



NEWSLETTER

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2022

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

- Malala Yousafzai

Dear Parents and Carers,

2022

Thank you for all your support, appreciation and (at times) patience and understanding. It's been a successful calendar year for Clyst Vale: we largely got back to normal post-covid, providing many more opportunities for students; Years 11 and 13 achieved the best ever GCSE and A-Level results in the College's history; we are one of very few secondary schools to gain RRS Gold; and we are cautiously optimistic about our Ofsted report in January.

It really hasn't been easy, though, and as well as thanking you for your support, I must praise the resilience, commitment and sheer hard work of my colleagues. We have battled through periods of severe staff absence, which has affected our effectiveness and speed of response, and that's why I am grateful for your understanding.

You might recall that covid was still the dominant issue last January; we reintroduced face masks, there were vaccinations, and in early February we had the covid case which took us to 50% of students having had it at least once. Against this background we – most students included – pressed on, put on as much as we could, supported our exam years very well (in January it was by no means certain that the summer exams would run).

Despite our overall success, we haven't got everything right, and we are operating in a society buffeted by political instability, severe economic pressures, and which has not adjusted after the lockdown years. The main way this is manifesting is in the behaviour of a minority of students, who need a great deal of support, which we are addressing and will continue to address.

2023

While 2022 has been successful, we can always do better. When we start the New Year, we will be ratcheting up our expectations, and would very much appreciate working with you, and your support. There are two areas in which you can help particularly: uniform and equipment. Uniform has become a bit too relaxed: we will be focusing on untucked shirts, skirts which are too short because the waistband is rolled, and on ties. Students must be organised about equipment, too: it is wasting lesson time sorting out equipment issues, and on occasion this distracts the teacher and can even lead to low-level disruption, certainly a ragged start to the lesson. A third area will be the break and lunch behaviours which are too rough or anti-social; one weird post-covid phenomenon not experienced before is groups of girls (mostly) choosing to eat their lunch in the toilets. That needs to stop.

As always, responding to raised expectations will hold no terrors for most of our students or families. However, for some, there will be more contact. And we are well aware that between home and school there are opportunities for ties to disappear, and skirts mysteriously roll up. But I do need to be honest and clear about our expectations. There are other things we would like to improve, but uniform, equipment and poor behaviour out of lessons are our starting points.

Carol Service

This was really lovely, heartwarming and uplifting. Last Tuesday was Ofsted Day One; this Tuesday was the Carol Service, and it was like an antidote to the week before. I was lucky enough to be at the Church the whole day, so was able to see how the performances developed and improved, and be reminded again of just how amazing most of our students are.

All year groups from 7 to 13 were involved, and what always impresses me is that even though these students don't always know each other, a fantastic team ethic emerges with a lot of mutual support. And it's a very "genuine" event: there are polished performances from established performers; break-through performances from students who perhaps haven't been involved before; ensembles from Music GCSE groups; and the delight of younger students who look nervous at the first note but are beaming at the last.

Thank you to all involved: the students themselves, the family taxi service, Mr Hawkins for his 23 different roles, my performing arts colleagues for prepping the performers, to Charlie for a virtuoso role as technician – you really had to be there, and to Broadclyst Parish Church for their welcome and support, especially the refreshments (and for putting the heating on all day).

Staff Changes

After a lot of difficulties recruiting throughout 2022, I am pleased that we will start 2023 with very nearly a full complement of staff. In fact, there is only one change to mention: Racheal Long is leaving at the end of this term. Racheal has been here for seven years in a variety of support staff roles, most recently as Attendance Officer. She is becoming a PA in a private company, and we wish her well.

Celebration Evening Photos

If you have a child who was in Year 11 last year, or know one, please let them know that the link to the photos taken by Will Doyle has been e-mailed to them ! Ah, the classes of 2022 – you really did yourself and Clyst Vale proud.

