

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you" – Jane Goodall

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share that students have made a fantastic start and have quickly settled into the rhythm of school life.

This week, Miss McConnachie, Associate Principal and Head of Year 11, led assemblies for Years 7 to 10, highlighting the crucial role regular attendance plays in academic success. Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly achieve higher grades, build stronger friendships, and develop the confidence and skills needed for future success. Every lesson matters, missing even one day can mean falling behind, missing key learning, and feeling less connected to school life.

Miss McConnachie will be sharing further information in the coming weeks about how we support excellent attendance. We encourage all parents and carers to help their child maintain strong attendance. Being present every day gives students the best chance to thrive both academically and personally.

A sincere thank you to all parents and carers who attended last night's Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Information Evening. Your support is invaluable in helping students embrace new challenges and develop essential life skills. We are delighted to see so many Year 9 students eager to take part in this rewarding programme.

I would also like to extend our thanks to those of you who managed to juggle busy schedules to come and cheer on our students in various matches this week. It was lovely to catch up with some of you at the Year 11 boys' rugby game. While the result wasn't quite what we hoped for, the team showed tremendous spirit and represented the College with pride and determination.

Passport to Prom Launch – Year 11

Today in our Year 11 assembly, we launched our Passport to Prom initiative for Year 11. This programme celebrates students who consistently demonstrate excellence in attendance, punctuality, behaviour, and engagement with both studies and enrichment activities. Miss McConnachie will be writing to parents and carers early next week with full details. We look forward to recognising the hard work and dedication of our students as they work toward a memorable and well-deserved celebration.

Celebrating Post-16 Achievements

We're incredibly proud to announce that a team of Year 13 students has been shortlisted for a prestigious national competition run by Imperial College London and the British Heart Foundation. Tasked with developing a technological solution to a social or health issue, the team designed an app, conducted research, created original artwork, and produced a scientific poster. Out of entries from across the UK, they are one of only ten teams selected to present their work live to a panel of expert judges. Their creativity, teamwork, and commitment are truly inspiring.

College Open Evening – Tuesday 16th September

We're excited to invite prospective parents, carers, and members of the wider community to our College Open Evening on Tuesday, 16th September, from 6–8 pm. This is a wonderful

opportunity to explore our College, meet staff and students, and discover what makes our community so special. Please help us spread the word—we look forward to welcoming many new faces!

As always, thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a successful and inspiring year ahead!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul".

Y11 Rugby Report

Honiton arrived on Wednesday evening on the back of a deluge of rain that left the pitch sodden and the ball hard to handle. None the less a very large Honiton team kicked off up the hill to a Y11 squad led by the ever positive Jacob. Initial exchanges were tight with the Clyst Vale forwards securing good ball at the break down against the bigger opposition pack. Ollie, Ethan Michael and Dylan all committed to the rucks and mauls with power and Aidan found life at scrum half relatively straight forward. This was coupled with some excellent one up and double tackles from all, but notably George, Owen and Josh in the backs. It was them that provided much of the go forward, released repeatedly by Aidan. However, it was Honiton who crossed first, but then missed the conversion. Dylan threw himself into yet another tackle and the result was both ball carrier and Dylan leaving the field having shown signs of concussion. A tight game at half time. Into the second and CVCC kicked off, it was brilliantly taken by substitute Mason who kept the ball alive and within 30 seconds of kick off, Aidan scored in the corner. The conversion was brilliantly converted by George and a narrow lead was formed. However, with increased pressure from the visitors more tackles were needed and Nat at full back proved an excellent last line of defence. The game was on a knife edge with parents, siblings and teaching staff cheering every tackle. Some clever kicking and chasing from George, some excellent breaks from Mason and Nat as well as smashing forward play from Michael. In the end Honiton snatched victory with a couple of well worked tries as our subs made appearances and got a much needed run out. Well done to those who stepped up in odd positions, Tom and Henry both of who appeared in various guises around the scrum toward the end. Player of the match was Nat who was electric in his counter attacking runs from full back as well as tackling almost faultlessly as the last line of defence.



