



# NEWSLETTER

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**w/c Mon 30 October 2017**  
**will be Week B**

“He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever.”

*Chinese proverb*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please remember that the clocks go back an hour on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 a.m.. It would be dreadful if lots of students were late on the morning of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> .....

## **Thank You**

The first sixth of the school year has been completed, and I would like to thank parents and carers for your support during the past seven weeks. We have made a good start to the year, with a strong focus on learning and achievement, and by now the timetable has been fully “road-tested”, systems are all fully in place, and we are in a position to sustain that focus. We are also being less tolerant with students who are disrupting others, and this will continue. Most of the “core” subjects begin GCSE teaching at some point in Year 9, so clearly Years 10 and 11 are fully engaged on the new GCSEs. There is more to cover, more to memorise, and more challenging exams at the end of two years, so it is essential that students keep focused as well. Parents and carers play a crucial role in this too, so I was heartened by the fantastic attendance at the recent Year 10 Parents’ Information Evening. Teenagers need to have a good programme of other activities, too, and some downtime. Therefore, best wishes to them and to you for a good half-term break.

## **Teacher Appraisal and Lesson Observations**

Your sons and daughters should be reporting that more teachers are observing their lessons at present. This is part of the annual teacher appraisal cycle (all good organisations have annual appraisal, and in schools it is a statutory requirement as well). It is also part of our wider regular monitoring processes. I’m privileged to see all of the lesson observation reports, and delighted that there is consistently strong teaching in all areas, with good planning, subject knowledge and particularly good knowledge of individual students, something which characterises Clyst Vale. I can’t pretend that every single lesson is wonderful, but most are. I am also not complacent; there are always ways to improve, but I hope that parents are reassured that we are seeking to improve from a strong base.

## **Deep Learning Day**

Yesterday's DLD was a great success. DLDs are about learning, active learning, "softer" skills of teamwork and leadership qualities, fun, and something to remember. These vary in proportion depending on the Year and the activity, so the crucial issues of careers and safeguarding in Years 10 and 11 were more about learning than "fun". A good example of a DLD activity was the Development Day in Year 9, where a series of different activities (including the well-known paper bag manufacturer and the shanty town simulation) explore development issues from a variety of angles, which overlap and reinforce each other.

## **Autumn Safety**

If you haven't already done so, please read the Police's "Autumn Safety" letter below in this Newsletter. Not only is it essential that students keep themselves safe, but are also sensitive and respectful to members of their own communities, especially those people who are particularly worried or vulnerable around Halloween and Bonfire night.

## **Uniform**

The majority of students dress well and appropriately, and we are eternally grateful to parents and carers for your support in this. We ran a "friendly" uniform check today, with notes sent home to individuals' parents/carers. We are hoping that half-term will provide an opportunity to sort out these uniform infringements so that when we return on October 30<sup>th</sup> the situation is much improved. We will also be further clarifying for Sept 2018 guidelines which skirts and trousers are acceptable. It's mostly common sense: if material is so stretchy when under strain that it is see-through, it's not all right. If a skirt is so short it's impossible to climb stairs without holding the hem down it's not all right. We insist on plain black trousers, so textured, patterned or shiny ones are not all right. We are really not helped by high street designers who regularly put out subtly different designs. It's frustrating, because uniform issues only really involve 10% of students at most, but are a drain on time to maintain standards.

## **Smartphone Update**

Although things have improved from a few weeks ago, mostly because we are focusing on tackling individuals who are using smartphones inappropriately, it is still proposed to run a survey on this issue next half-term. A reminder of our current policy: students are permitted to have smartphones on site, but not in lessons. Individual teachers may vary this on a lesson-by-lesson basis, but at the start of every lesson phones should be off, away, and unconnected to earphones.

## **Parent Governor Elections**

There is never a dull moment in education, so I can honestly claim that it is an interesting time to become a Governor! As the huge changes to GCSE and A-level roll through this year, and there is a small improvement in funding, things may even be a little more stable for Governors than for the last two or three years. The deadline for applications is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. As stated previously, if any parent or carer would like an informal conversation with one of our current Governors, please contact our Clerk to Governors Deborah Custance-Baker on [CustanceBakerD@clystvale.org](mailto:CustanceBakerD@clystvale.org) or 01392-463930.

