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"We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced".

- Malala Yousafzai

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted

It's not exactly like signing the Official Secrets Act, but I'm not allowed to reveal how it went. This is because Ofsted have timetables and quality assurance processes to deal with, and while it is rare for the provisional judgements on the day to be changed, it sometimes happens. I might receive the draft report for checking next week, although it could also be early in the New Year (Ofsted operate on working day timescales, not calendar). So, you can anticipate the final report some time in mid-January. I am required to publish it to all parents/carers, so you won't miss it ! (You wouldn't want to miss it...)

I can comment on my colleagues, who were committed, passionate, professional and exceptionally hardworking. I don't just mean on the inspection days, but since our last inspection in 2019. Despite the pandemic and lockdowns and frankly poor leadership from the government, we have made significant progress, so that hard work has been spread over and sustained for well over 3 years. I can also comment on our students, who were a real credit to us (and to you). Inspections rely a lot more on what the children say and less on the grown-ups, so there were ten specific meetings with a variety of students. Students also spoke to inspectors in lessons, and around the site. As happens regularly and not by accident, Clyst Vale students are fantastic ambassadors.

Thank you as well to parents and carers. I believe around 170 of you managed to complete the Parent View survey at ten minute's notice, which apparently is an excellent return and usually a good thing. Of course there were individual issues reported in the free text, and some feedback criteria were better than others, but I was told that the overall tone of the responses was very positive. Thank you too for getting your children to school smart and clean, fed, and set up for the day. Sounds basic, but makes a huge difference.

Celebrating Human Rights Day

As a Rights Respecting School, Human Rights Day is really important to us. It's 10th December, the anniversary of when 48 countries first signed up to the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This was the first time in history that any document had stated that all humans should be free and equal, regardless of their gender, race, religion, or other characteristics. The UDHR came about, of course, because of the atrocities and human rights abuses which occurred during the Second World War.

Sometimes we will run a special day with displays, speakers, and other activities. This year is a little more low-key, but that is now a blessing in disguise what with our visitors earlier this week. Nonetheless, the tin collection for Exeter Food Bank concludes today [Articles 24 and 27 of the Convention on Children's Rights, adequate nourishment]; you'll see below the Student Board held its first meeting and a photo-shoot.

The College's commitment to RRS and the way it has become embedded over the past 5 years hugely impressed Ofsted, and there is no question that it contributed favourably to all of the judgements. RRS is included in many curriculum areas; with C42, CPS and tutorials it contributes enormously to students' personal development; it gives a very clear underlying rationale to behaviour approaches (every rule-break is disrespectful to someone); it's important to our Sixth Form who are tremendous supporters of RRS activities; and the College's vision and ethos align closely with RRS values meaning it contributes to Leadership & Management.

Sorry to go on, but morally and philosophically RRS is more important than even Ofsted, and I'm proud that we are pioneering it. We haven't finished the journey, but it's been a good start, in fact, and it's not just about gaining a Gold Award. In our challenging society, respect, understanding of equality and diversity, tolerance, kindness, and the courage to speak out are more essential than ever. That said, of course I'm thrilled to bits that we are the first secondary school to achieve Gold in the whole of Devon and Cornwall, and the second in the whole south-west.

An anecdote to illustrate the point. One poor Ofsted inspector on Wednesday morning made the mistake of describing RRS as an "initiative", only to be pounced on by three of us sounding like Rowan Atkinson in the jewellery scene in Love Actually: "an initiative ? An initiative ? Oh no, it's far more than an initiative". It's what we are.

We held the first meeting of the Student Board (Council) today, and I've been waiting for this moment for three years ! The Board is made up of representatives from all years, and the first Board's task is to set things up properly for the March elections and the first full cycle of the Board. So it's like a pilot. Its main responsibilities will be RRS, equality and diversity, teaching and learning, and high-level student issues. The Board also helped out with some publicity photos celebrating our Gold award.

