



NEWSLETTER

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Week A

“The need of the moment is not one religion, but mutual respect and tolerance of the devotees of the different religions”

- Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Parents' Evening and more

Thank you to all Year 11 parents and carers who took part in last night's parents' evening. It's clearly an important evening, and the timing is deliberate. Mock exams are still reasonably fresh in the memory, but students have had (hopefully) a decent rest over Christmas and time to process things. The calendar has turned to 2023, there is the opportunity for resolutions and changes, application deadlines loom for FE and Sixth Form places in September, and the first "sit down" exams are just over four months away. "Year 11" is of course 179 individual students; some are doing brilliantly, staying organised and working hard; others need a kick up the backside and to spend much less time on electronic devices. The point is that four months is plenty of time to make a difference. My colleagues will have been able to provide both general and specific suggestions for improvement.

Mentioning Sixth Form, Year 11 students thinking of A-levels should seriously consider staying here. Students do really well: 2022 results were our best ever, and this year three students secured Oxbridge interviews with one being offered a place subject to grades. The size of the Sixth Form has many advantages: we really do know our students well, and can genuinely provide very individualised support. Class sizes also mean that relationships between staff and students are excellent, which is fundamental to student confidence and success. Also, these working relationships are quite different to those in Year 11. (In Ofsted terms, the Sixth Form was "good" in 2019, and we're expecting that this judgement will continue as we have improved since then).

Mentioning application deadlines and options facing Year 11s for September, one option significantly different from parents' leaving-school experiences 20 years ago is doing an apprenticeship. This link has lots of useful information. [Support for parents and guardians \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk).

More generally, if your youngster still needs some guidance, or has not yet made a plan, they can have another appointment to see our Independent Careers Advisor - Sally Trump.

Email: careersadvisor@clystvale.org

Traffic News

Transport issues are not a module in the professional qualification required to be a Headteacher, but really should be.....This is rapidly becoming a weekly feature. The good news is that the Station Road flood has now been sorted out (problem with a blocked drain due to agricultural detritus in a collection chamber, apparently). More good news is that Stagecoach have much improved their service at the end of the day, ironically only to sit in queues of traffic at Venny Bridges.....

This has been a major headache this week. From the College's point of view late arrivals are a problem, missing registration, arriving at lessons late, and causing inevitable disruption to teaching and learning. Worse, there are safety and safeguarding concerns: students waiting far longer than normal at bus stops, much later home than expected, and this is exacerbated for students who take two buses to get home. I have made my views clear to local councillors (who are very supportive) and the local council.

Clutching at positives, once parents had adjusted to the situation, left earlier, found other routes, the number of late arrivals have reduced during the week. So, thank you for your help with this, and your flexibility. I am told that there have been a number of meetings involving Devon County Council and the contractors, with several ideas for reducing the problems being discussed. Watch this space.

On the subject of avoiding the queues, I have been asked how early students can arrive at school. We don't have a hard-and-fast time, but in normal times the guideline is not before 08.15 please and students must go to the Giraffe House (or Post-16 if a Sixth Former). The reason is that we cannot guarantee supervision, but by 08.15 there is a steady stream of staff passing the Giraffe House. Times aren't normal, so if a few students are here at say 08.00 for a couple of weeks it won't be a problem; repeat, early arrivals must go to the Giraffe House.

Late marks. By and large, we're exercising common sense and a bit of professional judgement. It's usually possible to work out whether students are genuinely late because of the roadworks and if so, we are marking them present (there is no official code for "late because of roadworks beyond anyone's control"). It's also usually possible to identify students who are, let's say, not as good at being punctual with or without roadworks, and we will be a bit more suspicious. The serious issue, which I've made clear to Devon, is one of safeguarding. If a child is really late – as on Tuesday morning – they will be marked absent on the register and the lesson one register. This is then spotted by Student Absence who phones home a) to make sure the child is safe and b) if they are absent, why? However, this causes alarm because as far as the parent knows, the child should be at school. Although we're aware of this issue, it might still occur now and again, so apologies in advance.