Best wishes,



**Dr Bawn**



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## RED SCHOOL

7REW	Sophie Cherry
7RTMA	Cassidy Perkin
8RCJ	Monty Ward
8RCM	Jennifer Auld
9RZB	Ellie Bradner
10RAR	Corey Galpin
10RLA	Ellie Whitehead
11RDH	Ella Bashford
11RGG	Joe Jobling

## SPORTS NEWS

### RUGBY REPORTS

#### Boys' Rugby Fixtures @ Blundell's

Congratulations to the respective Year 7, 8 and 10 boys' rugby squads who acquitted themselves superbly at Blundell's School last Wednesday. The annual fixture provides a chance for Clyst Vale students to play at excellent facilities and experience a great atmosphere and hospitality.



The Year 7s played in a triangular set of matches versus Blundell's and Uffculme school, losing the first and winning the second respectively.

The Year 8s had a slightly tougher afternoon, coming off comfortably second best but nonetheless enjoying the experience, with Captain Dom Boots-Hutchings never letting his head drop.

The Year 10s were once again outstanding ambassadors for the College both on and off the field with a comfortable 65-20 victory, earning several comments about their superb attitude from Blundell's staff. They even came across to support the Year 7s in the wind and rain once their game had finished.

Thanks must go to Mr Everett and Y12 student Harry Price for accompanying Mr Pearce on the trip. A very enjoyable and rewarding trip was had by all.



## The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

*A Partnership between East & Mid Devon District Councils, Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon County Council, Northern, Eastern & Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.*



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9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent or Carer

For a number of years I have been writing to you concerning the Partnership's annual Autumnal Safety Campaign as we continue to remain committed to tackling anti social behaviour in both districts. No doubt many of you will have received a similar letter from me in previous years.

The Campaign is about reducing the anti social behaviour associated with Halloween on 31<sup>st</sup> October, Bonfire Night on 5<sup>th</sup> November and the days leading up to them. Thanks to the cooperation from parents and carers in the past and also with the assistance of local retailers and the Police, I am pleased to say that over the years our campaign has been successful and reports of anti social behaviour in East Devon at the above times of the year, still remain relatively low.

Having said all that there continues to be some incidents involving the throwing of eggs and flour and problems concerning loud fireworks and the misuse of them. It goes without saying that such incidents cause alarm and distress to certain members of the community. Some older and also other vulnerable people do get very frightened by this type of behaviour and again it cannot be emphasised too much the fear even one or two incidents can cause. Many of you have parents, other relatives and friends who are elderly and I feel sure that you would not want them to be alarmed by such irresponsible acts. Once again I ask you to advise your children that this type of activity is anti social as it is likely to cause unnecessary alarm and distress.

'Trick or Treat' under adult supervision is of course acceptable but please be sure of your children's whereabouts if they engage in this activity. Many people still don't like answering the door to callers taking part in this and often get both frightened and concerned.

