





NEWSLETTER

No.790 w/c Mon 8th May 2023

If you are on social media, and you are not learning, not laughing, not being inspired or not networking, then you are using it wrong.—Germany Kent.















Dear Parents/Carers,

Strike action

Thank you once again to parents and carers for your understanding over the NEU strike action, especially to those of you for whom it is a logistical nightmare of work and childcare. Striking teachers are well aware of this and very sympathetic – they would genuinely rather be in school teaching - but the strikes are reflective of the strength of feeling about pay, conditions and funding. The argument is with government, not parents.

In terms of what happens next, the NEU are considering three more strike days once the exam season is over, i.e. late June/early July. The NASUWT and NAHT unions are re-balloting members on strike action, as is ASCL for the first time in its history. Any strike action would be in the Autumn Term, although one immediate aim is to persuade the DfE to return to the negotiating table. I really hope that strike action can be avoided, as in the autumn it would almost certainly mean a full closure, and it may not even be possible for example to run "CWV" which we have managed throughout lockdowns and previous strike days. On the other hand, some of these are the very students who deserve the best teachers and decent level of provision, which is what the strikes are about.

Ten Tors

Thanks to Mr Eales for an excellent write-up and photos later on in the Newsletter. There is no question that covering 35 or 45 miles on Dartmoor in a day-and-a-half is some achievement, and we are really proud of all our students who took part. Plus...Jamie Horwell in the Sixth Form completed the 55-mile route, and has done the full set of 35, 45 and now 55!

However, what about the grown-ups? A bit like the College's productions, there is an extensive informal team which has grown and works together to support the students, and they deserve a huge amount of credit and thanks. All but three are volunteers, and most do not even have children at CVCC currently! Five Ten Tors teams means 30 young people, meaning a lot of work over the weekend.



On Thursday base camp was set up by Chris Eales, Graeme Robb, Dan Wollen, Harriet Gilmour, Ben Hutchins, Cathy Horwell, Jamie Horwell (and see above), Harry Price & Darren Smith. On Friday 28th April Graeme, Dan, Andy Bowern and Michelle Barratt drove the students to the Army camp and stayed until the Sunday; Harriet, Ben and Darren also stayed until the Sunday. Rachel Keene camped over on Friday night. On Sunday, Chris, Graeme, Dan, Andy, Darren, Harriet, Ben, Cathy and Rachel (who drove back out) saw the finish. Other colleagues and volunteers have helped with the various training weekends, too. I think it's brilliant that this mini-community exists, because without them our students would not have the opportunity.

District Cup Final

Well done to our under-16 footballers (Year 11) who had a great run through to the final of the Exeter and East Devon District Cup Final. They came up against a very competent, well-organised and especially tall side from Kings, most of whom looked about 18. In fairness, Kings deserved to win, but the 6-0 scoreline flattered them somewhat, and their third goal was clearly offside from my viewpoint 50 metres away. Nonetheless, the team are the second best in the local area, and we are really proud of the boys (and Mr Stapleton) for their excellent run and for representing the College so well.

Exam season organisational reminders (which affect ALL students).

The exam season begins on Monday, 15th May.

As far as possible, we keep things as normal (start and end times of the day, school transport, eating areas, and so on). However, there are one or two exceptions:

There will be early lunches all week for weeks beginning Mon 15th May, Mon 22nd May (except Weds 24th), and Mon 5th June. Plus, Tues 13th and Fri 16th June. This means pds 1-3 as normal, lunch 12.25 – 13.10, then pm registration and two lessons in the afternoon. The reason for early lunches is that afternoon exams are too long to fit into the hour lesson, and lunchtime happening in and around the exam rooms would be massively distracting! (The canteen is immediately next to the main exam hall)

We will be issuing frequent reminders to students about being calm, sensible, and quiet especially around the playground area of the College.

Occasionally, on days of large exams there might be room changes.

Most subjects offer a pre-exam briefing immediately before the exam, so in the morning it may not be possible to go to tutor rooms before 08.50.

Year 11 students are allowed to wear their leavers' hoodies from next Tuesday (they have the words "Clyst Vale" on them, so are almost uniform). Year 11 are not allowed to wear any other type of hoodie, and nor are students in Years 7-10.







