



NEWSLETTER

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'In studying other cultures, we learn more about ourselves and our relationship to all things in this world.' - Eustace Conway

Dear Parents/Carers,

Early Lunches. Next week, all five days will have an earlier lunchtime from 12.25 to 13.10

Exam Season

Clearly, the exam season dominates most things at the moment. Very best wishes to all of our students who start their formal exams next week, and very best wishes to all of their families for your support over the next few weeks. Remember that the fridge is crucial: put a copy of the exam timetable on the door, and keep it as fully stocked as possible. Common sense applies: students fare better if they have good, nutritious food, stay hydrated, sleep, do their normal amount of exercise, and build in some calming down-time. Always ask your child how the day's exam(s) went and be prepared to talk, but be aware you may just get a grunt... There are many sources of on-line advice for parents during the exam season: here are three well known and respected links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/how-to-help-your-child-manage-exam-stress/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zckydxs>

And please let us know if your child is experiencing difficulties with exams, revision or worry; we will do what we can to help.

As ever, my colleagues and I want the best possible grades for your children: the results are important, and the better they are the easier life becomes in terms of avenues and opportunities. However, your exam grades do not define you as a person: our students will have the same human value on Results Day as they do now or in a year's time. And we all know of so-called GCSE "failures" (hate that word) who have made an incredible success of their lives, or vice versa.

The whole College is affected by exams. They are held mainly in the Hall, Meeting Room 1 (behind Reception), Additional Support and the Meeting Rooms at either end of the Maths corridor. On some days, the number of students sitting exams is well over 200, and we will use other small rooms and offices (next Wednesday morning is the first of these). So, students will be reminded – hopefully daily – to be alert for "quiet please" signs and should NOT make noise crossing the playground.

Year 13's study leave begins next Friday, 19th May; Year 11's will be from Wednesday, 24th May.

In the midst of all this, life goes on as normally as possible for all the other year groups ! (Assemblies will be in the Sports Hall, if it's dry...)

Key Reminders for Students Taking Exams

- If you have an exam, you wait in the playground/outside the exam room 10-15 minutes before the start time.
- You only go to registration if you do not have an exam at that time.
- Remember that exam room rules are much stricter than school rules, and usually there are no excuses.
- Equipment: black pens and spares, pencils, ruler, eraser, full maths/science equipment (calculator when allowed, protractor, compass). Clear pencil case.
- No labels on water bottles which must be see-through.
- No watches, no internet-enabled devices, no smartphones.
- Coats and hoodies – even leavers' hoodies - are not permitted in the exam rooms.
- No sweets or gum (exception for health reasons).
- Students in the Hall will leave coats and bags in the changing rooms which will be locked.
- Full, proper College uniform expected
- When leaving your exam, remember others may not have finished (so don't gather in the playground !)

Athletics and Burgers...

An unusual combination perhaps, but supports the point that life goes on as normal ! In the back of the Newsletter you will find write-ups of this week's Exeter & District Athletics trials, and yesterday's Ultimate Burger Competition. This was a brilliant event, with three professional chefs as judges, and many thanks go to Mr Krasko for organising and coordinating a successful evening !

Devon County Show 18th – 20th May

For students with exams, please be aware that the County Show has sometimes meant late arrivals to school because of the traffic. Obviously, this can add to the stress. Please be assured that if we know about several late arrivals, we can (and sometimes have) delayed the start of the exam. The absolute key thing is to let us know if you're stuck in traffic – 01392-461407 is the best number.

Clearly, if a student attends the County Show as a visitor, that would be regarded as unauthorised absence. But parts of our catchment area include the farming community: if your child has a role/work responsibility which involves attending the Show, please contact Student Absence to discuss. studentabsence@clystvale.org or 01392-463943

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (Year 9)

One of those situations where home can support school..... For Year 9 students doing the Bronze DofE, there is a big meeting on Mon 5th June at 12.25pm in IT4. This will be a final session with Vicky the South West Coordinator to ensure students all complete the award before the end of the school year. So (nudge to parents) students need to focus on finishing each section, loading the tracking sheet and photos and then getting the assessors' reports completed, signed and uploaded.



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Post 16 Alumni News – Local Government Election Success!

Beth Collins left Post 16 in 2017 and went on to Exeter University, where she gained a first class degree in Politics. In the local government elections on Thursday 4th May, Beth stood for the Labour seat representing Ottery St Mary and won!

