

## Principal's Update



**Sara Jacobs**  
Principal



Clyst Vale is rooted in its community and therefore it is always pleasing when we welcome members of the local community into the College. This week, as part of Employability Week, we had several employers lead sessions with our students. These opportunities to connect with the wider community are invaluable learning experiences for our students and so I would like to publicly thank everyone who gave time to support this initiative. Meeting and talking with adults from the world of business is so powerful for our students; it helps them connect the work they do in College with future careers and builds strong links in their minds with how relevant education is to their future plans.

I would also like to extend my thanks to any parents and carers who participated in our recent Year 11 Parents Evening. Parental engagement is fundamental to students succeeding at school and with only four months until their first exam, it is important that we are working together to support our students.

As we mark the end of our 'Cultural Fortnight' I would like to share with you how proud I am of how our students have engaged with this initiative. Thought provoking 'Think Pieces' delivered during morning registrations and period 1 have stimulated interesting discussions and there have been multiple opportunities for students to participate in a range of activities, culminating today in a wonderful cake sale which raised £150.00 for UNICEF. In addition to this we have several students, staff and parent volunteers participating in a Ten Tors training event this weekend. We are always incredibly grateful to the support we receive from our community and it's important to note that events like Ten Tors are only possible because of the generosity of spirit shown by our parent volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved in any aspect of College life or feel you could help provide an opportunity that would benefit our students then please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would like to finish this week with a final reminder that the College's policy around mobile phones includes wireless earbuds. These devices rely on a phone for connection and student phones should be switched off and in bags for the entire duration of the College day. As such the same procedure applies, initially they'll be confiscated and returned at the end of the day but subsequent incidents will require a parent or carer to collect them. Please support the College by reinforcing this message at home.

## What's on Next Week



- Saturday 20 January—Ten Tors Weekend Camp
- Thursday 25 January—Camps International Cake Sale
- Thursday 25 January —Year 9 Parents' Evening.
- Friday 26 January—Deadline for Post 16 Applications

## Key Dates for Spring Term

Thursday 1 February—Options Evening 4.30 to 7.00pm  
 Monday 5 February—Year 11, 12 and 13 Parliament Trip  
 Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 February —Year 10 History Trip  
 Thursday 8 February—Post 16 Hampton Court Trip  
 12 to 16 February—Spring Half Term Holiday  
 Friday 29 March to Sunday 14 April inclusive—Easter Holiday

## Key Dates for Summer Term

15 April - Non Pupil Day  
 16 April—Students Return  
 27 to 31 May —Summer Half Term  
 24 July—Summer Holiday Begins

## Employability Workshops

As part of our careers programme KS3 have had external visitors this week from the world of work. This is a valuable activity for students who have learnt more about the world of work and 3 different jobs roles. Students were able to find out advice about how to make the most of school, what qualifications they needed in certain jobs roles and what skills were needed. Students also asked some interesting questions about career paths, the impact of covid and the best and worst things about job roles.

Can we please thank the following companies who were represented: Devon County Council, Sparx, National Trust, Willmott Dixon, Vistry Group, Spenco, RGB Recruitment, Michelmores, Exeter Foodbank, D&C Police, South West Water, Boston Saunders Architects. We really appreciate our support from local businesses.



## Enterprise Events

Year 10 Enterprise Students spent their afternoon interviewing local business owners and entrepreneurs about running your own business organisation this week. Students questioned business owners on a range of topics, finding out how to move a vision into reality, the pitfalls of finances and tax and the pros and cons of being your own boss.

It is a real inspiration to students to hear from the members of our local community about their experiences, and we are grateful to all of the following for their support, as well as to Mrs Jones, Mrs Prance and Mrs Bennett for organising the visit:

Marie Pulman from Animals2uSouthwest, Tony Davies from Board Walk Landscaping, Talassi May from Talassi Detailing, Tamsin Carne from Mood Massage and Steve Williams from Good Game Devon



## News from Post 16

BTEC students in both Y12 and Y13 have been sitting formal exams this week and last in Performing Arts, PE and Applied Science – these conclude tomorrow.

The exams theme continues from Monday 22nd January, with the start of mocks for our Year 13s.

Support was on hand from wellbeing expert Adam Williams, a specialist in strategies to cope with stress and anxiety, who led a workshop for Y13s during Tutorial time on Wednesday this week.

For Year 12, Tutorial last week was led by Pete Offord and Lottie Stanley from Exeter University's Outreach Team, on the topic of Choosing your Degree Apprenticeship. This was a helpful and informative session, providing plenty of food for thought, as students begin a strand of sessions looking at options once they move on from Post 16. Next week, Cardiff University Outreach Team will present a session for Year 12 on Higher Education.

A reminder to Year 11 students that our application deadline for Post 16 courses in the coming academic year is creeping up – Fri 26th January. If you need any help or advice, in the first instance please contact Sue Voysey (Assistant to Head of Post 16) who will be delighted to assist: [voyseys@clystvale.org](mailto:voyseys@clystvale.org).



**Have you submitted your  
Post 16 application?**

**Deadline - Friday 26th January 2024**

**[www.clystvale.org/post16](http://www.clystvale.org/post16)**

## A little about Student Services.



**Pam Grant**  
Student Services

I have been at Clyst Vale Community College for 23 years. My first position was as a Hearing Support Assistant. This included learning British Sign Language (BSL) to support our Hearing Impaired students. Supporting the HI students in classes and in the Hearing Support Centre was very rewarding.

In 2012 the new structure of the Schools system was introduced and I became an AtHoS, Assistant to Head of School. This was a pastoral based role in which I had a key role with supporting the Head of School with all aspects of student welfare, behaviour and links with parents and external agencies.

In September Clyst Vale changed to the Year Head System. This meant that my role has now changed to Student Services Co-Ordinator. A lot of my old role comes under this new umbrella.

Student Services organises events and supports the students whilst in College. Some of the events and support we lead on are Parents' Evenings, Year 11 Prom, Year 11 Year Book and Leavers Hoodies, Vaccinations, Transition for Year 6, EduLink issues, Lunch Club information, consents, printing timetables, Temporary Bus Passes, Bus issues, to name a few. If you have an issue, Student Services are happy to either support you or point you in the right direction. Please contact via [studentservices@clystvale.org](mailto:studentservices@clystvale.org) or 01392 463910.

## School Transport News

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the emergency roadworks on Station Road. Our understanding is this was caused due to a burst water pipe. Despite our efforts to find out how long this closure will be in place, we still have not been given a date when the road will be re-opened. Our staff at the College have, as always, been brilliant about picking up additional and extended duties to ensure students who catch the Stagecoach buses are safely escorted to the rearranged pick up from the local bus stop. We will update you with any further news regarding this should it become available.

## Reminders...

### For Year 11 Parents and Students



Year 11- Please complete the feedback questionnaire before Friday 26th January. We will also be sending out information about the Yearbook, Leavers Hoodies and the Prom in the next few weeks.

Prom- save the date Friday 28th June at Reed Hall, Exeter University.

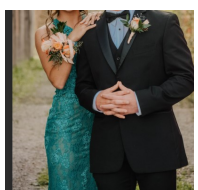
### For Year 9 Parents'



We are looking forward to the Year Parents' Evening on 25th January- Bookings is still open on <https://cvcc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. On Friday 26th January we will be sending out the feedback form to you.

The Options Evening is being held 1st February 2024

## