



# NEWSLETTER

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**will be Week A**

"The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time"  
*Bertrand Russell*

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Harry Patch Day**

The Harry Patch centenary commemoration peaked with the official opening of the Peace Garden last Friday afternoon. Mrs Padden did the honour, as was wholly appropriate. It was a very pleasant and fitting event, centred around the placing of garden ornaments representing the nationalities of combatants at Passchendaele, and the unveiling of an information plaque designed and built by our DT department. There will be much more detailed reference to this on the website, and you may have seen or heard the news reports on Spotlight or on local radio. One thing that differentiates the Peace Garden is that *all* nations fighting at Passchendaele are symbolically represented through flowers or ornaments. This was fundamental to Harry's message that conflict benefits no-one, a powerful principle which applies far more widely than war.

## **Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening**

A big thank you to parents of Year 7 students who came to the "Meet the Tutor" evening yesterday. We appreciate that it can be a bit of a trek for some people for a relatively short appointment, which is why we have a number of staff available for informal conversations, and the PTFA dispensing tea and biscuits so parents have a chance to chat to each other. Parental feedback was very encouraging: Year 7 students have settled well, have been very welcoming to students who were the only transfer from their Primary School, and in general the effort put into transition has ensured a smooth process. Many parents commented that even though their child had settled in nicely, it was good to have the opportunity to "touch base" with the College a few weeks into term.

## **PTFA 4<sup>th</sup> October**

You'll see a flyer from the PTFA about Wednesday's AGM. Please come along! Dispel all your illusions about PTFAs in general, being dragooned into endless committees, cake-baking and tombola, and help shape our PTFA in the next stage of its evolution. As you'll see from the flyer, it may not even be called the PTFA by this time next week!

## **School Photos**

I have been asked about how to order these. Students will have been given a "proof print" and order form in registration this morning (Friday). If they are absent today, clearly they will be given the proof next week. Please return any orders back to us or directly to Fizz Photography by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Camps International**

It's highly unlikely that I will be on the plane to Tanzania in 2019, but it was worth coming to the Camps International information evening for the videos alone, featuring safari, the Indian Ocean, and highly motivated young people "making a difference". The evening was well-attended. We are pleased to work with Camps on a fourth expedition; they are a separate organisation to the College, so this is not a "College trip" in the normal sense. Clyst Vale's role is to act as a hub or broker, a link with Camps, and to help individual students with fundraising, as by nature of the expedition's activities the price is very high. Next week is the last opportunity to find out more and book a place; there are no more presentations or events, but Miss Govier is the person to ask.

### **Smartphones**

Further to my comments last week, we have had another couple of (fortunately minor) incidents where phones have been used thoughtlessly and inappropriately to film things which didn't need filming and didn't have the agreement of people being filmed. There is also the concern as to where these images were then distributed. But it's important to maintain perspective: this means that 860+ students did not use phones wrongly. Therefore we are introducing temporary smartphone bans on individuals who misuse them. Although Clyst Vale's policy has always been to allow mobile phones, largely because of our semi-rural catchment area, this is coming under real pressure. Nationally, a third of secondary schools have some sort of wholesale smartphone ban, and two-thirds do not. Research evidence is divided over whether blanket bans on smartphones have any positive benefit, so it becomes almost a matter of personal opinion; it is, however, recognised that excessive use is detrimental to individuals, and American psychologists coined the name nomophobia for smartphone addiction (fear of having no mobile. I'm serious). There is the argument that it's curious for schools to claim to prepare students for the technological age by banning the most common form of technology. So, at the moment smartphones are permitted, but never in lessons unless with the express permission of the teacher for a learning-related purpose. We will gather opinions and evidence in the coming weeks. And in the meantime students need to think very seriously about how they use their smartphones.

### **Behaviour on School Transport**

Generally, behaviour on the buses is consistently very good. However, there are occasionally one or two individuals who spoil it for everyone. The Governors and I have long been crystal clear that College rules apply to the journey to and from College; if a child is in Clyst Vale uniform then we have jurisdiction. An added factor is that some behaviours on a bus are unsafe if the driver is distracted in any way. Therefore, in addition to the usual College sanctions, Devon Transport will issue warning letters, temporary bans, and very occasionally permanent bans. So, if behaviour is happening on a College bus which concerns you or your child, please report it to us.

