



# NEWSLETTER

**No. 651**  
**w/c Mon 6 January**  
**will be Week B**

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire."*

Ferdinand Foch

Dear Parents/Carers,

The start of term for staff and students will be Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. It will be Week "B" as in **B**ack to School....

## Environment-Themed Newsletter!

### 1. Severe Weather

Yesterday was particularly unpleasant with heavy rain and flooding. Our catchment is such that generally transport in and out of Exeter is usually manageable, but students and staff in rural areas face more challenges. As it happened, I believe that everyone reached home safely, although a number of my colleagues took three times the normal journey time. By this morning, other than one or two notorious spots like the Station Road fords, coaches could easily navigate the puddles. Again, worth mentioning that in the event of a school closure, this will be communicated via the website, DCC school closure website, and local radio; and that if school transport deliver students in the morning they are contractually obliged to get them home again (this does not apply to Stagecoach). We didn't escape unscathed, by the way: although students were not really affected, the wind and rain has knocked out the electricity supply to the Finance department and staffroom, which must be a sign it's time to break up.

### 2. Attenborough's Army

On the website "rolling news" you will see that our environment task force planted more than thirty trees on the Community Farm. The Army is a small group of unsung heroes who work on "greening" the site and other environmental activities. This has included litter picks, and most visibly the management of the grassed area by the old playground, including a bug house (or more accurately a bug mansion: it's pretty large).

### 3. Climate & Environment Advisory Group

On Monday I met with a group of the most active, passionate and knowledgeable students to discuss how from a student perspective we can improve climate and environment knowledge, as well as reduce Clyst Vale's own carbon footprint. As a teacher it is always disconcerting, but also a source of immense pride, when students know more than you do, and not wishing to sound patronising, I was hugely impressed by the group's grasp of a wide range of major environmental issues from beach cleans to the latest COP25 conference to developing countries' reliance on fossil fuels to the IPCC report on climate.

The group will meet again in January to reduce the huge list of possible priorities into a manageable plan. It is very challenging but thereby very exciting: reduction in plastics, more greening of the site, looking into grants, tackling the College's waste management, looking at energy-saving initiatives, plus reviewing the curriculum to ensure that we are doing justice to arguably the most important issue facing our students when they become adults and have children of their own.

#### **4. Cranbrook Country Park**

In the New Year I will be meeting the new Ranger to discuss how Clyst Vale and the Park can work together, gain the opinions of Cranbrook-based Clyst Vale students, and possibly develop some curriculum activities.

#### **Save the Children**

Also mentioned on the rolling news, but well done to our Sixth Formers, who raised over £66 through Christmas Jumper day last Friday.

#### **Hearing Support Centre**

We received an audit from Devon County Council earlier this month ("audit" is a euphemism for mini-inspection). I'm pleased to say that we passed with flying colours, and Ofsted's opinion that our provision for hearing-impaired students is good was duly confirmed. So, well done to Mrs Angell and Mrs Manaton in particular, but also to all colleagues who teach our HI students, as they are almost entirely integrated into normal lessons. Our HSC is now in fact a MSH (Multi-Sensory Hub), catering for students with sensory impairment. This will make little practical difference for some years, as hearing-impairment comes under the broader definition of sensory impairment.

#### **Staff Changes**

Leaving us at the end of this term is Mr Chris Jones, who has secured a promotion to be Head of Geography at his old school, Plympton Academy. Mr Gareth Kerrigan, formerly a maternity replacement, has been appointed to Clyst Vale's staff. The vacancy created will be filled by Mr Simon Fox, until Mrs Zoe Kampfler-Hall returns from maternity leave. Also joining our staff in January will be cover supervisor Mrs Kathryn Arthur and caretaker Mr Andy White.

#### **Internet Safety**

As Christmas approaches, many students will be receiving new and exciting internet enabled devices and gadgets. In a recent Newsletter I put various links to organisations if you have concerns about internet use or safety, so I won't repeat them again. However, the first piece of preventive advice these organisations all have in common is that being aware and promoting an ongoing openness and dialogue within your family is the best possible way for you to keep your child or children safe.