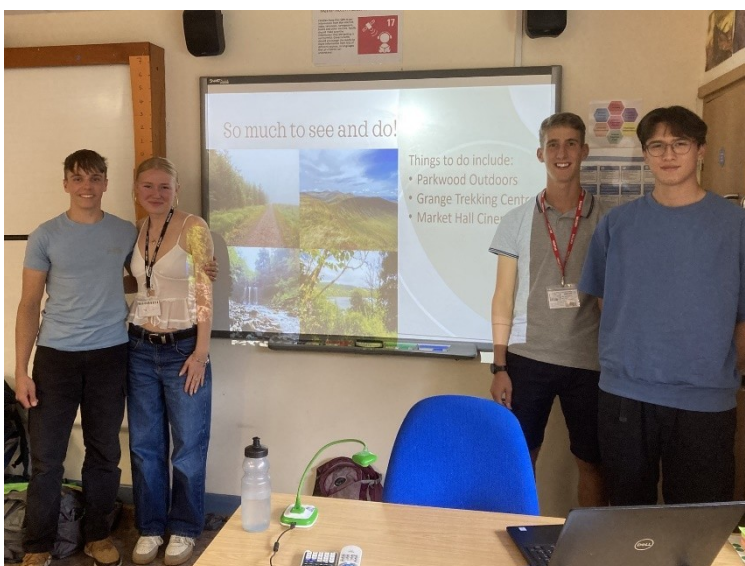
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Monday evening, 4 former students on the verge of completing their Gold DofE award came into school to give their expedition presentations. These presentations link back to the 4-day expedition that they undertook in the Brecon Beacons (Bannau Brycheiniog) in the last week of the summer term.

The presentations took place in Miss Barratt's room, with Chris Eales and Graeme Robb also attending in their capacity as leaders and assessors.

During the course of the expedition in July, alongside walking and navigating, the students had been observing the landscape around them and considering how the impacts of infrastructure, industry, farming and tourism had shaped what they saw. These were the four topics about which they each spoke to the group – using a slidedeck containing photos they had taken whilst they walked.

All students spoke knowledgeably and confidently on their own topics, giving an interesting insight into how human activity has altered the landscape in the Brecon Beacons, considering both the positives and negatives of these impacts upon the natural environment.



Congratulations to our outgoing Y13s - L-R Lewis, Annelise (CVCC alumna), Joel and Ray - on your excellent presentations. For some, this was the final assessed activity required to fully complete their programme.

The Gold Award is special in that recipients are invited to the palace, where they receive their certificate surrounded by other young people who have successfully completed the programme, in the company of a member of the Royal Family and a wide variety of famous speakers and special guests.

We are really look forward to hearing about the Gold awards ceremony that you attend – and wish you well in your next steps beyond Post 16 at Clyst Vale, for your next adventures in travel, work and University. Please keep in touch!

Student of the Week

7GABR Thomas Philip 7GDH Lucie Doughty 7RAT Archie Oatway 7RJK Ava Little 7YMRO Gibran Tarabay 7YADA No permission given 7YRKE Lara Henderson	8GAWO 8GLBA Zak Rogers 8RKJO Freya Faulkner 8RCMO 8YDST No permission given 8YIM Megan Woodward	9GRTU Jake Culshaw and Tei-Jai Davies 9GTBE No permission given 9RER Aaron Rea 9RACU Cooper Holcombe 9YCBO 9YCFL Henry Taylor
10GMNA William Harwood 10GJIH 10RDFE 10RGWW Carmen Tanner 10YGGA Marley Patterson 10YBHA	11GCMC Leo Bradley 11GSSF Lois Hargreaves 11RBAT Spencer Usifoh 11RNS Isobella Taylor 11YMBR 11YCHW Ella Oakley	Y13 No permission given



Each week our tutors are encouraged to recognise and reward one member of their tutor group for something outstanding. This could be an academic achievement, a demonstration of resilience or an act of kindness.



If you see a familiar name above then be sure to ask them what amazing thing they've done.

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Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent due to illness or a medical appointment, please report their absence, along with the reason, via the My Child at School **desktop browser**. Alternatively, you can complete the Absence Notification Form using the link below or email :

studentabsence@clystvale.org.

[Absence Notification Form](#)

If your child is in Year 12 or 13, please report their absence to voyseys@clystvale.org.

