



NEWSLETTER

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Week B

Dear Parents and Carers

Half-term and covid testing

- The government and Public Health recommend that all students and staff in schools continue to test twice a week during half-term, AND on Sunday evening/Monday morning before term starts again.
- Please continue to report positive test results to us:
 - ◇ Positive LFTs through Test Register OR to studentabsence@clystvale.org (phone 01392 463911)
 - ◇ Positive PCRs to studentabsence@clystvale.org (phone 01392 463911) AND to the out-of-hours text messaging number (07818 212931)
 - ◇ Please provide name, tutor group, symptoms, date of test and date of result

Covid Updates

- Without wishing to tempt Fate, we continue to buck the national trends. While new daily cases in England topped 52,000 yesterday, covid rates at Clyst Vale are still declining. Just over 20 students (and two of my colleagues) are currently isolating per day compared to 92 only two weeks ago.
- The half-term week will hopefully be a “firebreak”; however, local rates are rising and the Directors of Public Health in all South-West authorities are recommending that schools keep in place enhanced measures for at least the first two weeks after half-term.
- So, students will still be expected to wear masks other than in classrooms or if exempt when they return on 1st November. This has become a bit slack in the past few days and needs to improve even if rates remain flat in November.
- 227 students have caught covid this term and isolated for ten days each. This is almost a quarter of all students. In the main school, Year 9 has been most affected (40%), Year 8 least (17%). There have been only 3 cases in the Sixth Form, perhaps because most students are vaccinated, and there is less contact than in lower years.

Vaccination Date

- NHS Virgin Care’s School-Age Immunisation Service have not yet provided us with a new date for either flu vaccinations, covid vaccinations, or both. There is clearly a significant capacity issue with the vaccination teams; I just wish that central government hadn’t built false hopes of vaccinations for all who want them before half-term.

- However, you will have seen from the national media that you can book a vaccination for your 12-15 year-old child at a national vaccination centre or hub. That said, when I did some googling none of the sites near us said they were accepting under-16s yet.

Year 11 Mock Exams

- Further to previous Newsletters, Year 11 students have been given their timetable for the mocks starting on 29th November so that they can think and plan ahead.

“Autumn Safety”

- For many years, this was a high profile campaign by Devon & Cornwall Police for which I had a lot of respect. I still like using the name. Essentially it was a friendly warning to young people to respect their neighbours and communities, the old, vulnerable, young children, and pets. This was in the temptations of darker evenings, clock changes, Halloween, and fireworks. Much of this falls in half-term next week, and I am sure that parents and carers will reinforce these key messages.

Coach Park Drop-Off

- We don't have the easiest drop-off arrangements (but not the worst either), and it has evolved over the years to make it as safe as possible. However, this relies on parents pulling as far down the coach park as possible to the large white “Student Drop Off” sign (ideally, students then use the “zebra crossing” across to the Technology block). Dropping in the entrance can quickly cause back-up into the road. It also relies on parents not “overtaking” the dropping-off queue as this is a risk to disembarking students. However, I do appreciate it's difficult: if seven cars arrive at once, and in one car there is a brief crisis, then things back up quickly.
- On a related theme, other than for students with injuries or disabilities, it really isn't advisable to drop students in the staff car park by Reception. It causes problems for incoming vehicles, is particularly awkward for pedestrians, and it's really easy to get stuck, requiring a 17-point turn.

Health Related Behaviour Survey

- This involves Year 8 and Year 10 students, whose parents/carers will receive a more detailed separate letter. We have agreed to take part in a very important Health Behaviour Survey of children and young people. The survey supports the work of Devon County Council and its partners in the NHS.
- The survey will provide Devon County Council and the NHS with reliable information to better plan for the health needs of children and young people.
- Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no student will be identified. The survey method used has been developed by the Schools Health Education Unit, and has been in use for over 40 years, with over 3000 schools using it. We have taken part in similar surveys in the past, when invited.

