



# NEWSLETTER

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**“Train hard and love what you do, because success is in the journey not the destination.”**

**- Alex Danson, London 2012 Hockey Bronze Medallist**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it's been one of those weeks when so much has gone on it's difficult to do justice to all of it ! Which means that this is one of those Newsletters which rivals Lord of the Rings for length if not quality .... Let's start with Wednesday, which was a really good day – that included Sports Day, Festival on the Field, and the New Intake Parents' Evening.

## Sports Day

Phew! We got away with just one sharp shower, although that was sufficient to cause havoc with the face paint and body paint, and I shudder to think of the state of some of your showers on Wednesday evening.

It was, as ever, a great day. There's no other Sports Day like it: all students and staff involved, inter-School competitions in tug-of-war, rounders and an assortment of other sports, plus all the traditional track and field events. Then there's Festival on the Field and a barbecue thrown in for good measure. And, for the purists, broken records are celebrated, and there are awards for the top athletes. Jasper Forty smashed one of our oldest records in the 1500m which had stood for 33 years, and was rightly awarded Victor Ludorum. Victrix Ludorum was Tilly Startup , while the Sarah Wynn and Trevor Green Awards for outstanding effort and contribution went to Tom Mackay and Izzy Fry respectively. Overall winners were Green School.

[Sports Trivia: Jasper beat the record of one Ben Garnett, who is the son of John Garnett, former Principal of Exmouth Community College and the boss in the 1990s of several CVCC members of staff including me!]

Please forgive me some musings, as this was my last Sports Day as Principal (at least if I turn up next year I won't be on toilet duty..). The idea for Sports Day was conceived around 2003 by then Head of PE Dave Walters, and I was happy to support the idea (especially as all the hard work was done, and continues to be done, by the PE Dept). Sports Day has evolved over the years, with the addition of music fairly soon after 2003, and gradually increasing the variety of sports to supplement the athletics. The day relies on the trust and good relationships between staff and students; if we didn't have that, it would never work. But more than that, it actually builds that trust and relationships. There is rivalry and healthy competition between students in the different Schools. There is a lot of mutual support: older students coaching younger ones. It's a day for everyone: not all students like sport or are good at it, but they are very much included in the team activities, by looking the part, and by supporting their School. One snapshot which will stay with me is of a student who does not have the best behaviour record and can be quite sassy; for a second or two, when her team won the tug of war, she jumped, hugged and smiled, and looked like a youngster who was just having fun. Priceless.

There are many people to thank! The day wouldn't happen without the PE Dept, of course, who put so much into the planning and coordination that I wouldn't know where to begin. Form tutors produce the team lists, and it was brilliant to see some groups having selection trials and practices! Mr Hawkins deserves many thanks for running FotF in Miss Williams' absence, supported by a group of Sixth Formers and Mr Simpson who helped with the auditions. All of my colleagues deserve thanks for being there, getting involved, supporting and supervising, and Additional Support colleagues for making sure that it was a day for all students. I'll mention our caterers CleverChefs in the next section. Finally, we are annually grateful to CEVA, who provide the lorry for FotF free of charge.

### **New Intake Parents Evening**

Not the best calendar planning perhaps, but the NIPE followed on from Sports Day, and made for a really good day. Thank you to anyone reading this who came along on the night. We changed the normal format, with three shorter presentations on Curriculum, Pastoral Support and Systems/Communications rather than one extended one. We also introduced a second-hand uniform sale which went well. Another change which went down well literally was providing taster pots of the food served in the Canteen (as well as the obligatory tea, coffee, cookies and traybakes).

Apart from walking between sessions, which is a taste of student life at Clyst Vale – a blast of fresh air between almost every lesson – I thought the evening was really successful in distilling and reminding everyone of what we hold dear at Clyst Vale.

RRS isn't just a badge or label or add-on, it's a way of being which we will continue to strive to embed in everything we do. The Respect, Participate and Learn keywords aren't just for inspiration, they represent what we want to achieve and maintain. They also link directly with my other three-word mantra "Safe, Happy, Successful". Nobody feels safe if there is disrespect, which in a school context includes name-calling, damage to the environment, bullying or singling-out people's differences. If safe, students join in things and participate; this leads to challenges, success, teamwork and getting involved encourages being happy. If safe and happy, students attend school very well, and learn effectively, which leads to them being successful, whatever their level of ability.

