



NEWSLETTER

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**“We have got to dispel this myth that bullying is just a normal rite of passage.”
- Barack Obama**

Dear Parents and Carers

Post-16 Evening

Thank you very much to Year 11 students and parents who attended last night. We know that we are a small family car competing against a container lorry, but that gives us a number of key advantages which were on display yesterday. We have an ambitious sixth form in which outcomes have been consistently good for years, and retention of students particularly strong. We know our students especially well, which is an essential part of our success. We have smaller classes hence more individual time. We offer work experience. We offer a residential experience at Bude. We run a surprisingly good range of enrichment and extra-curricular provision.

Testament to the superb “family” culture of the Sixth Form, it was a real pleasure that a dozen or so former students came back to help, one or two them home from university for a reading week. It was fantastic to see them because they are great people, and also because they are just 2-3 years older than our Year 11s and represent tremendous examples of what Clyst Vale Sixth Form can do for you !

Remembrance

We always mark Remembrance, as it is an important annual event nationally and especially for those students and families who have associations with the armed forces. I spoke to each Year Group about Remembrance in assemblies this week, and the two minutes’ silence was observed respectfully today. In an extra touch, Rachel Guppy (who works for Cleverchefs in the Sixth Form canteen and who creates themed displays throughout the year) created a Remembrance themed display. You can find photos on the Facebook page.

Year 9 Battlefields Visit

Neatly following on from Remembrance, I’m delighted to see the Battlefields Visit back in our calendar after a few years’ absence due to covid, lockdown, travel restrictions and other issues. Year 9 parents will have been contacted about this separately. Covid obviously put a hole in our extra-curricular offer which we have almost put back together, although it has been tricky in that some year groups were obviously hit harder than others and by the time we were able to run trips again (or trips were even available) those students were on GCSE courses.

Year 11

This time of year brings mock exams and thoughts about next September for Year 11 students: I’ve mentioned the Post-16 Evening already. The two are related, of course: better grades mean more choices. Subjects are using the 4-2-1 revision programme to help students prepare for the mocks, which start on Monday 27th November. My colleagues provide a lot of advice and support, and we are also providing a workshop for Year 11 on managing exam anxieties next Tuesday and the one after.

Camps International Cake Sales

You can’t beat a cake sale as a fundraiser...The students aiming to go to Kenya in 2025 are working together to raise at least part of the necessary funds, and there will be cake sales on three successive Tuesdays (14th, 21st and 28th November). Good teamwork on their part, and I hope that their friends and peers will support them – they’ll need some old-fashioned cash on Tuesdays.



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Ten Tors Training Walks

Before the weather sets in too badly on the wild and windy moor.....over forty students ventured out last Saturday, and a similar number this week. They are brilliant students, but none of this could happen without the hard work and organisation of Mr Eales and the colleagues and team of volunteers who support him.

Library News

The exciting news from a student point of view is the launch next week of Mrs Southard's famous "Reading a Book in an Unusual Place" photo competition....

There are also early discussions about a chess competition.

The focus this school year is on the non-fiction sections. Old and outdated stock has already been weeded out, and books ordered in consultation with subject departments and student feedback from regular library users. It's fascinating seeing how the students' interests change over time: at the moment anything to do with girls' and women's sport, rugby in particular, are flying off the shelves. Intriguingly, tractors and railways are proving popular at the moment. Also, reflecting the College's ethos and current societal issues, the sections related to RRS and to wellbeing are being expanded and proving popular.

Sixth Form News

News other than the Post-16 Open Evening, that is)

On Wednesday MADE Training ran a 'Stepping Up' session for our Year 12 and 'Exams Made Easy' for Year 13. This was led by Danny Ward, who has a sideline as a stand-up comedian and after Clyst Vale his next appearance was in Leicester Square. Tutors then debriefed students.

This year we have three students applying to "Oxbridge": Charlie is applying to Queens College, Cambridge; Bracken to Oxford (Open Application); and Ted to Keble College, Oxford. Clearly we wish them every success !

UNICEF

Thank you to students' and families' generosity, the non-uniform day before half-term raised £368.81 for UNICEF.

Staff News

Joining our Additional Support team on Monday as a Teaching Assistant is Harry Dearsley.

Advance notice that we will be hoping to recruit more invigilators after Christmas!

