

GCSE Drama Presentations

One of my annual treats did not disappoint, as there were some cracking performances by the Year 11 Drama groups. It was great to see students who are normally quiet or who perhaps struggle in other aspects of school really come out of their shell, and I thought that the teamwork within the different acts was particularly noticeable. The stimuli material included the story of Kitty Jay, Greek chorus, Edgar Allan Poe, and voices inside one's head. This inevitably led to some fairly dark themes and performances: murder, madness, betrayal, cruelty, suicide; however, there were a few laughs, and some excellent physical theatre. And, as I said, the general quality of the performances with very few slip-ups and in most cases a smooth flow to the narrative. So, thank you to all concerned for an excellent evening's entertainment; the students should take great personal confidence from what they've achieved.

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thank you to parents of Year 13 students who attended Tuesday's Parents' Evening. It really doesn't seem like six years since their Year 7 Parents' Evening, and now all the talk is of personal statements, UCAS deadlines and A-level grades. At the risk of generalising, Year 13 are doing well: there's a positive, supportive ethos, and students' work ethic (which is arguably the most important feature of A-level study) is also good.

Year 11 Mocks

These start on Monday, 4th December. Students were issued with their timetables earlier this week, and as far as possible within a pressured curriculum, subject teachers are focusing attention on the forthcoming mocks. They are also setting revision-based homeworks, so please encourage some old-fashioned studying and hide all the electronic distractions!

PTFA/Parent Interest Group

Below on this Newsletter you'll find the notes from last week's meeting. You'll see that it is a far cry from the usual image of the PTFA. The group will next be in action at the Carol Service (St Mary's, Whimple, 18th December, 7.00 pm), and the next meeting will be on Internet Safety for Parents in January. Date to be confirmed.

College Library

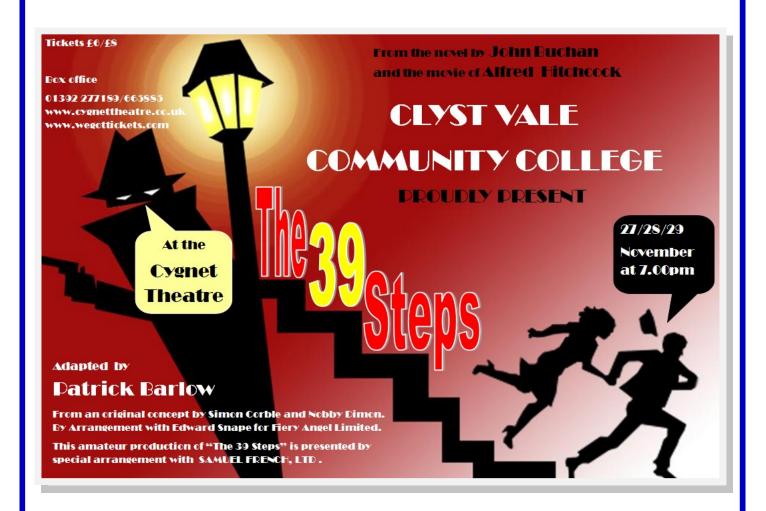
You may have seen in yesterday's news that 150 authors, including the country's leading children's authors, have written to the Government about the "shocking decline" in school libraries. A quarter has no qualified librarian, while many have reduced resources and provision as a result of education funding cuts. This is sad news, as the benefits of reading to literacy and academic progress are well-proven. So, I'm delighted that our Library is thriving, busy every lunchtime, has a superb (and qualified) librarian in Mrs Foulds, and almost uniquely is a dual-use library in conjunction with Devon Library Services, with another qualified librarian, Mrs Gubby, for these hours.

Funding Update

Wednesday's budget was a huge disappointment for schools. Clearly, any additional funding is welcome, and it makes sense for the country going forward that there is some investment in Maths and Computing. However, nothing has been done to address the £1.7bn cuts in the period up to 2020 which, even allowing for the introduction of the National Funding Formula, will mean an estimated 4.6% reduction in school budgets. Because we made significant reductions last year, Clyst Vale's budget would be very stable for the next two or three years if funding levels remained flat, so let's hope that the 4.6% is a pessimistic estimate. I will keep you up to date with developments, and the activities of the "Worth Less?" campaign, as they arise.

