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NEWSLETTER

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game—Michael Jordan

Dear Parents/Carers,

Rights Respecting School Special Edition

Rights Respecting School (RRS) will define Clyst Vale over the coming years. It is not another flash-in-the-pan initiative, another badge on the headed notepaper, but a way of being. Some of Clyst Vale's unique selling points are our humanity and compassion, our valuing of people as individuals, and our inclusivity; we are already a long way to being a RRS. RRS is already operating on several levels simultaneously, and will continue to do so. Perhaps the highest political level is that it promotes the 1990 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: so there is talk of "Articles" and "Rights" and "UNICEF". Students need to be aware of this context, and that many children in the world do not have these rights. Responding to this, RRS means taking appropriate action (in an educational context): our student Amnesty Group is long-established, supporting initiatives such as Human Rights Days and the recent collection for children at a Greek refugee centre. This demonstrates a practical manifestation of the Charter, that students can "do" something and it's not all talk, alongside a whole host of other learning benefits.

It gets better. Next week we will formally introduce our **RRS Charter** to students in a special tutorial on Monday morning. It is already displayed around the College, and you can find a copy on the website. I must again acknowledge the tremendous commitment of Miss Watt to RRS, supported hugely by Mrs Battishill, plus a number of colleagues and some wonderful students on the Steering Group this year. The Charter was created by students, and consulted on through a variety of student and adult groups. It is based around three key concepts: Respect, Participation and Learning. These will become College straplines. Most schools have a three word pitch, and often include "excellence" or "achievement". I am very comfortable with Respect, Participate, Learn because if these are achieved, then the path is clear so that excellence and achievement will inevitably follow. These three key concepts have a total of eleven supporting statements. These statements reflect Clyst Vale's values, expectations, and ethos in one incredible brief document. The statements will (over time) inform our behaviour policies, our approaches to mental health, even classroom approaches. Established RRS schools report improved outcomes in terms of exam results.

RRS is not soft and fluffy. Rightly it promotes student voice; Article 12 (UNICEF simplified version) states “every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes...and to have their views considered and taken seriously”. However, this does not mean that children will be obeyed at all times, and will run the school; Governors, senior teachers and staff will still make decisions, but these decisions will be better-informed by student opinion. RRS does not mean that expectations of behaviour are lowered. Article 28 (The Right to Education) explicitly states that “discipline in schools must respect the dignity of children and their rights”; it does not say that there should be no discipline. Arguably the most important Article in our context is Article 28; at the classroom level, on our Charter one of the eleven statements is “allow others to learn”. This is the heart of our new behaviour policy and a change in mindset: students will be punished if they affect the learning of others because they are denying those others their right. Several articles refer to non-discrimination, and Article 2 explicitly covers it. There have been so many improvements in equality education over the last twenty years, but there is still work to be done. In the Clyst Vale Charter, it states “respect others’ differences”; this is a massive challenge, because in the world of social media, banter, lazy stereotyping, a rise of right-wing populism, coupled with teenage psychological and physiological development, (some) teenagers say hurtful things, which can often be discriminatory, often out of adult earshot. We will continue to educate, empower and intervene, reinforced by the Charter.

I have been a Head for a very long time, and I am not naïve. A poster on the wall by itself will not change much, if anything. RRS will not mean that in 2024 there will be no exclusions, no detentions, no friendship issues, no arguments, lots of group hugs and all students exceeding their target grades by miles. It will take at least two more years to become embedded, but it will make a significant difference; it’s a slow-burner, not a quick fix. To me, the Charter is a virtual contract for students and parents joining Clyst Vale: “these are our values, will you sign up to them, and will you support us?”. If we gain strong student understanding in Years 7 and 8, that will help everyone chart the stormy adolescent waters of Years 9-11 when those “teenage issues” really kick in. I mentioned that RRS schools achieve better outcomes; they also produce good citizens, which is another crucial purpose of education. They also make for even happier and safer schools.

One of the trite questions in education is often, “does the Head support this...”? I hope it’s crystal clear that I do. In my mind developing and embedding RRS is second only to developing and improving teaching, learning and our curriculum (admittedly, major areas). The Charter is an unbelievably important document for the reasons above; it is also simple, clear, and easily understandable for students. RRS becomes really tangible with the launch of the Charter.