#### **Uniform**

"Dear Santa, I am a student at Clyst Vale and I keep getting into trouble for forgetting my tie. Please could you give me a spare tie or two so that I can keep one in my bag for emergencies and don't have to bother the AtHoS every morning?"..... Other than ties (and untucked shirts and rolled up skirt waistbands which are a fashion statement rather than a uniform infringement), the standard of uniform has been outstanding all year. However, if you're hitting the shops after Christmas because of a festive food-inspired growth spurt, please check the uniform rules on the website.

## Season's Greetings

This is the last Newsletter of 2019, in fact of the decade, and on behalf of my colleagues I would like to thank parents and carers for your unbelievable support throughout the year. We would also like to wish you a very pleasant holiday, and a happy and successful New Year (especially if you have children in exam years! :-))

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

## 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:

Penni Ball (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [barringtonj@clystvale.org](mailto:barringtonj@clystvale.org)



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## GREEN SCHOOL

7GAW	Gracie Sobey
7GBA	Freya Graham
8GNB	Isla Hammond
9GDJ	Ruby Davidson
9GGT	Izzy Cocking
10GIM	Sam Kerslake
11GABR	Milly Bond-Stewart
11GDH	Megan Newberry

## RED SCHOOL

7RAO	Thomas Power
7RAR	Isaac Hawken
8RGG	Noah Roberts
8RSJ	Lewis Batten & Grace Dunn
9RSS	Daisy Pott
9RTMA	Heidi Hewald
10RCJ	Lily Youel
10RCM	Jacob Thomas
11RZB	Lucy Reed

## YELLOW SCHOOL

7YDS	Olivia Taylor & Harry Crees
7YSP	Craig George & Kian Slocombe
8YMPR	Erin Blagdon & Finn Duffy
8YNS	Giles Stockman & Jaz Williams
9YCW	Michael Rothery & Saffie Moon
9YRB	Ellis Tagg & Maddie Forty
10YJPU	Adam Champion & Lily Davey
10YMBR	Sam Clark & Sophie Garnsworthy
11YMM	Ben Wills & Libby Windle
11YZK	Jim Wad & Daisy Norris

## Festive Jumper Day 2019

Post 16 students at Clyst Vale took part in Festive Jumper Day on 13th December 2019. We have been doing this for many years to raise money for Save the Children Fund. Each year the students come in with a variety of wonderful jumpers. This year we were able to donate over £66 to the Save the Children charity. Congratulations to all of the post 16 students!

**Mrs Padden**  
Head of History  
Teacher of Politics



# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 7 Rugby

CVCC 15-20 St Peter's

The Year 7 lads played St Peter's at home in a reverse of the fixture they played in late October. The very large squad were magnificent, if not a little disappointed and frustrated, by the result but carried themselves brilliantly with effort and sportsmanship.

A great try by Oliver Hargreaves in the first couple of minutes with great CVCC pressure gave the home side a great start, with St Peter's levelling up shortly afterwards. Thomas Mackay then scorched down the touchline for try number two for Clyst Vale to leave a half time score of 10-5 to the hosts. An opportunist score by Nick Ball close to the line gave Clyst Vale a 15-5 lead shortly after the break despite lots of possession and territory being held by the visitors. Despite superb tackling by Charlie Williams and George Craig, St Peter's finally scored by the posts and levelled things up in the final minute with a try in the corner. With Clyst Vale making lots of changes to ensure that everyone played their part in the game, St Peter's kicked deep off the restart and a fumble of the catch enabled them to score and edge the win 15-20, not a fair result of all the endeavour of the tackling and heart they had shown. Man of the match was Henry Fenner, with superb scrum half work and bravery with the ball.

Well done to the squad: Lenny Bolt, Charlie Williams, Oliver Hargreaves, George Craig, Jack Howes, Fletcher Sherwood, Henry Fenner, JJ Slater, Daniel Baker, Oliver Back, Olivier Krzemien, Nick Ball, Thomas Mackay, Otto Moxey-White, Alex Glassborow, Jake Ferris, Max Metherell, Jack Darbey, Archie Jameson, Toby Brooks, Rhys Smith.



*Mr Pearce  
Head of Green School  
Teacher of PE*

## Key Stage 4 Girls Badminton

Well done to the year 10 girls who competed in the first round of the Centre Parcs tournament on Tuesday evening! Led by Post 16 L3 Btec Sport student Mya, the girls played well and improved as the matches progressed. Lara was dynamic and powerful and showed increased subtlety around the net. Emily Pattison ranked at 2, was equally skilled exploiting the edges of the court.