There was a session on the Year 7 curriculum, but this also reflected many of the curriculum principles we believe in. This includes breadth of curriculum: we retain Art, Music and Drama as separate subjects, also Food, Technology and IT, and also History, Geography and B&V. Some schools have reduced this number of subjects to create more time for core subjects, but we believe that breadth is important and that literacy can be developed through these subjects. More importantly, the breadth of subjects employs and develops a wider range of skills, with performing arts particularly useful for oracy and confidence. Plus, not all students are great at everything.

I mentioned CleverChefs above. They had a very challenging day running a barbecue and moving their entire operation for Sports Day, followed by an extensive food provision at the Parents' Evening, including three hot dishes. They did a brilliant job, and deserve a lot of thanks and praise!

For the first time, we ran a second-hand uniform sale, which proved really successful. Many thanks to my PA Chris Faulkner for coordinating and running this. And if you have any useable, clean uniform or PE kit that's no longer required, please send it in!



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## **Re-establishing a PTFA**

We are hoping to re-establish or resurrect a PTFA. This sadly wound up as a charity shortly before covid, and the developing Parent Forum fell away during the lockdowns. So, we're gauging interest. Several Year 6&7 parents signed up on a "no obligation" basis on Wednesday, and we're widening this to all parents. So, with no obligation, if you think you might be interested in being in at the start of a new journey for the PTFA, please e-mail Allen Bailey, Assistant Principal, on [baileya@clystvale.org](mailto:baileya@clystvale.org). Please put PTFA in the subject line, and await an e-mail in September !

## **Clyst Vale Annual Awards**

One of my highlights of the College year..... On Thursday's "end of year" assembly, I presented the following awards to the following amazing students.

The Caring Cup was presented to Jess Massey (Year 9). Jess has been a fantastic support to a friend who experiences seizures, but in addition to this has demonstrated her caring side through sport, her tutor group, and signing up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award which of course has a volunteering element.

The Ostler Award (for outstanding personal achievement) was presented to Harry Crees (Year 10). Harry is a talented sportsman, but his progress in football is why he was given this award. He plays for Exeter City u-16s, a year "young", has been awarded a scholarship and next season will train with the u-18s; Harry was also chosen for national trials. This is impressive in a popular, mainstream sport like football.

The Pope's Chalice (for Performing Arts) was deservedly won by Lily Roberts (Year 13). Lily has been in almost everything to do with performing arts since joining Clyst Vale, most recently the principal roles of Audrey (Little Shop of Horrors) and Paulette (Legally Blonde), following on from Blanche in Bonnie and Clyde and Angie in Our House. More than this, she has also been an inspiration, role-model and support to younger students. She will also do extremely well in her L3 BTEC in Performing Arts !

The RRS Shield (for promoting the values of RRS) was awarded to Ellie Riddle (Year 12). Ellie embodies Rights Respecting Schools: she has been a committed member of the Amnesty Group for years; she championed student voice as a member of the Devon Youth Parliament, frustratingly during lockdown. Ellie is still very active: just days ago, she was a driving force for the cake sale raising funds for Kaleidoscope, the charity supporting LGBTQ+ rights around the world.

The Spirit of Devon Award (for progress in Year 7 to 9) was presented to Rebecca Loaring (Year 9). This is awarded after comparing the entry data in Year 7 with the last Year 9 TPR. This generates a wide variety of types of student over the years, but what they all have in common is a really positive attitude to learning, hard work, organisation, good sense, and strong working relationships with my colleagues. This describes Rebecca well.

The Tolman-May Award (for Perseverance) was presented to Tom Shelton in Year 11. Just a reminder that this award is for a student who not only overcomes significant challenges (health, SEND, other) but also is a role-model to others. Tom was exactly that. His attitude to school was always very positive; he was really well-mannered, polite, and popular with other students (or most of them; Tom had to face some bullying, which he showed great resilience in overcoming). He won the award for most caring person at the Year 11 Prom. Out of school he was a leading player with the Exeter City Para-Youth Team, and had a part-time job at a local shop. He was usually cheerful, never moaned, just got on with it, and frankly was a brilliant role-model; it would be great if all students shared Tom's qualities!



