



**No. 500**

**w/c Monday 1 February 2016  
will be Week B**

# NEWSLETTER

“The hard way is the right way.”  
*John Alves*

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Remembering the Holocaust**

Today we were enormously privileged to welcome Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines, who escaped Czechoslovakia on literally the day before World War II started. She was rescued as one of almost 700 Czech children on the trains organised by English stockbroker Nicholas (later Sir Nicholas) Winton. Lady Milena told her remarkable story, placed firmly in the lead up to the Holocaust, and our students were so respectful and spellbound that you could have heard a pin drop. The story of the Winton trains is truly inspirational, and there will be much more about this very special event in next week's Newsletter. Holocaust Memorial Day was on Wednesday, and in assemblies this week there have been presentations by Sixth Formers Lucy and Cam, two students who visited Auschwitz concentration camp as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's ambassador's programme. Also, despite media reports of teachers unable to teach about this period of history properly, I can reassure parents that at Clyst Vale it is covered by trained, experienced history teachers.

## **500 Up!**

When I penned the first Newsletter in 2001, I didn't imagine it would reach its 500<sup>th</sup> edition or that I would still be writing it! It was an experiment back then, printed on paper and issued to students every Friday, but parents welcomed it and it has carried on ever since. I just hope that it is still widely read, and that parents continue to find it useful. We are in a more technological age, so I have considered changing format to Twitter or a blog; however, there still seems to be a strong attachment to the traditional Newsletter, and it's always there, archived, on our website. So, thank you to all parents and parents of former students for your support over the years; I'm also reliably informed that a number of ex-students still read it after they've left, for the sports reports. Here's to the next 500!

## **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

The Year 11 Parents' Evening is always well attended, and Tuesday's was no exception. 74% of students were represented, and although the evening was generally very positive, there are always a few students who have to face up to some realities. Despite all the changes in education policies and assessment regimes, it is still fundamentally true that the harder you work, the better you will do. The next formal

point of contact for parents is the Exams & Revision Information Evening on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. This will be a briefing about exam regulations and procedures, with some advice on revision planning and techniques in the run up to GCSEs.

### **Year 9 Options**

Students in Year 9 received their Options Booklet in assembly this morning. It was made clear that this is a really important document, and in the unlikely event that it does not make it home tonight, will be available on the website next week. The booklet outlines the key dates and details of the process, and a brief summary of all the subjects available. The first key date for parents is the Options Evening on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Making option choices can be a very big and sometimes emotional issue for some students, so it is essential that they, and parents, have all the information possible. This is doubly so as national reforms to GCSEs mean that we are in the second year of significant changes.

### **Staff Changes**

Today we offer our best wishes to two support staff colleagues who are leaving Clyst Vale. Mrs Cathy Sharkey has worked in our Exams Office, and latterly as Data Manager, for a total of nine years; both of her children have been educated at Clyst Vale, and she has been an active and loyal member of the PTFA. For all of these reasons, she will be missed and we wish her well in her new post at ATASS on the Science Park. Luke Haydon, Assistant Caretaker, takes up a new position at Exeter University; Luke is a former Clyst Vale student, and it is very encouraging to see how his two stints at the College have allowed him to progress in his career.

### **Kirkland Rowell Parents' Survey**

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have completed and returned this. We have over a hundred, and IT'S NOT TOO LATE! The questionnaires will be sent off for independent analysis on Monday evening, 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **"Fizzy Drinks"**

There have been some enquiries about the fizzy drinks which are sold in the Canteen. I must admit that the bottles look exactly like sugary drinks available in many supermarkets, which I suppose is part of a deliberate marketing ploy. Quite right to enquire, too, as there is a national focus on the amount of sugar in food products. I can reassure parents that the sugar content in Radnor Fizz is typically 5g/100 ml, below half of any common brand name equivalent, and is entirely natural sugar from the concentrated fruit base. There is no added refined sugar. The company, and our caterers, ensure that all foods and drinks on offer are "school compliant", and keep this constantly under review.



**Dr Bawn**



### **BELIEFS & VALUES STAR AWARDS**



Congratulations to all those students who have been nominated by their class teacher for a B&V star award this term. This award is in recognition of your hard-work and positive approach to the subject over this term. Those nominated will be receiving a certificate, and letter home.

Well done!

