

NEWSLETTER



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will be Week B

“The height of cleverness is to be able to conceal it”

Duc de La Rochefoucauld

Dear Parents/Carers

Please remember the clocks go forward an hour on Sunday morning – if you do forget and students are dropped off an hour early, we offer a very good breakfast service...

Bugsy Malone

Last week's production of Bugsy Malone was magnificent, and sustained the tradition of exceptional Clyst Vale performances. One complimentary e-mail read, "This was the 4th CVCC production I have seen and the continued professional standard of acting, choreography, stage set, costumes and programme production leaves me to conclude that this cannot be a one-off, or by chance, but a result of hard work and dedication by a great team of leaders, staff, and motivated students". I could not have put it better myself. The success of Bugsy was the culmination of thousands of hours of work by a huge team in which every contribution, great or small, counted. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support our students. Thank you especially to Anna Ruscoe and Emma Williams for their skilful direction and continuing commitment.

Year 11 & 10 Mocks

In terms of attitude and demeanour, Year 11 students deserve to do really well in their mocks (and even better in the summer). They have been excellent so far, and one aspect of the "mocks", the experience in the exam rooms, has been very successful. The mocks also seem to have focused most of Year 11 on the last few weeks of their studies before the exam period kicks off in earnest in May. Year 10's turn comes next week, of course!

Deep Learning Day

I had a lovely day on Tuesday, accompanying Year 7 on the History visit to Chepstow Castle. We explored the castle, learned all about the horrible ways people died in battle in the middle ages, how Henry V had an arrow removed from his eye-socket, and then watched an impressive archery demonstration. Yet again, I was immensely proud of our students who behaved impeccably throughout the visit despite some rain and a shortened lunch break. Back at Clyst Vale, Year 8 had great fun developing raps in a literacy-themed day, and some of the final products were innovative and impressive; Year 9 divided their time between developing ICT skills for GCSE, and health and fitness activities; Year 10 spent their day on three practical scientific challenges, one for each of the three main sciences; Year 11 focused on statutory aspects of the sex and relationships curriculum; and Year 12 visited the Higher Education Fair at Westpoint. All of these activities could not take place without my colleagues developing them, organising them, coordinating them, leading them, and being prepared to take part.

4x4 National Finals

Once again, we are extremely proud that Clyst Vale is representing the South-West region in the national finals of the Jaguar Landrover 4x4 competition. Team Velocity is our youngest team ever, and did very well to reach the final. This is being held at Silverstone on Tuesday, and (if the technology works) there will be a live stream on YouTube. So, very best wishes to the team, Ed Gold, Elijah Holding, Maddie Knight, Joe Hartley, Ellie Harris, Charlie Blackburn, Sam Roberts and thanks to Mr Hewlett and Dr Turl for all their hard work in preparing and supporting the team.

Devon County Letter to Year 9 Parents

Year 9 parents/carers have received a letter from Devon County Council informing them of places for Key Stage 4 courses at other schools. Apparently, all local authorities (in our case, Devon) are now required to let parents know of schools which admit pupils at age 14 to pursue mostly vocational courses. The schools mentioned are in Newton Abbot and Plymouth, and no transport is provided. Like other schools in Devon, we were disappointed not to be informed about these letters and had no opportunity to warn you in advance. At least current Year 8 parents/carers reading this will not be surprised or confused when the letter arrives in a year's time.....

Uniform

There are broadly three types of student with regard to uniform. The vast majority (85-90%) are absolutely fine, wear the right uniform and are a credit to themselves and their families. There is a persistent hard core of a handful of students, nearly all in Year 10 and 11, who continually challenge the rules and who are dealt with on a weekly basis; sadly, parental support for our expectations is often lacking. So, the group that these Newsletter reminders target is the students who are on the fringes of correct uniform, push the boundaries a little, now and again, or are influenced by peer pressure. If you are buying uniform items during the Easter holiday, please make sure that they conform to the list we put out every week in the Newsletter. For us, skirt length is a particular battleground, so please ensure that they are of a decent length (literally in one or two extreme cases), and of proper material, not clingy, stretchy or almost see-through.



Dr Bawn

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 27th March - Fri 31st March	Year 10 mock exams week
Fri 31st March	Last day of Spring term
Wed 19th April	First day back after Easter
Mon 24th April	YR12 House of Commons & Lords trip
Wed 26th April	YR9 Boys' vaccinations—9.15
Fri 28th April	YR10 Boys' & Girls' vaccinations
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tues 2nd May— Fri 5th May	YR10 Mock Exams

SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY ROUNDUP



Superb teamwork, attitude and effort from the Year 11 lads in their recent match versus Cullompton. Well done to all of the squad!

Outstanding effort and skills were shown by both the U13 & U15 Contact Rugby Girls on a sunny afternoon fixture versus Uffculme. Well done to all who contributed!



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	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
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	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	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 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	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
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	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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

SILVER SCHOOL

7SMBR	Izzy Price
8SAO	India Williams & Megan Newberry
9SLA	Sam Taunton
10SNG	Leon Robson
10SNS	Abi White
11SDJ	Robbie Palmer

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Sheykie Campbell, Joseph Tandy & Emilie Atwell
8YME	Haille Morgan
8YMM	Libby Windle
9YJCO	Lucia Boyden & Damien Beattie
9YSP	Tom Raedar
10YMPR	Molly Dart
11YCW	Peter Feehan

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Maddie Youel
7RKC	Emily Clayton
8RZB	Louisa Bardot
9RAR	Kyle Wager
10RDH	Jacob Roach
10RGG	Kyle Eidam
11RMHI	Alex Arthurs
11RTMA	Sam Robinson

GREEN SCHOOL

7GHE	Jack Kingston & Adam Muscatt
9GABR	Lauren Elliot

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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