New Year Resolutions: Attendance

Attendance has been shocking this week, down at around 75%. It's a little comfort that this seems to be the case in most local schools, and I suspect nationally. Clearly, there are a lot of bugs around, and in some ways it is better to keep a warm and snotty child at home to avoid spreading infections. But good attendance directly correlates to achieving one's potential; and while "it's only the last week of term" simply being in school is beneficial for a child's social and emotional development. So, after a three week rest (well, almost), and fortified by several kg of chocolate, not to mention increasing amounts of daylight, let's get attendance back up closer to the 95% target. (Joking apart, there is an expectation on all schools to be much more robust about attendance, and it was scrutinised by Ofsted. Are we being firm and clear enough that students should attend ? Are we sending out warning letters appropriately ? Are we working with Education Welfare to move to prosecution in more extreme cases ?)

New Year Resolutions: I will not park in Tower View

I am sorry to say that I have received some quite blunt communications from residents of Tower View. One concludes, "often residents in our small road cannot park or leave the road due to the congestion caused by the parents. All we ask for is a little consideration for the residents that live near to your school, surely this isn't too much to ask for?"

Very best wishes to you and your families for a peaceful and pleasant holiday, and for a happy and successful New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin Bawn". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Kevin" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Bawn".

Kevin Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

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| 7RDF | No permission to publish name |
| 7RTM | Summer Selway |
| 8RBAT | No permission to publish name |
| 8RHSP | James Rainton |
| 9RSGA | Amy Bourne |
| 9RZB | Abbie Batten |
| 10RAO | Holly King |
| 10RMAH | Alissa Viri |
| 11RER | Zach Jenner |
| 11RGG | No permission to publish name |

YELLOW SCHOOL

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| 7YBH | Fernando Pearce |
| 7YGG | No permission to publish name |
| 8YMBR | No permission to publish name |
| 8YTZI | No permission to publish name |
| 9YPNE | Madison Edmondson-Bond |
| 9YSS | No permission to publish name |
| 10YDST | No permission to publish name |
| 10YSP | No permission to publish name |
| 11YMPR | No permission to publish name |
| 11YNS | No permission to publish name |

GREEN SCHOOL

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| 7GLT | No permission to publish name |
| 7GLT | No permission to publish name |
| 8GCMC | Dulcie Hill |
| 8GIM | Charlize Graham |
| 9GABr | Freya Shears, Callum Voysey, Jess Massey, Holly Walsh & Charlie Cartwright |
| 9GDH | Ella COWARD |
| 10GAW | Sam Hannaford |
| 10GGT | Iona Psry-Gard & Ethan Board |
| 11GHE | Jess Lilley |
| 11GSW | Anne Koczias |

CALENDAR DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
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| 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) |

Spaces still available for January

Are you interested in making some fun and interesting dishes, desserts and treats? Are you creative and enjoy cooking and baking?

Cooking Club



Email : collinse@clystvale.org if you are interested.

Limited numbers. First come, first serve. Available to year 7s for the term after Christmas. Let me know by 16th Dec. at the latest.

Every Thursday after school
3:30 –4:30/5pm in DT3

Do you use Twitter? Then why not follow us @clystvale to find out what's going on in the College community.

Post 16 v Y11 Tournament Week

Well done to all the Post 16 students and Y11 students who battled it out in a week of sporting activities from Monday through to Thursday.

On Monday Finn Belworthy led the Y11 squad into the sports hall for badminton against Michael Rothery's sixth form players. School champion Max looked imperious as he dispatched first Marlon then Finn himself. Michael, Lara and Callum completed the Post 16 singles matches against a talented Ty Perrott and Tommy. Into the doubles and Post 16 looked to take command of the fixture with Harry partnering Lara to complete the fixture. It ended with 6 rubbers to 2 in favour of the Post 16.

Tuesday saw the same venue converted to house the table tennis fixture. Marlon and Lara appeared again, but now joined by a new raft of players including Fraser, Kai and Will Back from Post 16. Marlon put away the disappointment of Monday to win both his singles. Fraser and the other boys equipped themselves well against a polished Lara and her Post peers. In the end a 6-4 win for Post 16 giving them a healthy lead.

