

## Principal's Update



**Sara Jacobs**

Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will have noticed from my previous messages that the exam season is now fully upon us and from next week we will be changing the College timetable and having an early lunch from 12.25 – 1.10pm to accommodate afternoon exams. Very best wishes to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students and thank you in advance to parents and carers for your ongoing support over the next few weeks. I am pleased to share that feedback from our invigilation team reflects admirably on our students' behaviour and composure during their exams.

While we strive for the best outcomes academically, it is important to reassure your child that grades do not define them as a person: their worth as individuals remains constant, regardless of exam results. For those not taking an exam, please would you remind them of the importance of being considerate to all those who are. Whilst the majority of the exams are held in the main hall, we also have exams taking place in small venues such as offices, meeting rooms and IT4. This means students need to pay attention to the signage, be mindful of where the exams are taking place and keep noise to a minimum as they move around the College.

With the arrival of warmer weather, students may opt to remove their school jumpers, however all other uniform should continue to be worn correctly. Ensuring your child stays hydrated throughout the day is important, and there are ample opportunities for your child to refill their water bottles throughout the day. However, please stress the importance of students taking responsibility to allocate enough time for refilling their bottles to avoid lateness to lessons. Additionally, please ensure your child has a sufficiently large water bottle to last them the entire day or at least sustain them for a minimum of two lessons, as there is no time for refills between classes.

Finally good luck to all our students who are taking part in the Ten Tors Challenge this weekend, I look forward to seeing you all at the finish.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sara Jacobs, Principal

## Key Dates for Summer Term

16 May—Y7 Parents Evening

17 May—Year 13 Last Day

22 to 24 May—Year 10 Silver DofE Silver Expedition

23 May—Year 11 Last Day

**27 to 31 May —Summer Half Term**

6 June—Y10 Parents Evening

28 June—Year 11 Prom

9 July—Sports Day

10 July—Reserve Sports Day

24 July—Summer Holiday Begins

## Year 10 Enterprise Challenge

This week, Year 10 BTEC Enterprise students were tasked with the X10 Challenge. They have 4 weeks to create and run a small enterprise with just £10 investment. They have worked hard to generate ideas, consider methods of promotion and complete financial forecasts. Next week sees them selling their products or services, with sales in school and in the local community. Look out for posters around school and local social media for more information; we look forward to seeing how much money they make and what they learn from this experience!  
Ms Jones and Ms Prance



## Eurovision Raffle

Thank you to all students and colleagues who participated in the P16 Eurovision Raffle, and came along to buy tickets last Friday and this Tuesday. It will be a nail biting final this weekend on Saturday! There are 26 countries from the original 37 still in the running, with the Clyst Vale winning ticket due to be drawn on Monday when the result is known. Virtually all those who bought tickets for the raffle have chosen countries now in the final. Clearly Clyst Vale has good Eurovision intuition! First prize is a 'Northern Lights' themed cake, created by Mrs Padden – with genuine Eurovision 2024 merchandise for 5 runners-up. Good luck everyone who has taken part!

## Exam Season



From Monday, the summer season of AS and A2 exams will begin in earnest, so we are well and truly focussed on exams now in Post 16.

Once the main exam season has ended, Year 12 will also have their internal end of year exams during the week of 24th June.

## Visitors

Offering help and support, Adam Williams is coming in for his final visit of the academic year today (Friday), to run his third of a series of 3 workshops with Year 13 students on how to manage exam stress and anxiety. This session is optional and students may choose to attend if they have found these approaches and strategies beneficial.

Also today, we have Lewis Kemp Sloan of Exeter Self Defence Academy coming in to meet with Year 12; he will be taking them through some practical techniques for keeping themselves safe whilst out and about.

## Future events to look forward to (that are not exams!)



Year 13 Last Day celebration – this takes place next Friday 17th May at lunchtime, with a barbecue in the Post 16 Cafe, a lovely cake made by Mrs Padden and fond farewells to mark the end of taught courses

Year 13 Prom – final details to be confirmed, we are liaising closely with students to organise this

Year 12 trip to Plymouth University – Thurs 27th June - further details will follow in due course, this forms the Y12 activity for our 3rd Deep Learning Day of the year.

Year 12 Future Preparation Day – this takes place on Friday 12th July, and also marks the end of taught courses for Year 12 students.

Work Experience Week – taking place during the week of 15th July, all Year 12 students should now have organised their placement and submitted all details on the Grofar system.



