



NEWSLETTER

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will be Week A

"Since when was genius found respectable?"

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term

The last few days after the snows have been pretty positive. Year 10 have tackled their exams with a good attitude, Year 11 GCSE Art & Photography Exams have been completed with a similar sense of application, we have had some sporting successes, the 4x4 team represented us magnificently at the National Finals, and there have been some notable individual achievements. Even the weather has been friendlier, so students can get outside at break and lunchtime, releasing the "cabin fever". As always, our thanks go to parents and carers for all your support in this (well, perhaps not the weather, but everything else).

Kirkland Rowell Parental Survey

Thank you once again to parents and carers who completed this. The link to the final report can be found on the website: home page, key information, how well are we doing?

Parent Group (PTFA): "Embrace"

Further to previous e-mails, the PTFA is evolving into more of a Parents' Group with more emphasis on issues and "hot topics", less on tea and fundraising. The next of the series of evening presentations is a very powerful documentary about body image, entitled "Embrace". Through very good fortune, the local coordinator has strong links with PTFA members, so we are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity.

'Embrace' was produced by the Body Image Movement in Australia, and they have a target to bring it into all secondary schools in the UK free of charge. In order to raise the funds necessary, they are aiming to host 2000 screenings across the UK at a cost of £300 each (but free to us). The epidemic of body loathing is now having a huge detrimental effect on the well being of our young people. Many feel that they are not good enough and are not living up to unrealistic standards set by society.

If you are interested, the date for your diary is **Wednesday 25th April at 6.30 pm**. Parents of all year groups are welcome, but if bringing a son or daughter, the classification is 12A. We won't charge, but will ask for a voluntary donation for the Body Image Movement to put towards the £300 necessary for a licence for another school screening. More details to follow after Easter.

It's Never Too Late

After a busy few weeks, quite understandably students will feel like they need a rest and a break from the College routines. However, sounding like Mr Grumpy, the Easter fortnight is the last significant chunk of spare time before exams kick off; Year 11 have just four weeks between returning after Easter and the formal start of exams on May 14th, although there are practicals and orals before that. Students have been furnished with revision strategies, workshops and revision classes, "Positively Mad", and more. The problem with generic comment is that every child is different; there are many students in exam years who are calmly and effectively "getting on with it", have organised themselves, and building up nicely. However, for students who have not had the best of terms, or who have not yet started to take things seriously enough, Easter is a valuable opportunity to make up any lost time. Education and the style of exams may have changed a lot throughout the years, but the secret of success hasn't changed one bit: it's putting the time in, making a few sacrifices, being organised and methodical, and not giving up too easily.

Exam Timetables

Exam timetables for Year 11 and Year 13 have been sent out this week. The timing is not accidental. Developing a plan working backwards from the actual dates of the exams is a basic thing to do. And while it makes things no worse for students who are on top of their studies, it is a timely nudge for those who need to make more of an effort!

Jaguar Landrover 4x4 National Finals

Our young team did tremendously well at the National Finals against stiff opposition including many Sixth Form teams. They excelled themselves in many ways, and although they did not win any of the awards, their individual successes, teamwork, communication and "soft skills" have all improved enormously, so it was a significant educational experience. The team did particularly well in certain elements, coming 2nd overall in the trailer weight drag and 6th overall on the track performance. The team also earned a great deal of respect from their fellow competitors. So, once again we can take great pride in the way that a Clyst Vale team has represented the College and the south-west region.

Staff News

Today we say farewell to Mrs Val Hudson, who has been the College's SENCo since 2010, having started at Clyst Vale as a SEN teacher in 1999. As SENCo, Mrs Hudson has had responsibility for some of the College's most vulnerable students with a wide variety of special needs, as well as providing extensive advice and support to families. Clyst Vale has always had a strong reputation for its SEN work, and in recent years much of the credit for this goes to Val. She is keen to point out that she is retiring only from the SENCo role and Clyst Vale, but will continue to work in the field of special education. Also leaving today, on a temporary basis, is Miss Tracey Mann, who starts her maternity leave. Very different reasons for leaving, but as ever our thanks, and best wishes to both colleagues for a successful transition into the next stage of their lives. On 17th April we welcome Mrs Gaby Long as our new SENCO, and Mrs Michelle Ovenden to the Maths team.

Uniform 1.

You will receive a separate communication about uniform via the College gateway. For many students and parents, there will be no changes necessary. The biggest change is limiting skirts to one style and design, and reducing the ranges of acceptable trousers to ensure greater consistency and less room for "interpretation". I always intended to publish this information before Easter, but am sorry that it is so close to the break. My reasoning is that parents may be buying new uniform during the holiday, and wouldn't thank me if they bought something which would be deemed unacceptable in September.