Strep A, Scarlet Fever, GAS and iGAS

If I have got this right, streptococcus A is the bacteria which causes a lot of things, especially sore throats sometimes called "Strep throat". GAS stands for Group A Strep and is a general description of everything that Strep A can cause. iGAS on the other hand is Invasive Group A Strep, which is much more serious. Among the conditions that Strep A causes are scarlet fever and impetigo. Strep infections are exactly that – very infectious and quite easily transmitted, even though most illnesses will be mild. So, the conclusions for schools are fairly obvious – don't come in if you're ill, which would include any of the early symptoms of Strep A and also a raised temperature. Early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue. Parents/carers have been sent a separate, more detailed letter with UKHSA links for further information.

News of Former Student

Former student James Maxwell contacted us to tell us he has recently completed his PhD in Mathematics at Swansea University, and in October started a post-doctoral position as a Heilbronn Fellow at the School of Mathematics at the University of Bristol. He continues, "I wanted to also say thank you for being a part of my journey in maths, and being such an encouraging and supportive department during my time at Clyst Vale. I don't think I would have developed such a passion and motivation for mathematical ideas if it wasn't for my time at Clyst Vale".

News of Current Student

Good luck to Clyst Vale Post 16 student Sam Mills in the European Cross Country Championship's on Sunday. The race takes place in Turin with the Men's race scheduled for 9.35 CET or 8.35 UK time. The race is being shown live on the BBC red button. Sam is already UK U20 cross country champion as well as UK schools 800m champion. However, this is a big step up and having raced in Europe on the league circuit, Sam is well aware of the challenge from other runners, especially the strong Danish contingent. Very best wishes to Sam from all at Clyst Vale for this next step in his athletics career.

Next Week

Is the last week of term. There is the annual Carol Concert in Broadclyst Church on Tuesday at 7.00pm. PLEASE NOTE: it is definitely 7.00 pm, and not 6.00 pm as indicated in some other places.

On Wednesday students will be able to buy a Christmas dinner from the canteen.

On Thursday there will be Carols in the Library (at lunchtime). And then it'll be Friday......

Last Day of Term: Important

Friday will be a non-uniform day with the money going to UNICEF. Our recent fundraising has been for local charities, so we would like to support something international.

Don't forget that on Friday we also finish early with school finishing at 1.30 pm and student collection/school transport departing at 1.45 pm. Students catching Stagecoach buses will be escorted to the bus stops. Unfortunately Dartline buses can't come until 3.20 pm as normal, so if parents/carers are unable to collect or arrange a lift-share we will supervise them until 3.20 pm.

("Dartline parents" have been contacted separately about this; it affects CV02, CV03, CV04, CV09, and CV042).

Thank you once again for your amazing support,

Kevin Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

RED SCHOOL

7RDF	Lottie Ash
7RTM	Daisy Hopper
8RBAT	Jasmine Hutchings
8RHSP	Caitlin Baird
9RSGA	Ruby Hopkins
9RZB	Millie Jenner
10RA0	Ruby Meredith
10RMAH	-
11RER	Poppy Bowern
11RGG	Annabelle Davies, Olly

YELLOW SCHOOL	
7ҮВН	
7YGG	
8YMBR	
8YTZI	
9YPNE	
9YSS	
10YDST	
10YSP	
11YMPR	
11YNS	

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GREEN SCHOOL

7GLT	Henry Girvin
7GLT	Chrissy Rogers-Heavy
8GCMC	Nat Kempton
9GDH	Annie Glassco
10GAW	No Permission
10GGT	Florence Walker
11GHE	No Permission
11GSW	No Permission

CALIENDAR DATIES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 9th Dec to Sunday 11th December	Ten Tors Weekend
Monday 12th December	Y11 Geography Field work—Bristol
Tuesday 13th December 6pm	Christmas Carol Concert @ Broadclyst Church
Wednesday 14th December	Plymouth Inequalities 2021 Trip—Post 16 Geog.
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	Carols in the Library @ lunchtime (students & staff)
Friday 16th December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM (Note Early finish 2pm)
Thursday 5th January 2023	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 9th January	Fourth Monkey Theatre Company
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Friday 21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM (Note Early finish 2pm)



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European Cross Country Championships

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Year 10 Boys Rugby: East Devon Area Semi Final Uffculme 50-3 Clyst Vale

Despite the heavy score line, the Year 10 lads did the school proud with all 19 players putting in a big shift against a physical and very well organised side on Tuesday afternoon. Clyst Vale had to do without the services of JJ Slater, Tom Mackay and Josh Jones due to injury but still organised themselves well both on and off the pitch.