Health News

There is a great deal of concern about infectious illnesses, and the pressure on the NHS. Accordingly, Devon County Council and Public Health Devon are regularly sending reminders to schools. The UKHSA are especially worried about high levels of Strep A infections, and I have sent their letter to parents about Strep A and Scarlet Fever separately; you will also see the poster "should I keep my child off school" poster later in this Newsletter. I am also happy to reinforce the basic messages about preventive controls: these include good hand hygiene and "catch it, bin it, kill it".

Little Shop of Horrors

Very excited again – I enjoy a good musical, and all the better when it features the incredibly talented students of Clyst Vale! Timid flower shop assistant Seymour has a soft spot for his ditzy but beautiful colleague Audrey. During a total eclipse, he discovers a ‘strange and interesting’ plant that he names Audrey II, which has an unusual diet. The unique, fast growing plant attracts a great deal of business for the previously struggling store. This hilarious rock musical follows Seymour’s actions as he attempts to quell the demanding plant’s insatiable appetite, whilst trying to please his irritable boss and win Audrey over at the same time. With hit songs such as Skid Row, Mushnik and Son and of course, the well-loved title song, Little Shop of Horrors is full of great music, fun characters and hilarious situations. Clyst Vale has developed an incredible reputation for energetic, vivacious productions and this one, performed by its senior students, will be no exception!

Age guidance- 12+

Tickets - £12 Adult and £8 child

Dates- 31st January – 1st February, 2023

31st Jan <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/567725>

1st Feb <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/567727>

Exeter University Young Person Research Group

I have been contacted by Camilla Forbes of the Exeter University Medical School, with whom we have worked on several projects over the years, mostly related to young people’s health. She is sharing an opportunity that might be of interest to our students: please see the flyer later in the Newsletter. The University is hoping to set up a Young Person Research Group to give students a voice in research and learn more about it, as an after school/holiday activity. If interested, as it says on the flyer, “talk with your parents/carer and get in touch with Camilla Forbes on: c.a.mchugh@exeter.ac.uk for more information

Revision 12-1 countdown information evening for Y11 Students & Parents

A separate email has been sent out regarding the above which is arranged for Thursday 9th February, 6-7.30pm., with a form to sign up.

During this evening we will outline our strategic revision plan for year 11. This has been established to support and guide our students through their revision across all subjects over the next few months.

Parents will be provided with the opportunity to view what is on offer to support students here at Clyst Vale. You will be talked through the structured revision programme and support materials available, including how to access them so you can best support your son/daughter at this challenging time.

Industrial Action

You may have seen in national media that the NASUWT teachers' union failed to meet the threshold of 50% of members responding to the ballot for legal strike action, although the actual vote in favour of strike action would have met a different threshold; anyway, NASUWT members will not be striking in February/March. Three other teacher and school leader unions are yet to announce the results of their ballot.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kevin Bawn'.

Kevin Bawn



Fourth Monkey Drama Workshop

On Monday 9th January, our Year 11 and 6th Form Performing Arts students participated enthusiastically in an innovative physical theatre workshop with the London based theatre company 'Fourth Monkey'.

Students acquired new skills in the area of proxemics, non-verbal communication and teamwork. 'Fourth Monkey' were impressed with the talent and commitment of our students of whom fully immersed themselves in this unique two-hour session.



GLYST VALE PRESENTS...

**BOOK AND LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN
MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN**



**BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN,
SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH**

**LITTLE SHOP OF
HORRORS**

31ST JANUARY -

£12 (Adults)

1ST FEBRUARY

£8 (Student/child)

CYGNET THEATRE, FRJARS GATE, EXETER, EX2 4AZ

**ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE WPA THEATRE KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING DIRECTOR,
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY BY THE
WPA THEATRE, DAVID GEFEN, CAMERON MACKINTOSH AND THE
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RDF	-
7RTM	No permission
8RBAT	-
8RHSP	Sam Hopkins
9RSGA	Rebecca Loaring
9RZB	Sofia Lemay- Palmer Tye
10RAO	-
10RMAH	-
11RER	-
11RGG	-

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YBH	-
7YGG	-
8YMBR	-
8YTZI	-
9YPNE	-
9YSS	-
10YDST	-
10YSP	-
11YMPR	-
11YNS	-

GREEN SCHOOL

7GLT	No permission to publish name
7GLT	-
8GCMC	Finley Fleming
8GIM	Isla Van Het Bolscher
9GABr	Archie Cross
9GDH	Joshua Moyes
10GAW	No permission to publish name
10GGT	-
11GHE	Riley Jones
11GSW	-

