

NEWSLETTER

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w/c Mon 7 January 2019
will be Week B

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

"The most courageous act is still to think for yourself."

Coco Chanel (1883- 1971)

The Spring Term starts for students and staff on Monday, 7th January. It will be Week B

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Mocks

Life is often about striking a healthy balance, and quite a few Year 11 students have worked hard, look quite tired and need a good break! On the other hand, some Year 11 students really need to have a good hard look at their mock exams, particularly where they are several grades below expectation. There is almost a week between New Year and the start of term: a good time to reflect, and explore GCSE Pod. This really is an invaluable, quick and easy revision aid, even if there are only a few minutes available in the hectic festive schedule. Schools and Headteachers dress it up in a million ways, but the only way to do well in exams is hard work.

Carol Service, Wednesday 19th December.

This lived up to its billing as one of the most pleasant, uplifting, loveliest events in the annual calendar, and I am hugely grateful to everyone who took part and attended. Special thanks to Joe Nisbet, Tom and Robbie Palmer, Sixth Formers who organised the whole thing as part of their BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts assessment, with some gentle guidance from Miss Williams and Mr Green. As ever, we had a full church; excellent mince pies (thank you Mrs Crook and Year 10); mulled wine (thank you, Parents Group); and a wide variety of readings and music to suit every taste, including one or two stand out performances, and one or two obvious new talents in younger years stepping forward. Unfortunately, I was unwell and couldn't go; I really missed it!



Amnesty & Human Rights Day

I am grateful to Miss Watt for the following account of last Friday's event, but even more so for her championing work supporting both the College's Rights Respecting School initiative and our student Amnesty Group.

"On Friday 14th 2018 to coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and our work as a Rights Respecting School, all students took part in some Human Rights learning. There were special assemblies for Years 7-9 on Thursday, and Years 10-11 on Friday.

All students in Years 7 and 8 took part in an hour long workshop to stand up for two cases that are part of Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights project. We learnt about Atena Daemi, an Iranian woman held in horrendous conditions in an Iranian jail for simply posting on Instagram about abolishing the death penalty. She is being held for 7 years after a 15 minute trial for crimes against the state. Students who wished to, wrote a letter to the Iranian embassy calling for her immediate release. Students also learnt about Marielle Franco who was assassinated in Brazil in March this year. There has been no investigation into her death but she was a human rights defender in a country where 70 people who have stood up for human rights have been murdered in the last year. Some students wrote beautiful and heartfelt cards to the family.

In addition, there was a cake and sweet sale and a fabulous talent show that showcased talent from throughout the year groups at lunchtime. There were around 500 students in the hall watching and we managed to raise around £300 for Amnesty International. Many thanks to all the students who donated cakes and more importantly time. Also a big thanks to Mrs Battishill, Mr Pearce and Miss Williams for their help and support with the day. Clyst Vale has a proud record for standing up against human rights violations. As a Rights Respecting School, long may this tradition continue."

Staff Changes

Leaving at the end of this term is Dr Walters, after many years of great service to the College. Dr Walters joined in 2000 as Head of the-then PE and Performing Arts Faculty, before internal promotion to Deputy Principal. Many students and colleagues have cause to be very grateful to Dave for his encouragement and support over the years, particularly with regard to teaching & learning approaches and teacher training. From the student perspective, perhaps Dave's most obvious legacy is Clyst Vale's glorious Sports Day, which he created and introduced. Sadly, Dave has been unwell for several months, and we wish him well for a full recovery.

Miss Hayley Johns is also leaving our Languages team, to a permanent post at Isca College. Hayley had made a very bright start at Clyst Vale, and we wish her well for her future career in teaching. Mrs Katie List is a third leaver, to take up a position at Exeter School; it's no secret that we had some staffing challenges with a spate of maternities last year, and we were very lucky that Katie was available as a teacher of Physics and Maths. Similarly, Mrs Tania Gale returned to us for a term on a part-time basis to teach some Maths, and has eased us through the term. Clearly, we would all like continuity of staffing; however, sometimes this just is not possible, and we have done well to recruit specialist teachers in shortage subjects.

Uniform

It has been really, really good this term, and thank you so much to parents and carers for your support. We are well aware that teenagers have sudden growth spurts, and that eventually shoes wear out. So, if you are buying uniform over the Christmas break, please make sure it conforms to the dress code on our website! And, for the umpteenth time, please try to help us explain that hoodies are not coats.....

