



NEWSLETTER

"Begin somewhere; you cannot build a reputation on what you intend to do."

Liz Smith

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will be Week B

Dear Parents/Carers

Smartphones

Smartphone bans in schools have been all over the media this week. The Head of Eton School has introduced a ban, the Telegraph had a front-page article about bans, Government Ministers have argued for bans, there have been radio phone-ins about bans, and in France there will be a national ban on smartphones in schools from September – some ministers would like to see that in the UK as well. Yesterday, the Chief of Ofsted also gave her opinion that phones should be banned during school hours. I mention this because students tend not to use news apps on their smartphones, but if they did would see that Clyst Vale is far from alone! The news articles give the reasoning as well: improved exam results, better socialisation, reduction in bullying, more active play, reduction in screentime during the day, fewer arguments about phones in class, reducing the risk of addiction. Also of interest is that the majority of authorities take "ban" to mean during school hours, not a total ban for reasons of safety and communication with parents/carers before and after school. So, we are not alone in that, either.

Exams

The exam season officially ends next Tuesday, although I believe our last candidate finishes on Monday. For the last time this year, I must thank everyone involved. Students have been excellent; the organisation has been superb (see below); my colleagues have gone above and beyond with revision preparation and last-minute briefings; pastoral and additional support colleagues have done splendid work in supporting students. I must also thank all of you, parents and carers, for your support and encouragement and nagging and bribery of your children; it is greatly appreciated.

Work Experience

Thanks to the combined efforts of Mrs Bennett, tutors, and parents, all but a handful of students have found placements for work experience in the last week of term. However, almost fifty employers' agreement forms have still to come in. These need to be signed and sent/given to the employer/organisation, who will then return them to us. It would be massively helpful if parents/carers could double-check that this has been done. For the very small minority of students who do not secure placements, there will be a planned programme of lessons and work-related activities in College, so that it will be far from a "week off"!

DLD

Next Thursday is our final Deep Learning day of the year; it's also a very good one. Year 7 are off to the zoo, and I shall resist any cheap jokes about that, not least because it fits well into the Science curriculum about adaptation and habitat; for Year 8, we welcome back our historical friends from North Devon for an in-depth look at life during the period of the English Civil War; Year 9 will experience the unbelievably powerful "Day of Difference" which starts off as great fun but delivers some deep messages about prejudice and discrimination; Year 10 have a blend of careers –related activities in preparation for work experience and some hard-hitting Course 42 topics; Year 12 will travel to Plymouth University for a higher education day. Once again, my thanks to my colleagues for all their hard work in organising these events which are designed to deepen learning and in some cases provide strong memories.

Attendance

Given that attendance is a significant Ofsted issue for us, it is hugely disappointing that we are receiving a large number of holiday requests for five and even ten day holidays up to a calendar year ahead. There are requests which would take students out for the first critical week (or even more) of the Autumn Term. We've probably been too lenient in the past, too understanding that is sometimes difficult for some parents to take holidays in the holiday period, but Ofsted have given us a boot up the backside about attendance. We have to communicate stronger messages to parents, and take stronger actions. None of these requested holidays will be authorised (unless there are very genuine and serious special circumstances), and almost all will be subject to a fixed-penalty fine issued by the local authority. Despite this, if a parent/carer insists on taking a student on holiday, then there is a responsibility to ensure good attendance for the rest of the school year. A ten-day holiday means a child is more than halfway to being a persistent absentee.

Staff Issues

It's quite likely that your sons and/or daughters are reporting some changes to their teachers. In Science and Languages in particular there have been maternity and paternity leaves which have caused a number of changes; in addition there are one or two long-term absences which have affected a small number of individual lessons in other areas. We accept that changes aren't a good thing, and it isn't 100% perfect, but our aim is to make sure that all classes have a subject specialist or at the very least an experienced practitioner to teach them, and I am very grateful to many colleagues for stepping in. It may be the last four weeks of term, but lessons carry on and are important.

Exam Inspector

We finally had our no-notice inspection earlier this week, and parents will be hugely reassured that once again we passed with flying colours. We really do have an excellent procedure for the conduct of exams. This gets harder each year, as exam security measures tighten, and the regulations get longer and longer. The credit goes to Mrs Dominy, our Exams Officer, and her team of invigilators, especially Mrs (J) Turner. Student attitude in exam rooms has been exemplary, and of course the support of parents is another important contributory factor.

