



NEWSLETTER

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"Perception is real – even when it is not reality."

Edward de Bono

Dear Parents/Carers,

League Tables

...or Performance Tables as they are now called. The link to the Gov.UK site is as follows: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/136638>. These were published yesterday, relating to the 2017 summer results, and confirm what we knew already. At GCSE our students performed reasonably well, with most attainment measures above both Devon and England, and the official verdict is that we meet the "average" descriptor for Progress 8; clearly, we aspire to improve on this, and are working hard. We knew that A-level results were down in 2017, so it is disappointing but not a surprise that the official verdict is "below average". Again, a lot has been put in place to improve on this, and our internal tracking is revealing a much more positive picture for 2018. Because of the changes to GCSE grading and the introduction of new performance measures, it is not possible to compare the 2017 results to 2016. It's also worth pointing out that the performance table headlines make no allowance for the proportion of students with special needs or other difficulties, which is why special schools are generally at the bottom. Clyst Vale has an inclusive ethos, with a higher-than-average proportion of students with SEN, so this causes a small dent in the headline GCSE figures. If you are interested, the BBC has a good, accessible explanation of the new performance tables on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42568038>.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to parents and carers of Year 11 students for another excellent turn-out on Tuesday: 81% of students were represented, which is a very good and heartening figure. It is a very important evening, positioned just before exam entries, not long after the mocks, but with enough time to turn things round in the way of controlled assessments and exam preparation. As always, most students are well on track, but the evening was a chastening experience for one or two. I've produced the satisfaction scores below based on 42 questionnaires; it's very pleasing to see most of the indicators are 90+% and our reputation as a caring school is being maintained.

		Str Agree		Agree		+VE	Disagree		Str Dis		nr
		No	%	No	%	%	No	%	No	%	
1	Happy	25	60	14	33	93	3	7	0	0	0
2	Safe	26	62	15	36	98	1	2	0	0	0
3	Good Progress	18	44	20	49	93	3	7	0	0	1
4	Well looked after	26	62	16	38	100	0	0	0	0	0
5	Taught well	14	34	24	59	93	3	7	0	0	1
6	Homework	16	38	22	52	90	4	10	0	0	0
7	Good behaviour	17	40	20	48	88	5	12	0	0	0
8	Bullying dealt with	15	36	22	54	90	4	10	0	0	1
9	Well led and managed	14	33	28	67	100	0	0	0	0	0
10	School responds well	21	50	16	38	88	5	12	0	0	0
11	Well informed re prog	22	52	16	38	90	3	7	1	2	0
	Recommend CVCC?					95					

Careers

In December, the government launched a new Careers Strategy for schools, which will undoubtedly improve careers provision, if schools can afford to implement it! There is an enhanced emphasis on careers education, more involvement from local businesses (“meaningful employer experiences”), and improved careers information, advice and guidance. A cynic might say that the new Strategy is largely putting back the things which Michael Gove’s reforms took out a few years ago, but I think it’s very welcome. We have always valued careers education at Clyst Vale, and were already working towards many of the points in the Strategy when it was launched. For example, we have established a strong working relationship with an enterprise adviser, Jo Fellows: there is a useful explanation of this role and a practical demonstration of how this benefited a Clyst Vale student on work experience on this link:

<https://inside.devon.gov.uk/news/enterprise-adviser-network/> Another aspect of the Strategy which is already in place is information about apprenticeships; following last week’s general assembly, next week 50 students will attend the Apprenticeship Show at Westpoint and 35 Year 10 students will have an apprenticeship day in College. Year 9 Parents will shortly receive a letter from Mrs Bennett (Head of Careers) with a link to a very useful website: CareersPilot/Kudos. This is being introduced to students in Course 42 lessons. Kudos has been around for over 20 years, and is regularly expanded, updated and its navigation improved, so it is well worth a look.

Year 9 Options

This Year’s Options process kicked off today with a general assembly outlining the principles and processes. The Options Booklet will be issued on Tuesday or Wednesday next week, and our ever-popular and packed Options Information Evening will be on Tuesday 6th February (students are very welcome to attend, and most do - it’s one of the nice evenings when we’re helping, and not giving anyone a hard time!). Further discussion is provided for students by an individual mentoring session with their tutor; and further information from an “Options Fair” where Year 9s can chat to Year 10s and 11s about the different subjects. Year 9 students are all individuals, so some will not have thought about options, others will have whittled down to four or five subjects, and at the other extreme one or two will have made up their mind already. Even if a student has made up their mind, our strong advice is to check everything out carefully to guarantee it is a well thought through decision. Linking directly to Careers, Year 9 Parents will shortly receive a letter from Mrs Bennett (Head of Careers) with a link to a very useful website: CareersPilot/Kudos. This is being introduced to students in Course 42 lessons. Kudos has been around for over 20 years, and is regularly expanded, updated and its navigation improved, so it is well worth a look.