Katie Barons

Sadly, last October, Katie Barons, a former student of Clyst Vale, tragically passed away, far too young at 27 years of age. Katie was a wonderful member of the CVCC community and stayed into the Sixth Form. She was a founding member of the student Amnesty International group at school and won the RRS (then Citizenship) Shield for working for others. Katie had a great sense of humour and a desire to improve and develop herself. She also had a passion for reading, and read voraciously.

After leaving school, Katie went off to University and became an English teacher for a while. She had a thirst for learning and a love of reading that she wanted to pass onto others. Teaching is a tough old gig and Katie realised it wasn't for her. She wanted to continue working with people and she was a carer for people with learning needs. She never lost her passion for learning and her mum speaks of her always having a book in her hands.



Katie's mum wanted her love of learning to be passed onto others. She kindly donated all of Katie's books to the school. We have made an area of the library where we can all have a chance to borrow from her extensive collection. We do this in loving memory of Katie and to remind us all to embrace the pleasure of reading and to always make the most of each day. Katie was an exemplary student who embraced the ethos of our school, and she will always be remembered.

[Thank you to Miss Watt and Mrs Southard].

Reading

Reading is a big priority for us, as it is so important for students' learning. In lessons, there is an increasing focus on "disciplinary literacy", which means subject-specific, so that students are reading a wider range of text. You'll see that we are now putting out Reading Recommendations for students (later in the Newsletter), and the Student Bulletin often contains a book review by a student. Students are also encouraged to submit reviews to the Library system. Years 7 and 8 can also look forward to Reading Bingo, soon to be announced, again run by the Library!







Requesting Holiday Absence in Term Time

Our hands are tied by DfE and Devon CC guidance and expectations, plus the moral principle that students should be in school, and we will not authorise holiday absence. If there are "exceptional circumstances" (usually family ill-health) then an authorised absence might be considered. Clearly, we cannot physically stop any parent taking their child on holiday; and we realise that the same holidays in term-time are often significantly cheaper than in school holidays. It's quite possibly the cost of living pressures which are causing an increase in requests. However, an absence of five days/ten sessions is likely to result in a fine.

Very best wishes for the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend!

Kevin Bawn

Principal







STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RDF

7RTM Sophie Setter

8RBAT Luca Batchelor

8RHSP Lucas Matterface

9RSGA Joe Blasdale

9RZB Lucy Luffingham

10RAO Tom Power

10RMAH -

11RER Zach Jenner

11RGG -

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7YBH -

7YGG Otis Chamberlain

8YMBR Issac Greenslade

8YTZI No permission to print name

9YPNE

9YSS Bryn Matthews

10YDST Lenny Bolt, Olivia Woollam, Jack

10YSP Jesse Emeleus

11YMPR -

11YNS Tom Shelton

GREEN SCHOOL

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7GMN Nataniel Tenderenda

8GCMC Esmae Matthews

8GIM Freddie Norman

9GABr Freya Shears, Jessica Massey

9GDH -

10GAW Sam Greenaway

10GBA Freya Graham

11GHE No permission to print name

11GSW No permission to print name

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 8th May	Additional Bank Holiday— Coronation
15th May to 28th June	GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS START
16th May	Y10 Parents Evening
Friday 19th May	Y9 Vaccinations
31st May to 3rd June	HALF TERM
6th June	Y7 Parents Evening
Thursday 15th June	Y6 Non Feeder School Parents Evening
Thursday 15th June—Saturday 17th June	Silver Assessed Dof E
20th to 27th June	Y12 Mock Exams
Thursday 29th June	Y6 New Intake Parents Evening
Friday 30th June	Y11 Prom
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July	Post 16 Taster Days
Wednesday 5th July	Exeter College Discovery Day Y10
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July	Transition Days
Wednesday 12th July	Sports Day (13th July Reserve Sports Day)
Week Commencing 17th July	Y10 & 12 Work Experience Woodlands Trips: Tues 18th—Y7 Weds 19th—Y9 Thurs 20th—Y8
21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM (Note Early finish 2pm)





Ten Tors 2023: Friday 28th to Sunday 30th April

So last weekend was the Ten Tors 2023 main event weekend, when for the first time ever, Clyst Vale had 5 teams participating in 3×35 -mile routes and 2×45 -mile routes...