Wednesday brought the footballers into the equation with 5-a-side matches being played between A and B teams. In a flowing and furious 40 minutes the Post 16 boys started with confidence. However, a Sol hat trick and some excellent keeping from Finn for Y11 saw them take the lead. Post 16 battled back with some excellent play from Liam, Adam and sheer enthusiasm from Tom. But Fraser, Charlie and Tommy held firm. Two 3-2 wins for Y11 put the tournament in balance. A side show was the battle between Jermey brothers where the older Will claimed 3 goals across the matches over his younger brother. The netball squads were going to decide the tournament with Y11 lagging behind by 4 points. Caitlyn in Post 16 had a fearsome array of talent including Isla and an out of retirement Libby. However, an unwell Harriet, who is still an opponent to be feared led an equally gifted Y11 side. The Y11 girls quickly clawed back the 4 goal deficit with Lilly scoring freely. All square as Post 16 made some changes at half time. The tournament was in the balance, Post 16 took the lead, then back came Y11. Harriet versus Isla at Centre was dazzling to watch; Emily versus Lara was a battle of speed and power. Every player put a huge shift in as the lead changed hands and the seconds ticked away. The final whistle blew as Y11 shifted the ball into the D. The shot not taken, but the match won by 4. A drawn tournament and a keen desire to face off again in the Spring Term. New sports but the same enthusiasm from the very best in school. Players of the tournament: Lara with her speed and power in badminton, Marlon with his spin and guile in table tennis, Sol with his hat trick in indoor football and Caitlyn in the netball as a goal machine. Well done to all the competitors, a lovely end to the Autumn term.

Mr Powell, Head of PE



Y8 Football 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.



Indoor Cricket

A group of 20 budding cricketers enjoyed the indoor session. These were a mixture of Year 9 and 10 Boys and Girls.

This was a great opportunity and we lead us into the Indoor Tournament in January and Feb next year.

Below is a report from Josh Jones a student who got involved.

Today we had a three-hour indoor cricket coaching session with two professionals. We started off with some catching drills. Everyone was divided into teams and competed against each other to be the fastest and most efficient. There was a strong focus on accuracy and if the ball was dropped the participants had to start again from the beginning! Then we progressed further to static bowling before bowling with the follow through. Every person was watched over by the two visitors and were told how they could improve certain techniques and how to improve tactical game play. For the last third of the session we played a proper game of indoor cricket. Everyone gained experience in all the different positions as both teams rotated after each over. We learnt new indoor cricket rules (these are different from outdoor cricket) and some people tried new skills for their first time. Overall this was a useful and fun training session, preparing players to represent CCVC in an indoor cricket tournament next year.

We will be building on these skills when we have our indoor cricket tournament in the New Year.

All student were an absolute pleasure and a credit to the school A very enjoyable afternoon of Cricket fun for the students.

Mrs Broomfield

U20 European Cross Country Championships

Well done to Sam Mills from Clyst Vale Post 16 who was competing in Italy for Great Britain last Sunday.

Those who tuned into the BBC would have seen Sam run a treacherously icy course near Turin. With commentary from Steve Cram, it was fabulous to see Sam stay with the leading pack for Italians, Irish and of course the strong Danish pair throughout the race.

The runners were whittled down by the conditions but Sam stayed strong and finished in 4th. So a 4th in the U20 European Cross Country Championships and a gold as part of the GB team. An amazing achievement for our Clyst Vale student.



Sam Mills pictured on the far right (name on chest)

LUNCH CLUBS

| Day | Club | Time | Where | Changing Room | Teacher |
|-----------|--|------------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| Monday | Film Club – commencing 3 rd October | Lunchtime | HU6 | | 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 Zimble |
| Wednesday | Week A – Eco Committee | Lunchtime | HU4 | | Mr Zimble |
| 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 | | Mrs Crook |
| Thursday | Week B – Yr 1/11 Practical Catch Up | Lunchtime | DT3 | | Mrs Crook |
| Thursday | Hooks & Books | Lunchtime | Library | | Mrs Crawford |
| Thursday | Yr 11 – Indoor Football | Lunchtime | Sports Hall | Sports Hall | Mr Stapleton |
| Thursday | Yr 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 | Inter-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 Ferret |
| Friday | Drama Club | Lunchtime | PA1 | | Miss Ruscoe |

Colour Coding – relates to DoFE – Physical = Red, Volunteering = Yellow, Skill = Blue



UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

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| 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...

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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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