



NEWSLETTER

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“Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate.” *John F Kennedy*

Dear Parents/Carers

Open Day Tours

Clearly, if you are reading this, then your child or children are probably already at Clyst Vale. However, please spread the word to any friends, neighbours or relations with a Year 6 (or 5) child that we will be offering daily daytime tours of the College in the week beginning 3rd October. Open evenings are great, but increasingly schools are putting on a show, and there is no substitute for visiting when we're in session to experience the atmosphere when 900 students are in the buildings! To book a place, please contact Claire Phillips on 01392-463919.

Harry Patch Day

This went very well, and Mrs Padden's more detailed report appears elsewhere, including the website. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed, especially Mrs Padden and her band of helpers: monies are still coming in, but it looks like over £300 will be raised for the RNLI, as well as keeping alive Harry's memory and his message that young people should grasp the opportunities denied to many of his generation.

Year 11 Fieldwork to Dawlish Warren

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, two parties of Year 11 students went to Dawlish to complete fieldwork research and measurements as part of their GCSE coursework. Our students were superb, even on Tuesday when another school's students did not display the same good manners we expect from ours!

Fire Drill

We held a planned “walkthrough” fire drill today so that students, especially new ones, can get used to the routine and evacuation routes. I'm delighted to say that the buildings were cleared in around two minutes, and the students' behaviour was exemplary.

Spanish Links

Today we welcomed twelve students from Vigo in Spain, who will be with us for three weeks, mornings only. We also have two other Spanish students with us for longer than this. We're really pleased, as Spanish classes will benefit enormously from native speakers, as will the Year 10 students who are “buddying” the Vigo party. Clearly, it makes foreign language and culture more interesting and “real” when there are genuine Spaniards in the College!

Late Buses

We have had several buses arriving late this week, in part due to the traffic signals near Pinhoe which occasionally decide to show red simultaneously rather than alternately. If a school transport bus is running late, our responsibility is to make sure students are safe and on site. If a bus is a few minutes late, then we would wait. If a bus is likely to be very late, then we would ask students to contact parents (and they can use College phones to do this); we will always wait with students until the bus arrives. This week was unusual with CV8; it was late, and we could get no information as to when or even if it would turn up (it did in the end, an hour late). Therefore, I did ask students to contact home, and thank you to parents who collected and offered lift-shares. There are two points here: one, we will always make sure students are safe; two, when I am asked why Clyst Vale does not ban mobile phones, incidents like this show that in a rural area, they are very useful items indeed for all concerned.

Coming Up for Parents.....

Next Thursday is "Meet the Tutor" evening for Year 7 parents. This is a chance for parents to meet their child's tutor and discuss how the first few weeks have gone, including successes and other issues. For the majority, students have overcome their natural nervousness, learned the routines, and settled well. However, there are others who may still be anxious and/or have problems adjusting to secondary school, and it's an opportunity to raise these issues. The evening is held in our Post-16 block; there will be drinks and biscuits, and there will be a variety of staff and members of the PTFA on hand for an informal chat as well.

Mentioning the PTFA, please come along to the AGM on 12th October, 6.30pm, also in Post-16. There will be a presentation on the very hot topic of students' emotional health and well-being as well as the AGM, and you will not be bribed or bullied into doing anything you don't want to! (And we don't have an annual fete...)

Station Road: Road Closure

We have been advised that maintenance works on Station Road are scheduled for five days from 30th September – 4th October, weather permitting. The work includes "grass cutting, gully cleaning, central reservation sweeping, patching, surveying, cascade clearance and French drain treatment". A rolling road closure and diversions will be put in place. Access to Clyst Vale will only be from the Dog Village end, and the official diversion route is through Whimple. Work on the road directly outside College will only take place during the school day so parents will be able to drop off and collect as normal at the start and end of the day. So, we had all better allow a bit more time to get to Clyst Vale in the week after next.

