



NEWSLETTER

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WEEK A

“Take care of your body it’s the only place you have to live”.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is Coming

Next Tuesday we hold our annual Carol Service at Broadclyst Church at 7.00 pm. It is always a lovely evening, all the better for being in the church – so, thank you very much to the vicar and “staff” of St John the Baptist. As always, a team of students are busy rehearsing and being rehearsed for the variety of songs, musical items and readings: many thanks to Mr Hawkins, Ms Ruscoe and Mrs Keene! The Carol Service is a little earlier than usual, but that’s in line with everything it seems: we break up on 15th December, and even the John Lewis advert was a week ahead of normal.

On the Christmas theme, please note that the official school Christmas Dinner day will be on Wednesday, 13th December.

And a reminder that the last day of term, Friday 15th December, ends at 1.15 with buses departing at 1.30 pm.

Tins Appeal

Still on the Christmas theme of giving.... Once again, inspired by Ms Morgan, and very much in keeping with our RRS ethos, we are promoting an appeal for tins of food. This is for the Exeter Food Bank (part of the Trussell Trust), and it’s delightfully simple. Students and staff just bring in a tin, and leave it with their tutor or in the staffroom. The only real “rule” is that tins of baked beans are not welcome – with two million sold every day in the UK, there is no shortage of baked beans..... The last day for contributions is next Friday, 8th December.

St Petrocks Christmas Wishlist

We have also had a long-standing association with St Petrocks, and you can find their Christmas Wishlist poster later on. They have delivered assemblies very recently, today 12ZKH are holding a cake sale to raise money for them, and the retiring collection at the Carol Service has always been for St Petrocks. Just to be clear, we’re not collecting items for St Petrocks; we’re collecting tins !

Extreme Weather Reminder

We had snow this week, although not much danger of it settling. But it could happen – so, a brief reminder of procedures in extreme weather. If at all possible, the College will be open; if transport routes are unsafe, or the College site is not safe (which includes insufficient staff) then it may close or close to certain year groups. The decision to close will be made as early as possible; sometimes even the night before. It will be communicated through an e-mail to parents, a message on the website, confirmation on the Devon school closure website, and announcements on local radio. Do not believe your child’s best friend’s sister on Tik Tok. If school transport is able to get your child to school, they are contractually obliged to get them home again; if weather deteriorates during the day, buses and taxis may leave early and we would notify you of this.

Attendance

It’s no secret that the government are (rightly) very concerned about school attendance, especially that the lockdown years have had such a big impact, meaning that attendance figures are nowhere near pre-pandemic levels. The same applies to us, and it is a worry. Good attendance leads to good outcomes and also good social development. Apparently, attendance drops off if the term finishes close to Christmas, so we may be lucky here. It’s cough and cold season but students should attend unless they are infectious, which basically means a temperature.



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The DfE sent schools a bulletin including these links:

https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2022/12/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery provides a range of guidance while

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery focuses on whether a child is too ill to attend (I have referred to this before).

Our latest headline figures show we have the same overall attendance as England as a whole and 1% above Devon; and persistent absentees are 3% below England and 4% below Devon averages. This is encouraging. As always, parents and carers play a massive role in supporting good attendance, and we are always grateful to you for this.

Year 11 Mocks

These continue into next week, but the bulk are over. Year 11 have been magnificent in their approach and attitude. I can't recall such a smooth mock exam week for a very long time. They have been helped by the excellent organisation of our Exams team of Mrs Kilby, Mrs Jaggs and the stalwart team of invigilators; helped also by the preparation from their teachers. Of course, the proof of the (Christmas ?) pudding will be in what students achieve and learn from the experience, but I was really pleased and impressed with them.

Fire Drill

Last Friday at about 3.10 pm, parents waiting for the pick-up were bemused by the whole school being on the field on the coldest afternoon of the term so far... The weather was unfortunate, but it was just one of our termly fire practices. The aim is to get everyone out of all of the buildings in three minutes or less, and I'm delighted to say this was successful. Student attitude and response was sensible and good, too.

School Funding

As recently as October, the Prime Minister said that education is the "closest thing we have to a silver bullet". He went on, it is "the best economic policy, the best social policy, the best moral policy". Empty rhetoric. There was no mention of education in last week's Autumn Statement (other than apprenticeships and tackling antisemitism. So it would seem that the fight for adequate funding still goes on. As you know, I'm hanging up my laptop before the General Election next year, but I hope that parents will continue to make the point to election candidates that they are far from happy with the damaging underinvestment in their children.