## Student of the Week

Georgie Jameson 7GRTU Edward Almeida 7GHE Aliza Goodyear 7RER 7RGG NP2N 7YCBO Joseph Gibson 7YCFL	Laila Brown 8GMN 8GLT NP2N 8RDF Chloe Neighbour 8RTMA Otis Chamberlain 8YGGA NP2N 8YBH	Esmae Matthews 9GCMC Willow Davies 9GDJ Ella Parrott 9RBAT Brooke Humphreys 9RNS Ryan Ison 9YMBR Jack Hemment 9YSWA
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Ellen Newlove 10GABR Oliver Hynd 10GDH Aimeka Mortlock 10RZB NP2N 10RSGA Freya Bayley 10YSS Joe Lunn 10YADA	Issey Fry 11GAW 11GGT 11RMAH 11RCMO NP2N 11YDST Lily Payne 11YLH	Charlotte Goddard 13HP
Year 10	Year 11	P16 Commendation



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.

## Key Contact Information

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## Year 10 Parents' Evening

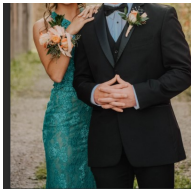


This Parents' Evening will be held on 6th June from 4pm to 7pm. You will receive your invitation to book in the next couple of weeks. Please do not try to book until you have the invitation email as you will not have access. It will be a virtual evening via <https://cvcc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

## Exam Certificates

If your child took their GCSE or A Level exams last summer and they haven't collected their Certificates, please could you ask them to pop in to collect them. Thank you, Reception.

## Can you help?



We are looking for clothing donations for our Prom attendees, if you have any prom dresses or formal wear to donate, please bring in to reception or contact Student Services via our email, [studentservices@clystvale.org](mailto:studentservices@clystvale.org), or phone 01392 463910. Thank you!

## Found Earbuds



Has your child lost their earbuds? Five pairs in cases have been handed in over the last term and not claimed. If your child has lost theirs, please contact Reception on 01392 461407/[reception@clystvale.org](mailto:reception@clystvale.org) or alternatively, please ask your child to go to Reception to see if any of them are theirs.

## PE Kit and Jewellery—A message from Mr Powell, Head of PE

I would like to remind all parents that as part of our kit policy in PE at Clyst Vale, no jewellery is allowed to be worn in practical sessions. This is for the safety of your child and also the safety of others in the class. A small amount of jewellery is permitted to be worn around school by students, but this must be removed for PE. Jewellery that is not allowed by the school such as facial piercings will be challenged by all staff and not tolerated in PE. Having taught for many years in a variety of schools I appreciate that we will always need to remind students of this so that they can enjoy their lessons in safety. As always, we are grateful for your ongoing support

## U13 Girls Rugby @ Exeter Chiefs Masterclass & Festival

Congratulations to the eight U13 girls from years 7 and 8, respectively, who represented the College at Topsham RFC on Wednesday in an Exeter Chiefs Masterclass and Festival, kindly organised by Maynards School. The day consisted of a carousel of training activities led by the Exeter Chiefs Women's players and finishing with a friendly touch rugby tournament against several local schools.

The girls were outstanding throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. A big thanks must go to Maynards School for organising the event which will look to be an annual feature and parents of the girls, in particular Mr Walkey who helped with drop off and pick up for the day, in the absence of our minibuses.

We played four touch games, with a clear emphasis on enjoyment and not recording the results. However, we did achieve one win against Tiverton HS and three narrow defeats against Exmouth, Ivybridge and Maynards. During the games, the quick feet of Lily Evans, Sophie Woods and Daisy Hopper gave us front foot ball and ended up with several tries a piece. Kody Humphries showed excellent bravery to dive in at the corner in our last game. Laila Brown and Layla Boyce linked play in the midfield with excellent handling and Connie Scott showed excellent evasion skills on the wing. And added a try in the game versus Exmouth. Captain, Holly Walkey, scored a fantastic chip and chase versus Exmouth, too!

The day culminated in individual award for a player for each team who demonstrated great leadership, respect and individual play throughout the day. Our award went to Holly Walkey, who illustrated all of this in abundance.

Congratulations to all of the girls.

Mr Pearce



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# Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

## Reporting an Absence

Parents are expected to inform us of their child's absence before 9.00 a.m. on each day of absence providing the reason for absence. 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. In addition, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if your child is absent from College due to illness.

## Lateness

The school day (first registration session) starts at 8.50 am, all students are expected to be in their classroom at this time.

