



# NEWSLETTER

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## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

“Visionary people face the same problems everyone else faces but rather than get paralysed by their problems, visionaries immediately commit themselves to finding a solution”. **Bill Hybels**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 11 Mocks

Next week and a couple of days in the following week are Year 11 mock exams. These will be taken in the Hall and exam rooms, with external invigilators, and as far as possible the exams will be closely based on “the real thing”. Inevitably, perhaps, there is a spectrum of student reaction from being anxious through over- or under-confidence to “they don’t count, they’re only mocks”. The last attitude is the classic teenage black-and-white brain: at a very simplistic literal level, the mocks do not count, except possibly to determine tiers of entry in some subjects. However, the mocks can do an enormous amount to raise or lower confidence; what does count is the experience and reflecting on it, a bit like football practice or a rehearsal; working out how the mocks feel and the coping strategies which will be needed in May. As always, if you have any concerns about your son or daughter, please contact us.

### GCSE Pod

Another reminder that GCSE Pod is free and available. It is excellent. The podcasts are generally short, often about 5 minutes, which breaks the stereotypical image of sitting for hour-blocks with a pile of books (although this too has many virtues...). GCSEs have now got more content, so any effective means of covering that and encouraging memory is highly valuable. Last year we had a higher than average use of GCSE Pod, and much improved results. There are other factors of course, but it may well be that GCSE Pod suits the learning characteristics of a lot of Clyst Vale students.

### Rights Respecting School

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year on 10<sup>th</sup> December. This is a Monday with mock exams still going on, so recognition of this great event has been pushed back a little to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. As in some previous years, the student Amnesty Group supported by the RRS Steering Group are arranging some special events, both educational and enjoyable. There will be workshop which all Year 7 and 8 students will attend. There will be a talent contest at lunchtime, with both students and staff performing. Please could students bring some loose change: it will be 20p entrance on the door, and there will be a cake and sweet sale at break and lunch in the Hall. It’s also a non-uniform day (NOT the last day of term) with proceeds going to a human rights-based charity chosen by students.

## **Parents' Group: Mental Health Workshop**

There was an excellent turn-out for the workshop on Wednesday, and parents were rewarded with a superb presentation by Steve West from the Early Help 4 Mental Health project. The presentation ranged over neuroscience and psychological research to very practical day to day advice and strategies, even the choice of words which act as “triggers” for stressed teenagers. At Clyst Vale, we are ahead of many schools in embracing mental health issues (although there is so much more to do): a programme from Glasgow university called “Living Life to the Full” has been customised and included in Course 42 for all students; the Skills Room works with individuals and groups of students; all staff have had introductory training, and some colleagues more specific training on anxiety, attachment and bereavement. It is important to remember that if you have any issues or are concerned about your child, there is help available. We try to be as approachable and sensitive as we can, and can give guidance and support. Kooth is a very helpful website for parents or young people to use independently, including a confidential counselling service, or contact your GP.

## **Uniform**

It's still really good! Thank you so much to students and parents for maintaining such high standards. It's such a pleasure to not be moaning about uniform on a weekly basis. There are still one or two relatively minor issues: after the deluges this week a certain number of trousers and shoes were saturated and were temporarily replaced by skinny trousers and (a current trend) black shoes with white trim. It's a lovely day today, so I'm sure all these shoes and trousers will be dry by Monday....Just like in the 1960s (and 70s, and 80s...), some girls are rolling the waistband of their skirts to shorten them – I'm sure none of their mums or grandmothers ever did that – and there are a few more hoodies than we would like. These are much fewer and further between, and it's great that so much time has been saved arguing over uniform.

## **School Funding**

There has been a focus in the last couple of weeks about Special Needs underfunding by central government. A reliable survey indicates that the shortfall is a little over half a billion pounds: <https://www.tes.com/news/half-billion-shortfall-school-send-funding-crisis> . The WorthLess? Campaign is pressing for that sum to be released as emergency funding. I have written my third letter in as many weeks to our constituency MP. In the meantime, local authorities are adopting a number of strategies to cope. In Devon, 0.5% of the funding for all schools will be transferred into the Special Needs “High Needs Block” funding to cover the shortfall. In some ways, this isn't Devon's fault: as I said, the real issue is central government underfunding. Also, as a moral principle, it is right to support students with SEN. For Clyst Vale, a 0.5% reduction is something in the region of £75,000, although some – not all – will come back into Special Needs funding; nonetheless, it's a further cut. By coincidence, this week's BBC 2 “School” programme focused on the impact on the ground of reductions to SEN funding.

