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NEWSLETTER

Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them.

Alfred North Whitehead

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to parents of Year 11 students who came to the parents' evening on Tuesday, some of you for the last time. As ever, this was a well-attended evening, with 75% of students represented. This particular parents' evening is timed after the mock exams, just before exam entries are finalised, and with over three months before GCSEs start in earnest. Every Year 11 student is an individual, and each one has their own recent history of the last year or two; therefore, for some students three months is enough time to turn around a poor recent history, fill gaps, work really hard and achieve well. For others, who have worked hard throughout their time here, it is comforting to know that the end is coming into sight. The reduction in coursework in some subjects means that there is a little less pressure overall than in previous years, which is clearly a help. Yet again, I find myself repeating time-honoured educational advice: know your strengths and weaknesses, get organised, make some sacrifices, put the effort in, listen and act on teachers' advice, and you will be successful.

"Stranger Danger"

There was an incident on Tuesday in Stoke Canon in which a car driver stopped and asked a Clyst Vale student to get in his car. Sensibly, she refused, moved quickly to an area of safety, and the car eventually drove away; it was a blue Volkswagen. We informed the police and have followed their advice closely. While this is most likely to have been a one-off incident, it is a reminder to us all to ensure that students know the dangers of talking to strangers, and have rehearsed a safe route home from College or the bus stop. With several hundred students travelling to and from Clyst Vale by bus each day, it is also why we have never had a blanket ban on mobile – now smart – phones.

Year 9 Options

Year 9 parents will receive a paper copy of the Options Booklet next Tuesday; if not, blame the pupil post, and have a rummage in his or her bag. Like most things in life, the Year 9 Options process is straightforward for most, tricky for some, and a source of great stress for a few. The fundamental premise is to gather all the information, do not rush to judgement, contemplate the options, then make decisions. There has always been evolution and change in options, caused by national or local requirements and influences; when I started at Clyst Vale, there was only one free option column because the National Curriculum was so prescriptive. This year's big change is an expectation that our top 50% of linguists will follow a GCSE language (in French or Spanish), as detailed in a letter from Mr Green two or three weeks ago. There are all sorts of reasons for this, detailed in the letter and the Options Booklet: studying a language broadens horizons, supports cognitive development and literacy, shows breadth, is attractive to employers and higher education, and for a College with an above-average profile our take-up of languages at GCSE has been surprisingly low.

Apprenticeship Day 1st February

A new addition to our Careers programme is an Apprenticeship Day organised by Mrs Bennett, to be held next Wednesday for targeted Years 10 & 11 students, with some Sixth Formers. Students will be looking at applying for apprenticeships and will be given guidance so that they have the knowledge and skills to be able to secure a placement next year. The day includes a Year 10 assembly, workshops for Year 11 and Sixth Form, and a follow-up session with the Careers Adviser.

PTFA: Internet Use and Safety

The PTFA hosted a brilliant, informative and at times shocking evening on internet safety, especially the risks of social media. Parents attending represented a cross-section, including some very savvy digital users, but everyone learned something new. Guest speaker Gary Gates recently retired from the police, but has maintained contacts and training, so is fully up to date. The evening was targeted at parents, of course, and included a few do's and don'ts about their own use of social media, and how to keep an eye on teenagers' use. It also covered issues like the way algorithms and settings are a threat to critical thinking and making judgements, especially in the not fully-formed teenage brain. The presentation will be put on our website: you will hopefully be aware that there is an "online safety" page on both the parent and student tab; this includes links to national organisations' website information and to helplines. We have invited Gary back to talk to students after half-term. There was also a short presentation by Mr Colin about how we educate students about being safe on-line through ICT lessons, Course 42, Deep Learning Days, and how our pastoral teams tackle issues when they arise, most commonly cyber-insults.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

A big thank you to parents who have returned the parental survey. We have had over a hundred sent in, and the more the merrier! It's still not too late to complete and return it – the final deadline is next Monday (30th).



