



# NEWSLETTER

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**"You are never too small to make a difference".**

**- Greta Thunberg**

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Industrial Action**

Clearly, this week has been dominated by the two days of strike action by the NEU. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We've done our best within the law and in tricky circumstances, but fully appreciate there has been disruption to family and work routines, not to mention the disruption to children's routines – and for all they might grumble, most children like routines. I should thank my colleagues who reported for work and did their best to provide lessons in person and virtually. I won't and mustn't comment specifically on the pay issues leading to the strikes; but it is at least partly a result of years of underfunding (and undervaluing) education. So in a funny sort of way I am not ungrateful to those colleagues who stuck to their principles, and drew attention to the wider issues through their action.

There would seem to be a window of opportunity for the government to talk to the teaching unions, which apparently starts today. For all of our sakes, let's hope we see some progress, and soon.

## **Deep Learning Day**

Next Tuesday is the second of the three Deep Learning Days this year; a timetable collapse day to allow a Year Group to focus on a topic or theme in more depth, and/or develop softer skills which are harder to teach in the usual one-hour lesson time.

I shan't spoil the surprise too much, but Year 7 will be doing a DT/IT/Maths construction project, Year 8 developing skills as Victorian detectives in East London, Year 9 art, performing art or environment activities, Year 10 a really important part of our CPS (PSHE) programme, Year 11 focused science interventions, and the Sixth Form off to a higher education conference.

I'm on gardening leave for the day; with Year 9....



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## **Current Issues**

The major electrical work at our end of the village (and affecting 250 or so homes) started last night with a switchover to generators. This allowed us to remain open and function today. At home, when you're mucking around with the fuse board, you turn the most sensitive/expensive electrical off, just in case; so we needed to bring our servers down and bring them back up again. Unfortunately, this caused a few problems to our systems which my IT colleagues worked really hard to resolve throughout the morning. That said, students won't have noticed much difference: the most important thing was that cashless catering was working fine by breaktime...

## **Year 11 Revision**

A brief summary of an email sent to parents/carers in Year 11.

The Y11 Twelve2One revision programme is well under way, and thank you for your support.

Around a hundred Year 11 students have signed up for all or part of the 3 day Easter revision programme running from Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th April. This is being held here at Clyst Vale, taught mostly by Clyst Vale teachers, although technically it is being organised by a company called Regent Camps (unfortunately not the branch which runs residentials in Switzerland).

We also have various revision sessions happening weekly (term-time) as follows:

Science - Monday lunchtimes IT4 - open to all

Beliefs & Values - Tuesday lunchtimes HU1

Geography - Tuesday lunchtimes

English - Tuesdays, 3.30 to 4.30pm

Child Development - Tuesday & Thursday lunchtimes P7

Science Booster sessions - Wednesday mornings 8.30 in Lab 5 - by invitation

Maths - Wednesday lunchtimes (various maths rooms)

Design & Technology - Thursday lunchtimes

History - Monday lunchtimes (starting after Easter) - HU7

## **Clyst Vale Facebook Page**

This is now up and running, and becoming well established. Special thanks to my PA, Chris Faulkner. Essentially, the page mirrors the website for news and announcements, but is often quicker and there are one or two "extras". However, the Newsletter trundles on like a steam engine from a bygone era, and is also available on the Facebook page; and website; and e-mailed to you.

The link is.... [Clyst Vale Community College | Facebook](#)

## Vaping

A lot of coverage in the news this week, but essentially nothing new. There is an increasing trend of young people vaping, with different surveys suggesting between 5 and 10% of teenagers. Vaping (like smoking) is of course illegal under the age of 18. Schools simply can't ignore things which are illegal and bad for children, so at CVCC vaping is prohibited, vapes are prohibited items and can be confiscated on sight, and there will be punishments for students vaping, encouraging others to vape and/or selling vapes.

Part of the problem is that vapes are relatively new, so the long-term health damage isn't known. That means hard-hitting studies which suggest that vaping will stunt adolescent brain development could be true, exaggerated, or unfounded. In any case, your average 14 year old doesn't read many psychological survey reports. Most vapes contain tobacco, which we all know is highly addictive, and the media reports included several young people who got hooked on vaping and migrated to smoking.

The bottom line is that to be healthy [reflected in the Convention on Rights of Child arts. 19 and 33] children just shouldn't vape. Schools will continue to fight an uphill battle until there is government involvement and regulation of the vaping industry. Like smoking, drugs, and social media, it is really important that parents know what's going on with their children, and have good, open conversations; thank you as ever for your support.

## Social Media

I could probably say something about this every week. Cyber-bullying is back on the agenda, caused by the latest trend on Tik Tok, and we're doing what we can to restore relationships between a few students. You might have seen that a secondary school in Kent will no longer investigate social media conflicts, as social media happens when children are not at school and it's essentially a parental responsibility to police. I'm not planning to do the same, but social media misuse takes up a huge amount of my colleagues' time and undoubtedly adversely affects students' anxiety, mental health and ability to learn. It's something about which we teach and raise awareness frequently, but as each generation of young people reaches a certain age and discovers the delights of social media, a proportion of them quickly turn it into a stick to beat others. Thank you for your support with this, as well. And of course, if used well, social media can be extremely helpful and useful (for example the CVCC Facebook page...)

