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ALONE**

Now more than ever, we need to find ways to stay connected with our community. No one should feel alone or without the information, support and help they need.

NEWSLETTER

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Week A**

SONG TITLE OF THE WEEK

"State of Confusion" [The Kinks]

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half-Term Week

Very best wishes to all Clyst Vale families for a good half-term week next week. As you would expect, there will be no remote lessons set next week. However, in other respects the College is "open". We will have the ECP provision running Monday to Friday, and Reception will be open from 08.00 until the last child leaves or to 5.00 pm whichever is later. So, if you have concerns or queries next week, please e-mail admin@clystvale.org or phone 01392-461407 and you will get a response.

[In the Student Bulletin – there is one every week in AllStudent Teams on MS Teams if your child hasn't mentioned it before– you'll find a simple version of coronavirus cliché bingo. Feel free to use it or adapt it. Hours of endless fun for the family when listening to the news or official briefings.....]

Letter to Parents and Carers

I have sent a separate letter to parents & carers earlier today. It describes the current national and media confusion concerning the "re-opening of schools" (which any sensible parent knows is seriously simplistic as most children will not be returning and those that do will not be taught anything like they were pre-lockdown), and outlines what I think will happen in the next few weeks. I am not anticipating any major changes until June 15th at the earliest, and maybe not even then.

Year 11's "last day"

(It is of course nothing of the sort in legal terms, but under normal circumstances it would have been the day Year 11 left for study leave). If you have a Year 11 child, they should have received notification that they are now in a new Team in MS Teams. This is a special "Year 11 only" team in which we will post information about hoodies, yearbooks, survey results, future plans and so on. As I said, Year 11 have literally gone, but they're not forgotten. Oh, and they might want to have a little look later on today as there is something they may find amusing.....

Two Special “Thank You’s”

We have had two incredibly generous, kind and useful donations in the past few days. We will receive a hundred face masks from Jules Rawles, Director of local company SSI, and a Clyst Vale parent; and former student Ed Waller has donated a 3D-printer. This is wonderful, and hugely appreciated.

Year 9 into 10 Options.

You read it first in the Newsletter, the source of all great exclusives....From 8th June Year 9 students will be put into their option groups for next Year (ie Year 10). This is an excellent way to help “refresh” remote learning for Year 9; in a normal year it is often a challenge to maintain momentum in subjects which students have not chosen, and this would be worse in lockdown. Although it will be taught through Teams, it is nonetheless a great opportunity for teachers to start to build relationships with the groups; all but three groups will have the teacher taking them next year. They will therefore stop having Year 9 lessons in everything other than English, Maths, Science, PE, B&V, and Course 42, which will continue as now, following their Year 9 timetable. Because students obviously don’t have *next year’s* lessons on *this year’s* timetable, after hours of thought and several working parties I have come up with the following model for teachers to set work:

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C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D

The only slight risk here is that a student’s timetable may give them four Year 9 lessons and two Year 10 lessons on the same day (which would be compensated by a lighter day elsewhere). So, students, parents and teachers must apply common sense and accept that sometimes a lesson will have to be put back a day or two. Why wait until June 8th? Three main reasons: to make sure the technology and admin work; teachers need to plan and prepare brand new lessons; and to deal with any last-minute errors or confusion from students over their option choices.

Although there isn’t much more than this to say, I will be writing separately to Year 9 parents immediately after half-term to cover all of the details and expectations.

Quick Updates

This is in case you have not been assiduously reading the Tuesday and Thursday updates on the website. Why not? What have you been doing instead? Honestly...! In fairness, not much has changed this week as we seem to be alternately going round in circles and then standing still about schools reopening.

Free School Meals. Almost all of the problems with Edenred have subsided and the next four weeks of vouchers have been ordered. I appreciate that this is not the most flexible arrangement, but I’m afraid this is all Edenred offer.

Trips and Visits. I am sorry it has taken so long to secure refunds, but this has not been for want of time or effort on our part. Bude and Belgium are currently being refunded through BACS or by cheque, depending on parental preference. We are still arguing with the company for the Paris Trip; essentially we are refusing to accept a credit note and demanding a refund. This has reached a point where we are seeking legal advice.

ECP. Numbers will continue to build, but are still a very small proportion of the whole College. However, ECP is a key part of the College during lockdown, and general reminders never hurt: at present for ECP, packed lunches are still required, and as students will be involved in some outside activities a hat and suncream are good things to put in the schoolbag. After half-term we will be running 2 or even 3 ECP Teams. This will be done according to the principles of separate “Bubbles” as will be used in Primary Schools; the ECP teams will not mix or mingle or swap staff, and will be based in separate areas of the College with separate base room and toilets. We will stagger breaks to reduce the risk of contact. This will be a significant change for existing ECP students who will not have quite the freedom and flexibility they have enjoyed so far. There will be another separate communication, with more detail, for the parents in the ECP group during next week.

Once again, thank you for all of your support and patience. I hope that all the communications I send are helpful, not just for the information but for the reasons behind my decisions. And, once again, very best wishes for next week and a brief holiday from home-schooling!



Dr Bawn



The graphic features a background image of a person's hands holding a smartphone. Overlaid on this are several text elements: a teal circle containing a smartphone icon with the text '*someone to talk to' written vertically; a dark red square with the text 'space*' in a white, stylized font; a dark red box with the text 'Call Back Offer' and 'Chat with a Youth Worker by phone or text'; two dark red ovals containing questions and a website link; and a row of social media icons (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter) in the bottom right corner.

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Call Back Offer
Chat with a Youth Worker
by phone or text

Are you 13 or over?
Would you like to speak to one of our youth workers via text or a call-back?

All you have to do is fill in this form
Which is also available on our website:
<https://spacepsm.org/>

in Instagram f Twitter

Safeguarding

During the closure, we encourage all parents to be responsible for safeguarding children in our communities. If you have any concerns, please contact the school and ask to speak to a **Designated Safeguarding Lead** (Mr Sutton, Mrs Albutt, Miss McConnachie, Mr A Pearce).

If this is not possible please contact **MASH, The Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub: 0345 155 1071.**

Further information on safeguarding children can be found by visiting

www.devon.gov.uk/childprotection

Alternatively contact the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

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:

Penni Ball (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@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).
- **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.thomasmooresmaster.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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