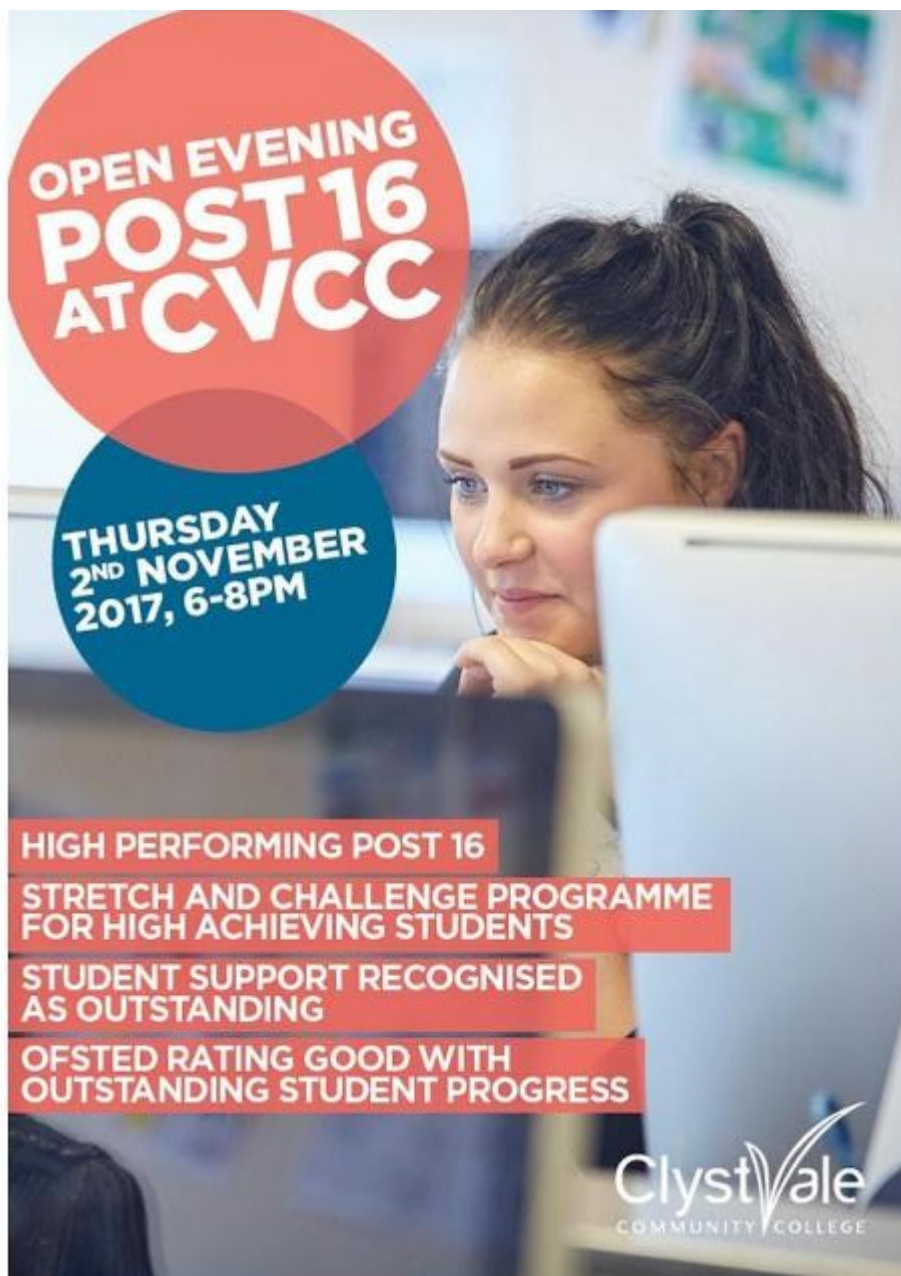
Police Officers do pay particular attention at this time of the year in order to monitor behaviour but I hope that if we all work together reports of anti social behaviour will continue to remain low.

Yours sincerely

*Gerry Moore*

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Community Safety and Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator



**OPEN EVENING  
POST 16  
AT CVCC**

**THURSDAY  
2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER  
2017, 6-8PM**

**HIGH PERFORMING POST 16  
STRETCH AND CHALLENGE PROGRAMME  
FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS**

**STUDENT SUPPORT RECOGNISED  
AS OUTSTANDING**

**OFSTED RATING GOOD WITH  
OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROGRESS**

**Clyst Vale**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### **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 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*

# CALENDAR DATES

Fri 20th Oct— 27th Oct	Half Term
Thurs 2nd Nov	6.00 – 8.00 Post 16 Open Evening
Tues 14 Nov	6.30 GCSE Presentation 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 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

## THE RED NOSE DESIGN CHALLENGE

**Do your pupils have a  
nose for design?**

Are you getting a whiff of some outstanding creativity in your classroom? Perhaps you are on the scent of the next great designers of our time?

Well, here comes a real challenge.

We're sniffing out all the creative geniuses from across the nation to be in with a chance of designing one of the new Noses for Red Nose Day 2019.

**FIND OUT HOW TO ENTER THE CHALLENGE NOW  
AT [REDNOSEDAY.COM/NOSES](http://REDNOSEDAY.COM/NOSES)**

RND19\_001 Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England and Wales); SC039730 (Scotland).



**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

## 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

**Tickets £0/£8**

**Box office**  
 01392 277189/063885  
[www.cynettheatre.co.uk](http://www.cynettheatre.co.uk)  
[www.wegctickets.com](http://www.wegctickets.com)

From the novel by **John Buchan**  
and the movie of **Alfred Hitchcock**

# CLYST VALE

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROUDLY PRESENT


At the  
**Cynet Theatre**

# The 39 Steps

**21/28/29**  
November  
at 7.00pm

Adapted by  
**Patrick Barlow**

From an original concept by Simon Cerble and Sebby Elmen.  
By Arrangement with Edward Snape for Flery Angel Limited.  
This amateur production of "The 39 Steps" is presented by  
special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.



### 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.



## 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](mailto:turnerc@clystvale.org))

Green School: Catherine Hellier (01392 463913; [hellierc@clystvale.org](mailto:hellierc@clystvale.org))

Red School: Pam Grant (01392 463910; [grantp@clystvale.org](mailto: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](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

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.**

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