The 39 Steps...

...is next week! Tickets are still available direct from the Cygnet Theatre. The cast and crew have been working very hard, and deserve a full house. If the gloom and gales of November get you down a bit, then The 39 Steps will certainly brighten up your evening!



Notes from PTFA/Parents' Interest Group Meeting 15th November

Dr Bawn gave a presentation explaining how Clyst Vale are dealing with the current GCSE changes from A-U to 9-1 with more linear exams rather than the previous modular assessments.

We discussed some of the changes as although it is meant to be developing more knowledge, a lot of us with children in year 11 feel that there is a lot more relying on memory, especially in English.

We discussed whether it would be better for the GCSE syllabus to be taught over 3 years. Many Exeter schools already do this. There was a mixed response from parents. One had experience of the pressures being put on Year 8's to make a decision and the stress they feel. One felt that there is too much pressure and stress for Year 11's as they are still currently learning the syllabus when Exeter schools are now revising. It was agreed that this was a complex decision and maybe current Year 11's weren't a good comparison as they have the added stresses of being the first year for this new system to apply to nearly all subjects.

Regarding accountability measures, Dr Bawn explained how schools are now assessed on pupils' progress in 8 subjects. These subjects have to be English, Maths, a language, science, history or geography plus 3 others. For some measures, if any of the first 5 subjects are not taken than that pupils results are not taken into account in the overall assessment. The progress is rated on the average amount of progress from KS2 to GCSE. Dr Bawn confirmed that if a student would struggle with languages to the detriment of other subjects the school would not expect them to take it even though it would be better for the schools overall rating if the pupil took the subject and got a level 1.

Another point of interest, was that a push was being made with primary schools to ensure pupils are arriving with a sound knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as the ability to write well and quickly. There is a risk with computerised learning that pupils are losing handwriting skills when nearly all of the exams are handwritten so any pupil who is slow at handwriting is at risk of not being able to get their knowledge out quickly enough in an exam.

Other topics discussed:-

Uniform - Dr Bawn asked opinion on the issue of short skirts. The general feeling was that as long as there was decency (for example wearing tights), this was a battle the school wouldn't win. One parent suggested that students are educated in how their appearance portrays them rather than just trying to ban short skirts.

Smart phones - Incidents of misuse - filming and inappropriate use during school hours – are increasing. Some parents wanted phones to be banned completely at school, others felt it was important for students to have the ability to contact home as well as having the ability to use the phones in lessons if teachers wanted them to photograph homework, etc. It was felt that phones are such a big part of everyone's lives these days (teachers and parents included) that maybe the solution was again education from parents as well as the school in appropriate use. Dr Bawn confirmed that parents will be consulted on this issue.

Healthy Eating - It had been mentioned that after the presentation on foods, students were finding it difficult to source the healthy options foods the PTFA had been shown. Dr Bawn explained that the new caterers were still trialling things so some things were only available on certain days. Cakes and biscuits also seemed to be available quite often. It was felt that more students were using the canteen and this is the place that food can be ordered in the mornings if students are finding it difficult to source what they want. The canteen staff are happy to take orders for students to pick up at break or lunch time. Dr Bawn agreed to pass on comments to Caterlink, the caterers.

After the meeting we discussed how useful parents found the evening. It was agreed that many of them were surprised (in a good way!) that Dr Bawn attended all meetings and was happy to discuss wider concerns as well as the topics raised. It was felt that renaming the group was a good idea to reflect what we actually do compared to the stereotypical image of PTFA.

