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NEWSLETTER

“The man who reads is the man who leads”

Mid 20th Century Proverb

Dear Parents/Carers

Education Funding

You will have received a letter from me on Wednesday containing the latest information about the education funding campaign. (This is also available on our website on the Information for Parents page.) The coordinated campaign across 17 local authorities now includes 4000 schools, and is reaching a million families. If the promise from the election of £4bn nationally is honoured, this will clearly help but is still not sufficient. Experts reckon that this will mean 3% cuts over the next five years instead of 8%; for Clyst Vale, this would represent another £150,000 to be cut. It may have felt like we were pushing at a brick wall, but education funding was a major issue on the doorstep in the election, which is heartening as the campaign will continue.

Exam Season

There are only 4 A-level exams next week. It's a bit like when the family comes at Christmas: busy-busy, highs and lows, stressful at times and then a bittersweet feeling as they go and it's all over. We have coped with a wide range of individual illnesses, accidents and family issues; invigilated some exams at the student's home; chased up missing students; provided pre-exam briefings, and extra sessions; supported anxious students; dealt with myriad special exam access arrangements. The candidates themselves have been magnificent; other students have been respectful and quiet. And many, many thanks to parents and carers for all your support.

Watergate

Some lazy wording in last week's Newsletter deservedly landed me in hot water (sorry...) with some parents, and I apologise for any confusion or alarm caused. I implied that access to drinking water was a privilege not a right, which is absolutely not the case. Of course students have a right to access to water. Including the Sixth Form, we have seven water fountains; in addition, the water in all the cold taps is mains drinking water, apart from Science labs and any taps on outside walls. The point I failed to make was that rights bring responsibilities: we encourage students to keep hydrated, and they have both the *right* and access to refill bottles; however, on hot days there is the *responsibility* to end breaks a few minutes early so that lesson time is not affected. I was probably worrying too much: during this week's heatwave, the majority of students managed to do exactly that. At least our uniform policy allows boys to wear shorts in hot weather.....

PTFA

The PTFA held their last meeting of the year this week, so it's a good time for me to thank them publicly for their support throughout 2016-17. There has been the usual fund-raising, drinks at Parents' Evenings, refreshments at the Carol Service and organisation of talks, but more than that the group is evolving into other roles. For example, I find it immensely helpful to have some regular informal meetings with parents from time to time, and members of the PTFA have provided a reassuring voice to parents of Year 6 pupils during transition events.

Put 4th October 6.30 pm in your diary. It is the PTFA's AGM, and the new caterers Caterlink have already agreed to present and ask questions. There will also be a discussion as to how the PTFA could go forward, possibly even reinventing itself. This could be an ideal opportunity for parents who have had enough of primary school fetes and do not have the time for something like being a Governor, but who would like to be a little more involved in College life.

Contacting the College

We are very proud of our human and "personal touch" at Clyst Vale, but it is completely unreasonable to phone up or arrive in Reception and demand to speak to a particular member of staff there and then, unless it is a very serious health or child protection issue requiring immediate attention. Please arrange a call-back or an appointment. I mention this because it is on the increase at the moment. One factor is that students are phoning home during the day with their version of events about an incident, and parents then call in sometimes before we are even aware of it, and very often before we have had time to look into it thoroughly and make decisions based on the full picture rather than one view of it. My colleagues do a fantastic job, and deserve to be trusted.



Dr Bawn

YEAR 11 PROM

The final arrangements are being made for the Year 11. This event is being held at Reed Hall, University of Exeter on Thursday 29th June 2017.

We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00pm. The evening will finish at 11.00pm and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter from the venue.

I am sure the students are looking forward to the prom and will have a wonderful evening. If you would like any further information, please contact Miss Hellier on 01392 463913 or email hellierc@clystvale.org.

Miss Hellier
Green School AtHoS

Summer Ten Tors Event 16-18 June 2017 – A Wales Forest Weekend

So, back in March 2017 we asked those students doing Ten Tors this year what they'd like to do in the summer term, for a fun chilled-out weekend away, after all those long Ten Tors walks had been finished with. From a range of ideas all related to the outdoors/navigation, a Wales Forest Weekend idea was voted the preferred option...



And that's where we've just been! The weekend was only open to those who have participated in the Ten Tors this year, as we know they can camp safely & behave sensibly. Seventeen students participated and we stayed at a lovely Forestry Commission campsite, just for youth groups, with no mobile signal at all and at the end of a 3 mile forestry track right next to the River Wye, just below Symonds Yat. They allow fires as well, so on Friday night after getting there and pitching camp it was time to build a fire, plus marshmallows and s'mores. Saturday was a packed day including abseiling and caving in the morning, then raft building in the afternoon – the perfect activity for the scorching temperatures. The highlight of the rafting was everyone standing up on it and trying to bounce the raft to get their ankles wet!