Dr Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Jack O'Connor
8YMM	Charlie Howe-Roland
8YME	Jack Eynon
9YSP	Will Atwell
9YJCO	Tamzin Street
10YMPR	Harry Tandy
11YCW	Sophie Wallis

RED SCHOOL	
7RKC	Keira Clarke
10RGG	Laura Sibley

SILVER SCHOOL	
7SMBR	Archie Andrews
11SSG	Ollie Evans

Lunch Clubs Mon - Wed

Mon	Music Club - WEEK A	1.45pm - 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Mon	GCSE PE Workshop/Revision	1.40pm to 2.15pm	PE5		Miss Garman
Mon	Year 11 Maths Workshops	1.30pm to 2pm	Look at posters in Maths Rooms		Miss Barratt
Mon	Year 8 (girls) Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Miss Wright
Mon	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Mon	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Mon	Year 7, 8 & 9 (boys & girls) Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Mon	Year 9 Rugby	1.45pm	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	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Tues	Amnesty	1.30pm to 2.15pm	EN7		Miss Watt Mrs Gillespie
Tues	Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Netball	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Elliot Mrs Bennett
Tues	Food - Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Tues	All Years Badminton	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Tues	Year 7 & 8 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Tues	Year 10 & 11 Rugby	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce Miss Wright
Tues	Year 10 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
Wed	Year 10 Maths Workshop (Disadvantaged Students)	Lunchtime	MA8		Mrs Manaton Mrs Hucklesby
Wed	Music Club - WEEK B	1.45pm to 2.15pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Wed	Bugsy Cast Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA3		Miss Williams
Wed	KS3 B&V Homework Drop In	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wed	Dance (all years)	1.45pm	Dance Studio	New Block	Mrs Elliot
Wed	Drugs & Alcohol Info Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones' Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wed	French Year 11 Revision Sessions	Lunchtime	MF1		Miss McConnachie
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	1.45pm	Courts	New Block	Mrs Broomfield
Wed	Year 10 - 13 Basketball	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett

Lunch Clubs Thurs - Fri

Thurs	All Years (Boys & Girls) Dance	1.45pm	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	1.45pm	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
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	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Thurs	Year 9 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Thurs	Year 11 B&V Revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Thurs	Production Auditions/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Fri	Home Learning Study Group	1.30pm to 2.15pm	IT2		Mrs Woolacott
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)	1.45pm	Various	New Block unless specified	Mr Powell/Mr Pearce/ Mrs Elliot
Fri	Year 10 & 11 Football	1.45pm	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Fri	GCSE Drama Support	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Fri	GCSE History Workshop/Revision	Lunchtime	HU7		Mrs Padden
Fri	GCSE PE Revision (Week A)	1.45pm	PE5		Mrs Broomfield

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

CALENDAR DATES

Sat 28th & Sun 29th January	Ten Tors 1 st overnighter
Mon 30th January - Fri 3rd February	Geography Lake District Trip
Tues 7th February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Options Evening
Fri 10th February	Non Uniform Day
Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February	Half Term & Ski Trip
Mon 20th February	Y13 Mock Exam Week
Thurs 23rd February	4.30 - 7.00 Y9 Parents' Evening
Sat 25th February - Sun 26th February	Ten Tors 2 nd overnighter
Tues 28th February	Y11 Pre-exam Support Evening
Thurs 2nd March	1.30pm Y13 Slapton Ley trip leaves
Sat 4th March	Y13 Slapton Ley trip returns
Mon 13th March - Fri 17th March	'Bugsy Malone' School Production, Barnfield Theatre
Tuesday 21st March	Deep Learning Day
Thurs 23rd March	4.30 - 7.00 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day
Sat 25th March - Sun 26th March	Ten Tors third overnighter
Mon 27th March - Friday 31st March	Year 10 mock exams week
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term

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.

All uniform 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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