Congratulations to Beth on her success, which is all the more remarkable given her young age (25) –the country needs more young people in local government !

The picture below was taken at the count, where Beth is speaking to BBC reporter Erin Santillo – also a Post 16 alumna, who completed A-levels here in 2016. Thank you to Mrs Padden for passing on this good news story!



Hearing Support Centre Consultation

The consultation on closing the Hearing Support Centre itself closes on Friday, 19th May. As I previously mentioned, this is sad in that the HSC has been part of Clyst Vale for over 20 years and has had a proud history; however, there is no demand for places mostly because hearing technology has improved, and it is not right to be spending public money on an empty unit.

The link is as follows:

[Proposal to close the Hearing Support Centre at Clyst Vale Community College - Have Your Say \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/consultation/proposal-to-close-the-hearing-support-centre-at-clyst-vale-community-college)

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Bawn".

Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RDF	-
7RTM	Chloe Neighbour
8RBAT	No permission to print
8RHSP	Ollie Westaway
9RSGA	Amelie Brooking
9RZB	Charlotte Sillett
10RAO	-
10RMAH	-
11RER	-
11RGG	Sally Greaves

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YBH	Conner Kendall
7YGG	Lexi Salter
8YMBR	-
8YTZI	-
9YPNE	Alissa Adlem
9YSS	-
10YDST	Alex Glassborrow
10YSP	-
11YMPR	Freddie Hancock
11YNS	Charlie Radford

GREEN SCHOOL

7GLT	Abigail Saunders
7GMN	Charlie Radford
8GCMC	No permission to print
8GIM	Maggie May
9GABr	-
9GDH	-
10GAW	Issy Fry
10GBA	-
11GHE	-
11GSW	-

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
15th May to 28th June	GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS START
16th May	Y10 Parents Evening
Friday 19th May	Y9 Vaccinations
31st May to 3rd June	HALF TERM
6th June	Y7 Parents Evening
Thursday 15th June	Y6 Non Feeder School Parents Evening
Thursday 15th June—Saturday 17th June	Silver Assessed Dof E
20th to 27th June	Y12 Mock Exams
Thursday 29th June	Y6 New Intake Parents Evening
Friday 30th June	Y11 Prom
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July	Post 16 Taster Days
Wednesday 5th July	Exeter College Discovery Day Y10
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July	Transition Days
Wednesday 12th July	Sports Day (13th July Reserve Sports Day)
Week Commencing 17th July	Y10 & 12 Work Experience Woodlands Trips: Tues 18th—Y7 Weds 19th—Y9 Thurs 20th—Y8
21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM (Note Early finish 2pm)



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Athletics Trials

Well done to the students who competed at the Exeter and District Athletic Trials on Wednesday. Despite the rain, competition was fierce for places in the next round versus East Devon. All the students performed well in their various events. At present confirmation of progression is not confirmed, but certainly competing in the next round are Olly Hargreaves from Y10 who won his Inter Boys 100m and Jasper Forty from Y9 who came from behind to out sprint the leader in his Junior Boys 800m.

The rest will have to wait for confirmation this weekend.



Year 9 Burger Competition

Our Year 9 students participated in an annual Burger Competition this Thursday that was judged by three professional chefs. As the standard of cooking was extremely high, the judges decided to award a joint first place to two of our Year 9 students:

Camyiah Phillips and Alisa Adlem.

Alisa's burger was of a high-end restaurant standard, and Camyiah totally surprised everyone by how she flavoured her burgers and her buns. All three chefs were taken aback by her selection of herbs and spices.

Well done to both!



Looking to start or
change your career?

OPEN DAY

Invitation

Come along to our Open Day on
Wednesday 31st May 2023
2.00pm until 5.30pm

Plumbing

Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty

Business Sectors & Retail

Construction

Electrical

Traineeships

Commercial

Find out about our Apprenticeships, Traineeships and industry specific courses.

Try for yourself with tasters from plumbing to retail.

Talk to our experienced team, look around and find out what we have on offer.
All welcome – school/college leavers, parents, employers, advisers and adults
wanting to retrain.

