

# NEWSLETTER

*"Be in general virtuous, and you will be happy."*

Benjamin Franklin



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**w/c Mon 30 April 2018**  
**will be Week A**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **An Inspector Calls....**

Two, actually. As you know, on Wednesday we received a section 8 one-day "short" inspection. Parents can be forgiven for not keeping up with the changes in the Ofsted inspection regime: in simple terms, a school which has a good rating and doesn't seem from the results to be descending into chaos will receive a section 8 inspection three years after the last inspection. It IS an inspection, but could be regarded as a (thorough) quality assurance check. What hasn't changed is the confidentiality surrounding an Ofsted; therefore, I cannot comment until the letter (not a report, another change) has gone through Ofsted's QA and is finalised, which will be May 16<sup>th</sup>, according to Ofsted's timescales. The most likely outcome is that nothing much changes, although we will have a handful of things to work on and improve before the next inspection.

What I can say is a very big thank you to all of the students, colleagues, Governors and others who were involved on the day. The two groups of students who met the Inspectors were fantastic, and described as "delightful". After a few ropey experiences in my career I was pleased with the quality of the inspectors, who were fair, balanced, prepared to listen, had a good grasp of educational issues but were as sharp as razors! I can also say that it's good that the inspection is over and done with, as we were expecting it this term, and it clears our focus on the run-up to exams which begin in a couple of weeks' time.

## **Year 7 Parents' Evening**

Many thanks to parents of Year 7 for a very good and positive evening on Tuesday; 84% of students were represented. I haven't had a chance to process the parent feedback, because of Wednesday's visitors, but it looks very good. There is a lot of praise for the way that we support students, and have aided their transition to secondary education. Most of any negative comments related to the appointment system for the evening, and I'm really sorry that this has been a problem for parents. The issue is mathematical, really. In two and a half hours there can only be thirty slots (many teachers started earlier or stayed later to increase this); however, it is quite common for a teacher to have two Year 7 groups, and sometimes more. Another factor is that we have a nice problem in that more parents attend: we regularly have 80% or more students represented, whereas it used to be closer to 70%. We are looking at alternative ways to increase availability, but I have to be mindful that a Parents' Evening day is an 11-hour day for teachers, and we all want them to be at their brightest and best in class the following day. If you would like to discuss your child's progress in a particular subject or with his/her tutor, please contact the teacher directly, or if you are unsure of the e-mail address via the relevant AtHoS.

## **Exam Season**

The GCSE Art final piece exam was completed before Easter; the A-level Art final piece this week. On Monday it will be the GCSE French orals, on Tuesday the all-day Drama exam, and on Thursday GCSE PE moderation. The first major GCSE exam in the Hall and exam rooms is a fortnight on Monday; the majority of A-levels are immediately after May half-term. Therefore, the next two weeks are a crucial time for students in exam years; most lessons are now revision-based, and there are many lunchtime revision sessions available. Each child is an individual, so I am reluctant to make blanket statements. For those students who may not be coping well, please contact the relevant AtHoS or Mrs Barrington (Post-16).

## **“Embrace” (Parent Group Evening)**

You will see below a write up by Jenny Sanders of the latest Parent Group activities. An audience of just over forty watched Clyst Vale’s screening of “Embrace”. For years traditional media and advertising has promoted the ideal look, and this has been accelerated in recent times by social media. “It has now become the norm that young people are not happy with their body and how they look”. Our role as educators is to help students understand and challenge perceptions, differentiating between myth and reality. Therefore, as Jenny indicates, we will be using “Embrace” as part of our Course 42 programme. My thanks goes to the “Wonders of Whimble” and Gill Wilson, whose fundraising efforts for the Body Image Movement paid for the licence for our copy of “Embrace”.

## **Parent Group Meeting: Social Media and Safety, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 pm.**

The next Parent Group hosted meeting will be in three weeks’ time on the related topic of social media. On inspection day, students reported that they felt very safe at Clyst Vale, but when pressed on their biggest safety “worry”, it was social media.

## **Science Fair**

Last week the Science Club celebrated Science Week through a series of assemblies and a Science Fair on Wednesday. The club is made up of mostly Years 7 and 8 students supported by Sixth Formers and staff. The Fair was great, made up of a dozen interactive stalls covering a range of science. It generated a lot of interest, whether students were interested in inflating pigs’ lungs, checking their blood pressure, handling stick insects, or using beads to make DNA.