## Attendance and Illness

It's funny what you can remember from your childhood. It was in Tony Hancock's *The Blood Donor*, I think, at the time when the NHS had a poster campaign about respiratory hygiene. Anyway, he made up a song "coughs and sneezes spread diseases, catch them in your handkerchief" to the tune of the German national anthem which I must have thought was hilarious to have remembered it. 50 years later, the message is the same. There's a lot of bugs around; I've been unwell for ten days or so (no – just single lines on the tests). We really don't want infectious children or adults in school, and basic hand hygiene remains essential.

But at the same time, and I've never understood why, schools are judged on student attendance, so we want them in school (clearly, good attendance is a good thing). Our attendance has settled into a largely fixed pattern. Overall, it's the same as national; Years 7,9 and 10 are above national; Year 8 a bit below; Year 11 about 4% below. So, thank you for all your help and support in getting your children to school each day; although please keep them at home if they are infectious !

Best Wishes!



**Kevin Bawn**



# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **RED SCHOOL**

7RDF	Max Kirk
7RTM	No permission to print
8RBAT	Sophie Magowan
8RHSP	Lucia Dollman
9RSGA	No permission to print
9RZB	Erin Byrne
10RAO	Lois Harker
10RMAH	No permission to print
11RER	Ella Channon
11RGG	Jena Bentley

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

7YBH	Katie Dismore
7YGG	Rosie Taylor
8YMBR	-
8YTZI	Max Ferris
9YPNE	-
9YSS	Camyah Phillip
10YDST	No permission to print name
10YSP	-
11YMPR	-
11YNS	No permission to print name

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GLT	Bella Bidder
7GMN	No permission to print name
8GCMC	Seth Craig
8GIM	-
9GABr	-
9GDH	Cleo Symons
10GAW	Max Taylor
10GGT	-
11GHE	Charlie Skinner
11GSW	Jamie Southard

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
22nd—23rd March 22nd March	Y10 & Y11 Boys Rugby 7's @ Rosslyn Park Y13 Trip to Hinkley Point Power Station Parent/Student meeting re Italy Trip @ 1700
23rd March	Y11 Post 16 Interviews Year 12 Parents Evening
24th March	Y11 Post 16 Interviews
25th & 26th March	Ten Tors Training Weekend No 5
30th March	Y8 HPV Vaccines & Y8 Parents Evening
31st March	Last Day of Spring Term and Talent Show
3rd April to 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAY & Italy Trip (Tues 18th April—first day back for students)
19th April	Cambodia Trip Vaccinations
20th April	Bicton College Open Event (Y10) Sports Award Evening
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
2nd May	Y10 Parents Evening
6th-7th May	Ten Tors
Monday 8th May	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles Coronation
15th May to 28th June	GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS
31st May to 3rd June	HALF TERM
20th to 27th June	Y12 Mock Exams
3rd & 4th July	Post 16 Taster Days for Y10
21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM ( Note Early finish 2pm)

## Pure Land Kampada— Exeter

On Tuesday we were delighted to take our A level Religious Studies students to The Pure Land Kampada Buddhist temple in Exeter to help develop their knowledge and understanding of Buddhist thought.

Students spent the morning listening to a talk by Choyni the temples resident nun, and were given the opportunity to experience a meditation. A wonderful enriching experience.

Miss Brotherton, Head of Beliefs & Values



## Cross Country

Well done to Year 8 Kate Dearden-Watts who represented Devon in the UK athletics Cross Country at Loughborough on Saturday.

By all accounts a muddy but rewarding experience.

Want to make a difference?

# Why not become an Exam Invigilator?

Competitive Pay **£12.35** per hour  
(including holiday pay)

No previous experience or  
qualifications needed

Casual, flexible working

Training provided



Clyst Vale  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

needs you!



If you would like to  
become part of our team,  
contact Mrs Kilby,  
[kilbya@clystvale.org](mailto:kilbya@clystvale.org)



## 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/>





Win a jar of Creme eggs in time for Easter!

7GLT and 7GMN are raising money for Macmillan and Balloons. Students and staff will have the opportunity to guess how many chocolate eggs are in a jar in time for Easter.

50p a guess (maximum 3 guesses).

The winner will be announced on Thursday 30th of March.

7GLT and 7GMN are running a fundraiser



In Aid of :  
MacMillan  
and  
Balloons

50p a guess  
maximum 3 guesses

Winner gets to keep the jar!

Winner announced :  
THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Film Club – commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Bothery
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



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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:voyseys@clystvale.org)

Copying in Head of Sixth Form: [haynesc@clystvale.org](mailto: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](http://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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