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Week Commencing 16th January	Employability Week—KS3
Saturday 14th—Sunday 15th January	Ten Tors Overnight 2
Thursday 26th January	Y9 Parents Evening
31st January to 1st February	CVCC Production: Little Shop of Horrors
Thursday 2nd February	Y9 Options Evening (time TBC)
Saturday 4th—Sunday 5th February	Ten Tors & DofE Bronze
Thursday 9th February	Y11 Revision Information Evening 6-7.30pm
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Friday 21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM (Note Early finish 2pm)

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





RUGBY CLUB

Girls Rugby Club with Exeter Chiefs

Women's Players & Coaches:

Wednesday Lunchtime: 1.30-2.05pm

Wednesday After-School: 3.30-4.30pm

Y10/11 Boys Rosslyn Park 7's Training:

Wednesday After-School: 3.30-4.30pm





Well done to Kate (Y8) and Ruthie Dearden-Watts (Y7) who ran in for Devon in the U13 competition on Sunday. Both girls dealt well with the appalling conditions to help Devon win the competition in front of Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Devon, Avon and lastly Cornwall.

Congratulations also to Sam Mills in Post 16 at Clyst Vale who ran again as part of the GB U20 Cross-country team at the weekend. The race was held in Elgoibar, Spain in wet and muddy conditions where Sam did brilliantly to finish third out of 58 at competitors from across Europe.

Would you like to have a voice in research?

Want to know more? Come along to a online meeting on February 7th at 4pm and find out about this great opportunity.

We are researchers from health, history, literature, law and geography at the University of Exeter and we would like to learn from young people how you would like to be involved in research and explore ways we can work together on projects that interest you. We are interested in young people's mental health and narratives of wellbeing, environment and health and care experienced young people.

We are looking for 15-20 young people (aged 13-18) to attend up to 6 meetings over the next year, you will be acknowledged for your time. We would like to hold two of these meetings in person at the university (travel expenses will be reimbursed). You do not need to have any research experience to take part in this group, just an interest in research and a willingness to get actively involved.

Quote from one of our members: *"This entire experience is a great opportunity, not only to be able to discuss the things you are passionate about, but also to work alongside a Russell group university. I am really enjoying working within this group"*

I am interested, what do I do?

Talk with your parents/carer and get in touch with Camilla Forbes on: c.a.mchugh@exeter.ac.uk for more information.

Please note that we will need to ask your parent or guardian for consent prior to you joining the group.

LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Film Club – commencing 3 rd October	Lunchtime	HU6		Miss Matthews
Monday	Yr 7/8/9 Tech Club	Lunchtime	DT1		Mr Arthur
Monday	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Crawford
Monday	Yr 9-13 - Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Yr 10-13 - Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Tuesday	Trailblazers	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Tuesday	Ten Tors/DofE – commencing after Hal Term	1.30pm to 2.10pm	MA8		Miss Barratt/Mr Eales
Tuesday	KS4/KS5 Work Experience & Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Base		Miss Bennett
Tuesday	Yr 10/11 - Lacrosse	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Yr 7-9 - Girls Football	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Yr 10/11 - Btec Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Week B – Yr 7/8/9 - Science Club	Lunchtime	SC4		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer/Mr Ferret
Tuesday	GCSE Art & Photography Catch-Up	Lunchtime	AR2/IT4		Mrs Walton
Wednesday	Week B - LGBTQ+ Group	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimble
Wednesday	Week A – Eco Committee	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimble
Wednesday	Yr 11 Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Yr 7/8 - Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell/Michael Rothery
Wednesday	Yr 7-9 - Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Wednesday	Yr 8/9 - Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Thursday	History Club	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Thursday	Yr 7-9 Games Club	1.30pm to 2.00pm	HU6		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Week A – Yr 10/11 Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Week B – Yr 1/11 Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Hooks & Books	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Crawford
Thursday	Yr 11 – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Yr 10/11 – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Thursday	Yr 7-9 – Boys/Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Yu Gi Oh! Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Friday	Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot
Friday	Post 16 – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Friday	Week B – Yr 9/10 – Science Club	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer/Mr Ferret
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

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



UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

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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