Uniform 2.

In Years 10, 11 and to some extent 9, standards have dropped in recent days. It's the end of term, everyone's tired (including parents), and there's any number of excuses. On 17th April it is the *start* of term, people will be less tired, so I expect to see a significant improvement. Thanks!

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continuing support, and best wishes for a pleasant spring break.



Dr Bawn

RUGBY NEWS

Year 8 Boys 'Making Yards'

Congratulations to the group of Year 8 boys which undertook a 6 week programme at Sandy Park, home of the Exeter Chiefs, to work upon their aspiration, behaviour management and teamwork. The boys undertook a range of tasks, in and outside of the classroom, with them making progress over the period and grasping more opportunities as a result. There is still work to do, however there are plans in place to continue the work in Year 9.



A particular highlight has to be the boys watching the first team train on their training pitch, in preparation for the LV Cup Final on Good Friday. The boys target is to work upon all of the skills and positive traits learnt and discussed as a group within the school context.

Well done to all of the group that took part:

Cameron Bowers-Barker, Jake Williams, Jack Williams, Jed Rogers, Jarred Hancock, Sheykie Campbell, David Pardew, Tom Lipscombe, Remi Morcrette, Jake Clements, Nathan Holden, Jesse Davey, Jack O'Connor.

Adam Pearce



RUGBY NEWS continued

Year 10/11 Boys v Cullompton: CVCC 21-17 Cullompton

The Year 10 and 11 boys had another opportunity to mix their squads for the purposes of GCSE and BTEC PE assessment. On a pleasant evening, the lads played very well and scored three tries, two through fly half Tom Price and one through flying winger Charlie Sparkes. All of the tries were crucially converted through Fin Potter and Harrison Tarrant. It was a very even contest and a pleasing encounter between two very even sides. A big mention must go to Jake Bauer and Ben Matthews who both played a half for Cullompton as they only had 14 players. Ben even nearly managed to score a try against his own side!! Congratulations to the squad.

U13 Girls Rugby @ Devon Festival

The U13 girls were fantastic in their festival and had the opportunity to put into practice the skills which have been learnt this year. They had a tough but pleasing day, playing against some strong schools and led superbly well by Harry Price in Year 12 off the field. There were a few defeats, however the girls registered a win and never let their heads drop or the smiles go. The girls can now rest up and look forward to competing again in September.



Well done to the squad: Izzy Price ©, Kerenza Hurren, Natalia Hannaford, Jenny Auld, Jessica Luscombe, Emily Clayton, Sophie Elliot, Harriet King, Amayllis Shelley, Maggie Pascoe, Ellie Raynor-Johnson, Libby Pearson and Izzy Cocking.

U15 Girls Rugby @ Devon Finals Festival

The Under 15's started where they left off from the area festival, cruising through their respective group by beating South Dartmoor, Ivybridge, Pilton and Holsworthy to meet Exmouth in the semi-final. They dispatched Exmouth by three tries to one, leaving them with a tough game against well renowned



Kingsbridge Community College in the final. Seeing as their whole squad represent the County, the girls did extremely well but fell short and ended up runners up. Over the two days, the girls had a record of played 12, won 11 and lost 1. Not a bad record, considering the make up of the team and that only a handful play for external clubs. Unfortunately, the two finalists do not progress to a regional and national final, as done in the past and cannot follow in the 2013 team's footsteps of potentially playing at Twickenham. The RFU coaches told Mr Pearce on the day that this was down to 'funding' from the RFU. This will be looked into.

Congratulations to the squad: Lauren Elliot ©, Lenni Bashford, Fay Beer, Rachel Champion, Nikita Watkins, Marli Watkins, Rowan Greaves, Jasmine Collins-Board, Becca Nisbet, Rhiannon Seaton, Chloe Harris, Daisy Norris, Ellie Bradner, Summer Tooze, Chloe Elliott, Natasha Barley.

*Mr Pearce
Teacher of PE
Head of Green School*

RUGBY NEWS continued

Year 10 Boys Rugby at Millfield 10's:

The Year 10 boys wrapped up their rugby for the season with them attending the invitational Millfield School 10-a- side tournament. This is a tournament which has been running at the prestigious school in Somerset for a number of years now, with the Clyst Vale side of 2012 bringing home the plate competition.



The boys were simply brilliant throughout the afternoon, placed in a very tough group alongside Millfield A and Ivybridge College B, both very strong rugby schools and running out second best, but remaining competitive. Highlights were Joe Blackburn's try against Ivybridge off the kick off and Alex Roger's length of the field sprint against Millfield! Despite the losses, the lads battled well throughout, despite injuries to Charlie Sparkes, Brad Maunder and Harrison Tarrant.