Uffculme with a number of very strong runners, went into half time up by 17-3, with fullback Max Metherell striking a well taken penalty. Uffculme added more scores to their tally in the second half, however Clyst Vale never lost their fight and were unlucky not to register a try of their own where a full-length attack ended with them being turned over just metres before dotting down.

Men of the match went to back rowers, Daniel Baker and Dan Horn who were outstanding at the breakdown, forcing many turnovers and were physical in defence. The boys now turn their focus to the short version of the game, Rugby 7s with the aim being to represent the school at the area tournament at Blundells and for the U16 side at Rosslyn Park in March 2023.

A big thanks must go to parents, Mr Brown and Mr Williams, respectively, for helping transport the squad to and from Uffculme School as our bus only holds 17 students. Many, many thanks!

Well done to the squad: JJ Slater, Oliver Hargreaves, Charlie Williams, Daniel Baker, Lenny Bolt, Nick Ball, Rhys Smith, Jake Ferris, Alex Johnson, Archie Jameson, Tom Rintoul, Jack Bauer, Jaden Hooper, Max Metherell, Archie Walters, Sonny Brown, Jack Spurrier, Dan Horn, Jasper Forty, Tom Mackay and Olivier Krzemien.

Adam Pearce



Y11 Cup Football Report

Cup matches usually involve longer trips that normal and true to form Y11 had to leave at the start of lunch for their journey to Churston Grammer School in Brixham. The pitch was heavy and wet, but immaculately flat and lush with grass. A great surface for the boys to play their passing football on.

The game started brightly with an early pass out to the right catching Churston sleeping as Sam raced in and drove home a shot from 30 yards across the keeper. The game then settled with the home side applying aerial pressure to Charlie, LJ, Joa and Olly in defence. Eventually the pressure told and a lobbed corner into the box found one of the taller Churston players with a simple head in.

The game continued apace with Sol and Fraser linking well on the left whilst Tommy was as ever fleer of foot on the right. A few through balls promised chances but our strikers struggled to concert. Some in game formation changes caused some confusion in defence and all of a sudden Churston had the lead from another looped in cross. Half time came and by now had Noah joined the defence. He shored up the back line, but the midfield were tiring. Gaps were opening up to allow the Churston players to run at Charlie and company, then release their strikers. Sam dropped into a position just in front of the defensive line and stopped the flow. But legs were tiring and the pitch was cutting up. Sam made a desperate lunge and gave away a penalty that was coolly converted. Tommy showed some sublime touches and Marlon's brief visits to the pitch were marked with some lovely mazey runs. A final goal in the fading light meant an early exit for Y11 to a stronger team. There are more matches on the horizon and the boys remained buoyant on the long journey back to the Vale. Man of the match: Noah strong, balanced defence, rarely looked worried and managed to pick passes well with the ball at his feet.

Mr J Powell Head of PE

Year 8 Foorball Report

On Wednesday the Y8 boys kicked off against the visiting North Devon champions Ilfracombe in the first round of the County Cup.

Some last minute illness prompted changes including Olly stepping into the goal keepers kit and lining up between the posts. As it happened the match started very evenly, but two rather odd goals that were miss kicked crosses meant Ilfracombe found themselves 2 up very quickly. At the back Dillon looked in control as he deflected the attacks with the aid of Ed, Fred and Archie.

In front Ellis and Max were starting to find space, but Ilfracombe doubled their advantage with a couple of better worked goals. In midfield Owen was chasing and harrying the opposition, but the ball kept getting shifted to the wings. By half time the game looked lost at 5-0. However, the addition of Inti and Luca added a little more flair and bite in the challenge. Owen also stepped up and used his power to good effect. Right from the kick of a nice assist from Owen led to Luca opening the scoring.

The pressure started to mount as free kicks were awarded to CVCC and Ellis was unlucky with a super strike that hit the wall. Max showed great balance and agility to work an opening to score a second. Ilfracombe pulled one back but then Ellis smashed one home to put the game in balance 5-3. Olly was heroic in goal and deflected a number of fierce shots. However, with the last kick of the game a penalty was awarded. The penalty was converted and a home loss in round one to a good side was recorded.