Measles

Apparently, there is an unusually high number of cases of measles at the moment; it's not an epidemic, but schools have been asked to mention it to parents. Borrowing heavily from the Public Health England letter, measles can be unpleasant, but generally passes in 7-10 days, although it can be serious in some people. The advice is to contact your GP if you suspect measles, and phone first because some surgeries may make special arrangements to avoid the risk of infection to vulnerable groups (young children, the elderly, immune-compromised, pregnant women). From the letter:

Symptoms of measles

The initial symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after you're infected, but it can take up to three weeks. These can include:

- Cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing, and a cough
- Sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light (conjunctivitis)
- High temperature (fever), which may reach around 40°C (104°F)

A few days later, a red-brown blotchy rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body.



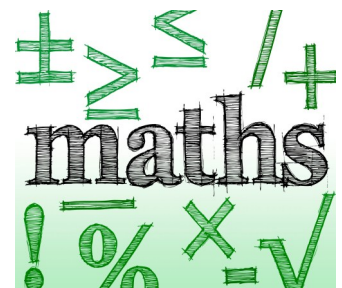
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JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS 2018

Pupils at Clyst Vale achieved 4 golds, 14 silvers and 20 bronzes in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 260,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6 % receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Approximately 8200 of the top students were invited to sit a follow-on competition, the Junior Mathematical Olympiad or Kangaroo.

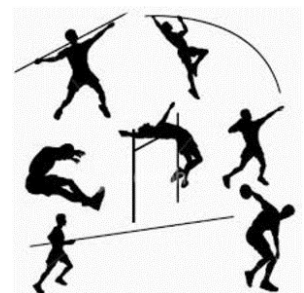
Congratulations to Summer Harlow (YR8) and Charlie Harrison (YR7) who got through to this round. We await their results with great anticipation.



Michelle Barratt

ATHLETICS

Well done to all the athletes from years 7 to 10 who represented Clyst Vale so enthusiastically at the Inter-schools Athletics competition. There were some stellar performances, many from the talented year 10 squads although across the age range there was much to be commended. For those keen to improve their athletic abilities or simply maintain fitness the school athletics club continues to run on Wednesdays after school until 4.25 as well as a number of lunchtime clubs.



Sports Day and Festival on the Field is planned for Tuesday 10th July and adults are welcome to attend but are required to sign in and out at reception.

Mr J Powell
Head of PE

June Marketing **BULLETIN**

Hi we're Caterlink, your college caterer. June is month of offers, promotions and events for you. In June there's National Picnic Week, Chocolate Pudding Day and your In Season Food Hero is... Tomato!



Food Hero Tomato

Did you know that while Tomatoes are botanically berry - type fruits, they are considered a vegetables as an ingredient. Tomatoes are a member of the nightshade family along with aubergines, peppers & chillis and will feature in lots of recipes this month - hot and cold.



National Chocolate Pudding Day

National Chocolate Pudding Day offers a perfect excuse for you to indulge yourself with some delicious chocolate pudding. This unusual holiday is a great occasion for chocolate pudding enthusiasts and chocolate pudding lovers alike.



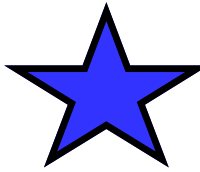
National Picnic Week

National Picnic Week takes place this June across the UK, so grab your 'blankets and baskets' and keep an eye out for some traditional summer favourites.

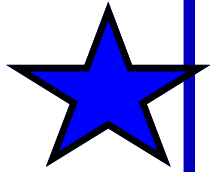


Destination Greece

Greek cookery makes wide use of vegetables, olive oil, grains, fish and meat. Other important ingredients include olives, cheese, lemon juice, herbs, bread and yoghurt. We will introduce students to a broad range of Greek foods this month. Help you get into that holiday feeling!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

| | |
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| 7REW | Alisha Pick |
| 7RTMA | Oliver Clayton |
| 8RCJ | Lara Gulec |
| 8RCM | Ellie Norris |
| 9RZB | Lucy Reed |
| 10RAR | Lucie Halliwell |
| 10RLA | Will Knight |