Funding

“Devon”, in the shape of the County Council and Headteachers’ Associations, have been keeping up the pressure on MPs and the Government including a lobbying visit to Parliament. As well as the funding inequalities I mention regularly, concerns going forward are that pay rises for teachers and support staff may be agreed but without additional funding, so this comes from the schools’ budgets; that new initiatives should be properly funded, for example the new Careers Strategy will cost schools money, and it would be wonderful for every school to have a mental health champion (proposed in a Government green paper) but this needs time and money which would be another demand the existing budgets; and that schools should be exempt from the 0.5% apprenticeship levy.

Parents sometimes ask what they should write to MPs. It’s important to remember that MPs are more influenced by individual letters than a dozen identical “template” letters with different signatures. A letter or e-mail does not have to be very long, either. The following might help as a basis, but please adapt it to individualise it.

Dear MP,

I am concerned about the state of school funding. The national funding formula doesn’t appear to be fair to children in Devon schools, and I know that you are already aware of this. I believe that each Devon child is worth £2000 less than in some areas of England, and almost £300 less than the national average. Due to low levels of funding, my child’s school has already reduced staff and seen some classes rise in numbers. I am especially concerned about the reductions to special educational needs funding.

As a parent I would like to register my dismay/shock/disappointment/anger at the level of funding being provided to our schools and would ask what you, as my constituency MP, intend to do about this?

Sickness Levels

I don’t want to tempt fate, but staff sickness levels have come down considerably. There is still a high level of student absence, however. Please continue to support good hand-washing and tissue-disposal routines, and while we normally want students in school all day every day we do make an exception for students who are ill and infectious! Thank you to parents for reporting absences so diligently, too.



Dr Bawn



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Post 16

REMINDER

Reminder to Parents/Carers of Year 11 students. The deadline for Post 16 applications is today (26/01/18).



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7REW	Maggie Pascoe
7RTMA	Ruby Worlin
8RCJ	Luana Dart
8RCM	Jacob Thomas & Jess Luscombe
9RZB	Phoebe Callaway
10RAR	Ellie Harris
10RLA	Amazon Start
11RDH	Ben Bardot & Robin Tooze
11RGG	Adam Beer

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YRB	Ellie Riddle
7YKHO	Natalie Zuczek
8YMBR	Sam Mills
8YJPU	Max Walker
9YMM	Emily Dunn
9YZK	Lily Schamroth
10YMHI	Anwen Fraser
10YSP	Freya Harris
11YNS	Harri Lawrence
11YMPR	Grace Ford

GREEN SCHOOL

7GDJ	Zane Atkins & Mia Blackmore
8GIM	Jake Fox & Natalia Hannaford
9GAO	Eloise Blatchford & Max Lockyer
10GABR	Barnaby Bilton , Zoe Atkins & Emily Taylor
11GNG	Zac Miles & Joe Stears
11GSW	Dulcie Sanders & Matt Hill

SPORTS NEWS

BADMINTON

A huge well done to the boys and girls of the Clyst Vale Keys Stage 3 and 4 badminton squads. Three teams qualified for the Devon School Finals in Paignton on Wednesday representing the best schools in the Exeter and District Partnership. The Key Stage 3 boys led by Will Blum and Max Walker, in singles, played with flair and energy against schools from across the county. Their efforts were supported by the agile Olly Bunkham and the skilled Will Jermey. Finishing 4th from 7 schools was a good performance. However, in Key Stage 4 the two teams excelled attaining the best results ever at the finals. The girls got bronze although finishing on equal points with the winning schools, but placed third on games won. Mya was a great captain, winning most of her singles despite injury and Dulcie contributed similar successes in her singles matches. Multi-talented Emily Blatchford and Alice Courtier were outstanding in their doubles and Alice's defense led to some brilliant rallies. The older boys were led by Edwin Choi who showed why he is the school's number one. Playing in a match versus the highly ranked player from Devonport High School for boys the quality of play caused other staff and students to turn and watch and admire. Sam Terrett was also on top form and with help of Ollie Manning and the live wire Robin Tooze. The manner of play mixing superb shot play, with gallant defense, drew praise from other teachers and one of the rallies of the tournament versus Plymouth Academy. A fantastic day of badminton by the Clyst Vale squads!