Year 10 & 12 Taster Lessons

On Monday and Tuesday this week Year 10 students had an experience of Sixth Form life: A-level style lessons, use of the Post-16 block, no uniform (although we didn’t relax the smartphone rule!). This is loosely part of our careers education programme in the sense of encouraging students to think about their future; very much part of our commitment to prepare young people for the next stage of their lives; and to help build an expectation that students will study A-levels and Level 3 courses here.

Work Experience

There has been a very good response to my nagging but far more importantly to Mrs Bennett’s tireless efforts to get students placed. Thank you to parents for your help in finding placements, and in many cases for offering placements. But, yes, there are still some forms outstanding, mostly the three-way agreements.

Y11 Prom

Tonight is the Year 11 Prom at Reed Hall, University of Exeter. We're anticipating a lovely evening and will report more next week!

Rugby World Cup

As always, Clyst Vale is ahead of the game. The professional Rugby World Cup is in the autumn, but we are in the middle of the *real* one. This week we have had the Schools' boys competition (winner not known at time of writing) and the girls' is next week. All part of healthy competition, with glorious running rugby in sunny conditions and hard ground....

Primary School Sports

On a similar theme, we were delighted to welcome pupils from our feeder Primary Schools to an athletics-based sports day on Wednesday. Our Year 10 PE students were brilliant in organising and officiating, and it was a joy to watch. It's always helpful in terms of transition that pupils get early and positive experiences of Clyst Vale, and this was certainly one such.

Hot Weather Reminders

So, summer is here for a few days at least. The customary reminders: students should still wear normal school uniform, including at lunchtime so that shoulders remain covered; "proper" shorts have always been part of our uniform and are completely acceptable. Students are permitted to wear hats out of doors. Students are encouraged to stay hydrated; however, the deal here is that they allow sufficient time to fill water bottles without being late for lessons or registration. Students are welcome to stay indoors in the usual places during break and lunchtime to keep out of the sun. We cannot be responsible for any sun protection creams, I'm afraid. Like many things, it's mostly a matter of common sense and thinking ahead.

Attendance

We may only be three weeks from the end of term, but attendance is still important. Yes, there are a number of special events and trips, but the day to day life of Clyst Vale continues as normal, and good attendance remains an expectation. In any case, "learning" is not just about formal lessons: it includes experiences and skills as well, so missing DLD or a visit day is also a loss of learning. We have been disappointed at the large number of requests for holidays in term-time, but we cannot and will not authorise them. An attendance of 90% is not "good": it means a day off every fortnight, and students below 90% are deemed "persistent absentees". I mustn't sound too moany, because in fairness attendance overall has improved this year, and the vast majority of students and parents have been fantastic.

Chewing Gum

I haven't mentioned chewing gum for years, not that the problem ever completely goes away in any secondary school: my schoolmates and I were frequently reminded about it in the 1800s when I was at school. It's not allowed, it never has been, it's particularly bad for students with orthodontic braces, it's a health risk if not disposed of properly, it's banned from exams, it's unsightly, occasionally it gets on to clothing or even hair, and it's not even a good look (I'm always reminded of cows in a field for some reason). There seems to be more of it around at the moment, so your help in stopping it would be appreciated.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Giles Stockman
7YMPR	Florence Abley-Mallett
8YRB	Owen Layton
8YKHO	James Feehan
9YMBR	Poppy Lugg
9YJPU	Emilie Atwell & Laurence Raeder
10YMM	Camden Hayler
10YZK	Maddy Jeffery

GREEN SCHOOL

7GSW	Ned Brown & Olivia Lush
7GTB	Killian Haylock & Isla Cowie
8GDJ	Kiera Franklin & Ted Harrison
8GGT	Livvy Carter & Joe Pipe
9GIM	Theo Munro & Ryan Greenaway
10GDH	India Williams & Reece Passmore
10GPE	Chloe Elliott & Joe Hartley

Year 10 Buddhism Revision Friday 1.30pm in HU2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
7/6	Four Sights/ Ascetic life/ Enlightenment
14/6	Dependent arising/ 3 Marks of Existence
21/6	4 Noble Truths/ Eightfold Path/ Karma/ <u>Karuna</u> / <u>Metta</u>
28/6	5 Precepts/ 6 Perfections
5/7	Worship/ Meditation/ Theravada & Mahayana Buddhism
12/7	Death/ Festivals



