



NEWSLETTER

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Week B

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle

Dear Parents and Carers,

The clocks go forward one hour at 01.00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

This loss of an hour's sleep may make your teenage or pre-teenage child difficult to get out of bed, and they may be a bit grumbly.....

"Normal service will be resumed...."

-Eventually ! It's been a difficult week, although overall most students will not have noticed much different. The issue at the moment is staff absence rather than student absence: we have about 3% student covid absence, 30-35 students on a given day, but about 10% staff covid absence at the moment. Of course, there are other reasons for absence, so in terms of staffing we have been very stretched this week; we also reflect the national picture in that supply teachers/agency staff are simply not available. It's ironic that our staff absence through covid is the highest it's been since the pandemic started, just as we are supposedly returning to normal and free testing stops next Friday. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure that students are not disadvantaged; for example, with longer-term absences we are rotating regular members of staff to provide the best quality learning possible. And thank you bearing with us.
- I've been asked, some local schools have part-closed – will Clyst Vale ? I really hope not, although if staff absence continued to increase it might be forced on us. This week we have been operating close to that threshold and my colleagues deserve praise and recognition because it is extremely demanding. Of course, schools really should stay open if at all possible: not just for education, but for socialisation and mental health. And it would be *part*-closure to a year group, or perhaps two; it's all a bit theoretical, but if a part-closure is forced on us, we would want to keep younger students and exam years in school as the priority. Again theoretical, but we would advise parents the day before any part-closure, as we know how disruptive they are to family routines.
- The current spike in cases nationally has prompted a lot of press coverage about the summer's exams. Essentially, the government's position is that these will be going ahead although the contingency plans have not yet been officially removed. Students are asking what happens if we get covid during the exam period ? Well, at the moment, the situation is the same for any illness: if both or all exams in a subject are missed, the student will not receive a grade. However, the exams timetable has been built by JCQ to reduce this risk: many subjects have exams before and after half-term; others have exams spread out so there are several days between them. Also, teacher unions and educational bodies are pressing the Department of Education for further information and guidance about this, about special consideration in exams, about whether teacher grades could be used in exceptional cases. But to be clear, at the moment these are just unanswered questions.

- There is a related argument about how fair this summer's exams are (there's a long standing one about whether exams in general are fair, but let's save that for another day). All students nationally missed the spring term in Year 10 or Year 12, so that's equally (un)fair. But some individual students missed lots more than that, and schools in some regions of England were also much worse affected than others. The standard of remote learning varied quite considerably between schools as well. I hope I'm not coming across as gloomy; these are the things which are being talked about, and students, families and my colleagues need to be clear of the context. The situation will be reasonably good for *most* CVCC students: we were not as badly battered by covid across the two years as were some schools, especially in cities, especially staff absence, our remote provision was really good and most students engaged, we have managed to prepare students for the exam experience successfully. The best thing is to reduce uncertainty: the exams will take place as per the timetable, and we all need to focus our effort and energy on that. One of the basics of well-being: focus on what you as an individual can control.

Legally Blonde Show Week !!!!

- As always, I'm so proud of everyone involved in the show, and am looking forward to next week immensely. I have been around the weekend rehearsals, and have witnessed personally the sheer hard work, time commitment, skill, support, triumphs and disasters, laughter and tears, teamwork, amazing direction and choreography, set design DIY and problem-solving, all of it. For the audience next week, it's about the performances and performers, enjoying the show, the story, a bit of escapism for an hour or two.
- Please come along ! I appreciate that Exmouth is a bit further away than we'd perhaps like, but the Pavilion have been incredibly supportive and done a brilliant job with publicity; it's also a bigger space. Plus, the Barnfield does not have a beach directly opposite....

Science Week

- Thank you to the Science Club and Dr Odunlade for organising and delivering Science-themed assemblies and a lunchtime Science Fair this week. It was absolutely brilliant to see students so enthused, and there were some excellent discussions at the Science Fair with some very knowledgeable young people !