Clocks

Just a reminder that the clocks go back an hour in the early hours of 31st October. Alternatively, don't change the clocks, and see the joy and delight on your child's face when you get them up an hour early for school on Monday morning!

Thank You

As I said, it's been a tricky few weeks. Many of us were very optimistic at the start of term, but students were back in masks in a matter of days, and we saw rapidly rising covid cases before most other local schools; it's no comfort that most of them have caught up. Once again it has been frustrating that the reality has not met the government rhetoric: remember CO2 monitors? We have done our best at Clyst Vale to get back to normal and to try to "live with coronavirus", but it hasn't been as normal as we would have wished. I must pay tribute to my colleagues, who have coped with revolving door student absences and setting work, covering for absent colleagues, doing more cover than usual when no supply teachers were available, and managing their own family lives and covid worries. So, there have been mistakes or delays or misunderstandings, and I am very sorry if this has affected you; but I will reiterate that my colleagues have been working under unusual pressures – strangely, often more difficult than earlier in the pandemic – and it is to our credit that we have sustained such a good standard of provision. Which leads me to saying a "thank you" to parents and carers for your understanding, patience and support. There have been some enforced changes; in College our covid expectations have been higher than society at large, and your role in explaining and encouraging this has been invaluable. The school routine is very important, but so is the home routine. Students arriving on time, clean and smart, ready for the day is fundamental to our work. So, thank you, and best wishes for next week!



Kevin Bawn
Principal

Evenings and weekends – reporting of Covid-19 positive test results

We have introduced a dedicated phone number, solely for reporting positive Covid-19 test results at evenings and weekends.

You may also use this number if you have accidentally recorded an LFT result as positive – please always notify us if this has happened in error.

(During the school's normal opening hours, please contact Student Absence on **01392 463911** or email: studentabsence@clystvale.org)

The number is:

07818 212 931

It is not for suspected cases, non-Covid-19 illness or absence, and is not an advice line.

We would prefer you to text positive Covid-19 test result information to this number, including:

- Name of student
- Student's tutor group
- Date symptoms appeared
- Which symptoms, or no symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result

If necessary, someone will contact you having received this information. Thank you!

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We are very excited to announce that this year's school production will be the hilarious, exuberant and fun show -

Legally Blonde

This is a really lively show with brilliant music, lots of singing and dancing and lots of large and small roles. It will be performed at the Barnfield Theatre from 15th-18th March, 2022.



Auditions will be straight after half term and all the information regarding audition material has been posted on teams, however you do not have to audition if you only want to be in the chorus.

We will do our best to stick to the following timings, but if lots want to audition and we run out of time, we may ask you to come another day, or a day the following week.

Monday 1st Nov Lunchtime 1.25 Year 10 (and any Year 11/12/13 who can't make afterschool Monday)

Monday 1st Nov Afterschool 3.20—4.20 Year 11, 12/13

Tuesday 2nd Nov Lunchtime 1.25 Year 9

Wednesday 3rd Nov Lunchtime 1.25 Year 8

Friday 5th Nov Lunchtime 1.25 Year 7

Tuesday 9th November 3.20- 4.30 dance audition (for anyone wanting to play Elle, Pilar, Serena, Margot, Brooke or any of the Delta Nu Girls). Please bring some leggings/pe kit to wear so you can move easily.

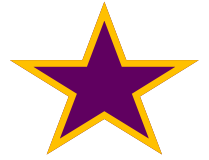
Recalls will also happen during the week of 8th-12th November and the Year 10/11/12/13 recall is likely to be afterschool on Monday 8th November.

Please choose any of the songs in the audition material which you feel comfortable singing, even if they do not reflect your age/gender and if you are really struggling, please sing a verse and a chorus of a song you know well. Choose either Elle, Paulette or Warner for the acting audition. If you would prefer not to sing, you can just do the acting part, or you can just join the chorus which does not require an audition.