Transport News

We've had a few issues with school transport buses this week. We will always contact Devon School Transport to report issues, but it is more powerful if parents can send an e-mail or phone as well. We are clearly concerned if students arrive late, or hang around for 30 minutes in the cold, or the bus missed their stop, but at the end of the day they are not our own children, and we do not experience quite the worry, frustration or inconvenience that you do.

Mentioning School Transport....you'll remember I mentioned the No Pass No Travel scheme, and spot inspections this term. Well, we haven't had one, nor have been told of any postponement, so it will be at some point in the next couple of weeks. Added to this, there has been a noticeable increase in students wanting temporary bus passes

because they've left the proper one at home. For both of these reasons, if your child gets on CV transport, please make sure they have their pass with them.

It might be cold, but it's a beautiful day as I write this. Let's hope it stays like this for the weekend: have a good one !



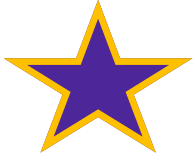
Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RER	Max Hookway
7RGG	No Permission to Name
8RDFE	Finlay Dudley
8RTMA	Chloe Neighbour
9RBAT	Charlotte Tills
9RNS	Marlon Dray
10RZB	Abbie Batten
10RSGA	Bethan Burtt-Jones
11RMAH	Laila Steer
11RCMO	No Permission to Name

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YCBO	
7YCFL	Charlie Norman
8YGGA	Ewan Darbey
8YBHA	Rosalind le Breton
9YMBR	Ethan Rees
9YSWA	Isla Knowles
10YSS	Beth Duffy
10YADA	Kye Brenchley-Stokes
11YDST	No Permission to Name
11YEHA	Usayd Iqbal

GREEN SCHOOL

7GRTU	No Permission to Name
7GHE	No Permission to Name
8GMNA	Laila Brown
8GLT	
9GCMC	No Permission to Name
9GDJ	Felix Pearson
10GABR	No Permission to Name
10GDH	Harry Metherell
11GAWO	Alice Davis
11GGT	Ethan Board

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December	Ten Tors Weekend Camp 1
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Concert Broadclyst Church
Wednesday 6th December	Y12 Geography Trip—Plymouth Urban Regeneration
Thursday 7th December	Flu Immunisations & Y13 Parents Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 14th December	Shepton Mallett Trip



COOL
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The Clever Chefs autumn menu is available on our website via the link below:

[https://www.clystvale.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/
CleverChefs-Menu-Autumn-Term-2023.pdf](https://www.clystvale.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/CleverChefs-Menu-Autumn-Term-2023.pdf)



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Key Stage 3 Triangular Badminton Match

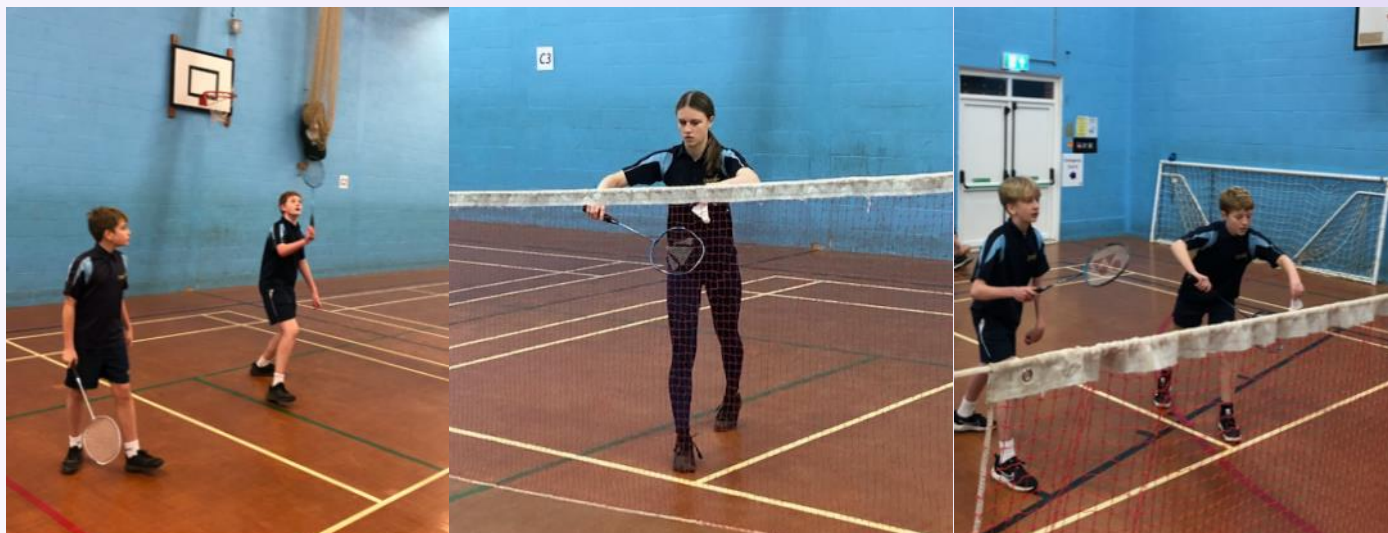
Well done to the Key Stage 3 boys and girls for their performance in a triangular badminton match versus St Peters and Tiverton on Monday evening.