**Miss Brotherton, Head of B&V**



## Half Term Hockey Course Exeter School

Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Both days 10 am - 3 pm  
Boys and Girls aged 8 - 14 years all abilities welcome

Learn new skills, play fun games and matches, win prizes and  
get a FREE T-SHIRT!

Cost; £40 for both days, £25 one day only

Sue Hutchings, Level 3 Coach, Devon and West Panthers  
Lauren Hutchings, Level 2 Coach, Welsh International  
Nikki Peters, Level 2 Coach, Devon and West Panthers

### Contact

Sue Hutchings on [suejhutchings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suejhutchings@yahoo.co.uk) or mobile  
07414894799

Registration form available at

[www.westpanthers.co.uk](http://www.westpanthers.co.uk)

## Action Packed Adventures this February Half Term

Great Outdoor Activities throughout the week at Exeter Quay. New courses for 2016 include Pick & Mix Rock Climbing and Bushcraft to name but a few.

Courses start from just £43 for one day of activity. Five days of activity £145. Ages 8 – 16 year olds. 15th February - 19th February 2016.

All information is available online at [www.haven-banks.co.uk](http://www.haven-banks.co.uk)



## LUNCHTIME CLUBS Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	Teacher
Mon	Minecraft for Girls/IT Girls Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mrs Higginson
Mon	Music Club	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Art Club	1.30 - 2.15	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Mon	B&V 'help clinic'	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	School Newspaper (Year 10 - 13)	Lunchtime	EN5		Miss Haynes
Mon	Year 11 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8, MA5 & MA4		Miss Barrett/Mrs Adie & Mrs Prance
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Miss Borny
Mon	Badminton (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Netball (Year 9 & 10)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs & Miss Cantin
Mon	Rugby (Year 9)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Football (Year 7 & 8)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Mon	Dance (All Years)	1.35pm	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Mon	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Mon	Yr 10 Homework/Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Mon	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tue	IT Club/Robots	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Tue	Textiles Club	Lunchtime	DT4		Miss Webber
Tue	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tue	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Tue	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Miss Borny
Tue	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tue	Basketball (Year 8 & 9)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tue	Netball (Year 8)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Elliot/Mrs Bennett
Tue	Rugby (Year 7 & 8)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tue	GCSE Work (Drama)	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tue	Gardening/Eco Club	1.40pm	SC7		Science Techs
Tue	Ten Tors (Year 9 and above)	Lunchtime	IT1		Mr Eales
Tue	B&V KS3 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tue	STEM (FULL)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolcott
Wed	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Nurses Office		Miss Borny
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Maths	Lunchtime	MA7		Miss Mann
Wed	Year 9 Maths	Lunchtime	MA6		Miss Gale
Wed B	GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	1.25pm to 2.15pm	DT4		Miss Fraser-Roe
Wed	A Level Dance (Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Miss Arnold
Wed	Girls Football (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Exeter City
Wed	Free Style Gym	1.35pm	School Hall	School Hall	Mr Powell
Wed	Netball (Year 11)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Miss Cantin
Wed	Rugby (Year 10 & 11)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Mr Gibson
Wed	Football (Year 9)	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Yr 11 Cont Assess Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Wed	Yr 11 Cont Assess Catch Up - Child Dev	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	1.45pm to 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Wed	Into The Wood Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

## LUNCHTIME CLUBS Thursday - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing	Teacher
Thur	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thur	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Thur	Games Club (Year 7 & 8)	1.25pm to 2pm	EN6		Miss Quick
Thur	B&V Revision (Year 11)	1.30pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thur	Hula Hoop Club	1.30pm	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Miss Borny
Thur	Netball (Year 7)	1.35pm	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Thur	Basketball (Year 10, 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thur	Weights (Year 10, 11 & Post 16)	1.35pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thur	STEM (Full)	Lunchtime	DT2		Mr Hewlett
Thur	Year 11 GCSE	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs Broomfield
Thur	Into The Woods Rehearsals	1.45pm - 2.15pm			Miss Williams
Thur	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Minecraft	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Staff IT Club/IT HW Help	Lunchtime	IT5		Mrs Higginson
Fri	Art Club	1.30pm to 2.15pm	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Fri	Music Club	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Into The Woods Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Inter Tutor (Year 7 - 11)	1.35pm	Various	Sports Hall	Mr Pearce & Miss Cantin
Fri	Smash It Up Badminton (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	School Hall	School Hall	Mr Powell
Fri	Football - Year 10A v Year 11B Football - Year 11A v Post 16	1.35pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	Yr 11 Cont Assess Catch Up - HSC	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Fri	Yr 11 Cont Assess Catch Up - Child Dev	1.30pm to 2.15pm	VO2		Mrs Colin
Fri	Hockey (Year 7 - 11)	Lunchtime	Courts	Sports Hall	Mrs James & Mr Newman
Fri	B&V KS4 Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### GREEN SCHOOL