The students from Clyst Vale travelled up to the Army camp on the Friday morning to prepare so kit was checked, final route planning was completed and packing completed. We checked out the start point, working out which direction to head and what to do if became separated from the team as there were 2,400 other participants also taking part! That afternoon was spent exploring the engagement village provided by the military, having dinner and participating in the all new "Ten Tors Fringe" that formed a minifestival, with a great atmosphere, for participants to let off some nervous energy before bed. At about 9pm it was time to head to the tents for bed as it was a very start on the Saturday.

Saturday morning it was a 4am start for the adults to make a start on cooking breakfast, whilst the students were awoken to the tune of Chariots of fires and other classic motivational songs at 5am! Food was eaten, final prep completed before heading to the start line at Anthony Stile. Unfortunately it was too cloudy so the planned parachute jump and helicopter fly-past couldn't happen, but Colonel Professor Sir Jonathan Van-Tam MBE (from Downing Street Covid Briefings fame) gave a very inspirational and motivational speech to encourage all the participants. The Army field gun then fired at 7am signaling the start of the 35, 45 or 55 mile trek across Dartmoor!

It was then a nervous wait for the staff, parents & supporters to see when the times would appear as the teams checked in to their various different checkpoints along their routes. It was a relief to see that they had all safely camped for the night, before then continuing the challenge 6am Sunday morning.

Shortly after 2pm on the Sunday, the first of the 45-mile teams returned and crossed the finish line – an amazing achievement – closely followed by the 1st of the 35-mile teams. The final 45-mile team then crossed the finish line just after 3pm whilst the next 35-mile team finished shortly after 4pm – all amazing achievements with medals deservedly presented and pasties eaten! Unfortunately the 3rd 35-mile team were a bit behind time and so the Army pulled them off as they weren't going to reach the finish line before the 5pm cut off time – this just goes to show that Ten Tors is a challenge in the truest sense of the word, and its never easy on Dartmoor let alone walking 35 miles, navigating and carrying all the gear too. So it brings into sharper focus the achievements of all those that did make it across the finish line.

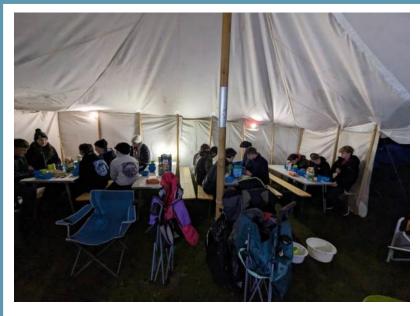
Every single student did fantastically well over the weekend, not least just getting to the start line after months of training in the cold winter months with a full range of weather thrown at them. We're full of pride and admiration for them all, as I'm sure you are too! Students have learnt a wide variety of skills such as navigation, campcraft and teamwork, as well as gaining meaningful new experiences and adventures. Ten Tors is a very tough yet rewarding personal and team challenge that forms lifelong memories & stories to look back on.

Big congratulations also to all the other Clyst Vale students, both past and present, who also participated in the event with other organisations. We know of some who participated on the 45 and 55 mile routes with other organisations and there are probably others too – so well done to them all!

For those whom it has sparked some interest, it's likely to start all over again after October half term so look out for posters and info about it then for students in year 9 and above...

Mr Eales, Ten Tors Manager

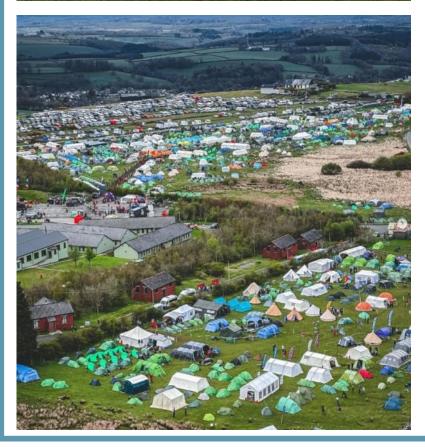














Ten Tors Triumph in Post 16 too!

Huge congratulations to Post 16 student Jamie Horwell (RHS of photo) who successfully completed the gruelling 55 mile Ten Tors challenge over the bank holiday weekend. He walked with Sea Moor Explore, completing the route with a very respectable 3.07pm return time to Okehampton Battle Camp. The 55 mile course is not just about endurance and pure grit. You also need on-point navigation skills, including walking across the moor for hours after sundown in the pitch black – not to mention a stomach-churningly early start on the Sunday.

