards for 2015-16 were presented during today's end-of-year assembly. At first sight, the awards seem an unusual collection, but they really do reflect Clyst Vale's ethos and establish a link with the College's traditional values.

The Caring Cup, for a student who has demonstrated particular strengths and selflessness in supporting and caring for others was awarded to Hannah Nordqvist. A number of students, including Hannah, are very supportive of their tutor groups and mentor younger students, but Hannah's commitment to Amnesty International events over the past four years, including the Respect Festival, in-College Amnesty Days, and Refugee Awareness Week demonstrate a truly caring nature in its widest sense.

The Citizenship Shield is for a student who has done much to promote the values of good citizenship, especially where this relates to student voice being heard. This was awarded to Erin Santillo, who created and produced a high quality College Newspaper, blending national, local and College issues. Erin has also been a stalwart of the Amnesty Group throughout his time at Clyst Vale.

The Ostler Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement is usually awarded to a student who has achieved national recognition in some way. This year, for representing England at rounders, the Ostler Award went to Molly Dart.

The Spirit of Devon Award is awarded to the student in Year 9 who has made the most progress since he or she joined Clyst Vale in Year 7, measured against his or her Key Stage 2 results. This year's Award was thoroughly deserved by Lily Collins.

The Tolman-May Award, in memory of Maddie Tolman-May, is for a student who faces especially difficult challenges and shows great resilience, perseverance and success in overcoming them. This year's Award is for Andrew Barnes who has made tremendous progress academically and socially in his time in the Sixth Form, and will be known to younger students for his backstage work with performing arts, including "Into the Woods".

The "Pope's Chalice" is awarded to the student who has done the most to promote performing arts or music. This year it was a very difficult decision, as we have a very talented group of students in a range of years, and we finally decided on Caitlin Tyrell. Caitlin has performed in many College productions, often in leading roles, but more than that has encouraged and supported other younger performers, and been fully committed to performing arts at the College.

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners!

Staff Changes

There are several colleagues leaving Clyst Vale at the end of this term. Mrs Jane Corrick (Languages) and Miss Penny Slee (History, Humanities) have each taught at Clyst Vale for 27 years, with Miss Slee beginning a few months before Mrs Corrick. It is impossible to do justice in a few words to the huge contribution both colleagues have made throughout their careers at Clyst Vale, the thousands of students they have taught, and the advice and guidance both have given to successive generations of students. For example, not many students or colleagues will know that, with Miss Ogden, Penny led Clyst Vale Ten Tors teams long before it became the high-profile event it is now. Both Jane and Penny have been excellent teachers, highly respected colleagues, have often provided stability in changing times, and we wish them both a long, happy and fulfilled retirement.

Also retiring is Mrs Linda Firminger, our Senior Science Technician. In schools, science technicians are very much part of the department team, and Lin has been no exception. Her organisational ability and skills have been an essential part of the Science department's success over many years, and Lin's involvement with the Broadclyst Community Farm has helped form a beneficial link.

Miss Kelly Knight has secured a well-deserved promotion to become Head of Science at Honiton Community College, after ten years at Clyst Vale. During her ten years, Kelly has held a number of key roles in Science, including Acting Head of Science, was Transition Coordinator for three years, and did a huge amount to promote STEM within Clyst Vale and our Local Learning Community schools.

Four more colleagues are moving on after a year or so at Clyst Vale, mostly because of expiry of fixed-term contracts. Miss Charlotte James leaves to a permanent post teaching Geography at Woodroffe School, Lyme Regis; Mr Peter Gibson (Geography) will take up a post at Gillingham School in Dorset; Miss Emma Webb has secured a post teaching English at South Molton Community College, and Mrs Judy Power (Exams Officer) takes up a new position at Exeter University. In one more change (although neither is leaving), Mrs Helen Elliott stands down as Head of Green School and will be replaced by Mr Adam Pearce in September.

Very best wishes for the summer break.



Dr Bawn

CALENDAR DATES

Start of Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5th September 2016
Half Term	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016
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



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The graphic features a young woman with long red hair, wearing a grey vest over a white shirt, looking down at a professional camera she is holding. The background is a soft-focus green outdoor setting. The text and logo are overlaid on the right side of the image.

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.

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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