LUNCH CLUBS SUMMER TERM

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Mon (A & B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	All Years – Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	All Years – Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett/Miss Lewis/ Mr Hammond/Kate Needs
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Mon	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Mon	Week A – ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Mon	Year 9, 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tues	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	Maths Rooms		All Maths except Dr Turl
Tues	Year 11 Top Set Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Week A – Assembly/Concert/ Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues (A)	Year 10/11 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues (B)	Year 11 Revision		IT4		
Tues	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Year 11 History Revision	Lunchtime	HU5		Mrs Padden
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 9, 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	All Years Dance	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Gardening Club	1.30pm	By The Green-house		Mrs Morgan
Tues	Year 7, 8 & 9 Cricket	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce/Mr Hammond
Tues	All Years Tennis	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 11 French GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	Yu Gi Oh	Lunchtime	SC8		Mr Moxey
Wed	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Week A – General Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drug & Alcohol Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 12 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA4		Miss Prance/Dr Turl
Wed (A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wed (B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wed	Week B - ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Wed	Year 9 5-a-side	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks

LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM continued

Wed	All Years Athletics	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett/Mr Hammond/Mrs Broomfield
Wed	KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Wed	Week A – Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Wed	Year 11 Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Ms Emmett
Thurs	Week B - Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Thurs	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thurs	Hula Hoop	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Thurs	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/Mr Powell/Mrs Elliot/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Hammond/Miss Lewis
Thurs (A)	Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs (B)	Year 10 Food Practical		DT3		
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	KS4 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	KS4 Photography Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Food Tech - Drop In Homework	1.40pm to 2.10pm	DT4		Mrs Routledge
Fri	GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Fri	Week A – Assembly/Concert/ Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 11 Indoor 5-a-side	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Fri	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/Mr Powell/Mrs Elliot/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Hammond/Miss Lewis
Fri	KS3 Musical Theatre Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Ms Ruskin

Library Opening Hours

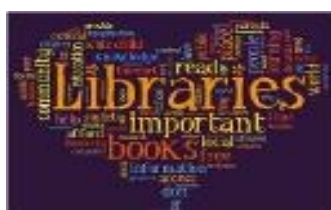
The library is open from 8.45am - 3.45pm on Mon, Wed & Fri.

PLEASE NOTE: The library will be closed every Tues and Thurs

The library is open to the public on:

- Mon & Wed - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

- Thurs 4.00pm - 6.00pm



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 let the College know, then you will be contacted 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 ring:

Penni Ball (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: barringtonj@clystvale.org



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



Ski Italia

2021



If your child is interested in being part of the next **Ski Trip in 2021**, they need to collect a letter from **Dr Turl** or **Mrs Elliot**.

Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70km of pistes, offering high-altitude snow-sure skiing for everyone, from complete beginners to those who have skied at a high level. The price will be **£1029.00** which includes the following:

- Travel, from Clyst Vale to resort, and return journey (luxury 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
- Clyst Vale ski hooded sweatshirt


Behaviour and achievement points will be taken into consideration prior to students being accepted on this trip.



NETBALL CLUBS

YEAR 9, 10 & 11
MONDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM

YEAR 7 & 8
THURSDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM



CALENDAR DATES

SUMMER TERM 2019	
Wed 3 July—Fri 5 July	Y 6 Transition Days
Thurs 4 July	RRS Accreditation Day
Mon 8 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Tues 9 July	Sports Day
Thurs 11 July	Reserved Sports Day
Fri 12 July	Y12 Final Day
Mon 15 July - Fri 19 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Mon 15 July— Thurs 18 July	YR8 Bude Residential
Thurs 18 - Sun 21 July	Y12 Gold D of E Practice
Fri 19 July 2019	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

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 College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- **All trousers must have Clyst Vale logo rivet on waistband.**
- Skirts - Blue Tartan.
- Trutex Senior stitched down/Taylor Tartan (blue) skirt and may be worn no more than 2" above the knee. Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Black sturdy shoes or **all black** trainers.
- White socks or black tights with skirts.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

All uniform and PE Kit 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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