Emma Williams
Head of Performing Arts



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Jesse Skinner
7GIM	Jake Lucas
8GABR	No permission to publish name
8GDH	Dan Culshaw
9GAW	Kadi Fofana
9GBA	Tobias Hill
10GHE	No permission to publish name
10GSW	No permission to publish name
11GGT	No permission to publish name
11GMN	No permission to publish name

RED SCHOOL

7RBAT	Henry Scudder
7RHSP	Ted Cornish
8RZB	Lily Nash
8RSGA	No permission to publish name
9RMAH	Charlie Smith
9RAO	Finley Honeywill
10RER	No permission to publish name
10RGG	Ewan Holmes
11RTMA	No permission to publish name
11RSS	Maddie Newman

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YMBR	No permission to publish name
7YTZI	Owen Mayor
8YSSC	Amelia Carthew
8YPNE	No permission to publish name
9YDST	Charlie Williams
9YSP	No permission to publish name
10YMPR	No permission to publish name
10YNS	No permission to publish name
11YCW	Michael Rothery
11YRB	No permission to publish name

EXCELLENCE IN WORK EXPERIENCE: YEAR 11s

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Work Experience Awards this year. The awards go to students who have done particularly well in their placement either overcoming adversity, going the extra mile, or impressing the employer. I have gone through all of the paperwork and employer reviews and am pleased to report that the students did a fantastic job and have all gained valuable skills which they can use in the future. It was so brilliant to get back to some normality with work experience happening this year in person and we received wonderful support from our local employers.



I look forward to the next cohort making a success of work experience again this year.

The awards for Excellence in Work Experience go to:

Yellow School: Lily May Chambers, Kya Godbeer, Ramsay Glen, MF, HM, Maya Barton, Nicky Hopf

Green School: LT, Aiden Coates, Izzy Cocking, Daisy Bird, Lauren Eastwood, Mia Blackmore, Charlie Norman, Keira Franklin

Red School: Kayola Chidgey, Stan Potts, Dylan Parker, Kelly Orchard, Kim Martin, Paris Prout, Reece Aldridge

Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Bennett and Miss Knowles

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



Year 9 Rugby Match Report

CVCC 29 – Cullompton 19

The boys from Y9 had their second competitive outing of the year against an abrasive Cullompton side on Wednesday after school. Playing for the first time on the larger U16 pitch the boys covered the ground well and played from touchline to touchline.

George Craig captained the side against Samir a team mate from his club side. The game was very even with both teams competing hard at the breakdown and every tackle was keenly contested. Jack, Dan and Olivier worked hard to secure the ball at the rucks and it provided Henry Fenner with some good ball to feed the backs. It took only 5 minutes before the backs stretched the Cullompton defence enough to allow Charlie Williams to race in for an opening try. With the conversion missed from wide out the game continued with some huge tackles and battering runs. Nic was superb in defence and when the ball eventually went wide it was him that killed the attack with determined tackling. Soon the same was seen from Otto and also Ollie Hargreaves. It was Ollie who got the second try, speeding down the wing and leaving tacklers in his wake. Some good scrummaging from both sides started to lock in players and from the extra space Cullompton got their first try and conversion. Alex and Lenny moved the ball through their hands well and it was another try down the wing, this time for Nic that made it 17-7 at half time.

A few knocks meant the reserve players were well used as knees, shins and heads were variously bumped and tended to. Cullompton scored first following some silly errors from the CVCC boys leading to a penalty try. The game suddenly became a bit more tense. Thankfully some lovely running from Max, Charlie and Jack finally forced open the excellent Cully defence to allow Ollie in for his second try. A final effort from Cullompton ended the match 29-19. Some great contributions from all the players, from Otto and Josh in the second row boiler house, to Jack controlling the ball at his feet at 8. Another superb result and a performance that showed continued improvement, great determination, but also a desire to play running rugby in a positive creative way. A big cheer for the opposition and also the touch judge Tom Shelton as a well supported game concluded to applause from the spectators.