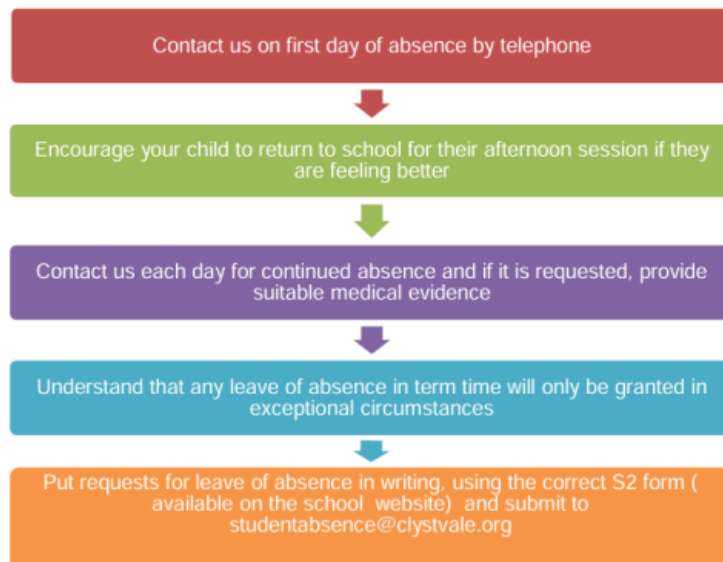
## Medical Appointments

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. 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.

Please give the school as much notice as possible, at least two weeks' notice is useful.

If the appointment requires the pupil to leave during the day, they must be signed out by an adult listed on the student's record at the main reception.

Please follow this process if your child is going to be absent from school:



### For Years 7 – 11 Absences

Sharon Leaman/Cath Prunty  
(Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### For Year 12 – 13 Absences

Sue Voysey  
(Assistant to Head of Post 16)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [voyseys@clystvale.org](mailto:voyseys@clystvale.org) and copy in Head of Sixth Form: [haynesc@clystvale.org](mailto:haynesc@clystvale.org)

# Vacancies

## Graduate Trainee Teacher Apprentice

**Salary:** up to £28,000 dependent on subject specialism and experience

**Job Type:** Fixed Term

**Location:** Devon

### Description

This is an exciting opportunity to enter the profession and gain significant teaching experience while studying to become a fully qualified teaching professional. The Graduate Trainee Teacher role, in conjunction with the Graduate Teacher Programme and Buckinghamshire University, offers talented and motivated graduates the chance to study towards the full range of professional teaching qualifications while gaining significant on the job and classroom experience and earning a competitive salary which reflects your prior academic success. On completion of the apprenticeship, you will hold a PGTA (level 6) or PGCE (level 7) academic teaching qualification, QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) allowing you to practice in the UK and abroad and a teaching apprenticeship as well as having a minimum of 600 hours of teaching experience. Unlike traditional taught routes into teaching, you will be a fully fledged member of the school community from day one, acting as both lead teacher and tutor to students and being involved in all areas of school life.

The closing date is Friday 10th May 2024. Interviews will take place w/c 19th May 2024

## Science Teacher

**Salary:** MPS1-11 (UPS)

**Job Type:** Permanent/Fixed Term contract for the right candidate (Part Time applications will also be considered)

**Location:** Devon

### Description

Clyst Vale is a thriving and vibrant 11- 18 Community College situated five miles from Exeter. Visitors to Clyst Vale usually comment on the friendly, orderly atmosphere, the courtesy of our students, and the purposefulness in lessons. We have clear expectations and systems, but far more important are the excellent working relationships we establish between staff and students, as well as staff and parents. We remain the only Secondary school in Devon to be accredited Gold Rights Respecting School status. Clyst Vale prides itself on its Science offer from year 7 to 13 and we are looking to appoint an exciting and innovative Teacher of Science and are able to offer a permanent/fixed term contract for the right candidate (PT applications will also be considered). Ideally specialising in Physics, you will be able to teach across key KS3 & KS4, experience of teaching at KS5 would be an advantage. This position is offered on the main teacher's pay scale MPS 1- M11 (UPS) We are looking for an outstanding teacher with excellent subject knowledge; a practitioner who is keen to enthuse students using a variety of approaches; Experience of teaching Physics at GCSE and A level is desirable; A willingness to contribute to the enrichment activities of the Department; A willingness to use data to drive student performance and promote excellence. We welcome applications from ECT's as well as experienced teachers. We have a dynamic and successful Science department which is both supportive and collaborative; the teachers and technicians in our team are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for all our students and their areas of expertise cover a wide range of scientific disciplines. The successful applicant will benefit from being an integral part of this friendly and professional team. We can offer a unique opportunity to work within a Rights Respecting School with a strong community ethos, a supportive CPD programme, free on-site parking. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful candidates.

The closing date is Sunday 19th May 2024. Interviews will take place on Friday 24th May 2024. You will need to be available to attend for the whole interview day.

**To find out more and to apply for any of these positions,** please follow this link to our website: <https://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/> and click the blue 'Apply Now' button.



## Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

### NEUROLOGIST

Neurologists diagnose, treat and manage patients with diseases, disorders or problems linked to their brains.

Neurologists work as part of a wider team to improve a patients wellbeing.