Harry Crees—Ostler Award



Tom Shelton—Tolman May Award



Jess Massey—Caring Cup



Florence Walker—Head Student Green School receiving the Schools Cup



Rebecca Loaring—Spirit of Devon



Ellie Riddle—RRS Award



Lily Roberts—Pope's Chalice Award

Like many things at Clyst Vale, these Awards were never planned, and have evolved over the years. What I find remarkable is that between them they capture pretty much all aspects of our values and ethos: caring, RRS, progress, achievement, determination and the (performing) arts. We do recognise progress and achievement (think of the Celebration Assemblies and the GCSE Presentation Evening), but these awards are more about personal qualities and soft skills.

And, the Schools Trophy was won by.....drum roll.....GREEN SCHOOL!

### **Celebration Assemblies**

As well as the not-quite-but-nearly-end-of-year assembly, each School held Celebration Assemblies this week. This recognised the achievements, progress and qualities of many students in all four year groups across all subjects and other activities. If your child came home with a certificate – they would have eaten the sweets on the way home – please make a huge fuss of them!

### **Work Experience Next Week**

An important week for Year 10 in terms of their development. For many, it will be the first time they have been in an adult working environment with some people that they don't know. Huge thanks to parents for your help and support in this (and probably a taxi service as well), and double thanks to parents who, as employers, provide placements. Thanks to your support and the tireless coordination of Mrs Bennett and Mrs Halmeel, we have 90% of students going out on a placement.

### **Camps International Cambodia Expedition**

Best wishes to our 15 intrepid explorers, and of course Ms Govier and Mrs Shillingford, who depart at an unearthly time on Monday morning. These expeditions are amazing life-changing experiences, and we're proud to be in partnership with Camps International. The next expedition will be to Kenya in 2025; Mr Gardiner has taken over as the Clyst Vale coordinator from Ms Govier. Some launch information can be found in the back of this newsletter and there will be a meeting in October to come along and find out more.

### **Industrial Action**

I hate tempting Fate, but it genuinely looks like some better news at last. On Thursday the government announced that they will honour the pay review body's recommendations. For schools, this means a 6.5% pay rise for teachers for 2023-4. The government are assuming schools have budgeted for 3.5%, and will centrally fund the 3% difference. All four teachers' and school leaders' unions will put this to their members in another vote, but significantly all four are recommending to their members that they accept the offer (and call off the threat of strikes in the autumn). This should be brilliant news for parents as the uncertainty about whether there will be strikes in the autumn and all those childcare arrangements will almost certainly have gone. I think it's good news in that I hate closing the school as students need to be there; but reverting to Mr Grumpy mode, this won't put right the chronic underfunding over many years, it won't do much to address the worrying recruitment crisis, and more investment in the education sector is still needed.



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## **Exit Cards**

You should have received a separate communication about this.

Many students have an exit card which allows them to leave a lesson for a sensory, regulation or movement break. However, in December Ofsted considered that there are too many students who “miss too much curriculum time. As a result, they are not making as much progress as they could through the curriculum. Leaders need to ensure that all pupils experience the full curriculum’.

So, we have reviewed our exit card processes. We will continue to offer comprehensive packages of support to all students, but for the majority, through building their resilience and coping strategies rather than letting them out of class which then has a detrimental impact on their learning,

We’re not “banning” exit cards, and there are students who definitely need one. But from September, exit cards will no longer be automatically renewed. If in future, parents or staff feel that an exit card would be beneficial for a student, then this will be discussed at an inclusion meeting with all pastoral staff present before being agreed. It is also important to note that exit cards will only be issued for one term, after which the effectiveness of the intervention will be reviewed.

## **Rita Clapshaw**

Newsletter readers with long connections with Clyst Vale will be sorry to learn that Rita Clapshaw has passed away aged 96. Mrs Clapshaw was Deputy Principal here in the 1970s and 80s (and forgive me if I’m wrong but possibly earlier than that). By all accounts, Mrs Clapshaw was a formidable and effective pastoral leader, particularly girls’, and was very much part of the fabric of the College.

## **Traffic News**

It’s back, although never by popular demand!

If you use Station Road from the airport end to access Clyst Vale (or indeed anywhere else), there will be traffic lights at either end of the fords for 4 weeks from 09:30hrs on Tuesday 18th July. Not 100% sure I trust this as the sign says 17th July... The lights are so DCC can replace the raised walkway with special boarding to make sure that drivers who get stuck in the floods don’t slip when they climb up.