Youth Cultural Champions

- I was pleased to spend some time with this amazing group of students on Wednesday. This is our second YCC cohort through the programme, who have learned a lot about each others' heritage, formed bonds and new friendships, are more confident, and want to do more to improve students' understanding of culture and challenge prejudiced comments.

On-line Safety

- CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) is a branch of the UK Crime Agency. It is one of the very best support organisations regarding on-line safety. It has reorganised its website and on-line support. Their new [11-18s website](#) offers information and guidance which is appropriate and relevant to the experiences of young people aged 11-18. This website replaces old sites, previously separated into 11-13s and 14+. The website offers advice articles and signposts clear ways young people can access help and support across 7 key categories: Relationships; Socialising online; Nudes; Sex and sexual content online; Sexual abuse; Support; and Online safety.
- It is well worth parents and carers taking a look ! You can keep up to date with the latest news from CEOP Education on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and can contact them on ceopeducation@nca.gov.uk

Afghanistan: further letter from Simon Jupp, MP

- After our student Amnesty group wrote and Mr Jupp responded, the students have received a second letter and a formal response from Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for South and Central Asia at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Again, this applauds the passion of our students for human rights, and sets out what support and intervention the UK government has made.

Trespassing on Railway Lines

- Learn Live have asked schools to remind students and families about the dangers of trespassing on to railway lines – with lighter evenings apparently the amount of playing near the railway is increasing again. The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks.
- <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>
- <https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>
- Please enter the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the "I am registered field" when you first watch the videos.

Talaton: Community4All Theatre

- A Clyst Vale family and students are taking part in this really interesting project, a play about the WW2 Kindertransport, Polish refugees, and evacuees from London that came to live in the village of Talaton. Pre-pandemic, Mrs Padden developed strong links with Lady Grenfell-Baines, who had been on the last kindertransport from Prague in 1939, and who visited us periodically to talk about the Holocaust and her experiences. Of course, this is really poignant as we are witnessing the movement of millions of people out of the Ukraine currently, and other countries taking in families and children.

Students experiencing seizures.

- I expect that students will be mentioning this at home. We have four students who have “non-epileptic attack disorder” (NEAD), which means they go unconscious for a few minutes and have fits. There is no warning, and the students cannot control these seizures. Like all fits, they look scary, but students will always recover, sometimes very quickly. The causes of NEAD aren’t really known except that they are psychological, but we are working closely with the students’ doctors and families to do our best to look after them. It is a difficult situation to manage, not least because it is possibly unique; the students have every right to a normal education, and can go for long periods without a seizure; but there is of course an impact on their friends, classmates and staff. The situation has developed rapidly, and changes develop rapidly, too. Please be reassured that we are working closely with the students, their families, doctors and specialist nurses, and other specialist agencies.



Kevin Bawn
Principal

LEGALLY

Clyst Vale has developed an incredible reputation for energetic, vivacious productions and this one will be no exception!

Join the stunning and popular sorority sister Elle and her spirited Delta Nu friends in this action-packed musical based on the well-loved movie. When Elle is dumped by her ambitious and self-centred boyfriend Warner, she swaps credit cards for books, feeling she needs to become more 'serious.' Accompanied by her trusty pooch Bruiser, she goes on a journey of self-discovery, meeting a plethora of highly entertaining characters along the way. With the support of friends new and old, she realises that smartness comes from within.

With well-known songs such as *OMIGod You Guys*, *What You Want* and *So Much Better*, accompanied by a live band, this show bubbles and fizzes its way through a hilarious and colourful adventure!



Performances from 29th March—1st April, 2022, nightly at 7pm
Tickets: www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion or 01395 222 477

Full Price - £15.50 flat seating and £17.50 raised seating
Under 16s/students: £10.50 flat seating and £12.50 raised seating

BLONDE

Tickets for our incredible production of **LEGALLY BLONDE** are now on sale!! It would be amazing if families came along. **Legally Blonde** is a bright, bold, exuberant musical all about dispelling stereotypes and the cast are simply amazing. We have over 80 students involved across all years - 7-13, plus a stunning live band - including a simply brilliant Year 7 drummer!!

