



NEWSLETTER

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“An intellectual is someone whose mind watches itself “

Albert Camus

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Many thanks to parents of Year 10 students for another excellent attendance last night; 77% of students were represented. This is massively encouraging, because there is a strong correlation (and perhaps an obvious one) between parental support and student success. It was a positive evening: Year 10 in general have started their GCSEs well, and the evening is well-timed for the minority of students to nip in the bud any issues with attitude and behaviour before they become embedded.

GCSE Presentation Evening, Tuesday 22nd November

This was without doubt one of the highlights of the whole of 2016, and also the best GCSE Presentation Evening we have held. There were two principal reasons for this: guest speaker Sara Cox, and the excellent organisation by Mrs Dominy and Mrs Hopkins. Sara Cox is the first ever professional referee in women's rugby, regularly flying abroad to officiate in both 15s and 7s; you might recall that she officiated in the summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Ten years ago, she too had collected her GCSEs from Clyst Vale, and had barely started refereeing; so her presentation was an inspirational account of those ten years, sprinkled with the high points and low points, and stressing the qualities of vision, goals, determination, and making and grasping opportunities. Although the credit is Sara's, I think everyone present felt proud that she came from Clyst Vale, and that Clyst Vale had contributed to her remarkable achievements. Certificates and prizes were awarded to students making the best achievement and the most progress in each GCSE and GCSE-equivalent qualification; a full list is overleaf. The overall winner of the Achievement award was Verity Greenaway, who earned 10A* and one A; the overall winner of the Progress Award, in other words making most progress under the new "Progress 8" measure, was Reece Boots-Hutchings. Congratulations to ALL of last year's Year 11, and best wishes that their GCSEs are the first step to great things.

Y11 Mocks

We've all heard phrases like "practice makes perfect" or "the more I practise, the luckier I get", and the Year 11 mocks need to be seen in this light. Even if it is not possible to prepare as thoroughly as for the final exams, the whole process and the feedback from teachers is clearly a very important part of the final outcome. Timetables have been sent out; the exam week is week beginning 5th December. Where possible, subjects are allowing homework to be revision time and/or providing revision materials.

Children in Need Day

I'm delighted to report that we raised over £800 for Children in Need on Friday last week. Thank you very much to everyone for their generosity in a good cause, and especially to the four Schools for their organisation and coordination. The "fair" idea worked well, with live entertainment from ex-student Poppy Rawles, Mr Pearce as the Head of School locked in a cage, various competitions, and the inevitable rat being splatted.

Deep Learning Day 2

Next Friday sees the second "Deep Learning Day" of 2016-17. Clearly, students tend to focus on the activities which their year group experience, but it's good to give an overview of all year groups as it demonstrates the range, as well as the creativity, skill and organisation of my colleagues. Year 7 will have the second half of the Maths and

Languages Day; Year 8 are going to Plymouth Aquarium with the Humanities team to focus on conservation and environmental damage; Year 9 divide between ICT, developing skills to write formal reports (for example) and PE, with the theme of health and fitness; Year 10's focus is on work-related learning, including preparation for work experience while Year 11 have a mixed day of study skills and "Course 42" issues relating to sexting and radicalisation.

Robotics Enrichment Day

On Wednesday, thirty Year 9 students undertook a day focused on robotics. This included building a simple robot from component parts, and programming it to perform various movements. In addition, there was consideration of some of the emotional and ethical issues surrounding robots and their use. Digital technologies are developing at breakneck speed, and robotics is one of those technologies; experts tell us that 35% of current jobs could be automated in the future, resulting in loads of job opportunities, so this was a very topical day arranged by Mrs Bennett.

Gurdwara Visit

The B&V department took a party of Year 9 and 10 students to visit the Singh Sabha Gurdwara in London yesterday. The trip focused on Sikhism, the importance and uses of the Gurdwara, and was a valuable real-life reinforcement of what we teach in lessons. More broadly, it is also valuable for students to visit a multi-cultural area of the UK very different to semi-rural Devon. It was a long trip, but well worth it, and our students behaved well and respectfully.

