

NEWSLETTER



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THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting." **Edmund Burke**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Exam Years....

Apologies if I am stating the obvious, but next half-term is very short because Easter is almost as late as it can be. Students are back on 24th April, and the first "sit-down" GCSE and A-level is on 13th May, in other words twelve school days later. May half-term is ten days after that. Between 24th April and 13th May there is also a bank holiday, and a number of GCSE practical and oral exams. Every student is an individual, so this information will elicit a wide range of reactions from anxiety to "bring it on!" and all points in between. My point is old-fashioned and simple. To achieve your potential in exams you need to work hard, revise thoroughly and prepare well. To reduce anxiety you also need to work hard, revise thoroughly and prepare well (but not over-doing it, ensuring enough sleep and recovery time). The spring holiday is over two weeks of time. Yes, teenagers need relaxation, sleep and downtime; yes, they need to see their peer group; yes, family stuff will be important, especially over the Easter weekend. However, with good basic planning many hours can be created for revision. My colleagues have given much advice about planning, what to revise and how to revise. Many students are already on top of this, but all parental help is appreciated! There is no way that a student can just rely on lessons and work in College if they are to achieve their potential. The time over the spring break is highly valuable.

Year 10 Practice Exams

Apart from a peculiar fidgety blip on Thursday morning, Year 10 students have acquitted themselves very well in their practice exams. It is very important that they pick up quickly on the expectations and rules of the exam room, as these are far stricter than any school's normal rules, and there is very little room for negotiation. That said, this really doesn't bother the vast majority of students, who just get on with it and try to do their best.

Children's Mental Health

Early Help, part of Devon's Childrens and Young People's Services, have alerted all schools to a new resource for parents which I am naturally delighted to pass on. Funded by Health Education England, "HappyMaps" is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children - from babies to young adults. It is intended to be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the SouthWest. The website name is www.happymaps.co.uk, and the link to the press release is here: [HappyMaps press release](#)

Take Your Child to Work Day

Very nearly a hundred Year 8 students will accompany a parent or close relative to work today. Thank you again to everyone who has provided this opportunity, and we'll report back next week!

Rosslyn Park

In a sort of elaborate sidestep minibus manoeuvre, we sent both boys' and girls' squads to the very well-known Rosslyn Park Sevens. Irrespective of performance, this is an amazing experience for the students concerned at one of the traditional heartlands of rugby, meeting and mixing with students from a wide variety of schools and colleges, but mostly independent schools. Huge thanks to the PE department and especially Mr Pearce and Mrs Elliot for their work and time in making this possible. By all accounts, the boys gave a very good account of themselves with a couple of victories, and were excellent ambassadors for Clyst Vale, Devon and the state education sector. More, much more, to follow...

Hot weather reminders

Well, we had spring before winter had finished, and now it seems that we have summer before spring is over.....So, bearing in mind the sun is not at its very hottest yet, here are some relevant warm weather reminders: College uniform does not change, and shoulders should stay covered at all times; anything worn under the College shirt should be plain white; shoes should be black, cover the toes, and fit at the heel. One of the largest potential areas of difficulty is water-bottle filling. This needs to be done at break and lunchtimes, and should not interfere with learning time. This means students are expected to organise themselves and their time better throughout the day, including leaving the field a minute or two early. Some students argue that they have a "right" to water; all cold taps except in Science supply drinking water; students do not have a "right" to the chilled and filtered water in the Giraffe House when they should be in lessons: "they have a "right" to an education, too! (we are reviewing how we can improve the speed and location of supplying water).

Pay and Display Car Parking

I have mixed feelings about this, although it will be a valuable source of income. We have been granted a licence (FI/01/04/B) to convert our car park to "pay and display" from next Monday, 1st April, although the machines and infrastructure will not be installed until the Easter holiday, and there will be no change before the end of this term. We were a little surprised to gain permission, which means that many details remain to be worked out, including preferential rates for staff parking, or for neighbours who use the site. Certainly, however, the first hour will be free, as we do not wish to deter parents and carers from "dropping in" or attending meetings. As ever, we will try to steer a reasonable, sensible course.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

Year 11 Prom

This event is being held at Reed Hall, University of Exeter on Friday 28th June 2019. The ticket cost is £29.50 which includes a mocktail on arrival, a food and sweet buffet, disco and photographs. Payment can be made online through the School-comms online payment system – www.schoolgateway.com - which can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>. **Payment must be made by Friday 24th May 2019.**

We anticipate that students will start arriving from 6.30 pm and that most students will have arrived by 8.00 pm. The evening will finish at 11.00 pm and you will need to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter.

Miss Prunty

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Running

Huge **congratulations** to Sam Mills in Year 9 for his run 2 weekends ago in Leeds! He was placed 25th out of all the boys in Years 8 and 9 in the whole of England. This really is some achievement, which reflects Sam's dedication to long hours of training during the past year and more. With the track season approaching quickly, look out for his name at the forefront of various races, and of course we hope to be privileged to witness him run at our own Sports Day on July 9th.



Phil Everett



Ski Italia 2021



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

Italia is an excellent beginner resort with over 70km of pistes, offering high-altitude now-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.





STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Brooke Greenham
7YMPR	Lily Kehoe
8YRB	Holli Morley
8YKHO	Grace Taylor
9YMBR	Jarred Hancock
9YJPU	Will Bassett
10YMM	Louis Scant
10YZK	Lily Dean
11YSP	Rachel Champion
11YMHI	Kaddy Dag

RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Fin Belworthy
7RHCH	Harriett Wragg
8RHC	Paris Prout
8RTMA	Dylan Parker
9RCJ	Leah McDiarmid
9RCM	Robin Wellaway
10RZB	James Selley-Steer
11RAR	Jasmine Daniels
11RLA	Adam Wallace

GREEN SCHOOL

7GSW	Lucy Massey
7GTB	Dan Baynes, Izzy Jackson-Lawson, Lewis Voysey & Stan Welch
8GDJ	Tegan Bloom & Chris Johnson
10GDH	Grace Jeffery
11GBA	Jake Bauer & Chloe Somerwill

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

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

MARCH MARKETING BULLETIN

Welcome to the March edition of your Marketing Bulletin. We're Caterlink, your school's caterer. We want to let you know about the great offers, promotions, events and deals we have coming up this month - So, in February we have International Waffle day, Pancake Day, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day, British Pie Week, Time for a Cuppa Week, Food Hero: Leeks and the latest stop on your food journey is Destination India.

Meal deals, loyalty cards and product promotions throughout the month.

INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY
Celebrate at your school with a selection of topped waffles. These include: Fresh fruit, sauces, bacon plus much more!

PANCAKE DAY
Shrove Tuesday is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday, which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. We have a selection of sweet and savoury pancakes on offer!

DESTINATION india
Pupils will have an opportunity to try some ever popular food. We have some fantastic unique flavours for the pupils including a Curry corner, fresh herbs and spices and an assortment of curry style sandwiches!

ST PATRICK'S DAY
St Patrick's Day will be celebrated with all things green! Including: Peppers, limes, apples, leeks, celery and plenty of flavour, along with some Irish classics.

BRITISH PIE WEEK
Let's celebrate the Great British Pie! Whether it is Savoury or Sweet, Shortcrust, Puff, Filo, Ruff Puff. With a bottom and top or just a top. Loaded with Potato, its still a Pie...

ST DAVID'S DAY
St David's Day will be celebrated with a variety of Welsh culture, including rabbit muffins, Welsh cakes, Shepherd's pie and much more.

TIME FOR A CUPPA WEEK
Let's celebrate everything tea related! Including iced tea, tea infused biscuits and a tea and cake meal deal. Have a break with a cuppa!

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CHARITY NEWS

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 5th April
The non-uniform day on Friday 5th April will be in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

For more information on the work of this charity please see the website:

www.guidedogs.org.uk

*Ms Phillips
Additional Support*



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

LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Mon (Week A & B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
Mon	B&V Bespoke Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Mon	All Years – Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Mon	Year 10 & 11 – Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
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
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 Sprengel
Tues (Week A)	Year 10/11 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tues (Week B)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up		IT4		
Tues	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tues	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Year 10, 11 & Post 16 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 greenhouse		Mrs Morgan
Wed	Year 11 French GCSE Revision	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
Wed	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolcott
Wed	Week A – General Music Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprengel
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 (Week A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wed (Week B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wed	Week B - ANIME Club	Lunchtime	Library		Miss Cooper
Wed	Year 9 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mr Pearce
Wed	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wed	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wed	KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Wed	Week A – Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews

LUNCH CLUBS SPRING TERM continued

Thurs	Week B - Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	HU5		Miss Matthews
Thurs	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thurs	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
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
Thurs (Week A)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Thurs (Week B)	Year 10 Food Practical		DT3		
Thurs	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Thurs	KS4 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 9 Netball Club	1.40pm	Netball Courts		Mrs Elliot
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Fri	KS4 Photography Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Food Tech - Drop In Home-work	1.40pm to 2.10pm	DT4		Mrs Routledge
Fri	GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Mrs Elliot
Fri	GCSE Netball Practice	1.40pm	Netball Courts		Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Week A – Assembly/ Concert/Homework Help	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Dance	Lunchtime	Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Fri	Various Inter-tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/ Mr Powell

Library Opening Hours

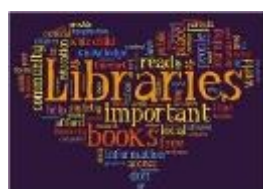
The library is open from 8.45am - 3.45pm on Mon, Wed & Fri.


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





NETBALL CLUBS



YEAR 9, 10 & 11
MONDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM

YEAR 7 & 8
THURSDAYS
3.20 - 4.30PM

CALENDAR DATES

SPRING TERM 2019	
Thurs 4 April	PE Sports Awards Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Fri 5 April 2019	Non-Uniform Day (Guide Dogs for the Blind) LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
SUMMER TERM 2019	
Wed 24 April 2019	START OF SUMMER TERM
Sat 27 - Sun 28 April	Ten Tors Practice Weekend
Thurs 2 May	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.15
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	Y12 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30
Fri 10 - Sun 12 May	Ten Tors Main Event
Fri 24 May	Y11 and Y13 Study Leave Starts
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May 2019	SUMMER HALF TERM
Wed 12 June	Y6 Non Feeder Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Fri 28 June	Y11 Prom 6.00 - 11.00
Mon 8 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Tues 9 July	Sports Day
Fri 12 July	Y12 Final Day
Mon 15 July - Fri 19 July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Thurs 18 - Sun 21 July	Y12 Gold D of E Practice
Fri 19 July 2019	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

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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