## **Tesco Bags of Appeal**

I am delighted to say that the Clyst Vale Gardening Club received the second biggest amount of tokens, and will receive £2000. This will buy a greenhouse to replace the demolished conservatory, plus tools and equipment. The greenhouse is also useful to support the science curriculum. Huge thanks to John King, Senior Technician for his work in getting us nominated. And thanks to all of you who shopped in Exeter branches of Tesco and put your tokens in the correct box. £2000 may not seem like a huge sum, but as I’ve seen somewhere, every little helps.....

## **Attenborough’s army**

You might recall I mentioned this a few weeks back. Anyway, after a short delay through unavoidable circumstances, the formation of Attenborough’s Army will commence at 13.30 hours on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. It is a student eco-group, which will advance on several fronts to improve the College. This will include larger battles against the use of plastics and energy saving, eternal vigilance against the scourge of litter, as well as some forays into wilding and planting certain areas of the College. Director of Operations will be Mrs Foulds, and I hope that there is enormous support for this initiative which will raise awareness, improve the look of the College, engender some pride, and be our contribution to national and global environmental improvement.

## CIF bids

Excellent news is that we have been successful in two bids to the Government's Capital Improvement Fund (CIF). We will receive a total of £1.4m for roof replacement and for fire safety improvements. These are not especially glamorous, but undoubtedly necessary. It's always good news to receive an injection of funding of any sort! The nature of the work means it cannot be completed within the summer holiday, so we've decided that it's better to have the disruption at the end of the summer term (after exams are finished) rather than the first few weeks of the autumn term. It's early days in terms of planning the work, but the areas to be re-roofed are the Science block, Main Hall & Canteen, front of the College, and the office alongside the playground. Fire improvements will be all over the site, and will be done mostly during the holiday; this includes up to 186 fire doors, and a complete new bell system. We will have to have a contractors' compound on site, so will be applying the most stringent safeguarding and safety requirements. In fairness, the contractors employed will be very familiar with working in a school setting. More details as we have them !

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

## Parent Group (formerly known as PTFA)

This week the school were able to show Embrace - a body image documentary. This was made possible by the donation of a license from the Wonders of Whimble. The school now have access to show the film to students as part of Course 42. The film highlights the unrealistic images shown to us by the media and the damaging information available on line and in gaming. It encourages everyone to be accepting of how they look and to concentrate on living a full and healthy life.

We had a good turn out of parents and a few students and there was positive feedback that this event was useful in starting conversations about confidence and body image. If you were unable to attend and would like to watch the film, it is available for private viewings on youtube <https://youtu.be/HAEI3DWfd3k>. Gill Wilson introduced the meeting and took questions after. She is an eating disorder counsellor and passionate about helping us all love our bodies. If you have any questions after watching the film you can contact Gill on facebook at Embrace Exeter.

## Wednesday 16th May 6.30pm in the Post 16 room - Internet and social media safety

This is our next event with Gary Gates. He is a former Police officer with a specialism in social media and internet safety. Gary has given presentations before for us and it has never failed to be informative and shocking. If you have concerns about your child or even if you just want to have better awareness of what they may be exposed to, this is an excellent opportunity to talk to a professional and the school.

### Early Lunchtimes this term

Mon 14 May	Tues 22 May	Tues 5 June	Mon 11 June
Tues 15 May	Wed 23 May	Fri 8 June	Tues 12 June
Wed 16 May			Wed 13 June
Thurs 17 May			Thurs 14 June
Fri 18 May			



# ***STUDENTS OF THE WEEK***



## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

<b>7YRB</b>	<b>Samuel Knee</b>
<b>7YKHO</b>	<b>Natasha Hopf</b>
<b>8YMBR</b>	<b>Emma Squire</b>
<b>8YJPU</b>	<b>Max Walker</b>
<b>9YMM</b>	<b>Connor Brooks</b>
<b>9YZK</b>	<b>Daisy Norris</b>
<b>10YMHI</b>	<b>Ellie Backway</b>
<b>10YSP</b>	<b>Gabe Clark</b>
<b>11YMPR</b>	<b>Molly Dart</b>
<b>11YNS</b>	<b>Jack Jeffery</b>