The doubles, played by Summer and Emily Clayton, both showed great disguise and power as well as developing their partnership. The girls were charming in victory and now have a County Final to look forward to in February.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 10 Rugby

### CVCC 20-10 St Peters

Eight Y10 lads braved the atrocious conditions on Wednesday afternoon with a home game versus St Peters, the second time they have played them this term. St Peters kindly lent us four players to ensure that a 12 a side game went ahead. Mr Pearce and Mr Bamber agreed that only 30 minutes would be necessary due to the horrendous conditions. Louis Drennan, Tom Massey, Skipper Dom Boots-Hutchings and Harri Turner scored the hosts tries, with the game evened up with St Peters gaining two of their players back and playing 14 v 10! St Peters grabbed two late scores, however the eight boys which represented the College were simply outstanding in their attitude and play in very wet and windy conditions!

The same squad play some 7s rugby in the Spring term, with the squad looking in great shape! Congratulations to the squad: Dom Boots-Hutchings (c), Louis Drennan, Sam Walters, Harri Turner, Jake Williams, Sam Kerlake, Tom Massey and Reese Aldridge!

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

## 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](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.



# *LUNCH CLUBS Monday-Wednesday*

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Mon	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2	N/A	Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library	N/A	Mrs Foulds
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 – Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 – Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	All Years – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Year 11 Child Development – Health & Social Care Course-work Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO1	N/A	Mrs Bennett
Mon	B&V Year 11 Paper 1 Revision	1.30pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Mon	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1	N/A	Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7	N/A	Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 – Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Tues	All Years – Girls Only – Dance/Gym – no weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Needs
Tues	Year 9 & 10 – Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Stapleton
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Art GCSE Coursework/Exam Support Club	Lunchtime	AR3	N/A	Mrs Pieczenko
Tues	Year 10 & 11 - Careers & Work Experience Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room	N/A	Mrs Bennett
Tues	B&V Year 11 Paper 2 Revision	1.30pm	HU1	N/A	Miss Brotherton
Tues	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1	N/A	Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3 & IT5		Mr Workman
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Catch Up (theory or practical)	Lunchtime	DT3	N/A	Mrs Crook
Wed	B&V – KS3 Student Support	Lunchtime	HU1	N/A	Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Information Drop-In	Lunchtime	G31	N/A	Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Week B Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2	N/A	Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drawing Club – Week B	Lunchtime	Library	N/A	Mrs Foulds
Wed	All Years – Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wed	Year 7 & 8 – Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Wed	Year 11 – GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5	N/A	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 10 & 11 - Careers & Work Experience Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Room	N/A	Miss Bennett
Wed	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Wed	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1	N/A	Miss Ruscoe
Wed	Yugioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3	N/A	Mr Moxey



## *LUNCH CLUBS Thursday - Friday*

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	N/A	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	Library	N/A	Mrs Foulds
Thurs	Various Years – Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Stapleton/ Mr Powell & Mrs Broomfield
Thurs	Year 10 (after ½ term) – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Games Club	Lunchtime	HU6	N/A	Miss Jenkins
Thurs	B&V KS4 Student Support	Lunchtime	HU1	N/A	Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2	N/A	Dr Odunlade
Thurs	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Thurs	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3	N/A	Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 11 Science Homework Club	Lunchtime	SC7	N/A	Mrs Serven – taken by P16 students
Fri	Our House rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3	N/A	Miss Williams
Fri	Week B Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2	N/A	Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Various Years – Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce, Mrs Elliot, Mr Stapleton, Mr Powell & Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Week A Year 9 Baking Club (starting 20 <sup>th</sup> September)	Lunchtime	DT3	N/A	Mr Krasko
Fri	Week A Year 11 Child Development – Health & Social Care Coursework Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO1	N/A	Mrs Bennett

### CHARITY NEWS Non-Uniform Days – 2020

As a Rights Respecting School, we asked the students who they would like to raise money for on our non-uniform days.

This is who they chose and below are the dates of 2020's non-uniform days.

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Children's Hospice South West





## 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).
- **All trousers must have Clyst Vale logo rivet on waistband.**
- 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](http://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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