The "H" Word

H is for Hoodie. It's getting chilly, especially in the mornings, so students understandably want to have an extra layer of clothing. However, there are plenty of products on the market which fit this bill and are NOT hoodies. Hoodies (and tracksuit material tops) are not school uniform, and should not be worn except on non-uniform days. This isn't a matter of being "picky" about rules; we're proud of Clyst Vale, have a good, smart, practical uniform, and don't want it covered up by a hoodie.

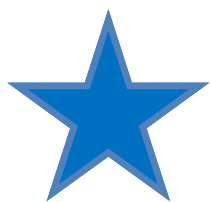
Best wishes.



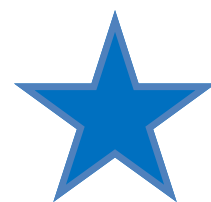
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CALENDAR DATES

Thurs 29th September	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
Tues 11th October	Ski Trip Information Evening (6pm)
Thurs 13th October	Year 10 Parents' GCSE Information Evening (6pm)
Half Term	Mon 24th October to Fri 28th October 2016
Thurs 10th November	Post 16 Open Evening (6pm)
Tues 15th November	Year 12 Meet the Tutor (4.30pm)
Tues 22nd November	GCSE Presentation Evening (7pm)
Thurs 24th November	Year 10 Parents' evening (4.30pm)
Tues 29th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 16th December 2016
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wed 4th January 2017
Half Term	Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February 2017



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Adam Champion
8YME	Kaitlyn Kellaway
8YMM	Evie King
9YSP	Hebe Poole
9YJCO	Tegan Somers
11YCW	Reece Warren

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Jessica Luscombe
7RKC	Jamie Wreford
8RZB	Lucy Reed
9RAR	Nathan Squire
10RDH	Holly Rankin
10RGG	Fran Broadhurst-Tennant
11RMHI	Emily Roberts
10RTMA	Josephine Wild

SILVER SCHOOL

9SLA	Amazon Start
10SNG	Leon Robson
11SSG	Sophie Thomas
11SDJ	Lewis Hayne

Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in Maths Rooms		Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Production Auditions/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	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Tues	Textiles Club - Starting date tbc	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Mrs Adie
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett/Miss Carnall
Tues	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision (AFTER XMAS)	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	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office-Post 16		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 7 Science Club	1.40pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Wed	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed B	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Mrs Crook
Wed	Year 7 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
Thurs	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Girls Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Music Club - Week A	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Powell
Thurs	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Lunch Clubs—Fri

Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Academic Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	Various	New Block Unless Specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce Mrs Elliot/Miss Garman
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Games Club - Year 7	1.30pm - 2.00 pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

PTFA

Hello and welcome to all the new parents who have joined our email list. I hope your children are happy and settling into life at secondary school.

We attended the open evening last week for current year 6's and it seemed to go well with lots of people.

Next week - Thurs 29th is Year 7 meet the tutor evening. A great opportunity for parents to catch up with the school on the first few weeks for their children. We have been asked to attend this event to support the parents by making teas and coffees. The event starts at 4.30 and finishes at 7pm and takes place in the Post 16 block.

If anyone is able to help out with this event that would be very helpful. We could break it into shifts so if someone could come between 4.30 and 5.30, 5.30 to 7 that would be great. Just let me know if you can help.

Weds 12th October 6.30pm is another date to note for our AGM. We intend to hold a quick AGM to clear the business side of things and move onto a presentation by the school on how they deal with the Emotional wellbeing of the students. There has been a lot of press about mental health of young people and a lot of parents are trying to help their children deal with anxiety, self harming, eating disorders, etc. This should be an interesting insight into what services the school offers.

Don't forget if you can't attend any meetings but have issues you would like raised, please let me know and we will try to get answers for you or put you in contact with the right person to help.

Regards

Jenny

SKI PILA 2017

There are still spaces available on the 2017 trip to Italy during February half term. Any student interested in going on the trip should see Mrs Elliot as soon as possible for details.



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

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 can be purchased from SWI online shop or Thomas Moore.

PE kit is only available from SWI online shop.

The reversible jacket is only available 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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