A date was not set for the next meeting in January as it will depend on the availability of a speaker on internet safety. We hope to use the same speaker as last year: his presentations are hard hitting and a great source of information for parents.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7REW	Rhys Burt-Jones		
7RTMA	Ruby Worlin		
8RCJ	Jamie Wreford		
8RCM	Jacob Thomas		
9RZB	Maisy Cromwell		
10RAR	Fay Beer		
10RLA	Immie Hopkinson		
11RDH	Freya Morrow		
11RGG	Mia Hart		

GREEN SCHOOL

7GDJ	Maddie Grabham & Ted Harrison
7GGT	Amelia Palmer
8GHE	Lucia Taylor & Riley Beer
8GIM	Iris van der Giezen & Jake Fox
9GPE	Madison Nickles & Jack Somerwill
10GBAR	Adele Brown, Brad Maunder, Jacob Drinnan & Barnaby Bilton
10GBA	Ollie Brailsford & Joe Blackburn
11GNG	India Withers & Zac Miles

	YELLOW SCHOOL
7YRB	Ellis Tagg
7ҮКНО	Michael Rothery
8YMBR	Sam Clarke, Caleb Nicholas & Sam Miller
8YJPU	Emily Kellaway
9ҮММ	Evie King
9үzк	Lilly Schamroth
10YSP	Matt Horwell
10ҮМНІ	Harry Parkhouse
11YNS	Chloe Tucker
11YMPR	Toby Derges

YELLOW SCHOOL

SPORTS NEWS



The Year 8 Rugby squad at the recent East Devon Emerging Schools Festival

RUGBY NEWS

Year 8 Boys @ East Devon Festival

The Year 8 boys were a true credit to the College last Friday, both on and off the pitch at the festival held at St Peter's. They were placed in a tough initial pool, with early losses to QECC and Colyton. The boys recovered well to beat Cullompton (20-10) and then went on to record three wins in the afternoon, over King's (20-10), Exmouth (25-5) and Cullompton again (15-10). It truly was a squad performance with all 14 players contributing and being brilliantly led by skipper Dom Boots-Hutchings. Player of the tournament with lots of tackles and tries was Tom Massey. The three Year 7 boys, Joe, Tom and Harvey, were excellent throughout the day with the year step up. Well done to the squad: Dom Boots-Hutchings, Tom Brooking, Sheykie Campbell-Lowe, Joe Fellows, Jack Galliford, Will Jermey, Tom Massey, Joe Tandy,

Harvey Tarrant, Harri Turner, Oli Tydeman, Sam Walters, Luke Williams and Josh Worlin.

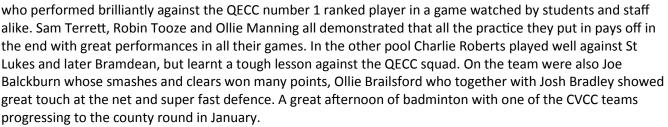
Year 9/10 v Stover School Clyst Vale 26-19 Stover School

The Year 9 and 10 boys had a rare occasion of a mixed age game on Tuesday evening. It was a very competitive game with players of little experience, mixing with those with plenty. Ben Parsons and Joe Blackburn were superb in their leadership of the squad, both having time off and on the field at different times to even up the game, and to also rest them in preparation for their Exeter Chiefs Academy trial on Monday 20 November. A late score by Parsons sealed the win, after a nervy few minutes with the score level at 19-19. Well done to the squad: Ben Parsons, Joe Blackburn, Abe Alabaidi, Charlie Sparkes, Fin Potter, Harrison Tarrant, Zack Killian, Jacob Lush, Aaiden Priest, Brad Maunder, Jake Bauer, Corbyn Aitken, James Maloney, Elijah Holding, Sam Roberts, Ed Sleep, Rufus Perrot-Kolk and Jim Wade.

Mr Pearce Teacher of PE

Badminton

Well done to the Key Stage 4 boys badminton squad who competed on Tuesday afternoon in the Exeter and District Centre Parcs competition. The enthusiasm for the sport at Clyst Vale meant we could provide two teams who finished 1st and 3rd out of the six teams competing from across the city. Special mention should go to Edwin Choi



Mr J Powell Head of PE

SPORTS NEWS continued

Year 9 Girls Netball Match reports

On the 14th November the Clyst Vale year 9 netball teams travelled to Honiton School to participate in a tournament. We were split into an A and B team.

<u>A team-</u>

Overall, we played very well, with a few mistakes here and there. We played against Honiton, Woodroffe, Kings and Exmouth.

First, we played Honiton, and won. We were very determined to win which helped and we got into good spaces and made lots of interceptions. We played extremely well against Woodroffe and drew. Against Kings we had an excellent first half but couldn't keep it up and narrowly lost. In the last match we played Exmouth who we have played before. I think our heads went down a bit before the match had even started, due to the last loss. We still played well but couldn't compete with their skill level. Despite our losses we still played well and I'm very pleased with everyone's efforts.

Maisy Cromwell

<u>B team-</u>

We have so many girls training we also had a B team who played both A and B teams in a mini tournament.

The score for the first game was 7-5 to Clyst Vale, all the team members worked well to help us win. For the second match we played the same team and the score was 9-3 to Clyst Vale, we were all very pleased and we had a great team spirit. The third and final match was also against Honiton, but we were challenged to play the A's, the result was 3-5 to Honiton but we were all very happy to be able to play another match and pleased with how we played. In the first two matches Flossy Voaden received player of the match, she deserved it as she got 16 goals all together in her new position of GA. We were all very proud of her.

Lucy Reed

Year 7 Netball

Clyst Vale's year 7 Netball squad, fresh from their victory over Uffculme School, played their first home game against St. Peters on Tuesday.

The game was evenly and closely contested over the 4 quarters. At the end of the first quarter, CVCC were 2 - 0 ahead. St Peters fought back to make it 4 - 4 at half time. The end 3rd quarter saw the score tied at 6 - 6. The final quarter was hard fought, with St Peters edging their way to a narrow 9 - 8 victory, with the final goal scored within seconds of the final whistle. All the 28 CVCC girls played well in what was an excellent squad effort.

Player of the Match and match report written by Harriet King GGT

We played against St Peters and they won but we all played as a team. "There is no I in team" We all had a great time. Everyone was trying to work out tactics to try and win when we were off side. Everyone was trying to get the ball. We need to practise a bit more on our foot work and spread out a bit more. We need to make sure that everyone is happy in their position and know what they are doing and where to go. We need to make sure we are in the right place at the right time. Make sure our passing is accurate so we can get the ball. We need to make sure that we mark the right person so 2 people can't be marking on 1 person because the other person will get the ball. The final score was 16-3, everyone had the chance to play from the squad, some people had never played before so we did really well.

Everyone had fun!

Player of the match and match report written by Sydney Mercadal GGT





CALENDAR DATES

Thurs 30th Nov	4.30 Y12 Meet the Tutor
Mon 4th Dec—Fri 8th Dec	Mocks/practice exams
Sat 9th Dec	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 2 Dartmoor
Tues 12th Dec	4.30pm Y8 Parents' Evening
Fri 15th Dec	Non Uniform Day – Alzheimer's Society
Mon 18th Dec	7.00pm Carol Service - Whimple Parish Church
Thurs 21st Dec—2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Wed 3 Jan	First day back for students

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
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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	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt
	(Starting after Half Term)				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
	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
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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		Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield/ Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

Ski Pila 2019

If your child is interested in being part of the next Ski Trip in 2019 they need to collect a letter from Mrs Woolacott or from the folder outside of the PE office.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70kms of pistes offering high altitude, snowsure skiing for everyone from complete beginners to those who have previously skied. The price will be **£969.00** which includes the following:

- Travel from College to resort and return journey (luxury 49 seater coach fitted with seat belts), plus ferry, together with use of coach whilst in resort
- Ski lessons (morning and afternoon for six days)
- Hire of skis, boots and poles
- Full area lift pass
- Full insurance (including 24 hour Medicare, ski breakage and snow guarantee)
- Full board accommodation, including hot lunch on the slopes
- Après-ski activities, such as ice-skating, tubing, ski test and Presentation Evening
- College ski hooded sweatshirt

Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.

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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.
- 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 <u>all black</u> 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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