The team crossed the line sporting massive grins, bright pink t-shirts and frilly tu-tus.

Jamie now adds a gold 55 mile medal to his collection of silver (45 mile) and bronze (35 mile) from previous years.

An epic achievement - well done!



CLYST VALE

ULTIMATE BURGER COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL YEAR 9&10 STUDENTS

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST ENTER YOUR 'ULTIMATE BURGER' RECIPE THAT CLEARLY DESCRIBES YOUR INGREDIENTS/METHOD:

- HOW YOU ARE PLANNING TO RESOURCE ALL YOUR INGREDIENTS
- VISUALLY DESIGN YOUR BURGER, ALL PARTS CLEARLY LABELLED

DEADLINE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION:



local restaurant.

Cooking Club

We made some lovely hand-crafted and shaped Greek shortbreads in our Food club this week.

Here are some pictures of our finished products.

Miss Collins









Reading Recommendations Newsletter

Welcome to our new half-termly reading newsletter. In each edition, we will recommend books from a variety of styles and genres, to inspire readers across all year groups.



I finished this one last night but wanted to wait a bit before writing my review, and this one stayed with me, and I think that's a sign of just how important and amazing a read this is.

I cried so many times while reading this book... It broke my heart, but it was just so beautiful...

Year 7 &8



I loved this book it was action packed and very realistic to the time period with the things that happen to the characters as the story progresses. I liked the characters very much the ones I liked best were Marc, Rosie and Paul they were well developed and so very like how children of the time period and their situations made them so very compelling to read about. I liked the story it was well written and a realistic WW2 story with a great action-packed story. So overall I really enjoyed this book and will be reading more of this series soon.

Year 9



I don't think words can properly describe how much I adored SHADOW & BONE. The characters, the world-building...it completely blew me away. There were moments when I was so stunned by the beauty and the brilliance that I had to stop reading. I never wanted this book to end.

This is the best YA fantasy novel I've read since SABRIEL or THE GOLDEN COMPASS.



Achingly pretentious. Insufferably wordy, and probably one of the best books I've ever read. I don't think I've ever wished a 600+ page book was even longer.

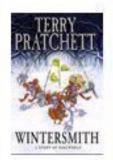
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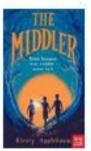
This half-term, 8r/En3 have been enjoying:













Our summaries are taken from the Goodreads website: www.goodreads.com

Looking to start or change your career?

OPEN DAY Invitation

Come along to our Open Day on Wednesday 31st May 2023 2.00pm until 5.30pm

Plumbing

Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty Business Sectors & Retail

Construction

Electrical

Traineeships

Commercial

Find out about our Apprenticeships, Traineeships and industry specific courses.

Try for yourself with tasters from plumbing to retail.

Talk to our experienced team, look around and find out what we have on offer.

All welcome — school/college leavers, parents, employers, advisers and adults

wanting to retrain.

Easy access to the centre — just a 10 minute walk from Newcourt Train Station Free refreshments and ample free parking on site

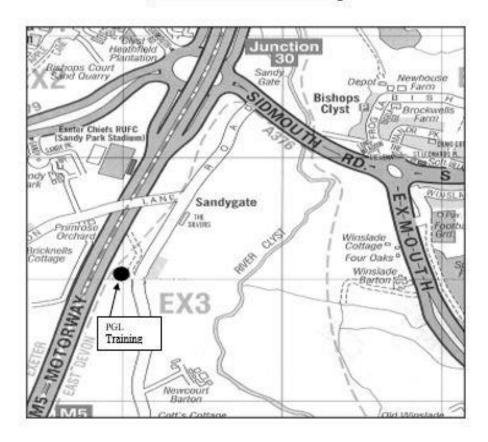
For more information contact Alberto Pitocco 01392 437373

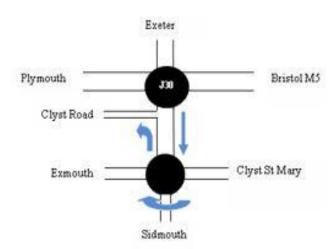
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Directions to PGL Training





Leave the M5 at Junction 30 and follow the signs for Exmouth/A376.