7GAP	Jack Hannaford & Callum Lush
8GABR	Amy Ogden
8GTGA	Millie-Jo Elliott
9GSW	Lizzie Anderson
10GGT	Poppy Bilton
11GIQ	James Morris & Gemma Olive
11GPE	Matt Hardacre

### RED SCHOOL

9RGG	Kassady Williams
10RTMA	Martha Harrington

### YELLOW SCHOOL

8YJCO	Amelia Whateley
10YCW	Maddy Ross

### SILVER SCHOOL

8SLA	Elliot Rose
9SNG	India Withers
10SDJ	Robbie Palmer
10SSG	Lucy Pullen



# Public Consultation

## School Admission Arrangements

for state-funded schools 2017-18 and

## Education Travel Arrangements

2016-17

1 December 2015 to 31 January 2016

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

To view the proposals and to make comments on them,  
please visit:

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)

or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019

for a paper version.

## 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 “skinnies”, jeans, leggings, chinos or any trousers with rivets or studs. Trousers must be worn on the waist.
- Skirts should be plain black, around knee length and certainly no more than 10cm higher than the centre of 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.**

## 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.

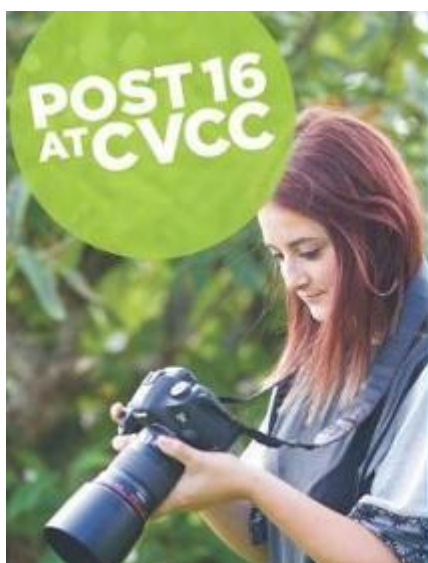
Further information is available at: [http://www.devon.gov.uk/school\\_transport](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport)



# CALENDAR DATES

## 2015-16

Mon 1st-Fri 5th February	Y12 Lake District Geography Fieldwork	
Tuesday 9 February	Y9 Options Evening	4.30pm
Thursday 11th February	Y8 Bude Information Evening	6.30pm
Friday 12 February	Non-uniform Day	
<b>Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2016</b>	<b>Spring Half Term</b>	
Mon 22nd-Fri 26th February	Y12/Y13 Mock Exam Week	
Thursday 25 February	Y9 Parents' Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 1st March	Year 11 Pre-exam Support Evening	6.00pm
Thursday 10th March	Into the Woods - first night performance	
Thurs 10th-Fri 11th March	Slapton Geography Fieldwork trip	
Fri 11th-Sat 12th March	Into the Woods performances	
Tues 15th-Wed 16th March	Y11/U16 boys Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s	
Wednesday 16th March	Deep Learning Day	
Thursday 17th March	Y12 Parents' Evening	4.30pm
Friday 18th March	Y8 Take Your Child to Work Day	
<b>Thursday 24 March 2016</b>	<b>Last day of Spring Term</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12 April 2016</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>	
<b>Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2016</b>	<b>Summer Half Term</b>	
<b>Wednesday 20 July 2016</b>	<b>Last day of Summer Term</b>	



**POST 16  
AT CVCC**

- > Highly regarded Post 16 College
- > Student support recognised as outstanding
- > Extremely low drop out rate
- > A Level pass rate 99%
- > Nearly half of all grades A\* to B
- > Increasing number of students from other schools

Please contact Clyst Vale Post 16 on 01392 462697 or visit our website: [www.clystvale.org/visitors/sixth-form](http://www.clystvale.org/visitors/sixth-form)  
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