Floods and Foul Weather

The weather last Sunday and Monday was horrible, and our thoughts go to families who experienced flooding in their properties. There is standard advice on the front page of our website about adverse weather, but this week's events were a reminder about transport issues. In brief, if we are open, then school transport and the bus companies will run unless it is not safe to do so, or buses simply cannot get through the snow/flood water/fallen trees, or the bus company cannot guarantee a safe return from Clyst Vale at 3.20. The basic rule is that if the bus company get students here in the morning, they are obliged to get them home again. We will always do our best to liaise with Devon School Transport and the individual bus companies as early as possible on days when the weather is adverse, and publish information on our website.

PTFA: Next Meeting 30th November, 6.30 pm

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th November at 6.30pm in the Post 16 block. There will be a presentation on the new exam grading system to help explain the change from A*-G to 9-1, and how it will affect students and parents. As we will be building our assessment structures on the new system, this will affect all year groups, not just GCSE, and will bring about changes in how we report to parents. There will also be a short business meeting. Please come along – the attendance at the last meeting was encouraging, and it was great to see some new faces (and the established ones, of course!)

Early Arrivals

Unlike some local schools, we do not have a hard and fast rule about the earliest time a student can be dropped off. This is because we are in a rural setting, and appreciate that parents have work commitments. However, as a general guideline, students should not be dropped earlier than 8.00. Early birds should go straight to the Giraffe House, and stay there until the bulk of students and staff arrive between 8.20 and 8.30; they certainly should not wander around the site. This is for common sense safety reasons; at 8.00. there are always staff near the Giraffe House, and walking past. This cannot be guaranteed in other parts of the site.

Best wishes.



Dr Bawn

GCSE Presentation Evening Award Winners 2016

Subject	Achievement	Progress
Art	Hannah Ebdon	Sophia Robinson
Biology	Joachim Boyden	Daan Van der Giezen
Business Studies	Hayden Williams	Reece Boots-Hutchings
Chemistry	Georgia Dyer	Hannah Ebdon
Child Dev	Abigail Harris	Amy Louise Riggs
Computing	Kristian Tyrell	Nathan Meldrum
Food Tech	Holly Bunkum	Josie Holding
Graphic Products	Alex Barton-Phillips	Lily Collins Board
Resistant Materials	Daisy Selley	Emily Salter
Drama	Josie Tapp	Gemma Olive
English Lang	Verity Greenaway	Emily Pring
English Lit	Finn Manning	Jed Wright
French	Georgia Dyer	Lauren Jenner
Geography	Megan Parsons	James Vallance
Health & Social Care	Megan Knight	Abigail Harris
History	Verity Greenaway	Josie Holding
Maths	Verity Greenaway	Joe Ridge
Music	Harriet Gilmour	Georgia Dyer
PE	Georgia Evans	Tommy Holmes Moore
BTEC Sport	Hayden Williams	Jasmine Pook
Photography	Millie Gee	Sophia Robinson
Physics	Finn Manning	Harriet Gilmour
Religious Studies	Kody Nordqvist	Charlie Quinton
Science	Kody Nordqvist	Reece Boots-Hutchings
Spanish	Ruth Hoskin	Georgia Evans
Overall winners	Verity Greenaway	Reece Boots-Hutchings



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YJPU	Ellie Hooper
8YME	Jim Wade
8YMM	Will Blum
9YSP	Zak Killian
9YJCO	Emily Gray
10YMPR	Alex Deacon
11YCW	Maisie Bailey

RED SCHOOL

7RCM	Alex Cox
7RKC	Ashik Skelton
8RZB	Will Smythe
9RAR	Hermione Discombe
10RDH	Freya Morrow
10RGG	Dylan Pengilly
11RMHI	James Coles
11RTMA	Ella Bibby

GREEN SCHOOL

7GHE	Katie Cowell
7GIQ	Emma Chick
8GPE	Alice Sutcliffe
9GABR	Lauren Elliot, Josh Bradley & Jessie Narramore
9GTGA	Toni Baynes
10GSW	Sam Craig
11GGT	Lewis Beer

SILVER SCHOOL

8SAO	Ysobelle MacDougall
11SDJ	Teoni Wilson
11SSG	Adam Barker

SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 Boys: CVCC 5-40 St Peters

Clyst Vale put up an outstanding fight against a very organised and well experienced team, whose team is comprised almost fully of Topsham RFC players. Playing up the slope in the first half, the side struggled to get their hands on the ball in cold conditions. Man of the match, AJ Medcraft, scored CVCC's only try of the game when he picked off a pass on his own 5 metre line and went the length to score a very well deserved try. This was an excellent experience for the boys in a game which will not come much tougher. Well done to the squad: Harri Turner ©, AJ Medcraft, Josef Welch, Oliver Tydeman, Sam Walters, Tom Lockett, Remi Morcrete, Luke Williams, Oli Bradley, Finn Thomas, Jack Galliford, Harrison Coles, Will Franchi, Finley King, Luca Assante.

