

NEWSLETTER



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will be Week B

“Don’t hurry. Start early”

20th Century Proverb

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Parents’ Evening

The first of two important evenings next week is the Year 11 subject based Parents’ Evening on Tuesday 24th, from 4.30pm. This is always a well-attended and purposeful evening, as it comes after the mocks, just before exam entries, and in many ways marks the start of the run-in to GCSEs in May. We look forward to seeing you!

PTFA: Internet Use and Safety

A further quick reminder that the PTFA-hosted evening for parents about internet safety and social media use is on Wednesday, at 6.30pm, in Post-16. Our guest speaker is Gary Gates, and we will also describe how we cover these issues in the College curriculum and address more serious issues when they occur.

Year 9 Options

Parents and carers of Year 9 students will have received a letter from Mr Green, outlining the options process and explaining changes to the EBacc pathway: essentially, we are aiming for 50% of students to take the EBacc suite of subjects, including a modern foreign language. Please let us know if you have not received this letter. The first stage in the options process is the issue of Options Booklets to students, which will be during the week after next.

Readathon

Thanks to a fantastic effort by our Year 7 Read to Learn groups, supported by friends and family, over £570 was raised in sponsorship for Readathon. This is the most we have raised. Last year, Readathon gave hospitals over 25,000 new books and provided 210 storytelling days to over 100,000 seriously ill children and their families. If you’re interested in the work of Readathon, please visit <http://www.readathon.org>.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

Thank you to those parents (and student messengers) who have already returned the parental survey. There is still plenty of time! We would appreciate their return by Monday 30th January. As I commented last week, these surveys are anonymous, independently assessed, and a very important source of evaluative evidence for us.

Student Pick-Up and the Staff Car Park

Please avoid picking up children from the Staff Car Park at the end of the school day. This is a matter of common sense and basic courtesy. The car park is congested, it is hard to manoeuvre, there are a lot of pedestrians, disabled students and parents have priority, and there is only one entrance/exit because of the buses. This week we had a small episode of “road rage” and two near misses involving parental cars. I appreciate that parents are often on tight schedules, or have other children at other schools, but if the Clyst Vale pick up can be delayed for twenty minutes it is far easier and safer.

First Aid and Sickness

The College has designated First Aiders, whose role is to deal with bumps and assessing minor injuries rather than headaches, viruses and sickness. Please do not send your children in if they are unwell: we don't have the staff or facilities to look after them comfortably, and children who have a cold or virus are likely to spread it to others.



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GHE	Katie Cowell & Louise Ruddlesden
7GIQ	Mia Sobey
8GPE	Sam Roberts
9GABR	Lauren Elliot
9GTGA	Grace Tierney, Toni Baynes & Corbyn Aitken
11GGT	Matthew Pearse

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Ed Harris-Baty
8YME	Emily Lyon & Maddy Jeffery
8YMM	Emily Brooke
9YSP	Jack Wright & Brandon Pym
9YJCO	Sam Johnston
10YMPR	Grace Ford
11YCW	Sophie Wallis

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Adam Dodd
7RKC	Will Franchi
8RZB	Keera Stowe
9RAR	Ellie Harris & Jasmine Daniels
10RDH	Holly Rankin
10RGG	Lizzie Roberts
11RMHI	Logan Dawkins
11RTMA	Jade Maloney

SILVER SCHOOL

7SMBR	Megan Major
8SAO	India Williams
9SLA	Immie Hopkinson
10SNG	Bethany Carter
10SNS	Dan Davies
11SDJ	Robbie Palmer & Evie Wragg
11SSG	Trevor Tester



PTFA Charity No.296210

Join us

**Wednesday 25th January
6.30pm**

Post 16 room

For a presentation on Internet Safety

Your PTFA will be holding a regular meeting with a presentation on Internet Safety.

An event for parents to help us understand this important issue and how external bodies and the school are helping us to protect our families.

PTFA are happy to organise events on any topic that parents and guardians may find useful. Please feel free to contact us with your ideas – jls.sanders@btinternet.com

Our organisation is a friendly, informal link between parents and the senior leadership of the school and all are welcome to any of our events and meetings.

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 24th January	4.30 - 7.00 Y11 Parents' Evening
Sat 28th & Sun 29th January	Ten Tors 1 st overnighter
Mon 30th January - Fri 3rd February	Geography Lake District Trip
Tues 7th February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Options Evening
Fri 10th February	Non Uniform Day
Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February	Half Term & Ski Trip
Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week
Thurs 23rd February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 25th February - Sun 26th February	Ten Tors 2 nd overnighter
Tues 28th February	Y11 Pre-exam Support Evening
Mon 13th March - Fri 17th March	'Bugsy Malone' School Production, Barnfield Theatre
Thurs 23rd March	4.30 - 7.00 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day

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



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 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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