## **Last Day of Term Early Finish**

You'll have received a letter earlier this week which outlines that we will be finishing at 2.00 pm on the last day of term. This is partly in response to some parents who queried why other East Devon secondary schools (and one or two Primaries) close early and we do not. We do appreciate that this may not be convenient for some working parents, so there is provision for students to remain supervised safely on site until their normal pick-up time (although as you'll see from the letter CV school transport buses will not run at 3.20). Our situation is unusual, in that I believe in Devon we have one of the highest proportions of students arriving by school or public transport, so we'll see how it works out. Curiously, the vast majority of students seem to be in favour.....

Best wishes,



**Dr Bawn**

# SPORTS NEWS

## YEAR 7 A and B Away at Honiton

On Thursday the 28th of November Year 7 had a netball match against Honiton. Despite the wet wild conditions the girls played well. CVCC had to play strong netball connecting the passes well. The girls started to put their training into practice with their rebounds and interception much better. There was good interaction and passing between: Annalise, Lucy, Harriet and Tabitha. The wind made scoring goals hard and to was a low scoring game. After a hard fought match the final score was 7-5 to Honiton. Good shooting from Sophia and Emily despite being very windy. Well done Harriet getting player of the Match. Captained by Tabitha.

The B team travelled to Honiton and another close contest it was. Half time the score was 4-1. With a good debut from Izzy Ward, in mid court position intercepting well. Liberty and Daisy found space and was connecting the ball up the court. Erin and Zoe had a battle on with the wind but with determination and good rebound managed to net some more goals making the final score 7-4 to Honiton. The game overall was very close and it was end to end action, player of the match went to Edie. Captained well by Daisy

Next week will be training as normal on the 6th December and hopefully team photos.

Keep up the good work year 7 you are improving lots!

**Mrs Broomfield**  
**Head of GCSE PE and KS4 Co-ordinator**  
**Physical Education**

## Year 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

4.30 – 7.00pm in the Main Hall

The online system will be available for you to book appointments from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at noon and will close on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at midnight. Please access the site at: <https://cvcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. We use the preferred name of your child.

Miss Prunty, Assistant to the Head of Green School, will be available should you wish to discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child, or would simply like to come along and introduce yourself.

If you have trouble logging on to the system, please contact your AtHoS.

Regards

**Mrs P Grant**  
**Assistant to the Head of Red School**

## Stocking fillers...

Don't forget that mini dictionaries and thesauruses can be great stocking fillers for students. They can retail for as little as £1 in pound shops and discount stationers so they won't put a huge dent in Santa's wallet either!

Mrs Oldfield  
Head of English



## Clyst Vale Community College Christmas Carol Service 2018



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December-  
Whimple Church- 7:00pm



Come and join us for a festive celebration of seasonal music and readings, led by Clyst Vale students. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available afterwards.

## Win a £5 voucher!

All you need to do is write an amazing *book review*...

*Praise Points* will be awarded for all entries and you could win a **£5 BOOK FAIR voucher** if your review is in the top three!

Choose a book that you really enjoyed reading and think about how to create a brilliant book review.

*Remember*, don't give away the plot (spoilers!), but think of ways to entice and interest potential readers, without revealing too much of the story.

**Pick up an entry form from the Library and return by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

*Good luck and get writing!*

## HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR

*Bring in your money to buy fantastic posters, stationery and half price books!*

**Starts: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**Ends: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

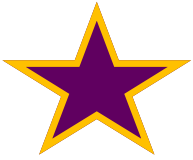
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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Marlon Blum
7YMPR	Betsy Speck
8YRB	Gracie Bauer
8YKHO	Natalie Zuczek
9YJPU	Max Walker
9YMBR	Alex Bowyer
10YMM	Olly Bunkum
10YZK	Jack Craig
11YSP	Chloe Pennells
11YMHI	Ty Pardew

## RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Erin McDiarmid
7RHCH	Poppy Bown
8RHC	Ben Porter
8RTMA	Ellie Clark
9RCJ	Jack Belworthy
9RCM	Jack Davies
10RZB	Lucy Reed
11RAR	Will Woodley
11RLA	Sam Cornish

## GREEN SCHOOL

7GSW	Riley Lovegrove & Ethan Lovegrove
8GDJ	Chris Johnson & Ruby Davidson
11GBA	Ben Leighton & Angel Justus
11GABR	Jacob Lush & Emily Taylor

**NETBALL CLUBS**

**YEAR 9, 10 & 11**  
**MONDAYS**  
**3.20 - 4.30 PM**

**YEAR 7 & 8**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**3.20 - 4.30 PM**

## STUDENT ABSENCES YEARS 7 - 11

The number for absences is 01392 - 463936 or  
email [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)