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

You'll see a poster from HAF later on in the Newsletter. This is offered by Devon County Council for students who receive Free School Meals, and their families. There is a website of activities on offer, especially through the holiday periods, and the link is on the poster.

"Caring for Children with Cough"

Devon County Council has asked schools to publicise this simple tool, which I'm happy to do. It's especially focused on younger children, but the advice is applicable to all. The 'Caring for children with cough' leaflet was produced by researchers at the University of Bristol after extensive work with parents. It explains what parents should do when looking after a child with cough and when parents should take their child to see a doctor. The leaflet is in routine use by local NHS services.

School Transport

Devon School Transport have been in touch with all schools to ask us to remind parents and carers about the "No Pass No Travel" scheme. Spot checks will be held at schools in the next few weeks.

o Only students who show a valid travel pass to the driver on every journey will be allowed to travel. Students must travel on the vehicle indicated on their pass.

o Please ensure that your child has their travel pass before they leave home every day.

o Please ensure that your child knows what to do in the event they are not allowed to travel or the bus does not arrive (e.g. because of breakdown or traffic conditions or severe weather). School attendance is very important and it is best to be prepared for any of these eventualities.

o DCC will carry out regular pass checks throughout the year.

o Drivers are not allowed to carry passengers who cannot show a valid pass.

o If your child loses their pass during the day they should go to Student Services to ask for a 10 day temporary pass.

o Replacement passes cost £5 each and can be ordered online, or by sending a cheque with a replacement form.



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o Further info available at: Code of conduct for young people who use school transport – Education and Families (devon.gov.uk).

Always a shock to the system when the John Lewis Christmas advert comes out – I'm sure it's a week earlier than usual! Not my favourite this year: much preferred Monty the Penguin or Excitable Edgar.

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RER	No Permission to Name
7RGG	
8RDFE	
8RTMA	No Permission to Name
9RBAT	Michael Bennett
9RNS	Lili Tipper
10RZB	James Dickinson
10RSGA	Shola Dow
11RMA	Millie Page
H	
11RCMO	Nick Ball

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YCBO	No Permission to Name
7YCFL	No Permission to Name
8YGGA	No Permission to Name
8YBHA	Fernando Pearce
9YMBR	Alicia Woodward
9YSWA	Owen Major
10YSS	Ozzy Martin
10YADA	Madison Edmondson- Bond
11YDST	Sonny Brown
11YEHA	Oliver Back

GREEN SCHOOL

7GRTU	Millie Harris
7GHE	No Permission to Name
8GMNA	Leona Whitfield
8GLT	
9GCMC	Holly Middleton
9GDJ	Wyatt Bastin
10GABR	Alex Symons
10GDH	Cleo Symons
11GAWO	Olivia Taylor
11GGT	Max Metherell

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 11th November	Ten Tors Day Training Walk 2
Thursday 23rd November	GCSE Celebration Evening 1830-2030
Week Commencing Monday 27th November	Y11 Mock Exams
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



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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>



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National Cup Round 3 Year 11

Tiverton High School vs Clyst Vale Tuesday 7th November 2023

Round 3 saw the Year 11s go to bitter rivals Tiverton in the National Cup. With the weather playing havoc the week before the grass pitches were far too wet so the pitch had to be changed to astro. Meaning a completely different game and tactic will need to be applied.

With the Yr 11s having a depleted squad due to a few injuries, Clyst Vale lined up as followed. Lewis in goal, a back 3 of Rhys, Daniil, Olly, Midfield 5 of Charlie, Riley, Max, Lucas and Ethan and with two up top Harry and Charlie.W. Two subs were Theo and Otto.

Clyst Vale started the better of the two teams creating many of chances that were not taken. Harry putting one wide and Ethan dragging one wide of the post. Clyst vale were having much joy down the left hand side with Ethan beating his man on most occasions. With Clyst vale continuing to press but not finding the back of the net gave Tiverton some opportunities on goal. Lewis was instrumental in the first half stopping everything that came his way. On 30 minutes the deadlock was broken as Max lost possession in the middle of midfield which led to a 3 on 2 at the back. Tiverton shifted the ball well and was clinical in the finish 1-0. The Year 11s continued to work hard and their persistence paid off as Harry gathered the ball in the box and jinxed pass his marker leading him to be brought down in the box. Penalty! Max stepped up and fired it to the keepers left but the out stretched keeper saved well. 1-0 Half time.