There will be pedestrian access throughout the works, and priority through the lights for emergency vehicles. We are assured that there will be no problems for school transport coaches....

So, for those of us who use this route it would be wise to allow a bit more time. We know how enjoyable the bridge and section past Railway Cottages can be at the best of times.

## **News of Former Students**

Lizzie Roberts has graduated this year with a ‘First’ from Bristol University in BioMedical Studies, and will go on to do a Masters. Hope, Lizzie’s sister, is now working for Zurich Municipal in Farnborough after graduating from Cardiff with a 2:1 in Modern Languages and a Masters in International Relations at Bath.

Sorry that this has been an epic. There has been a lot to report, and I am really proud to be reporting it! One week to go...

Best wishes,



**Kevin Bawn**



# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **RED SCHOOL**

7RDF	Scarlett Parris
7RTM	Summer Selway
8RBAT	Luca Batchelor
8RHSP	Aiden Lea
9RSGA	Bethan Burt-Jones
9RZB	No permission to print
10RAO	No permission to print
10RMAH	Edie Long
11RER	-
11RGG	-

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

7YBH	William Askew
7YGG	Otis Chamberlain
8YMBR	-
8YTZI	-
9YPNE	-
9YSS	Freya Bayley
10YDST	Tilly Startup
10YSP	Jake Ferris
11YMPR	Bridget Adie
11YNS	-

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GLT	Edward Giffard
7GMN	Henry Girvin and Sophie Woods
8GCMC	Nat Kempton
8GIM	-
9GABr	Jess Massey
9GDH	Harry Metherell
10GAW	Kadi Fofana
10GBA	Elyse Hinde and Max Metherell
11GHE	-
11GSW	-

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Week Commencing 17th July	Y10 & 12 Work Experience Woodlands Trips: Tues 18th—Y7 Weds 19th—Y9 Thurs 20th—Y8
Friday 21st July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM ( Note Early finish at 1.30pm)
Thursday 17th August	A & AS Level Results Day (9-11am)
Thursday 24th August	GCSE Results Day (9-11am)



**Clyst Vale Community College Kenya Scuba 2025**

Come along to our Parents Presentation

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the Main Hall**

Please register your interest via [Student Registration Form \(campsinternational.com\)](https://campsinternational.com)

**School code : 8601**



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## Clyst Vale Community College Kenya Scuba Expedition 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

COMING SOON - AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY  
FOR OUR STUDENTS

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Camps International again to offer students the opportunity to go on a life-changing, 4-week expedition to Kenya, during the summer of 2025. Students will work on a variety of meaningful and sustainable projects as well as undertaking the personal adventure challenge of a PADI Open Water Scuba Diving Course.

SAVE THE DATE TO COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the Main Hall**

During our Parents Presentation you and your child will be able to hear more about Camps, the expedition and fundraising, as well as how to join the team.

In the meantime, to get an insight into the expedition, you can see photos from previous teams on the Camps Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/campsint/>

As students are encouraged to raise the funds for this expedition themselves, why not get started straight away with some helpful tips and advice:

<https://www.campsinternational.com/fundraising-for-your-expedition/>

We look forward to letting you know more about the expedition soon.

Kindest regards,  
Clyst Vale Community College



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Broadclyst Theatre Group

# Youth Theatre Project

*What are YOU doing this summer ?*

Join us for the summer touring theatre project of 2023!

We have collected together a team of professional drama, street dance and performance professionals to take us on a journey of improvisation, comedy, dance, and script work. The aim is to enhance performance skills, meet like-minded people, gain personal development, and take a unique opportunity to meet professionals who work in the theatre world. We also plan to take our performance skills and share them in the community.

### *Who should come?*

YOU!! If you love drama, enjoy socializing, are between 13 and 20. Challenge yourself as you learn some new movement skills, acting techniques, and have some fun.

**When?** 9am -4.30pm August 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th 2023

**Where?** Registration will be at Broadclyst Church on Tuesday 8th August at 9am but we expect to work together at a number of locations in Broadclyst including the Victory Hall and Clyst Caring - we'll keep you posted....

**Is there a cost to this?** Yes, we need to ensure you're all members of the group, insured and safeguarded properly so there is a one-off charge of £25 per person. Assisted places are available however, so do contact us, with any queries.

