



NEWSLETTER

“Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes on “

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2017
will be Week A

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11

Parents of Year 11 students should have received a letter detailing information about GCSEs and related forthcoming events. In particular, there is a Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 24 January 4.30pm, and a Pre-exam Support Evening on Tuesday 28 February 6.00pm Post 16 Centre. Meanwhile, most subjects are already offering revision sessions, so please encourage your son/daughter to attend! Revision guides were issued to all students last term, and there is further revision material on Moodle. In week beginning March 20th, there will be mock exams in English, Maths, Science and B & V.

PTFA: Internet Use and Safety

Internet Safety Day is in February, and we will be running activities for students around that time. However, the PTFA meeting on 25th January will include presentations for parents on use of the internet including safety issues. We are delighted that Gary Gates, recently retired from the police after many years' experience with issues facing young people and particularly misuse of computer technology, will be giving the main presentation. We will also outline our programmes for educating and informing students about dangers and about balanced use of technology. Please come along – it will be interesting and topical, and you will honestly not be press-ganged into running a fete!

Kirkland Rowell Survey

We conduct this independent parental survey every Spring Term as an important part of our self-evaluation. It is anonymous, independently collated and analysed, and provides important trend information over time. Therefore it adds to the snapshot surveys we run at parents' evenings, based on the Ofsted Parent View questions. Your son or daughter will bring home this year's survey next week. It has been reduced in size, and is mostly “tick-box”, but even so I am very grateful in advance to all busy parents who can find some time to complete and return it! Please return the survey through your daughter or son to their tutor, or to Mrs Smith in the office next to mine, by Monday 30th January.

Ten Tors

Excitement is beginning to build..... We have 32 students seeking to fill 18 places in the three teams we have been allocated (2x35 and 1x45 for the cognoscenti). This weekend is planned to be an expedition on Dartmoor around the Postbridge area, but at time of writing the cold weather and high rivers may mean a change of venue. Once again, special thanks to Mr Eales for his coordination and commitment, and to the pool of colleagues who help and support him.

CERN

Next week a party of Sixth Form Physics students led by Dr Odunlade and Mr King will visit CERN in

Switzerland, including seeing the Hadron Collider. This is an absolutely brilliant opportunity, a really good example of something which is truly inspiring and which provides “awe and wonder” in enriching education. I look forward to seeing the photos!

Behaviour on Buses

Not what you’ll be expecting! I received a wonderful letter from a member of the public about students on the 1A Stagecoach service to Cullompton, part of which reads:-

“As a regular user of this bus service, I believe that your students are the most exemplary in comparison to other local secondary schools and college students. Your students clearly are respectful of both the general public and members of your school's community as they: were quiet despite being in large friendship groups, gave up their seats for the elderly and younger children and their parents, supported students who did not understand material learned in lessons, showed compassion towards students who were upset and were inclusive. It is warming to see that in times where adolescents are stereotypically frowned upon by the elderly that your students help to re-establish the connection within the community.”

In fairness, this describes the vast majority of our bus-using students, but it’s lovely to receive some acknowledgement.



Dr Bawn

CALENDAR DATES

Sat 14th & Sun 15th January	Ten Tors 3 rd Walk/short overnight
Tues 24th January	4.30 - 7.00 Y11 Parents' Evening
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
Mon 13th March - Fri 17th March	'Bugsy Malone' School Production, Barnfield Theatre
Thurs 23rd March	4.30 - 7.00 Y12 Parents' Evening
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform Day



PTFA Charity No.296210

Join us

**Wednesday 25th January
6.30pm**

Post 16 room

For a presentation on Internet Safety

Your PTFA will be holding a regular meeting with a presentation on Internet Safety.

An event for parents to help us understand this important issue and how external bodies and the school are helping us to protect our families.

PTFA are happy to organise events on any topic that parents and guardians may find useful. Please feel free to contact us with your ideas – jls.sanders@btinternet.com

Our organisation is a friendly, informal link between parents and the senior leadership of the school and all are welcome to any of our events and meetings.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL	
7GHE	Tyler Woodgates
7GIQ	Mary Crook, Iris van der Giezen and
8GPE	Miah Peace
9GABR	Barnaby Bilton, Lauren Elliot, Samuel Hallett, Tyler Hole, Jacob Lush and
9GTGA	Evie Griffin
10GSW	Aaron Jones
11GGT	Lewis Beer

YELLOW SCHOOL	
7YJPU	Kalum Meecham
8YME	Haille Morgan
8YMM	Louis Scant
9YSP	Abe Alabaidi
9YJCO	Charlie Slee
10YMPR	Gaby Dart
11YCW	Billy Davey

SILVER SCHOOL	
8SAO	Eloise Blatchford
9SLA	James Clark
10SNG	Beth Carter
10SNS	Callan Reed
11SDJ	Amelia Hopkinson
11SSG	Lucy Pullen

RED SCHOOL	
7RKC	Bethan Hatt
9RAR	Lucie Halliwell
10RGG	Braden van Wijk

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

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



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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