Second half resumed with a change in the line up. Riley came off for Otto and Harry swapped with Theo. Daniil was pushed upfront to see if we could equalise. Tiverton were ferocious in attack in the second half and the year 11s were stunned conceding 3 quick goals without response. 4-0 with 20 minutes to play. Clyst vale gathered themselves and were not going to go down without a fight. A nice interchange between Ethan, Daniil and Charlie allowed Charlie.W to sneak at the back post to fire into the open net with a nice pass from Ethan. 4-1. The spirits were lifted as Clyst vale continued to fight. Theo made a goal saving block on the line to give the boys hope. Clyst vale continued to battle against a Tiverton side who were getting the majority of the decisions. Charlie.W managed to snatch another one as he swivelled to fire home to make it 4-2.

Unfortunately that was the last of the action. Compliments to the Year 11 team for their efforts and battling to the end. Hopefully they can progress in the Devon County Cup when they face St Lukes in the first round.

Ethan Board man of the match.

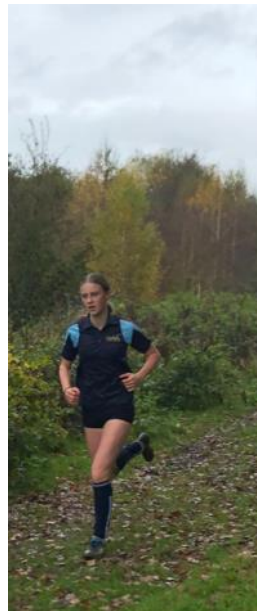
Mr Stapleton



Cross Country - Wednesday 8 November 2023

Well done to the students who ran in the first round of the Exeter and District Athletics on Wednesday. The course was a lovely traditional mix of rolling grass fields and narrow muddy sections with a few off camber up hill and down hill sections to test the grip. First up were the younger girls who ran brilliantly on the relatively new track. Willow ran in 3rd out of a large field of athletes followed by Kate and Ruthie hot one her heal. Next up the boys and in an even larger group of athletes Noah came home in the first few followed by Will who had hit the deck in the lower field. Finally, with the track looking increasingly worn and muddy from all the studs and spikes came Jasper Forty and Ollie Back. Brilliant runs from both lads placed them 2nd and 3rd in their races. Definite qualification for the next round on 23rd November for Willow, Jasper and Ollie, whilst the others face a nervous wait to see if their placings warrant a go in round two.

Mr Powell.



Rugby Report

Year 7 Boys: Clyst Vale 55-5 St Peters:

The Year 7 lads made it two wins from two for the season with another dominant display against their nearby visitors. This backed up the impressive display in the rain away at Blundells School before half term, where they again won at a canter.

The rapidly growing numbers of the squad ensured that we had 17 players for the 12-a-side contest played at Clyst Vale on Wednesday evening, in calm and dry conditions. The support from parents and carers on the sideline was a lovely addition to the positive and welcoming atmosphere for the game to take place. Skipper, Sonny, lost the toss and St Peters surprisingly decided to kick off up the slope, with Clyst Vale gradually getting into their stride with some big carries from the forwards, Leo, Oliver, Max and Jack, allowing the elusive backs to score some wonderful tries out wide, often from deep in their own half. First half tries were scored (if my memory serves me correctly!) by Joe, Sonny, Harry C, Harrison, Max and Charlie with some outstanding tackling and rucking provided by Henry and Will. The second half brought many changes throughout, with the team never seeming to let that break the well coordinating teamwork and gameplay with outstanding handling and commitment to defend and look after the ball. Josh made some crucial and outstanding tackles in the forward pack, with Ruben jinking up the wing to score a fine individual try, Sonny added to his tally, along with Joe. Centre, Cian made some excellent carries and offloads to his teammates, setting a platform for further attacks, with Harry P and Jack also scoring. Ollie worked really well to link attacks in the back line, with Leo continuing to make every ruck which was crucial for the attacks to flow. Jackson crowned his first game with a great try and Oliver worked tirelessly in the forward pack adding some much needed power to the mauls and rucks.

Well done to all of the squad and continue to work hard at training on a Wednesday and join an external club, if you are able to!