Although we are a little further afield in Exmouth due to the temporary closure of the Barnfield, please remember that Exmouth is not only home to Rockfish, but also the battered chip (!) What better antidote to the stresses and strains of a working day than a stroll along the sea front, taking in the sights and sounds of the Marina before heading to a restaurant for a pre-theatre supper - a glass of champagne accompanied by a pea, chorizo and scallop starter, a grilled sea bass and samphire main and a lemon posset for pudding (or a can of Thatcher's and fish and chips). Rounded off by a fantastic evening's entertainment by the sea side! This is surely heaven?!

Tickets are available here <https://www.ledleisure.co.uk/exmouth-pavilion/book-now/Legally-Blonde>

Year 7 End of Season Netball Tournament

It was my absolute pleasure to take a squad of Year 7 girls to Okehampton for their End of Season Tournament, especially as so many of their games have had to be called off due to Covid!

Our first game was against hosts Okehampton who had to field a Year 8 team. The girls quickly got on the score board and kept up the consistency throughout the game. Our mid-court, consisting of Grace, Ameera and Sophia, kept control of the ball well, which meant that our defenders hardly got near the ball. When the defenders were needed however, they prevented any goals. They finished with an 8-0 win!

The second game was against a very well drilled and experienced team from Exeter School. The pace was quick with exceptional ability to get free from Exeter. Immy, Miley and Darcy in defence worked hard to keep their score to just 11 points. Our attackers managed to score three hard fought goals. Their defence kept our shooters from getting near the goal so shots put up were from some distance, this is something we as a team can work on. Final whistle went with an 11-3 loss.

The third game was against QECC. We were unsure what to expect from them as we haven't played them for some time. Confidence had taken a bit of a knock and the girls had had little break between games. The first half was a bit tentative and lacked the intensity they often bring to the game and it finished with a 1-1 score. A half time pep talk worked, they then had some excellent shooting from Emily and Esmae and the girls looked like a team again. Grace in Centre (and Captain) worked hard to get the ball down to the shooters and they finished the game 5-2 the winners!

The fourth game was against St Peter's. Knowing the coaching set up at St Peter's, with a strong external club linked with most of the players, I warned the girls this would be a game that should push them but would be fairly even. Again a tentative start and some tired legs starting to show meant the game was indeed evenly matched in the first half. A half time reminder about some of the basics and some subs gave the team a refreshed second half. The shots started to drop and interception rate went up. The girls realised they were the better side and started to put the pressure on. They came out clear winners 4-1.

Their last game was a decider for placings and it was against The Maynard School. Another team that have been together for many years with a strong netball focus at the school. Having heard they beat QECC 20-0, we decided on a goal, our team weren't to let them score more than 10 goals. The first half was fairly evenly matched as they were almost scoring a goal apiece after each centre pass to be down 4-3 at half time. What an incredible start! They dug deep in the second half and worked hard but The Maynard School's shooters couldn't miss even with great pressure from our defenders. We lost the game with a respectable 9-4 and managed to keep them under the 10 goals we'd set ourselves.

To come 3rd in the tournament having had so few matches before is an incredible achievement for the girls and they should all be so proud of themselves. Well done team!

The whole Year 7 netball squad has been a pleasure to coach over the last seven months. To think they have beaten teams from Uffculme to St Peter's and have only ever lost to Exeter School and The Maynard School! I can't wait to see what they can produce next year! Also, a massive thankyou to Liv Woollam who has given up so much of her free time after school to help coach and referee the squad. She has been presented with her own Netball Umpire whistle as a thankyou!

Rounders and hopefully girls' cricket will start after Easter; listen out for information on which day clubs will take place from your tutor and in your PE lessons. Hope to see lots of you there!



Back row Liv Woollam, Immy Woollam, Darcy Dixon, Miley Arthurs, Ameera Choudhruy, Kate Dearden-Watts
Front row Jasmine Hutchings, Esmae Matthews, Grace Alexander (Captain), Emily Gill, Sophia Blum



CVCC Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for the following positions:

Data & Exams Assistant
Assistant to Head of Post-16
Finance Assistant

Full details for all vacancies, including job descriptions and further information about how to apply, can be found on our website:

www.clystvale.org/vacancies

Exam Invigilators

We are adding to our team of exam invigilators, both for formal exams throughout May and June, and mock exams at other times of the year. Hours are flexible and agreed in advance with invigilators.