The sports hall was full of enthusiasm and practicing students as the matches started just after 3.30pm. The first match was between St Peters and Tiverton with Clyst Vale students helping out as scorers. Across the 4 courts St Peters won 3 and the match. It was then turn for Clyst Vale to play Tiverton. The younger girls started nervously, but soon Merryn and Raisa started to find their shots with Kodie leading the charge winning her singles. It was a similar story with the older girls as Daisy, Daisy and Kate showed some nice serves and a good variety of shots, but lost their games. It was Dulcie who mixed the deft with a little more power and depth to win her singles game.

The younger boys had more success with a narrow win 3 to 2 as injured Marlon battled through the pain, Jack stepped up to join the squad and Remus turned his hand to singles. However it was George who showed how much he has improved over the last year or so, playing his first match for the school. The older boys ran away with a 5-0 victory as Jacob and Aidan played sublimely in their singles supported by the power of Jake and the guile of Owen.

As Tiverton headed North St Peters stepped onto court. Both girls teams were beaten 4-1, but in each case the girls showed improvements individually with decision making and tactics as well as in their doubles with communication and movement. In contrast Marlon and the younger boys stormed to a comfortable 4-1 victory whilst on the last court things were much tighter. Jacob lost his singles to a very strong St Peters number 1 before Jake and Owen evened the score with a doubles win. Aidan continued the trend winning his singles before Jacob and Jake narrowly lost their doubles. Staff and parents were rapt as the match went into a decider. Some brilliant badminton finished the evening with a win for Aidan and Owen taking the match 3-2.

A superb evening of badminton with practice paying off and the younger students looking good for the future.



Ella in Paris

Ella and her team (Exeter Starlites) had great success last weekend at the Future Cheer competition in Paris. Ella's team Ignite scored 1st place in their category and also won Grand Champions of the entire competition (this means they scored the highest score in the entire competition). Below are a couple pictures which show the great things the team achieved this weekend. Well done Ella!



U13 Girls Utilita Cup Exwick Sports Hub Thursday 23rd November

Clystvale turn up as holders from the excellent work the girls did last year which added more hype to the cup. In the new purple and neon kit that as one of the girls mentioned they looked like highlighters, never the less very smart. Daisy, Sophia T and Sophie return with a new set of girls to take on the rest of the schools. Sophia L, Annea, Lily E, Kasey S, Kodie and Isla L make up the rest of the squad.

A round robin format of 8 teams with a knockout at the end of the league stage where 1st plays 8th, 2nd plays 7th and so on. Clystvales results were as follows in the league.

Game 1 - WON 3-0 vs Tiverton

Game 2 - DREW 0-0 vs Teignmouth

Game 3 - LOST 1-0 vs Teign

Game 4 - WON 2-1 vs St Lukes

Game 5 - DREW 0-0 vs QE

Game 6 - LOST 3-0 vs Exmouth

Game 7 - WON 1-0 vs Colyton

Some excellent performances across the team in these games with the girls digging deep in each game trying to win and do their best. Goals came from all across the attacking line with Daisy, Annea, Sophia T, Lily E all getting on the score sheet. Sophie W and Sophia L were very solid at the back and did what they needed to do to stop the shots at goal. Kodie was forever brave in-between the posts and was creating lots of chances with her kicks.

With the league results this gave Clystvale 11 points and left them 3rd in the league meaning they would play the team that finished 6th place. With Teign school and Colyton on the same points and goal difference a penalty shootout decided who faced Clystvale and who would play QE. Teign school narrowly won the penalty shootout after a tense finale.

This set up the ¼ final against Teign school with the girls looking to get revenge from their earlier 1-0 defeat. Annea was straight off the blocks from the first kick hassling and chasing down the ball. This lead to a mistake in which Daisy latched onto and calmly finished to make it 1-0. The girls were dominate throughout the game and this lead to an early second. Sophia T dribbled past two defenders before rifling a shot down into the bottom left hand corner. 2-0. The girls continued to dominate the game and were tight on their marking and trusting one another to do their duties. Annea was next on the scoresheet to make it 3-0. Final whistle went and the girls were through to the semi-finals to face QE.