Sonny (C), Jack, Joe, Leo, Max, Charlie, Oliver, Henry, Ruben, Will, Josh, Cian, Harry P, Harry C, Harrison, Jackson, Ollie.

Mr Pearce



CAKE SALE

ON THE 14TH, 21ST
& 28TH of
November!



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international
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FROM
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FROM
£1



LIBRARY COMPETITION TIME!

Send me a picture of yourself
reading in the most unusual
place. southardl@clystvale.org

Winner will be announced on the 23rd of November.



*Clyst Vale Community College
presents...*

...An eclectic mix of short plays.

Our students, from years 7-13, are thrilled to be staging a diverse array of theatrical genres, from the reality of verbatim theatre to the retelling of some classic fairy tales.

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We hope you can join us for the climax of what will be an exhilarating and memorable day!

Wednesday 15th November at 7pm

Tickets adults £10 child £7.50 available from

Exeter Northcott Theatre (01392 726363)

Carols by Candlelight

@ Broadclyst Church
Sunday 3rd December

5pm with
School Choir

7pm with
Cantilena Choir



Free Entry Limited Spaces

book early on

<https://broadclystcarols.eventbrite.co.uk>

or ring

07972 387391



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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.



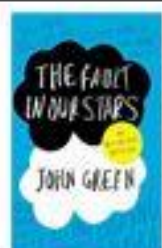
Yr. 7

When 11-year-old April joins a group of kids living at Winterborne Home she doesn't expect to be there for very long. But she soon learns that this home isn't like any of the others - especially when she unearths the secret of the missing-and-presumed-dead billionaire, Gabriel Winterborne, who is neither missing nor dead but is actually living in a basement lair, sharpening his swords, and looking for vengeance.



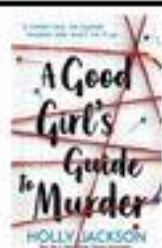
Yr. 8

Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next-door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters. Page-turning, heart-breaking, but ultimately life-affirming, this story is perfect for fans of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* and *Wonder*. It is a book that will make you laugh and cry.



Yr. 9

Hazel Grace Lancaster is a seventeen-year-old living with cancer. At the request of her mother, who believes she is depressed, Hazel attends a cancer support group in the basement of a church. Hazel does not like the support group but goes to make her mother happy. One day upon arriving at the support group, however, Hazel is delighted to see a handsome new boy in attendance. During the discussion, the attendees introduce themselves, and Hazel learns the boy's name is Augustus Waters. Augustus has lost one of his legs to a form of cancer called osteosarcoma, but his cancer is now in remission. He is there to support his friend, Isaac who has lost an eye to a rare form of eye cancer and now must get the other eye removed.

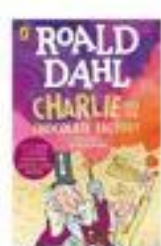


Yr.10&11

The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it.

But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the murder, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final year project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth?

This half-term, 7B4 have been enjoying:



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



The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for
Winter has now gone live in
Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Places are available for children who are
accessing benefit related free school
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>



**MERRY
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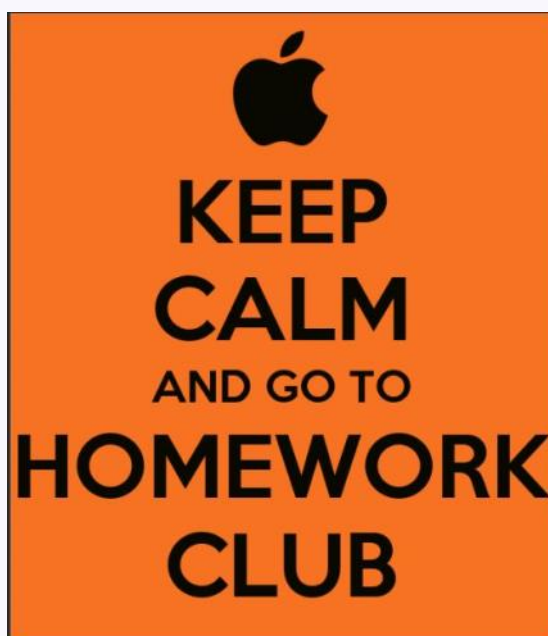
Library



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