I am conscious that talking about bans or potential bans in two successive items creates a negative impression. Nothing is further from the truth. Clyst Vale is a very good school. We are massively proud and happy about the excellent attitude and behaviour of almost all of our students, incredibly grateful to parents for your support in this, but are determined to clamp down on the tiny minority whose actions make other people miserable or feel unsafe.

### **Road Closure**

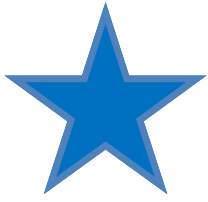
Another reminder of the forthcoming road closure between Ashclyst Cottages and Westwood Cross from 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October. This will affect students coming to school from Westwood, Clyst St Lawrence and properties between Clyst St Lawrence and Clyst Hydon.

### **Sidmouth Science Festival**

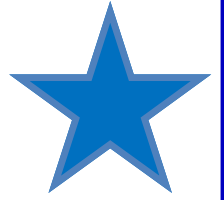
The Festival starts next week, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and runs until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Full details can be found on [www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org](http://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org).



**Dr Bawn**



# ***STUDENTS OF THE WEEK***



## **RED SCHOOL**

<b>7REW</b>	<b>Sophie Cherry</b>
<b>7RTMA</b>	<b>Bracken Snell</b>
<b>8RCJ</b>	<b>Lily Youel</b>
<b>8RCM</b>	<b>Callum Northover</b>
<b>9RZB</b>	<b>Louie Gray</b>
<b>10RAR</b>	<b>Lucie Halliwell</b>
<b>10RLA</b>	<b>Will Knight</b>
<b>11RDH</b>	<b>Eve Williams</b>
<b>11RGG</b>	<b>Laura Sibley</b>

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

<b>7YRB</b>	<b>Holli Morley</b>
<b>8YMBR</b>	<b>Lilly Teasdale</b>
<b>8YJPU</b>	<b>Gabrielle Wright</b>
<b>9YMM</b>	<b>Olly Bunkum</b>
<b>9YZK</b>	<b>Haille Morgan &amp; Harrison Ware</b>
<b>10YMHI</b>	<b>Maddy Knight</b>
<b>10YSP</b>	<b>Abd Alabaidi</b>
<b>11YMPR</b>	<b>Grace Ford</b>
<b>11YNS</b>	<b>Jack Jeffery</b>

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

<b>8GHE</b>	<b>Sophia Harris &amp; Tom Massey</b>
<b>8GIM</b>	<b>Natalia Hannaford &amp; Henry Walker</b>
<b>9GAO</b>	<b>Eloise Blatchford</b>
<b>10GABR</b>	<b>Emily Taylor &amp; Archie Brunsdon</b>
<b>10GBA</b>	<b>Katie Rigler &amp; Jude Pearson</b>
<b>11GNG</b>	<b>Mia Cross &amp; Zac Miles</b>
<b>11GSW</b>	<b>Lucy Roberts &amp; Aaron Jones</b>

# CALENDAR DATES

Wed 4th Oct	GCSE PE Practicals — Handball 3.30pm—4.30pm
Thurs 5th Oct	Eden Art Trip
Mon 9th Oct	YR9 Sikh Guest Speaker/Workshop
Tues 10th Oct	YR10 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
Wed 11th Oct	KS3 Around the World in 80 Days Trip 7pm
Fri 13th Oct	9.15 – 10.35 Chelsea's Choice (theatre presentation)
Wed 18th Oct	Deep Learning Day & Learn to Live 12.20pm—3.00pm
Fri 20th Oct— 27th Oct	Half Term
Thurs 2nd Nov	6.00 – 8.00 Post 16 Open Evening
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need—Non uniform day
Sun 19th Nov	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 1 Dartmoor
Tues 21st Nov	4.30 Y13 Parents' Evening
Thurs 23rd Nov	6.30 GCSE Presentation Evening
Thurs 30th Nov	4.30 Y12 Parents' Evening (Tutor only)
Mon 4th Dec—Fri 8th Dec	Mocks/practice exams
Sat 9th Dec	DofE/Ten Tors Walk 2 Dartmoor
Tues 12th Dec	4.30 Y8 Parents' Evening
Fri 15th Dec	Non Uniform Day – Alzheimer's Society
Thurs 21st Dec—2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays

## CHARITY NEWS

The next Non Uniform Day is for  
Children In Need.