Easy access to the centre – just a 10 minute walk from Newcourt Train Station

Free refreshments and ample free parking on site

For more information contact Alberto Pitocco

01392 437373

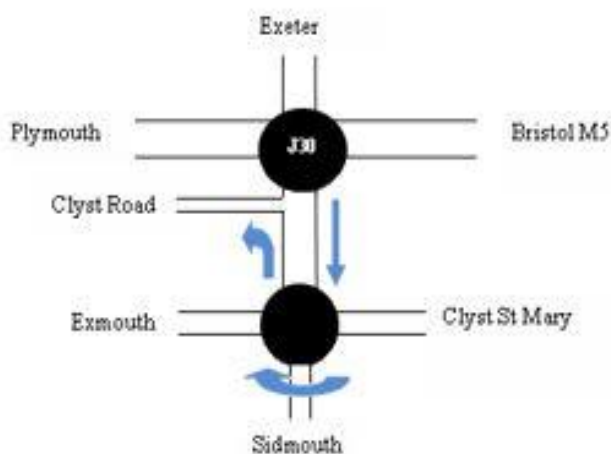
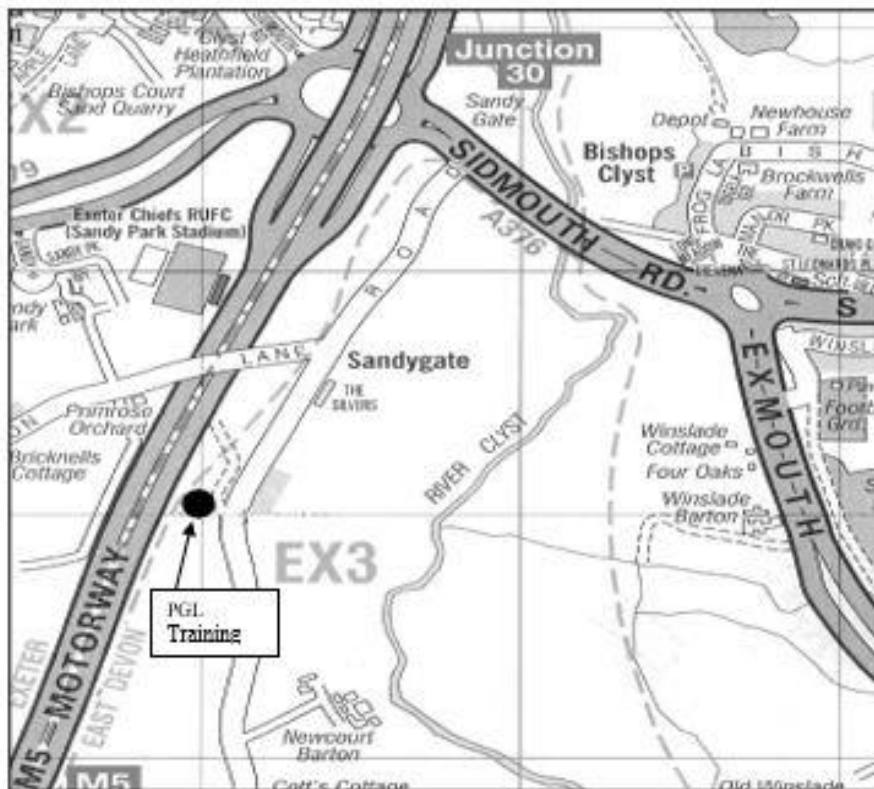
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Directions to PGL Training



Leave the M5 at Junction 30 and follow the signs for Exmouth/A376.

Clyst Road is immediately on the right; however you must travel to the next roundabout and return prior to turning left into Clyst Road. PGL Training is located approximately 600 metres along the road on the right.

PGL Training

Clyst Works, Clyst Road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon, EX3 0DB

Telephone: 01392 437373

Fax: 01392 437370

Email: enquiries@pgltraining.com



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contact Mrs Kilby,
kilbya@clystvale.org



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 relevant school ATHOS or the teacher.

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



LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Film Club	Lunchtime	HU6		Miss Matthews
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 Half Term	1.30pm to 2.10pm	MA8		Miss Barratt/Mr Eales
Tuesday	Amnesty Club	1.30pm to 2.10pm	EN7		Miss Watt
Tuesday	Choir	Lunchtimes	PA2 – w/c 6 th Feb		Mr Hawkins
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	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision/Catch Up	Lunchtime	IT1 – but PE5 from Feb		Mrs Broomfield
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	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
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 Ferrett
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Friday	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3 – w/c 6 th Feb		Mr Hawkins

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



UK Health
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NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

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...

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 (Attendance Officer)

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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