YELLOW SCHOOL

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| 7YRB | Lorenzo Amatuzzo |
| 7YKHO | Ben Waycott |
| 8YMBR | Sam Mills |
| 8YJPU | Harry Boston |
| 9YMM | Erin Campbell |
| 9YZK | Lilly Dean |
| 10YMHI | Sam Johnson |
| 10YSP | Dylan Mizon |

GREEN SCHOOL

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| 7GGT | Oliver Watt & Harriet King |
| 7GDJ | Adah Hartley & Ted Harrison |
| 8GHE | Chloe Jeffery & Riley Beer |
| 8GIM | Breanna Leach & Jesse Davey |
| 9GPE | Mia Carthew & Joe Hartley |
| 10GBA | Talia Harrison & Jack Lockett |
| 10GABR | Barnaby Bilton |

Cone it @ Clyst Vale
Your Favourites All Wrapped Up
 Monday the 11th June 2018

Only £1.80

Full of flavour, great, fresh, hot food on the go!

Why don't you grab & go with a cone?

Pizza cone with all your favourite fillings!



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CVCC Inter School Football World Cup (Years 7-10)

Boys' Tournament: w/c June 25-29

Girls' Tournament: w/c July 2-6

By Invitation Only

5/6 teams per School = 16 teams in total

A member of staff to manage/oversee each team from same school

8 boys & 8 girls from each School/Year to be involved

Y12 CSLA students to officiate

Group Stages

1 game on Monday Lunchtime

2 games on Tuesday Lunchtime

Quarter Finals: Wednesday Lunchtime

Semi Finals: Thursday Lunchtime

Final/Bronze Medal Matches: Friday Lunchtime

MORE INFORMATION TO BE POSTED SOON

Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

| Day | Club | Time | Where | Changing Rooms | Teacher |
|------|---|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Mon | Music Club | Lunchtime | PA2 | | Mrs Sprenkel |
| Mon | Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions | Lunchtime | PA1 | | Ms Bowring |
| Mon | Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Cricket | Lunchtime | Tennis Courts | Sports Hall | Mr Pearce |
| Mon | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT1 | | Mrs Gillespie |
| Mon | Year 8 Girls' Rounders | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mrs Needs |
| Mon | Year 9 Football | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Powell |
| Mon | Art Club | Lunchtime | AR3 | | Mrs Pieczenko |
| Mon | Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club | Lunchtime | Library | | Mrs Foulds |
| Mon | B&V Year 11 Religion Unit | 1.45pm | HU2 | | Miss Brotherton |
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| Tues | Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up | Lunchtime | HU7 | | Mrs Padden |
| Tues | Year 11 GCSE Food Revision | Lunchtime | DT4 | | Mrs Crook |
| Tues | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT1 | | Mrs Manaton |
| Tues | Amnesty | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | EN7 | | Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie |
| Tues | Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions | Lunchtime | PA1 | | Ms Bowring |
| Tues | Year 9 Rounders | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Miss Bennett |
| Tues | All Years Athletics | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mr Pearce |
| Tues | Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Everett |
| Tues | Drama Club | Lunchtime | PA2 | | Mrs Sprenkel |
| Tues | Year 10 & 11 Dance/Weights | Lunchtime | Dance Studio | New Block | Mrs Elliott |
| Tues | Year 12 Maths | Lunchtime | MA5 | | Mrs Adie |
| Tues | Gardening Club | Lunchtime | by Science garden | | Miss Morgan |
| Tues | Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit | 1.45pm | HU1 | | Miss Brotherton |
| Tues | All Years Tennis | Lunchtime | Tennis Courts | Sports Hall | Mrs Woolacott |
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| Wed | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT1 | | Mrs Woolacott |
| Wed | Year 9 B&V | 1.45pm | HU2 | | Miss Brotherton |
| Wed | Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions | Lunchtime | PA1 | | Ms Bowring |
| Wed | Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance/Weights | Lunchtime | Dance Studio | New Block | Mrs Elliot |
| Wed | Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In | Lunchtime | Opposite Mr Jones Room | | Mrs Gillespie |
| Wed | All Years Badminton | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Powell |
| Wed | Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In | Lunchtime | Careers room | | Mrs Bennett |
| Wed | Year 11 Maths Higher | 1.30pm to 2pm | MA4 | | Ms Prance |
| Wed | Year 11 Maths Higher Foundation | 1.30pm to 2pm | MA8 | | Miss Barratt |
| Wed | Art Club | Lunchtime | AR3 | | Mrs Walton |
| Wed | Year 10 & 11 Rounders | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Miss Shire |
| Wed | All Years Athletics | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mrs Needs/Mr Everett |
| Wed | Year 10 Food Practical Session | Lunchtime | DT3 | | Mrs Crook |
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Lunch Clubs - Thurs - Fri