The students also voted to watch the latest Pirates of the Caribbean film on Saturday evening and then attempt a nearby hedge maze on Sunday morning to test those navigation skills.



So a fun weekend away and a nice way to round off the outdoor year for this year's Ten Tors participants – stay tuned for more info when it all starts again in the Autumn!

Mr Eales

Ten Tors Manager



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	William Bassett
8YME	Elizabeth West
8YMM	Archie Graham
9YJCO	Rhiannon Seaton
9YSP	Gabe Clark
10YMPR	Alex Deacon

GREEN SCHOOL	
7GHE	Tom Massey, Luca Santillo & Lara Gimbuta
7GIQ	Megan O'Dell
9GABR	Dylan Cosslett
9GTGA	Jake Wall
10GSW	Thomas Hannaford

SILVER SCHOOL	
7SMBR	Caleb Smith
8SAO	Aaron Smith
9SLA	Adam Wallace
10SNG	India Withers
10SNS	Sam Darke

RED SCHOOL	
7RKC	Nathan Holden
8RZB	Adi Whiteman
9RAR	Jamie Faulkner
10RDH	Jacob Roach

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 26th June—Wed 28th June	Y9 Mock Exams
Thurs 29th June	Y11 Prom
Thurs 29th June	DLD
Fri 30th June	Y13 Prom
Mon 3rd July—Tues 4th July	Y10 P16 Taster Sessions
Wed 5th July—Fri 7th July	New Intake Days
Mon 10th, Wed 12th, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th July	Celebration Assemblies
Tues 11th July	Sports Day
Fri 14th July	P16 Taster Day
Sat 15th July—Mon 17th July	Y9 Trip to Ypres
Sun 16th July—Sun 13th August	Borneo Expedition
Mon 17th July—Fri 21st July	Y7 Paris Residential
Mon 17th July—Wed 19th July	Bude Residential
Tues 18th July—Sat 22nd July	Y10, Y11 & Y12 Geography Field Trip to Iceland
Wed 19th July	Y7 & Y9 Woodlands Trip
Fri 21st July	Non-Uniform Day

Clyst Vale Public Library

Did you know that there is a public library at Clyst Vale Community College? Part of Devon's Libraries Unlimited, the public is welcome to borrow books and audiobooks, use the internet, reserve items for collection and return books from other public libraries across Devon.

There is also a fortnightly Bounce and Rhyme session for parents/carers and their babies/toddlers. Please call in to the library for more information during the opening hours listed below:

Mon: 3.30 - 5.30
 Wed: 3.30 - 5.30
 Thurs: 4.00 - 6.00

The Public Library is part of the School Library and is located next to Reception. Access can be gained from the main school entrance.



Mrs Foulds
Library Manager

Lunch Clubs Mon - Wed

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in the Maths block		Miss Barratt
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Wright & Mrs Needs
Mon	Vocal Harmony Group	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	BTEC/Imedia & Digital Creativity	Lunchtime	Mac Suite		Mrs Higginson
Tues	Academic Catch Up (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tues	Year 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Year 10/11/12 & 13 Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Cricket Nets	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Miss Wright
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 v 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	All Years Boys & Girls Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Woolacott
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Jazz Bank	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Year 9 & 10 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Elliot & Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	French Year 11 Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	Year 9 & 10 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Wed	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber

Lunch Clubs Thurs - Fri

Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years Boys & Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Year 11 Revision (to half term only)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Learn To Read Music (half term onwards)	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Sign Up Only 10 Hula-hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 9 Boys & Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9, 10 & 11 Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - Week A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Band/Group Rehearsals for Festival on the Field	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Year 7 - 11 Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

UNIFORM

Thomas Moore is offering 10% discount on uniform purchases made in store (not online) on 15th/16th/17th July. If ordering online, please do so by 31st July to prevent any delay in receiving items.

Mrs Smith
PA to Principal/Office Manager

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.



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

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

You need to let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs. If you do not notify the College, then your Assistant to Head of School (AtHoS) will contact you to identify the reason for absence. This will help to reduce unauthorised absences and truancy.

Please note, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if a student is absent from College due to illness.

For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please contact the relevant AtHoS

Silver School: Julia Knowles (01392 463906; knowlesj@clystvale.org)

Yellow School: Claire Turner (01392 463914; turnerc@clystvale.org)

Green School: Catherine Hellier (01392 463913; hellierc@clystvale.org)

Red School: Pam Grant (01392 463910; grantp@clystvale.org)

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington Post-16 PA

Direct line: 01392 462697

(answerphone available)

email: barringtonj@clystvale.org

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.

All uniform 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.

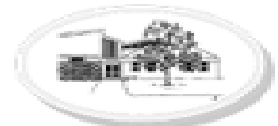
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