Great effort and behaviour throughout and promise for the future. Man of the match: Dillon - strong, poised, great communication and some clever turns and distribution.

Julian Powell, Head of PE

Lost Property

If your child has lost any items of clothing or equipment, please can you ensure that they have checked Lost Property (now located outside the ATHOS's Rooms) <u>before</u>

Tuesday 13th December.

All unclaimed Lost Property will be donated to Charity.

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Film Club – commencing 3 rd October	Lunchtime	HU6	S	Miss Matthews
Monday	Yr 7/8/9 Tech Club	Lunchtime	DT1		Mr Arthur
Monday	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Crawford
Monday	Yr 9-13- Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Yr 10-13 - Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Tuesday	Trailblazers	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Tuesday	Ten Tors/DofE – commencing after Hal Term	1.30pm to 2.10pm	MA8		Miss Barratt/Mr Eales
Tuesday	KS4/KS5 Work Experience & Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Base		Miss Bennett
Tuesday	Yr 10/11 - Lacrosse	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Yr 7-9 - Girls Football	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Yr 10/11 - Btec Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Week B – Yr 7/8/9 - Science Club	Lunchtime	SC4		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer/Mr Ferret
Tuesday	GCSE Art & Photography Catch-Up	Lunchtime	AR2/IT4		Mrs Walton
Wednesday	Week B - LGBTQ+ Group	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Wednesday	Week A – Eco Committee	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Wednesday	Yr 11 Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Yr 7/8 - Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell/Michael Rothery
Wednesday	Yr 7-9 - Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Wednesday	Yr 8/9 - Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Thursday	History Club	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Thursday	Yr 7-9 Games Club	1.30pm to 2.00pm	HU6		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Week A – Yr 10/11 Practical Catch UP	Lunchtime	DT3	89 10	Mrs Crook
Thursday	Week B – Yr 1/11 Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3	8	Mrs Crook
Thursday	Hooks & Books	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Crawford
Thursday	Yr 11 – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	<u>Yr</u> 10/11 - Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Thursday	Yr 7-9 - Boys/Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Yu Gi Oh! Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey

Friday	litter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot
Friday	Post 16 – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Friday	Week B – Yr 9/10 – Science Club	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer/Mr Ferrett
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Colour Coding - relates to DofE - Physical = Red, Volunteering = Yellow, Skill = Blue





East Devon District Council is seeking views on its plans for the future of East Devon up to 2040.

The Local Plan is the key document in determining what development will go where, and it is vital that the District Council hears what people think to inform the final proposals.

It sets out how the District Council intends to meet housing targets and deliver new jobs, whilst addressing the climate emergency, supporting town centres, and protecting built heritage and the natural environment. A key element is proposals for a new town in the western side of the district.

The consultation can be viewed and commented on online at: <u>https://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/local-plan</u>

You can also find out more and talk to a Planning Officer at an exhibition near you:

Tue 29 Nov

Wed 30 Nov

Thu 1 Dec

Fri 2 Dec

Tue 6 Dec

Thu 15 Dec

- Whimple Victory Hall
- Ottery St Mary The Institute
- Axminster Guildhall
- Clyst St Mary Village Hall
- Sidmouth Kennaway
- Honiton Beehive Wed 7 Dec 3pm
- Exmouth Ocean Thu 8 Dec 3pm to 7
- Feniton Youth Centre Tue 13 Dec 3pm to
- Seaton Gateway

4.30pm to 8.30pm

3pm to 7pm 3pm to 7pm 2pm to 6pm 3pm to 7pm 3pm to 7pm 3pm to 7pm 3pm to 7pm 3pm to 7pm



The Local plan is also available to view at public libraries, or at EDDC Council offices (by appointment). Phone: 01395 571533.

All comments must be received by end of 15th January 2022.





UK Health Security Agency

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular feve	
Head lice	Tonsillitis	
Threadworms	Slapped cheek	



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://grco.de/minfec.

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs. If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps 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.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

For Years 7 - 11 Absences

Please ring: Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers) Direct line: 01392 463911 Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16 Direct line: 01392 462697 Email: voyseys@clystvale.org Copying in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvale.org

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).
- Skirts Blue Tartan and knee length
- 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.
- 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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