Full training will be given.

The financial reward is £11.21 per hour to include holiday allowance.

Closing date: 9am on Monday 4th April 2022

Interviews: Wednesday 20th April 2022



Food Service Assistant at Clyst Vale Community College

Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, 38 weeks per year

Salary: £9.50 per hour

Duties include:

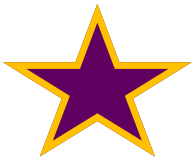
- Undertaking basic food preparation
- Setting up food service areas
- Cleaning dining halls and general cleaning duties
- Serving customers in a polite and professional manner
- Working on the tills
- Supporting with hospitality

A team player with strong communication skills and a can-do approach is key for this role. Experience is preferred but not essential, as full training will be given.

The successful candidate will be organised, have the ability to maintain the highest standards at all times and will ensure optimal service to staff and students.

Safeguarding: Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role.

For additional information please contact:
Ann Hopkins (College Manager)
hopkinsa@clystvale.org



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL

7GCMC	Joe Vince
7GIM	Jake Lucas
8GABr	Alex Symons No permission to publish name
8GDH	Kyle Down
9GAW	Sylvia Reid
9GBA	No permission to publish
11GMN	Christopher Johnson

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YTZI	Billy Heals
7YMBR	Isla Beuscher
8YPN	No permission to publish name
8YSSC	Beth Duffy
9YDS	Jack Darbey
9YSP	Daisy Backway
10YMPR	No permission to publish name
10YNS	Penny Le Breton
11YRB	No permission to publish name
11YCW	No permission to publish name

www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all

COMMUNITY THEATRE 4ALL PRESENTS

Talaton A War-Time Refuge



Cotley Farm Barn, Woodhayes Lane, Whimble, EX5 2QR

TicketSource

Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all



Telephone Bookings 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply)

25th, 26th, 28th, 29th & 30th April 2022 at 8pm - Adults £12, Children (under 16) £6

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 BRec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Fitness	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battisill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 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	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
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 Watt/Mrs Battisill
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	MT1		Miss McConnachie
Wednesday	Year 10 Film Club	Lunchtime	IT4		Kate Jones
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 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Rosslyn Park 7s	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimber
Thursday	Yogioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Friday	Various 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

• Colour coded refers to Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh only

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sat 26 March	Production: rehearsal in school All day
Sun 27 March	Production: rehearsal in school Half day
Mon 28 March	Production: technical rehearsal & evening dress rehearsal (principals only) 9am - 10pm Remaining cast to join rehearsal 5.30pm - 10pm
Tues 29 March - Fri 01 April	Legally Blonde - Musical Production
Tues 05 April	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Wed 06 April - Wed 20 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Thurs 21 April	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Thurs 21 April	6pm - 8pm Sports Awards Evening
w/c 25 April	Y10 Mock Exams
Thurs 28 April	4pm - 7pm Year 7 Parents' Evening
Mon 02 May	Early May Bank Holiday
Sat 07 & Sun 08 May	ALL DAY - Ten Tors Weekend
Sat 21 May	DofE Silver Assessed
Mon 30 May - Fri 03 June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Thurs 16 June	New Intake Non Feeder Schools Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
Fri 24 June	Year 13 Prom
w/b 27 June	Year 12 Mocks
Thurs 30 June - Sun 03 July	DofE Gold
Mon 04 & Tues 05 July	UNICEF Gold Visit
Weds 06 - Fri 08 July	New Intake Induction Days
Mon 11 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Weds 13 July	Sports Day
Fri 15 July	Year 12 UCAS Day
w/b 18 July	Y10 and Y12 Work Experience
Mon 18 - Fri 22 July	Gold D of E Brecon Expedition
Fri 22 July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM



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:

Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Jassy Barrington on 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@clystvale.org

copying in: haynesc@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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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