Mr J Powell
Head of PE

CHARITY NEWS

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to the students who helped selling poppies this year. They are listed below:

2YRB

Bradley Dunn

Owen Layton

Ellis Tagg

8YJPU

Harry Boston

8YMBR

Archie Andrews

Finlay Thomas

8GIM

Lauren Askew

Felicity Baker

Oliver Bradley

Jake Fox

Megan O'Dell



All have had praise points added for their hard work in selling the poppies and will receive a certificate.

Ms Phillips
Additional Support

Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Girls Netball - Year 8	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Battle of Board rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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	Battle of Boat cast rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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	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/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	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	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
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	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	Lunchtime	MA4		Ms Prance/Miss Mann
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	Year 8 & Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Lunch Clubs - Thursday - Friday

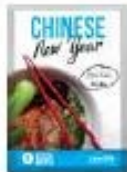
Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care	Lunchtime	VO2		Mrs Bennett/Ms Chandler
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
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	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 11 French Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Year 7 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 6 Feb	Y9 Options Evening
Fri 9 Feb	Non Uniform Day - MIND
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb	Spring Half Term (Ski Trip & Washington Trip)
Thurs 22 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 24 - Sun 25 Feb	Ten Tors Overnight 3, Dartmoor
Wed 28 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip, Swanage
Thurs 8 - Mon 12 Mar	Y11 Core Mocks
Wed 21 - Tue 27 Mar	Y10 Mocks
Fri 23 Mar	Non Uniform Day - Sport Relief
Thur 29 Mar	End of Spring term
Tues 17 Apr	Start of Summer Term
Sat 21 April - Sun 22 April	Ten Tors Overnight 4 - Dartmoor
Tues 24 April	4.30 Y7 Parents' Evening
Thurs 3 May	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 11 - Sun 13 May	Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor
Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Summer Half Term
Sat 9 - Sun 10 June	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition
Wed 13 June	5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening
Wed 27 June	7.00 Y13 Prom
Thurs 28 June - Sun 1 July	Y12 DofE Practice Gold Expedition - Dartmoor
Fri 29 June	7.00 Y11 Prom
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 - Sun 22 July	Y13 DofE Gold Expedition - Brecon
Fri 20 July	Last day of Summer Term
Wed 5 Sept	First day back for students
Mon 22 Oct—Fri 26 Oct	Half term

February Marketing **BULLETIN**

Hi we're Caterlink, your schools caterer. We want to share some of the great offers, promotions, events and deals we are having coming up this month - In February we have Chinese New Year, National Yorkshire Pudding Day, Pancake Day, Valentine's Day, Destination USA and your In Season Food Hero is... Bananas to support Fairtrade Fortnight!



Chinese New Year

This year Chinese New Year falls on Friday 16th February so we will be celebrating with an array of Asian inspired dishes. Chinese New Year aka the Spring Festival in modern China, will introduce traditional and non traditional food and recipes to pupils. Some of which will include: an array of noodles and fragrant flavoured rice dishes, an abundance of sweet and sour flavours and other regional dishes.



Food Hero BANANAS

Not only are bananas full of potassium and fibre but they are also delicious! We will be using them in everything from desserts, to pancakes to smoothies and even to make fresh banana bread.



Pancake Day

Who doesn't love pancake day? We certainly do! To celebrate we will have a variety of sweet and savoury toppers such as lemon and sugar, fruits, honey, cheese and tomato, creamy mushrooms and many more that pupils may not have tried before.



Loyalty Cards

Hot meal loyalty cards are always available so that pupils can benefit from rewards and redeem a free hot meal.



National Yorkshire Pudding Day

Yorkshire Puddings have been around since 1737 so we have some traditional recipes and we have put our Caterlink twist on a few out of the box recipes such as the Yorkshire Burrito! Of course we have the classic toad in the hole and roasts as well as options for vegetarians so everyone can enjoy.



Destination USA

For Destination USA we have some recipes from across the pond for pupils to try. Some of these include buffalo wings, our Mac n Cheese concept, pumpkin pie and hot dog and burger bars.

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.
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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