**I'm interested - how do I apply?** Brilliant!! We only have limited places to fill out the details below and give it to one of us or email it to [katiejonesiphone@gmail.com](mailto:katiejonesiphone@gmail.com)

Name.....Age.....Email.....(parent or guardian)

Address.....

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Parent/Guardian name.....Parent/Guardian phone.....

Further information: Katie Jones

Broadclyst Youth Theatre Director

07831 313322



*summer '23*

## GB National Lifesaving Championships

Clyst Vale would like to wish Holly Middleton of 8GIM the very best of luck in the upcoming GB National Lifesaving Championships in the summer holidays. The event is being held on 14 and 15 August at Branksome Chine in Poole, with Holly competing in the swim, board, ski and run events, plus the relay event with Sidmouth Surf Lifesaving Club.

We wish Holly all of the very best and this event is just reward for all of her hard work training and those very late and early training sessions!

Mr Pearce



## Clyst Vale Inter School Girls Touch Rugby World Cup 2023

Congratulations to all girls which participated in the annual Inter-School World Cup last week, which this year related to the Rugby World Cup 2023 in France, in September. The Touch Rugby version, the third of its kind at Clyst Vale, following versions in 2015 and 2019, respectively, is a 16-team tournament drawing of students across their School colour, in a vertical year format (Year 7-10).

The tournament followed the boys a couple of weeks back and kicked off on Monday 3 July at lunchtime, with the group games culminating in on the Wednesday due to poor weather in the week. Strike Days, Sports Day and further bad weather pushed the tournament back to a second week (much like Wimbledon!), with the final being on Thursday 13 July.

Congratulations (again) go to Yellow School, who completed a 1 and 2 finish at the top of the tree, with Green School's Ireland and Portugal sharing Bronze. Scotland won the final in an outstanding game bathed in sunshine with a 6 try to 4 victory over their Fijian counterparts. Yellow School's mirrors their boy counterparts who claimed a dominant 1,2 and 3 finish.

Throughout each lunchtime, the games illustrated a high amount of skill, footwork and athleticism, along with an outstanding level of cooperation, teamwork and respect for one another, so well done to all involved. In many ways the girls event provided even more of the above than the boys tournament, with the level of improvement through the week in individuals and teams being significant and once again showcasing the talent of girls' rugby and general games ability across the school. A massive thank you must go to the staff which helped officiate across the week, including the PE department, Dr Turl, Mrs Bennett, Ms Watt, and of course, Ms Keene, our guest of honour for the final.

You can view the full results on our website via the link below:

[Inter School Girls Touch Rugby World Cup 2023 – CVCC \(clystvale.org\)](https://www.clystvale.org/inter-school-girls-touch-rugby-world-cup-2023-cvcc)



## 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. |

## Clyst Vale and Libraries Unlimited's Book Sale

10<sup>th</sup> of July until the 21<sup>st</sup>.



Location; Clyst Vale library. To access – go through the main doors of Clyst Vale (reception,) then turn right and from there you will see the library entrance. Plenty of parking which always makes things that little bit easier. The book sale will be open to the public, **Mondays' 3.30-5.30pm, Wednesdays' 3.30-5.30pm and Thursdays 4-6pm**; these are the time that Libraries Unlimited operate also. We have a huge variety of stock to sell, a lot of adult books, so please, come in and stock up on books and if you wish join up with Libraries Unlimited too. All books will be priced at a 50p or a £1.





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# Newsletter

## EXTRA SUMMER SESSIONS

Thursday  
20th July

18:00 - 20:00



### Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Thursday  
27th July

18:30 - 20:30

### Anxiety Explained

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday  
3rd August

18:30 - 20:30



### Drug Awareness talk for Parents

Cannabis, vaping, ketamine, energy drinks? How much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

Videos to rent for £5

Understanding the Teenage brain

Cannabis Awareness

Introduction to ADHD

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

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

# Players Wanted!

**Cranbrook Under 14's**

**Cranbrook U14's are looking  
for enthusiastic young  
players to join our team.**

**Training every Tuesday and  
Saturday**



**Contact below for more information**

**Paul 07481 454551**

**Ben 07900 198022**



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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](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 relevant school ATHOS or the teacher.

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



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