



NEWSLETTER

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w/c Mon 27 February 2017
will be Week B

“Happiness depends upon ourselves”
Aristotle

Dear Parents/Carers

Y9 Parents' Evening

Many thanks to parents of Year 9 students for another well-attended Parents' Evening. I appreciate that most parents would not dream of missing a parents' evening, but even so it is very heartening for my colleagues and me to see this visual confirmation of the home-school partnership. Also, students will always fare better in their studies and in life if they have good parental support (although it may not feel like that in the teenage years...). Not unrelated, I was chatting to a Year 9 girl at lunchtime yesterday, who hadn't realised that she was now over half way in her Clyst Vale career and is now a lot nearer to being 16 with the first set of adult “rights” and expectations than she is to being a young child at Primary School. So, the Year 9 options process and Parents' Evening are more than just a couple of events: they are symbolic of that turning point in a student's school life. It almost goes without saying that the sooner this realisation dawns, the better, both in terms of enjoying and appreciating Years 10 and 11, and also in terms of GCSE achievement.

Y10 and 11 Exams

Speaking of enjoyment in Years 10 and 11, students should be aware of their forthcoming exams, and if not they will be very soon; I suspect that half-term impeded smooth communication. In the last-but-one week of term, Year 11 students will have exams in the core subjects of English, Maths, Science and B&V; not in other subjects. These are properly “mock” exams, as they are a direct practice for the real thing in May and June. Year 10 exams are in the last week of this term, week beginning 27th March. These will be “mock” exams in the sense that they are in proper exam rooms under exam conditions; and will closely resemble the exam papers for summer 2018. Clearly, they will only be testing work completed so far, and their principal use is in determining students' progress and also group and individual strengths and weaknesses. Exam timetables are on the College website (if you would like to print one off and put it on the fridge door.....).

Year 11 Parents' Pre-Exam Information Evening

I look forward to meeting Year 11's parents next Tuesday at 6.00 pm in Post-16. This is an *information* evening: it has two main themes, which include the revision and preparation advice we offer, as well as a run through of the exam rules and “what if my son/daughter is late/is ill/is caught with his mobile phone”. It may seem a bit early to be holding this meeting, but the first major GCSE formal exam in the Hall is twelve weeks on Monday, with practical exams earlier than that.....

Internet Safety

Today ex-policeman and internet safety expert Gary Gates will make presentations to all students, matched to their age and likely use of apps and social media. This is a follow-on from Internet Safety Day before half-term. More on this next week. In the meantime, as the proliferation of social networks can prove challenging for all parents and carers, we have put a new link on the Internet Safety tab on the website; this is an update of the NSPCC's "Share Aware" and well worth a look. The link is <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>. Hopefully you'll find it a useful resource in understanding the implications of your child's access to various Social Networks.

Uniform

When I'm in the bus park in the morning, what I notice as students disembark from buses or cars is that student after student is in good, correct uniform, proper shoes, and a decent coat. However, there is a persistent minority in hoodies; shoes with white trim; or with nose studs. We tackle these students pretty much every day and although it's wearing, will continue to do so. What I'm asking is that the vast majority of students and parents continue to support our clear, reasonable uniform expectations and be aware that comments like "everyone's got a nose stud" are about as true as "everyone's got an iPhone 7+" (*other smartphones are available*).



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SILVER SCHOOL

7SMBR	Keith Lowres
8SAO	Max Lockyer & Lara Drake
9SLA	Charley Pullen
10SNG	Emily Blatchford
10SNS	Alice Courtier
11SDJ	Lewis Hayne
11SSG	Leah Ripley

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Joseph Tandy
8YMM	Emily Taylor
8YME	Amelie Brooks
9YJCO	Harry Parkhouse
9YSP	Jack Manning
10YMPR	Ebony Hayler
11YCW	Lucy Dechan

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Kerensa Hurren
7RKC	Harry Down
8RZB	Louisa Bardot
9RAR	Milly Rawles
10RDH	Ben Bardot
10RGG	Adam Beer
11RMHI	Issy Calderwood
11RTMA	Ella Bibby

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 Maths Rooms		Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 8 (girls) Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Miss Wright
Mon	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	1.45pm	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	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tues	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot Mrs Bennett
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	All Years Badminton	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce Miss Wright
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 10 Maths Workshop (Disadvantaged Students)	Lunchtime	MA8		Mrs Manaton Mrs Hucklesby
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Dance (all years)	1.45pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
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 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 & 8 Girls Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett



Do you use twitter? Then why not follow us @clystvale to find out what's going on in the College community.

Lunch Clubs Thurs - Fri

Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	1.45pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Badminton	1.45pm	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	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	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	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.45pm	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/ Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	GCSE PE Revision (Week A)	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield

CHARITY NEWS



Our next non uniform day will be in aid of Comic Relief and Red Nose Day.

This is taking place on Friday 24th March and costs just 50p.

If you would like to do anything else to help fundraise for Comic Relief, please see the Charity notice-board (outside Dr Bawn's office), ask your AtHOS or HOS or me. I have plenty of resources/sponsor sheets/balloons and stickers.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Phillips
Additional Support

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week
Thurs 23rd February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 25th February - Sun 26th February	Ten Tors 2 nd overnigher
Tues 28th February	Y11 Pre-exam Support Evening
Thurs 2nd March	1.30pm Y13 Slapton Ley trip leaves
Sat 4th March	Y13 Slapton Ley trip returns
Mon 13th March - Fri 17th March	'Bugsy Malone' School Production, Barnfield Theatre
Tuesday 21st March	Deep Learning Day
Thurs 23rd March	4.30 - 7.00 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day
Sat 25th March - Sun 26th March	Ten Tors third overnigher
Mon 27th March - Fri 31st March	Year 10 mock exams week
Fri 31st March	Last day of Spring 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

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

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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