Year 9 Boys: CVCC 14-31 Kings School

The Year 9 boys crashed out of the East Devon Cup at the semi final stage, with a defeat to local rivals, The King's School, Ottery. A determined and strong display was not enough against a well drilled side who took their chances well. Tries were scored by Ben Parsons (x2), with both conversions taken by Harrison Tarrant.

CVCC 19-19 Exmouth

The Year 9 squad pulled off a last minute draw against Exmouth at home on Tuesday afternoon. Tries from Ben Parsons (x2) and Joe Blackburn, with two converted by Fin Potter. Well done to the squad which featured some new faces! Ben Parsons ©, Joe Blackburn, Tre Campbell, Fred Worth, Charlie Roberts, Harrison Tarrant, Charlie Sparkes, Barnaby Bilton, Zack Killian, Abe Alabaidi, Fin Potter, Alex Rogers, Damien Beattie, Josh Bradley, Brad Maunder, Andy Dodd, Josh Urwin-Barrett, Harlan Nicholas and Ty Pardew.

Mr Pearce

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 29th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm)
Fri 2nd December	Deep Learning Day
Mon 5th December	YR11 Mock Exams Week
Thurs 8th December	YR9 Girls HPV Vaccinations
Sun 11th December	Ten Tors 2nd Walk
Wed 14th December	7.00 Carol Service (Whimble Parish Church)
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 16th December 2016—Non uniform Day
Start of Spring Term 2017	Wed 4th January 2017
Half Term	Mon 13th February to Fri 17th February 2017

PTFA News

The next meeting is on Wednesday 30th November at 6.30pm in the Post 16 block. It includes a presentation on the new exams systems, and there will be help with understanding how the new systems will be different and how they will affect students. All years will be affected by these changes but most significantly Year 10 and below for GCSE's. At this meeting we will need to discuss the Christmas concert. This is due to be on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm in Whimble. If anyone would like another topic or issued raised, please contact me (jls.sanders@btinternet.com).

A fundraising opportunity has been offered to us by Cotley Farm Christmas shop. A voucher is included below, and if you buy a Christmas tree and present this voucher (or ask them at the shop) they will donate £1 to your nominated PTFA. Cotley Farm sells Christmas trees and other festive goodies as well as having a family of real reindeer for you to visit. If you forget your voucher they should have some available to allow you to choose CVCC PTFA to receive the donation. They are a family run farm based in Devon, and wanted to take this opportunity to bring the community together this Christmas. For more information go to www.cotleychristmas.co.uk.

Jenny Sanders, Chair



COTLEY FARM PTFA VOUCHER

Bring this voucher with you, and for any Christmas tree purchase, £1.00 will be donated to your chosen Schools PTFA or Pre-School.

Name:

Email:

School:



Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Choir	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	GCSE PE Workshop/Revision	1.40pm to 2.15pm	PE5		Miss Garman
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm			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	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	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett
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	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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 & 8 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Garman
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	Lunchtime	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	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Miss Garman
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	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	Bugsy Orchestra	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
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



Public Consultation

School Admission Arrangements for state-funded schools and Education Travel Arrangements and Relevant Area for Admissions

consultation open from 1 November 2016 to 6 January 2017

You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council and by academy, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools in Devon** which are their own admission authorities.

and the following academies in Plymouth: **Oreston Community Academy, **Old Priory** Junior Academy, **St Edward's** CofE Primary, **St George's** CofE Primary, **St Matthew's** CofE Primary & Nursery and in Torbay: **All Saints**, **Babbacombe**, CofE Primary, **Oldway** Primary, **Roselands** Primary, **St Marychurch** CofE Primary, **Upton St James** CofE Primary

To view the proposals, please visit:
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019
for a paper version.

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.

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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