# LUNCH CLUBS



Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday (Week A & B)	Music Club	1.40pm	PA2		Mrs Sprenkel
Monday	B&V Paper 1 Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU2		Miss Brotherton
Monday	All Years Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 9 & 10 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Monday	Year 11 Boys Rugby Club	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Gillespie
Monday	Year 11 Revision Buddhism & Sikhism	1.30pm	HU2		Mrs Battishill
Monday	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Foulds
Monday	Drama Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Tuesday	B&V Paper 2 Revision	1.40pm to 2pm	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Tuesday	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	Maths Rooms		All Maths except Dr Turl
Tuesday	Key Stage 4 & 5 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Everett
Tuesday	Year 11 Pilates	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Needs
Tuesday (Week A)	Year 10/11 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Tuesday (Week B)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		
Tuesday	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt/Mrs Gillespie
Tuesday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Manaton
Tuesday	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Wednesday	B&V Drop In Support	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Wednesday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Wednesday	Year 9 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell & Mr Brooks
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Drop In	Lunchtime	Opposite Mr Jones Room		Mrs Gillespie
Wednesday	Year 12 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA4		Miss Prance/Dr Turl
Wednesday (Week A)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA8		Miss Barrett
Wednesday (Week B)	Year 13 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA5		Mrs Adie
Wednesday	KS3 Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Pearce & Exeter Chiefs
Wednesday	Year 11 Football	Lunchtime	Field	New Block	Mr Everett
Wednesday	Drama Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Thursday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mr Everett/Mr Powell & Mrs Elliot
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	1.35pm	Library		Miss Matthews
Thursday	KS3 Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Thursday	Year 11 Maths	1.40pm to 2pm	MA1		Dr Turl
Thursday (Week A)	Year 11 NEA Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday (Week B)	Year 10 Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		
Thursday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot/Mr Everett/Mr Powell & Mrs Broomfield
Friday	Dram Drop In/Rehearsals	Lunchtime	PA1		Mrs Bowring
Friday	Home Learning Study Group	Lunchtime	IT1		Mrs Woolacott

# CALENDAR DATES

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2018</b>	
Thurs 6 Dec	Y12 Tutor Parents' Evening 4.30 - 6.30
Thurs 13 Dec	Y8 Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.00
Sun 16 Dec	D of E Y12 Dartmoor Day Walk
Wed 19 Dec	Christmas Concert 7.00 - 9.00
Fri 21 Dec 2018	Non-Uniform Day (Rights Respecting Schools) LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
<b>SPRING TERM 2019</b>	
Mon 7 Jan 2019	START OF SPRING TERM
Sat 12 - Sun 13 Jan	Ten Tors Bronze D of E Weekend
Thurs 17 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30
Wed 23 - Sat 26 Jan	College Production of 'Annie' at Barnfield Theatre 7pm all evenings plus 2pm on Saturday
Mon 28 Jan	Y9 Girls' HPV Vaccinations
Wed 30 Jan	Ski Trip Information Evening 5.15 - 7.30
Tues 5 Feb	Y11 Pre Exam Support Evening 6.00 - 8.00
Sat 9 - Sun 10 Feb	Ten Tors Practice/Bronze D of E Weekend
Thurs 14 Feb	Y9 Options Evening 4.30 - 6.30
Fri 15 Feb	Non-Uniform Day (Force)
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb 2019	SPRING HALF TERM
Thurs 28 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening 6.30 - 8.30
Fri 8 March	Y9 BCG Vaccinations
Tues 12 March	Y10 Parents' Evening 6.30 - 8.30
Wed 20 - Fri 22 March	Y12 Geography Residential - Dorset
Fri 29 March	Take Your Child to Work Day
Thurs 4 April	PE Sports Awards Evening 6.00 - 9.00
Fri 5 April 2019	Non-Uniform Day (Guide Dogs for the Blind) LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
<b>SUMMER TERM 2019</b>	
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 - 7.00

*Continued overleaf.....*

# CALENDAR DATES cont'd

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



**2018 Parent Workshops in Exeter**

Supporting a Young Person with Challenging or Aggressive Behaviour  
2 Day Ticket - £40  
Thursday 8th & Friday 9th November

Understanding & Supporting an Autistic Child  
2 Day Ticket - £40  
Thursday 15th & Friday 16th November

Understanding and Supporting Young People with ADHD/ADD and Developing Executive Function  
2 Day Ticket - £40  
Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd November

You First: Supporting yourself to support your child  
1 Day Ticket - £40  
Friday 30th November

Parent Safety & Breakaway Training  
2 Day Ticket - £75  
Thursday 13th & Friday 14th December

All courses run from 9.30am to 2.30pm at  
Devon Disability Collective  
22 Marsh Green Road  
Marsh Barton  
Exeter EX2 8PQ

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## 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 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 463936

Email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [barringtonj@clystvale.org](mailto: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 FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

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](http://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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Principal:** Kevin Bawn, BA PhD