Clyst Road is immediately on the right; however you must travel to the next roundabout and return prior to turning left into Clyst Road. PGL Training is located approximately 600 metres along the road on the right.

PGL Training

Clyst Works, Clyst Road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon, EX3 0DB Telephone: 01392 437373 Fax: 01392 437370

Email: enquiries@pgltraining.com



SURVIVAL SKILLS

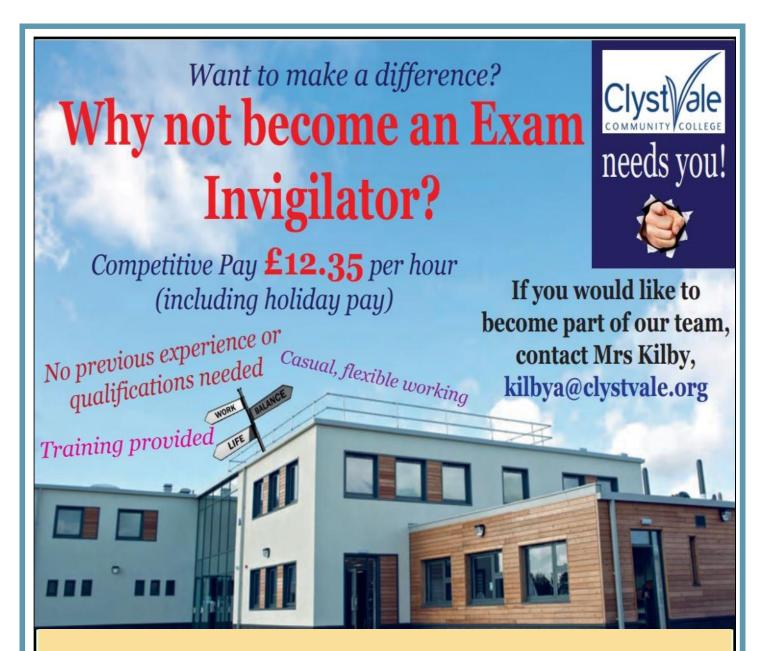
Learn new survival skills including fire making, shelter building, tracking and foraging, map reading, river crossing and more!



TEAM CHALLENGES

Our challenges will test you as individuals and as a team while you learn to problem solve and grow in confidence.

FROM 31/07 TO 25/08 2023 0800-1730 DAILY MON-FRI BOOK WEEKLY FOR £225 (£45PER DAY) CONTACT US: INFO@UX2.CO.UK 01404 823211



Edulink and contacting the College

Please do not address emails, or replies to Edulink messages, to Edulink@clystvale.org. It is an unmonitored mailbox and will not go to anyone. Parents/carers need to reply to Edulink messages via the app, online, or via email, as this will then be directed to the staff member who sent the message to you. Or, please contact the relevant school ATHOS or the teacher.

There is also a contact form and details here: http://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/



LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Film Club – commencing 3 rd October	Lunchtime	HU6	72 6.0428	Miss Matthews
Monday	Yr 7/8/9 Tech Club	Lunchtime	DT1		Mr Arthur
Monday	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Crawford
Monday	∑ 9-13- Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	21 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	07	Miss Bennett
Tuesday	// 10/11 - Lacrosse	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	7,7-9 - Girls Football	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Yr, 10/11 - Riec Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Week B - 30 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	Vr 11 Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	V _{s.} 7/8 - Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell/Michael Bathery
Wednesday	<u> 77</u> 7-9 - Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Wednesday	Y ₁ 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	54	Mrs Crook
Thursday	Week B - Yr 1/11 Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3	7.4	Mrs Crook
Thursday	Hooks & Books	Lunchtime	Library	8	Mrs Crawford
	12 11 - Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
); 10/11 - Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dancé Studio	Mrs Elliot
	yr 7-9 - Boys/Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Yu Gi Oh! Club	Lunchtime	SC3	ii a	Mr Moxey

Friday	Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss
					Hall/Mrs
					Broomfield (Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot
Friday	Post 15 - Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Friday	Week B − 35,9/10 − Science Club	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs
******					Spencer/Mr Ferrett
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Buscae

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Should I keep my

child off school?



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 fever	
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 (Attendance Officer)
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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