Absences must be reported daily for the duration of your child's absence.

If you know in advance that your child will be away from school, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

Additionally, kindly notify us of any lateness or scheduled appointments.

The school actively follows up on unexplained absences. If your child is absent for an unauthorised event, the details may be referred to the Educational Welfare Service which could result in a fixed penalty notice. Please be aware that the College may request supporting documentation for any absence.

Typically, work is not provided for students during their absence, as our priority is to ensure they recover fully and return to school as soon as possible.

Lateness

Attendance is formally recorded twice daily: in the morning at 8:50am and in the afternoon at 2:10pm. It is essential that students are prepared to begin their tutor period promptly at 8:50am and are punctual for each subsequent lesson.

As required by law, registers must be taken in a timely manner, and there are consequences for lateness. Students who arrive after registration closes will be marked as late, and those arriving after 9:25am will receive an unauthorised mark.

If a student is absent without prior notification, we will inform parents/carers as soon as possible if your child has not arrived at school in the morning. To ensure prompt communication, parents/carers are strongly encouraged to keep their contact details up-to-date via the Bromcom App.

Attendance is recorded during every lesson to monitor internal truancy and comply with safeguarding regulations. Students are required to sign in upon late arrival or sign out if leaving during school hours. Parents/carers must notify the school and provide a valid reason for their child's departure.

No student may leave College without authorisation from staff under any circumstances.

Students feeling unwell must report to reception and are not permitted to contact parents directly through phone calls, texts, or messaging apps to request collection.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their attendance, as research highlights a strong correlation between regular attendance and examination success.

Many medical appointments can often be scheduled in a way that allows students to attend school both before and after their appointments. By doing so, they can minimise missed learning opportunities while maintaining high attendance levels.

We kindly ask parents/carers to ensure that their child attends morning registration, even if a medical appointment is scheduled later in the morning. Similarly, where possible, afternoon appointments should be arranged after **Period 4**, during lunchtime. We also encourage students to return to school following lunchtime appointments, if feasible.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve maximum attendance and academic success.

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Juggling home and school life is tough for every parent, but there are some financial support options available. Find out what you could be entitled to by following this link

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<https://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>

Clyst Vale Library

Clyst Vale Library is open to the public 3.30 to 5.30pm Monday and Wednesday and 4.00 to 6.00pm Thursday.



Stationery for Sale

Pencil cases are available from the Library at a cost of £4.50 per pencil case. The clear pencil cases include one pencil, a blue pen, a red pen, one highlighter, a ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener.



Autumn Term Dates

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Exeter City Community Trust - Wellbeing Champions Youth Project

We are excited to share an exciting youth project that will be starting next Monday until the end of October.

We would like to invite students in Year 9,10 and 11 to attend our Wellbeing Champions project at the Beacon Centre in Beacon Heath, Exeter every Monday from 4pm - 5:50pm during term time, until the end of October.

Year 9, 10 and 11s will have the opportunity to train as a Wellbeing Champion and learn more about mental health, wellbeing and discuss what may be needed within the community. The weekly sessions involve fun activities such as yoga/mindfulness and engaging workshops focusing on Mental health. The young people will then get to plan and deliver a social action project based on what they have learnt.



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HOUSE ART AND DRAMA COMPETITION

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We want you to design the poster for the college production of Beauty and the Beast Jr. See the drama department for details of the design specifications. Winner will have their design used in the poster advertising the college production. Deadline closes for entries Monday September 29th.



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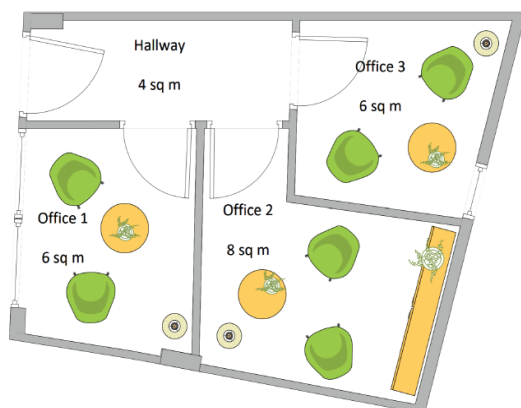
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