Neurologists work with both emergency situations and ongoing health issues relating to the brain.

The average starting salary for trainee hospital doctors at foundation level is between £27,000 and £32,000. Trainees at specialty level can expect a salary of between £37,000 and £48,000. Specialty doctors can expect a salary between £40,000 and £75,000.

### [JOB OF THE WEEK 14](#)

Monday  
20 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Understanding the Teenage Brain

Improve your understanding and communication with your teen. Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults.

Tuesday  
21 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Raising Self-Esteem

How to support healthy self-esteem in your children and yourself. Easy to apply interventions shared.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



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## KS3 Aspiration Day

(for Devon Children in Care, those on CIN/CP Plans and Previously Looked After)

**Tuesday 21 May 2024**

9.30am to 2pm @ Bicton College, East Budleigh, Devon EX9 7BH

The day will consist of mini-Taster sessions of a selection of the courses on offer including Woodwork, Horticulture, Animal Care, Dog Agility/Care, Metalwork and a Farm Tour.

Scan the QR code below to book your place



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## DECREASING DEPRESSION FREE TALK



May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a one hour online talk explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) go to PARENT page

**DiAS**  
Devon Information  
Advice and Support  
for Special Educational Needs and Disability

## A guide to our services



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## South West Junior Chef of the Year 2024



South West and Cornwall Junior Chef of the Year 2023, Freya (above), along with some of her fellow finalists (clockwise) Theo, Jessica, Akahisha and Elijah with judge, Neil Haydock

Your chance to win Devon Junior Chef of the Year and compete for the overall South West Junior Chef of the Year 2024

Entries are open to cooks aged 11-16. Simply send us your recipe for a main course dish to serve two, using principally locally grown and produced ingredients.

Selected entrants will be invited to prepare their dish in 90 minutes for our judges in their own county initially and each of the county winners will then compete at the South West final in October. To help finalists to prepare for the South West final, they will receive advice and mentoring from one of our judges, enabling them to learn new skills and experience life in a working kitchen.

You will find further details and the entry form at [www.southwestchef.co.uk/the-competition/junior-chef](http://www.southwestchef.co.uk/the-competition/junior-chef)

Devon county final  
Wednesday 26th June  
Exeter College 3.30pm

Judges:

Mark Dodson  
Chef Proprietor, The Masons Arms, Knowstow

Scott Paton  
Head Chef, Acléaf, Boringdon Hall, Plympton

Matthew Pickett  
Head of Hospitality, Exeter College

Entry closing date: Tuesday 21st May 2024

The South West Junior Chef final will be held at Exeter College, Devon, on Saturday 5th October 2024  
Competitors must be aged 11-16 and still at school in year 11 or below on the date of the South West final

Thanks to our partnership with Springboard FutureChef, our South West finalists will be invited to take part in the FutureChef regional final to compete for a place in the national final



For more information and to submit your entry visit:  
[www.southwestchef.co.uk](http://www.southwestchef.co.uk)  
Email: [info@southwestchef.co.uk](mailto:info@southwestchef.co.uk) Tel: 07970 518756  
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## Supporting Learning at Home

### Parent webinars from Parentkind

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At Parentkind, we support everyone in a parenting role. And let's face it, that's a challenging job. Tackling a wide range of topics, our webinars are designed to share insight on how you can support your child with a wide range of learning and life experiences, strengthen your understanding of education and school life, and foster solid parent-child relationships along the way. (Taken from Parentkind)

Follow this link to read more

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## 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.



## Edulink & contact With the College

Please do not address emails, or replies to Edulink messages, to [Edulink@clystvale.org](mailto: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](mailto:admin@clystvale.org).

There is also a contact form and details below.

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

## Stationery for Sale

Mock/GCSE 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.



## Second Hand School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the community and local charity shops. The sale of preloved uniform is proving successful. If you have any items that are no longer needed but still in very good condition, please donate them to one of the local charity shops. Both shops have set aside rails designated for college uniform.

Clyst Caring Friends is located in Broadclyst village and our local Barnardo's shop is in Cranbrook.

Their opening hours are:

Clyst Caring Friends, Broadclyst (01392 467555)

Mondays—closed

Tuesday to Friday—09.30 to 15.30

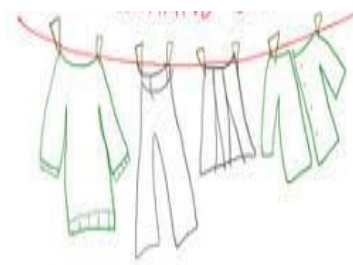
Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

Sunday—closed

Barnardo's, Cranbrook EX5 7DR (01404 514934)

Monday to Saturday—09.00 to 17.00

Sunday—10.00 to 16.00



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