



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week A

"Cynicism is an unpleasant way of saying the truth."

Lillian Hellman

Dear Parents/Carers,



Reminder: the first three days of the Spring Term, January 3rd – 5th 2018, will be **Week A**

Carol Service, Monday 18th December

Whimple's Rev. Chris Martin summed it up beautifully: "this event grabs your heart" he said. Apologising to teachers present, he went on that while Science, Maths and English are of course very important, "this is the stuff from which memories are made". As ever, the Carol Service was a lovely evening, with possibly the biggest attendance ever – there may have been room at the inn but there was nowhere to park in Whimple! Our students who played, sang and read were fantastic: we have some exceptionally talented young people, and it is always heartening to see younger students rising to the occasion. I probably mention this every year, but the camaraderie and mutual support among the performers is visible to all: the support and friendships across the year groups is a great example of the "verticality" we seek to achieve at Clyst Vale. Huge thanks to Miss Williams, Mr Green, Miss Ruscoe, Mrs Sprenkel and Mr (S) Pearce, for their organisation and rehearsal of the students. Thanks to the Rev Chris Martin for hosting us once again at Whimple Parish Church, and to the PTFA and Mrs Crook for the mulled wine and mince pies respectively.

Staff Changes

Leaving at the end of this term is Miss Ingrid Quick. Ingrid is high up in my list of the finest teachers and colleagues I have worked with. She has a passion, drive and commitment for education and young people, and for much of her career has specialised in teaching English to students with low ability and/or Special Educational Needs, developing crucial literacy skills. The relationships she has built up with these students and their parents have been key to their success. Although stepping down from teaching for family reasons, I am delighted that Ingrid will be returning to Clyst Vale after Christmas on a part-time basis to support the Year 7 "catch-up" programmes in English, so that we do not lose her experience.

Uniform

If you'll be hitting the pre-Christmas, Christmas or January sales with school uniform on your list, please make sure you've read the rules on this Newsletter or in the planner first! The standard of uniform at present is actually very good, and thank you to parents/carers for your part in this. Nonetheless, there are still too many students not wearing plain black shoes, a few too many wearing jeans-style trousers, and the perennial issue of too-short skirts. (On a

Santa Safety Clause

Every year Santa delivers new and exciting internet enabled devices, phones, tablets, laptops, computers and some perhaps less obvious ones like smart TVs, smart watches and games consoles. Many new Minecraft products are internet-enabled, for example. Being aware and promoting an ongoing dialogue within your family is the best possible way for you to keep your child or children safe, as well as following the manuals to disable internet access. There are many on-line help sites, including Childline and those run by children's charities NSPCC and Barnardo's, and the following three links are well-established:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

www.kidsmart.org.uk

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/>

As mentioned before, we will have a push on internet safety in January.

Charity News

Congratulations to Year 7 who have smashed out of sight the Readathon fund-raising record! Readathon is essentially a sponsored book-reading scheme which raises money for a consortium of charities to provide books for children in hospital and hospices. Year 7 have almost doubled the previous best, raising nearly £1100 with a little more still to come. Many thanks to them and to the support and generosity of family and friends. Last Friday's non-uniform day raised over £300 for the Alzheimer's Society. Also last Friday, the culmination of fund-raising in memory of Harry Patch and some very kind donations meant that Mrs Padden and students were able to present cheques for £460 to Exmouth RNLI.

Harry Patch Peace Garden


Mentioning Harry Patch leads on neatly to the Peace Garden conceived and created by Heather Padden. You'll recall that this attracted much media attention in September, the 100th anniversary of Harry's personal remembrance day. Since then, the concept of a peace garden in these challenging international times has struck a chord with many people and even businesses. Redrow, busy building houses in the local area, donated £500, with which we have purchased a bench; Michele Jones, Redrow's Area Sales Manager, officially installed it (you can't really "open" a bench) last Friday. Using the change from this generous donation, we then sought to buy a picnic table, but Jeremy Chandler, MD of Benchmark Picnic Tables wrote, "I have a huge amount of respect and admiration for your project and the efforts you have made to keep the memory of Harry Patch alive. Benchmark Picnic Tables would be very happy to supply our Rutland Picnic Table free of charge". This means that there is a healthy amount to provide new bulbs, plants and infrastructure for the garden in the Spring.

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

Which leads neatly in turn to the Gardening Club.....A reminder that for six weeks starting on 2nd January we are all massive fans of Tesco's Exeter stores and won't shop anywhere else. Their "Bags of Help" token scheme sees our Gardening Club pitted against two other local organisations. It's thanks to the brilliant work of John King, Senior Science Technician, that we have been accepted for the scheme, and everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

Season's Greetings

This will be the last Newsletter of 2017, so on behalf of my colleagues I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support throughout the year. We would also like to wish you a very pleasant holiday, and a happy and successful New Year.



Dr Bawn

Y11 BTEC Sport Visit to Sandy Park, Home of the Exeter Chiefs

On Friday 15 December, fourteen students visited Sandy Park to experience the facilities and working environment of a top class, professional sporting outfit, the Exeter Chiefs. The 2017 Aviva Premiership Champions provided an insight into the world of a professional athlete and the support staff who work around them.

It was a fantastic afternoon for the students and provides a target and goal for some who may wish to pursue their sporting qualification with an occupation at a professional sporting club.

Well done to all the students who attended: Joe Allan Thorpe, Ben Bardot, Sam Craig, Molly Dart, Kyle Eidam, Ben Matthews, Ben Parker, Dulcie Sanders, Josh Saunders, Jack Spencer, Myles Courtney, Rudi Crome, Ben Howes and Ollie Welch.

***Mr Pearce
Head of Green School
Teacher of PE***



Lunch Clubs - Monday - Thursday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Netball (to start in a few weeks time)	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Needs
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Science Club - WEEK B	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	All Years Dance & Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Surgery - WEEK A (Starting after Half Term)	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt Ms Prance
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 8 & 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Girls Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

Lunch Clubs - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room		Mrs Bennett
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield/ Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

CALENDAR DATES

Wed 3 Jan	First day back for students
Thur 11 Jan	Y10 Parents' Evening
Sat 13 - Sun 14 Jan	Ten Tors Overnight 1 Dartmoor
Mon 15 Jan	Y11 Photographs
Sat 20 - Sun 21 Jan	DofE Bronze Practice/Ten Tors Overnight 2, Dartmoor
Mon 22 - Fri 26 Jan	Y13 mocks/practice exams
Tues 23 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening
Tues 6 Feb	Y9 Options Evening
Fri 9 Feb	Non Uniform Day - MIND
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb	Spring Half Term (Ski Trip & Washington Trip)
Thurs 22 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 24 - Sun 25 Feb	Ten Tors Overnight 3, Dartmoor
Wed 28 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip, Swanage
Thur 8 - Mon 12 Mar	Y11 Core Mocks
Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar	Y10 Mocks
Fri 23 Mar	Non Uniform Day - Sport Relief
Thur 29 Mar	End 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

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



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

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, PE kit and reversible jacket can be purchased 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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