A more defensive line up was used in the league game with Sophia T dropping to help the defence as QE girls were physical and good on the ball. Some of the QE girls towered over Clystvale and made it very daunting. This however did not dampen the girls spirits as they came into the semi finals full of belief and confidence. Credit to the defence during this game as they kept the QE attack at bay for the whole game. Annea and Daisy nearly scored on the counter attack but it was not to be. 0-0 it finished with a tremendous effort from all of the girls to keep it at that score. The dreaded penalty shootout decided who went through to the final. Kodie saved the 1st QE penalty, Sophia T went first and slotted it home, QE score the 2nd. 1-1. Daisy struck the ball well but too close to the keeper. QE missed their 3rd penalty. ANNEA to win it. Unfortunately it was not to be a well struck ball again but too close to the keeper. QE score the 4th penalty. Kodie needed to score but unfortunately put it over the bar. A great effort from all the girls and were unlucky to go out on penalties.

Well done to the whole squad of girls for representing the school with passion, dexterity and being very respectful to others throughout the tournament. Praise points will be added for your efforts.

Mr D Stapleton

U13 & U14 Boys Rugby Winter 7s @ ISCA College

Congratulations to both U13 and U14 boys rugby squads that travelled to ISCA for the first time in memory for a rugby event/fixture. The event was kindly hosted by ISCA College and invited schools from around the area, including Torquay Boys Grammar School.



The U13's co-captained by Y8 lads Connor and Will plus nine very impressive Year 7 lads kicked off the day with a game versus Torquay Boys GS and led for large periods of the game, despite coming out with a loss. The boys were outstanding throughout the day, competing well and winning one, drawing two and losing two games, respectively, ending up fourth overall in their group. This was despite the vast majority of the squad being a year young. This experience will undoubtedly make the Year 7 lads even stronger in their own age group and offers great experience for the game of 7s which we will focus more on in this Spring term. Max and Jack were outstanding in their power plays with some big carries, Sonny with his relentless rucking and running at scrum half and Harry C with his dancing feet impressing the observers on every occasion. Charlie's running at first receiver was outstanding once again, with Oliver and Cian both clearing a number of rucks to secure possession for their side. Joe was relentless in his running and scored a hatful of tries throughout the day to keep Clyst Vale competitive throughout. Well done to all of the squad for their huge efforts throughout the day. These were the lads results:

Clyst Vale 10-35 TBGS

Clyst Vale 15-15 Sidmouth

Clyst Vale 35-15 St James

Clyst Vale 5-10 ISCA

Clyst Vale 5-15 Dawlish

Clyst Vale 15-15 St Peters



The Under 14's were a joy to watch throughout the day, with their attitude both on and off the field being first class. A big thank you must go to Mr Kyffin (Jacob's Dad) for helping with his car for extra seats to the event and for assisting the boys throughout the day and to Jamie Horwell of Year 13 who led the boys in their great achievements throughout the day. Jacob as skipper for the day, was superb in his attitude and low chop tackling, George was a star with numerous tries, lots of them length of the field efforts and Aidan's intelligent attack and link play at scrum half was a joy to behold. Oliver notched several scores with powerful runs through the defence with Archie often having the same result with his pace and power! Michael's frame and subtle hands helped linked the team well, Owen's turbo pace and superb attitude kept Clyst Vale's momentum throughout the day. Finley and Josh tackled and made indents into every other team's defence consistently, with Ethan's front row tactics being influential in the close quarters and scrums. Oscar's influence on this newly found game was made with several bone crunching, textbook tackles, which raised the spirits of all of Clyst Vale!

All but one of the games were won by the Clyst Vale lads, with us just coming up short against St Peters in the final (as we both topped the group after five games). Congratulations to all of the lads for their supreme efforts and outstanding attitudes throughout the day:

Clyst Vale 30-5 TBGS

Clyst Vale 15-0 Okehampton

Clyst Vale 35-10 St Lukes

Clyst Vale 25-15 ISCA

Clyst Vale 20-0 Dawlish

Clyst Vale 5-20 St Peters



CAN YOU HELP ?

YES YOU CAN !



We are hoping each one of you CAN bring in at least one CAN for the Exeter food bank & YR8'S St Petrock's Appeal starting on 1st December until the big count on the 8th December.

Please No Beans or anything with alcohol.

A tin can cost as little as 20p but altogether we can feed a lot of families that have hit hard times.



Children's Rights - Article 24

Every child has the right to good health, including health care, clean drinking water and nutritious food.