| Day | Club | Time | Where | Changing Rooms | Teacher |
|-------|---|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Thurs | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT1 | | Mrs Woolacott |
| Thurs | Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions | Lunchtime | PA1 | | Ms Bowring |
| Thurs | Year 9, 10 & 11 Softball | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mr Pearce |
| Thurs | Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls Cricket | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Everett |
| Thurs | Art Club | Lunchtime | AR3 | | Mrs Pieczenko |
| Thurs | GCSE Art Club | Lunchtime | AR1 | | Mr Brooks |
| Thurs | Year 13 Maths | Lunchtime | MA8 | | Miss Barratt |
| Thurs | Year 7 Rounders | Lunchtime | Field | New Block | Mrs Elliott |
| Thurs | Hula Hoop Club | Lunchtime | Dance Studio | New Block | Mrs Gillespie |
| Thurs | Child Development/Health & Social Care Catch Up | Lunchtime | VO2 | | Mrs Bennett/Ms |
| Thurs | Film Club | 1.40pm | HU5 | | Ms Matthews |
| Thurs | Year 13 B&V Revision | Lunchtime | HU2 | | Mrs Battishill |
| Thurs | Year 7 & 8 B&V | 1.35pm | HU1 | | Miss Brotherton |
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| Fri | Art Club | Lunchtime | AR2 | | Mrs Wakefield |
| Fri | Home Learning Study Group | 1.30pm to 2.15pm | IT1 | | Mrs Woolacott |
| Fri | Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up | Lunchtime | PE5 | | Mr Powell |
| Fri | Various Years Inter Tutor | Lunchtime | Various | Various | Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot/Mr |
| | | | | | Miss Cranston/Mr |
| Fri | Music Club | Lunchtime | PA2 | | Mrs Sprengel |
| Fri | Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In | Lunchtime | Careers Room | | Mrs Bennett |
| Fri | Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor | Lunchtime | Various | Various | Mr Pearce/Miss |
| Fri | GCSE History Workshop/Revision | Lunchtime | HU7 | | Mrs Padden |
| Fri | Year 9 B&V Drop In | Lunchtime | HU2 | | Mrs Battishill |
| Fri | Year 11 Physics Revision | Lunchtime | SC1 | | Mr Pearce |

CALENDAR DATES

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| Wed 27 June | 7.00 Y13 Prom |
| Thurs 28 June - Mon 2 July | Y13 DofE Gold Assessed Expedition - Brecon |
| Fri 29 June | 7.00 Y11 Prom |
| Wed 4 - Fri 6 July | New Intake Days |
| Mon 9 July | 6.00 New Intake Parents' Evening |
| Tues 10 July | Sports Day |
| Fri 13 July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Sun 15 - Wed 18 July | Y8 Bude Residential |
| Wed 18 July - Fri 20 July | Belgium Residential |
| Wed 18 July - Sat 21 July | Y12 DofE Gold Practice Expedition - Dartmoor |
| Fri 20 July | Last day of Summer Term |
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| AUTUMN TERM 2018 | |
| Wed 5 Sept | Start of Autumn Term |
| Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct | Autumn Half Term |
| Fri 21 December 2018 | Last day of Autumn Term |
| Mon 7 January 2019 | Start of Spring Term |
| Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019 | Spring Half Term |
| Fri 5 April 2019 | Last day of Spring Term |
| Wed 24 April 2019 | Start of Summer Term |
| Mon 6 May 2019 | Bank Holiday |
| Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019 | Summer Half Term |
| Fri 19 July 2019 | Last day of Summer Term |

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 Prunty (01392 463913; pruntyc@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, 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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