This is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**JUST 50p**

If you have any fundraising ideas that you would like to do, please let  
me know.

Loads of fundraising ideas online!!!  
Get your thinking caps on – plenty of time.

Thank you for your support.

*Ms Phillips  
Additional Support*

## EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!!

# THE BATTLE ... OF ... BOAT

MARCH 2018

## AUDITIONS

**FOR THE NEXT PRODUCTION!!!!**

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1.30PM YEAR 7**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1.30PM YEAR 8**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1.30PM YEAR 9**

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 1.30PM YEAR 10**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 1.30PM YEAR 11**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 3.30PM 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM**

COLLECT AUDITION INFO FROM TABLE OUTSIDE PA1 FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AND  
MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHTIMES

AUDITION SONG PREPARATION- MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1.45PM PA3

## Ski Pila 2019

If your child is interested in being part of the next Ski Trip in 2019 they need to collect a letter from Mrs Woolacott or from the folder outside of the PE office.



Pila is an excellent beginner resort with over 70kms of pistes offering high altitude, snowsure skiing for everyone from complete beginners to those who have previously skied. The price will be **£969.00** which includes the following:

- Travel from College to resort and return journey (luxury 49 seater 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
- College ski hooded sweatshirt



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

## Lunch Clubs—Mon—Thurs

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Rooms	Teacher
Mon	Music Club - WEEK A & B	Lunchtime	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	Netball (to start in a few weeks time)	Lunchtime	Courts		Mrs Needs
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	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
Tues	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Miss Bennett
Tues	Year 8 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	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	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	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	Year 9 + Above Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers room		Mrs Bennett
Wed	Year 11 Maths Surgery - WEEK A (Starting after Half Term)	1.30pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barratt Ms Prance
Wed	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Walton
Wed	Year 10 & 11 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 8 & 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

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	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR3		Mrs Pieczenko
Thurs	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR1		Mr Brooks
Thurs	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
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	Year 7 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Thurs	Girls Film Club	1.40pm	HU5		Ms Matthews
Thurs	Year 7 & 8 B&V	1.45pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton

## Lunch Clubs—Fri

Fri	Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Wakefield
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
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 Powell/Mr Pearce/Mrs Broomfield
					Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden

## SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the Year 9 rugby team who travelled to Axe Valley Academy in Axminster on Wednesday afternoon for a friendly fixture. The opposition had a number of big strong runners and initially the Clyst Vale boys supported by Year 8 Dom Boots-Hutchings at scrum half and Tom Massey were a bit shell shocked leaking three early tries. Although the boys in the pack lead by Tom Carden competed well at the line outs and scrums, Rufus and Rio struggled to get their hands on the ball. Tom and Charlie Blackburn's work at the rucks was especially impressive.



In the second half Clyst Vale battled valiantly and deserved a try but Axe Valley ran away with the victory in the rain and fading light. Best tackler was the heroic Aubrey, whilst best solo run goes to a searing 20m dash from Rio. Sam Roberts also needs a mention for a flighty run that ended in him being hammered by their biggest player, but then presenting the ball perfectly for his team mates and jumping up to carry on. Excellent spirit all round!

**Mr J Powell**  
Head of PE



***Meet the Caterers at our AGM***

***Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October***  
***6.30pm***  
***Post 16 block***

***Join us to meet the new caterers and try the foods  
being offered to students.***

***We will also discuss a name change for the PTFA to  
offer a better description of our role for both the  
school and parents.***

***As with all our events, this is open to all.***

***If you are unable to attend but would like us to address an issue with  
the caterers or Senior Leadership Team, please contact Jenny at  
jls.sanders@btinternet.com.***

## 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 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)*



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



## 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.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Principal:** Kevin Bawn, BA PhD