Finally...

On behalf of all my colleagues, a huge "thank you" to all parents and carers for all of your support through 2018. It's been a while since my three were teenagers, but I still vividly recall sitting in school car parks after dark to do the pick-up, disentangling huge crises which were nothing of the sort, trying to explain that school rules are fundamentally reasonable, and doing extra food shopping at exam times (for example). So, many, many thanks. Best wishes to you and your families for a Happy Christmas and a fantastic 2019.

Best wishes,



Dr Bawn

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 17th January 2019

4.30 – 7.00pm in the Main Hall

May I take this opportunity to invite you to attend the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th January 2019, between 4.30 and 7.00pm.

The online system to book your appointments will be available for you to book appointments from 17th December 2018 at noon and will close on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at Midnight. Please access the site at: <https://cvcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> (<https://cvcc.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>) . We use the preferred name of your child.

Subject staff will be available for consultation in the Main Hall. Each subject teacher will allocate five minute appointments, which should enable you to see a range of teachers during the evening. Staff will sit in specific areas according to their subject. Senior staff will also be available during the evening. Mrs Turner, Assistant to the Head of 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. Could I ask you to please sign in, using the lists displayed at the entrance to the Main Hall.

If you are unable to attend, but would like feedback on particular subjects, please contact the relevant subject teacher.

Yours sincerely

Pam Grant



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



YELLOW SCHOOL

7YNS	Charlie-Mae Hancock
7YMPR	Freddie Hancock
8YRB	Jack Watts
8YKHO	Harry Thompson
9YJPU	Scarlett James
9YMBR	Summer Barnett
10YMM	Neddy leong
10YZK	Ben Folland
11YSP	Zoanne Morrish
11YMHI	Harry Parkhouse & Jack Clyburn

RED SCHOOL

7RGG	Harry Roach
7RHCH	Matthew Hill
8RHC	Luke Jones
8RTMA	Roxy Waterman
9RCJ	Oliver Churchill
9RCM	Adam Dodd
10RZB	Louisa Bardot
11RAR	Rosie Pring
11RLA	Ryan Goodier

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



SPORTS NEWS

Y8 BOYS' RUGBY

St Peter's 5-20 Clyst Vale

The Year 8 boys saved their best performance for the last game of the Autumn term, with an outstanding result against nearby neighbours, St Peter's. Despite playing in gloomy and dark conditions, Clyst Vale outscored their counterparts by four tries to one, with scores from Harvey Tarrant (x 3) and Ned Brown. The result was down to a whole squad performance; the defence was absolutely superb throughout, with crunching tackles made by all, especially by George Wright in the centre.



Congratulations to all of the squad: Tom Brooking (c), Joe Fellows, Harvey Tarrant, Oliver Watt, George Wright, Jonny Baker, Ben Heywood-Rose, Joe Clark, Jed Wade, Felix Bilton, Max Kerlake, Joe Rees-Lee, Ned Brown and Freddie Fenner.

Mr Pearce
Head of Green School
Teacher of PE

Cross Country Running

Many congratulations to Tamara Dow, Lucy Massey, Sam Mills and Harvey Tarrant who have been selected to represent Exeter and East Devon at the Devon Schools Cross Country Running Championships at Stover on Saturday 19th December.



Sam was second in his race so should be in a strong position to represent Devon, as he did last year. Certainly these 4 talented athletes will be in training over the festive period and will need to take it easy with the rich and unhealthy foods. In fact I think that their parents should join them in a booze and chocolate free Christmas as a way of support!

Good luck!

Mr Everett (brave or stupid?)



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

SPRING TERM 2019	
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
SUMMER TERM 2019	
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
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

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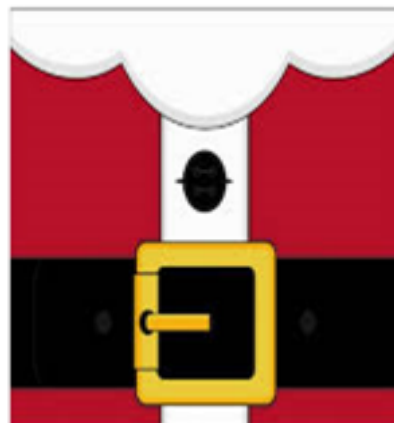
CALENDAR DATES cont'd

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

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



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 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring:

Jassy Barrington (Post-16 PA)

Direct line: 01392 462697

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 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.

- 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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