## **RED SCHOOL**

<b>7REW</b>	<b>Maddie Newman</b>
<b>7RTMA</b>	<b>Ruby Worlin</b>
<b>8RCJ</b>	<b>Summer Harlow</b>
<b>8RCM</b>	<b>Jack Davies</b>
<b>9RZB</b>	<b>James Selley-Steer</b>
<b>10RAR</b>	<b>Will Woodley</b>
<b>10RLA</b>	<b>Draton Pike</b>
<b>11RDH</b>	<b>Millie Clements</b>
<b>11RGG</b>	<b>Adam Beer</b>

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

<b>7GDJ</b>	<b>Kiera Franklin &amp; Ted Harrison</b>
<b>7GGT</b>	<b>Libby Pearson &amp; James Emmerson</b>
<b>8GHE</b>	<b>Emily Pattison, Shino Hosgood &amp; Eleanor Francis</b>
<b>8GIM</b>	<b>Felicity Baker &amp; Morgan Cosslett</b>
<b>9GAO</b>	<b>Courtney Turner &amp; Aaron Smith</b>
<b>9GPE</b>	<b>Chloe Elliott &amp; Sam Roberts</b>
<b>10GBA</b>	<b>Jake Wall &amp; Jade Waller</b>
<b>10GABR</b>	<b>Jacob Lush &amp; Jodie Bucholz</b>

## Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 Boys Cricket	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Mr Pearce
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Year 8 Girls' Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Revision	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Tues	Year 9 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliott
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Gardening Club	Lunchtime	by Science garden		Miss Morgan
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	All Years Tennis	Lunchtime	Tennis Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Wed	Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	1.30pm to 2pm	MA4		Ms Prance
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher Foundation	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Needs/Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 Food Practical Session	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook

## Lunch Clubs - Thurs - Fri

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Drama Rehearsals/Drop In Sessions	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Bowring
Thurs	Year 9, 10 & 11 Softball	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 8, 9 & 10 Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thurs	Year 7 Rounders	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mrs Elliott
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO2		Mrs Bennett/Ms Chandler
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 13 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.35pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Various Years Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Miss Shire/Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
					Miss Cranston/Mr Johnston
Fri	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
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	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 9 B&V Drop In	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Fri	Year 11 Physics Revision	Lunchtime	SC1		Mr Pearce

# April Marketing **BULLETIN**

Hi we're Caterlink, your school caterer. This month we have brand new offers, promotions and events for you. In April there's Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, St George's Day, Destination Italy and your In Season Food Hero is... Rhubarb!



## **Food Hero Rhubarb**

Rhubarb is a vegetable but it is usually cooked, sweetened and combined with other fruits as a dessert. We will be adding it into lots of the pupils dishes this month including desserts and salads.



## **St George's Day**

This St Georges Day, Caterlink will be celebrating with a variety of great English classics! From toad in the hole to hot pots to fruit crumble, we're going to serve them all.



## **Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day**

On Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day we won't just be celebrating grilled cheese. We have some out of the box ideas and a variety of cheeses, fillings and deals on offer!



## **Destination Italy**

Destination Italy gives pupils the opportunity to try foods from a different culture. We have on offer a range of soups, pastas, pizzas, olives, sandwich fillings and much more. All will give a true taste of Italy.

# CALENDAR DATES

Thurs 3 May	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 11 - Sun 13 May	Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor
Wed 16 May	PTFA 6.30pm (Gary Gates - social media and internet safety)
Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Summer Half Term
Mon 4 - Sat 9 June	Y7 Paris Residential
Sat 9 - Sun 10 June	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition
Wed 13 June	5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening
Tues 19 June	Y12 Biology Field Trip - Dawlish Warren
Wed 27 June	7.00 Y13 Prom
Thurs 28 June - Mon 2 July	Y13 DofE Gold Assessed Expedition - Brecon
Fri 29 June	7.00 Y11 Prom
Wed 4 - Fri 6 July	New Intake Days
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 - Sat 21 July	Y12 DofE Gold Practice Expedition - Dartmoor
Fri 20 July	Last day of Summer Term
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2018</b>	
Wed 5 Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct	Autumn Half Term
Fri 21 December 2018	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 7 January 2019	Start of Spring Term
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	Spring Half Term
Fri 5 April 2019	Last day of Spring Term
Wed 24 April 2019	Start of Summer Term
Mon 6 May 2019	Bank Holiday
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019	Summer Half Term
Fri 19 July 2019	Last day of Summer 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

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

Green School: Catherine Prunty (01392 463913; pruntyc@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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport)*



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## 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.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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