The day finalised with a rare opportunity, playing on the Sir Gareth Edwards First XV pitch in the epicentre of the Millfield Campus. Few rugby players get this opportunity to play on this hallowed turf, with the lads taking on Barry School from Cardiff in a 3rd place playoff. Despite outstanding performances and scores from Abe Alabaidi in the corner, who could and have had one more that was chalked off, and Joe Blackburn tearing through the middle, the boys bowed out with a valiant 48-19 loss. Other highlights of the day were Ben Parsons stepping and handoffs, Harrison Tarrant's weaving run, Alex Rogers physicality, Charlie Sparkes leg drive and pace, Barnaby Bilton's cover in defence, Jacob Lush's scrummaging, Josh Urwin-Barrett and Matt Wright's weaving runs on the wing, Brad Maunder's power through contact and Edwin Choi's low tackles on very strong and fast Millfield players, despite being a Badminton player!

Once again, these boys were fine representatives of the College and a true pleasure to take away and to compete, on and off the field. Very well done to all of the squad.

Mr A Pearce

March Marketing BULLETIN

Hi we're Caterlink, your colleges caterer. We have some fantastic offers, promotions, events and deals coming up this month. March is a very busy month! We have International Waffle Day, Time for a Cuppa Week, British Pie Week, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day and your In Season Food Hero is... Leeks!



International Waffle Day

Everyone loves waffles and here at Caterlink we are not surprised why! They can be enjoyed as snacks, breakfast items, sweet, savoury, hot or cold. We plan on thinking outside of the box and serving waffles in fun and varied ways for our students.



Time for a Cuppa Week

Did you know that after water tea is the most widely consumed drink in the world and 84% of the British population drink tea daily! So whether students like afternoon tea, earl grey, english breakfast, iced teas or herbal, we will be serving it up. We will even provide a variety of biscuits to dunk in the perfect cuppa.



British Pie Week

Whether it's savoury or sweet, shortcrust or puff, with a bottom and top or just a top... It's still a pie and we are going to celebrate it! We have plenty of sweet and savoury pie fillings coming this week.



St Patrick's Day

It's all about the Irish theme on this day. From soup stations, main meals to a special green blended juice 'Paddy's Punch', we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day in our colleges and sixth forms.



Food Hero Leeks

Leeks are versatile, tasty and very good for you. We will be adding leeks into pies, soups, vegetable stir fry's and even cakes. This vegetable will be popping up in many dishes this month and we're sure students will enjoy.



St David's Day

On St David's Day we will have themed pop ups and food stations that will serve different Welsh themed dishes. Some of which will include: Welsh cakes, Welsh rarebit muffins, pies and cawl.

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Lunch Clubs - Monday - Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Girls Netball - Year 8	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Needs
Mon	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Mon	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Gillespie
Mon	All Years Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Mon	Science Club - WEEK B	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade
Mon	Battle of Boat cast rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	Invasion of the Pawn Snatchers Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Mon	B&V Year 11 Religion Unit	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 10 & 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 GCSE History Catch Up	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Tues	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Manaton
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	All Years Dance/Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Tues	Year 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tues	Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 12 Maths	Lunchtime	MA5		Mrs Adie
Tues	Year 11 B&V Thematic Unit	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 9 B&V	1.45pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Wed	All Years Dance & Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Higher	Lunchtime	MA4		Ms Prance/Miss Mann
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Shire
Wed	Year 8 & Year 9 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	Year 10 GCSE Food Practical Catch - WEEK A	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wed	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

Lunch Clubs - Thursday - Friday

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	Year 9 & 10 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Thurs	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Thurs	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up - WEEK A/B	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thurs	Year 13 Maths	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Thurs	Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Thurs	Hula Hoop Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Gillespie
Thurs	Year 11 Science Workshop	Lunchtime	SC5		Mrs Serven
Thurs	Child Development/Health & Social Care Catch Up	Lunchtime	VO2		Mrs Bennett/Ms Chandler
Thurs	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	Battle of Boat orchestra rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Fri	Battle of Boat rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
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	Year 11 French Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	PE5		Mr Powell
Fri	Year 7 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett

CALENDAR DATES

Tues 17 Apr	Start of Summer Term
Fri 20 April	Take Your Child to Work Day
Sat 21 April - Sun 22 April	Ten Tors Overnight 4 - Dartmoor
Tues 24 April	4.30 Y7 Parents' Evening
Thurs 3 May	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 11 - Sun 13 May	Ten Tors Main Event Weekend - Dartmoor
Mon 28 May - Fri 1 June	Summer Half Term
Sat 9 - Sun 10 June	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition
Wed 13 June	5.30 Non-feeder Parents' Evening
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
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
Wed 5 Sept	First day back for students
Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct	Autumn Half 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



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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.

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