Man of the Match: Charlie Williams – one try, countless mazy runs, some brilliant last ditch tackles and an awareness of when to enter rucks and when to hold space.

Mr J Powell
Head of PE

Y7 Boys Rugby Match Report

St Peters 35-30 Clyst Vale

The Year 7 boys played their third game of the season for their new school, continuing their outstanding progress and confidence for the game. The excitement of a second away game in as many weeks, this time on the minibus, was met with a great start to the game with brave tackling and better handling and passing than last week at Blundells School.

Captain Jacob Kyffin kicked off up the slope, with the lads becoming a little too focussed on the ball and 'honey-potting' around the rucks and mauls, leading to St Peters opening the scoring through their very strong player in the backs. Michael Bennett levelled things up with a dummy and run down the left wing to draw the game level. Unfortunately, an innocuous mouth injury forced strong tackler, Archie Moreton off for the remainder of the game, with Clyst Vale losing their way just before half time, conceding two late tries to trail 15-5 at half time. Remus Edmondson used excellent knowledge and skill to evade several defenders but was often starved of the ball when there was plenty of space.

The boys rallied after half time, despite making several substitutions. Kai Sparkes was outstanding, using all of his strength and power to score two outstanding tries down the slope to bring the game level. Zach Wilson, Dylan Carstairs, George Phillips and Oli Eavis worked hard in the contact area to create ball and more scores for Clyst Vale, with flying winger, Inti Zumaran scoring a great team try following several passes, in the corner, bringing raptures of applause from both set of supporters/parents.

St Peters scored a couple more to edge the game by two scores, with the final word going to Aidan Lea, playing his first ever game of rugby, making an outstanding tackle and turnover, then ending up running straight through the defence to score a wonderful individual try. Rudi Startup, Bradley Crew and Luca Batchelor all were outstanding in their contributions to the team throughout, showing great confidence and bravery.

Man of the match went to Jacob Kyffin, who once again led the team impeccably. His running, tackling and passing into space was brilliant, with his positive leadership of the boys coming to the fore.

Well done to the squad who continue their training on a Wednesday after school and Thursday lunchtime, after half term.

Mr Pearce
Head of Green School
Teacher of PE

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 – 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 – 11 Btec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Monday	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battshill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 – 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
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 Wat/Mrs Battshill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton/Mr Brooks
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Thursday	Yogioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Friday	Various Years Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/ Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Mon 25 - Fri 29 October	HALF TERM
Thurs 4 November	KS3 Parents' Information Evening (virtual) - changes to assessment & reporting 5pm - 5.30pm
Thurs 11 November	Post 16 Open Evening 6pm - 8pm
Sat 13 November	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day walk*, all day
Thurs 18 October	Y8 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm virtual
Thurs 25 November	GCSE Celebration Awards Evening 6pm - 8pm
w/b 29 Nov	Y11 Mocks - all week
Thurs 02 December	Y13 Parents' Evening 4pm - 6.30pm
Sat 04 December	Ten Tors/Bronze D of E Event *Single day event*, all day
Tues 09 December	Y9 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Weds 15 December	Carol Service, Whimple Church 7pm - 9pm
Fri 17 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Sat 18 December	DofE Gold Day - all day
Mon 20 December - Tues 04 January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Weds 05 January	START OF SPRING TERM
Sat 15 January	DofE Overnight 1: Bronze
Thurs 20 January	Y11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
Tues 25 January	Y9 Options Evening 4.30pm - 7pm
Thurs 27 January	Y10/Y11 Trip to Southall Gurdwara
w/b 31 January	Y13 Mock Exams
Sat 12 February	DofE Overnight 2: Bronze All day
Thurs 17 February	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Fri 18 February	Y9 Options Fair
Mon 21 - Fri 25 February	SPRING HALF TERM

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:

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).
- 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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