An excerpt from the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Adopted Unanimously by the United Nations - December 10, 1948

ARTICLE 25, Section 1

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

HealthCareforColorado

ARE YOU IN YEAR 9? LOVE RUGBY?

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Exeter Saracens RFC Exhibition Fields, Summer Lane, Exeter, EX4 8NT (Behind Exeter Arena)

Contact: Shane Padbury

Under 14s Coach (07788 164871)

www.exetersaracensrfc.org.uk

Rough Sleeper Christmas Wishlist 2023

stpetrocks.org.uk

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for helping us show
people without a
home that they are
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Items can also be
purchased via our
Amazon Wish List
[https://goo.gl/
LYDetR](https://goo.gl/LYDetR)

Survival Essentials

Rucksacks & dry sacks
Sleeping bags
Men's belts
Camping roll-mats
Trainers & lightweight walking shoes
Men's jeans & joggers
Small women's jeans, joggers, leggings
Hoodies
New boxer shorts & small ladies underwear
Socks
Waterproof coats & trousers

Small Gifts:

Chocolate bars & festive treats
Small thermos flasks
Battery packs (for mobile phones)
£5 Greggs gift cards
Hand warmers
Hairbrushes

Please note **80%**
of the people
we work with
are **male**.

Donation Drop-Off:

Petrock's Place Shop,
19 Paris St
Exeter
EX1 2JB,

11am—5.30pm,
Tuesday—Saturday
(Car drop-off at rear)

Let us know about your
collection:
info@stpetrocks.org.uk

To prevent waste,
please donate small
gifts loose, wrapped
or in small bags.
(**NOT shoeboxes
please**).



 **St Petrock's**
Responding Positively to Homelessness

St Petrock's is Exeter's local homelessness charity. Supported by the local community, we stand with and for people experiencing homelessness, and will not give up until everyone in the Exeter area can enjoy a place called home.

Registered Charity Number: 1090756

Company Number: 04372168

Broadclyst Lantern Parade & Tree light switch on

Hosted by the Broadclyst VIPs

Saturday 2nd Dec

- Lantern making (green room - back of victory hall) 11am - 3pm
- * (£2 per child. Snacks and drinks available to purchase)
- Lantern Parade (meet at Pavillions) 5pm
- Tree light switch on and Carol singing 5.30pm
- * (on the green behind Victory Hall)
- Food vans (Ember Pizza & Flippy Chippy) available
- Social Club open



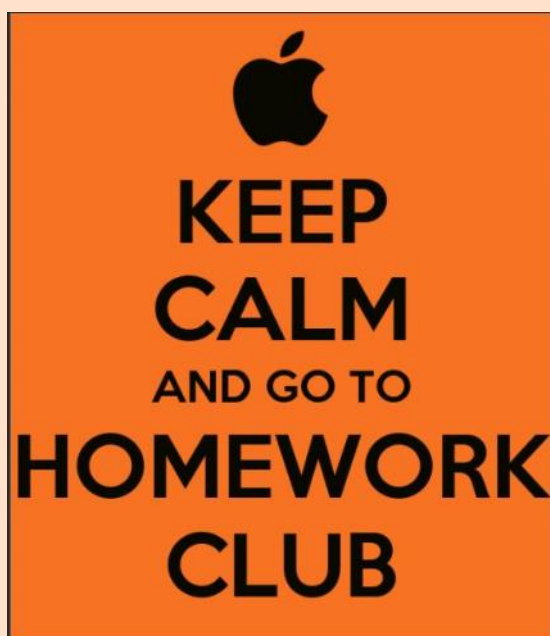
Library



Mock/GCSE pencil cases. Available from September. £4.50 per pencil case. We also sell calculators for £10- although prices may vary. What's included? A clear pencil case, 1 pencil, a blue, black, and red pen. 1 highlighter. 1 ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener. **Cash only** unfortunately.

The library does sell stationery all year round. |

Homework Club in IT2
Monday to Friday Lunchtime
1.30-2pm
Monday to Thursday After-
school 3.30—4.45pm





Clyst Vale Library is a dual use library located within Clyst Vale Community College. The library is open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and is open to the students at Clyst Vale Community College throughout the week.

The entrance to access the library is through Clyst Vale's main entrance (reception,) then turning right, from there you will see the libraries entrance.

Public opening hours; Monday **3.30 – 5.30pm**, Wednesday **3.30- 5.30pm** and Thursday **4 –6pm**

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 teacher or admin@clystvale.org.

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



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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/Cath Prunty (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvaled.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: voyseys@clystvaled.org and copy in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvaled.org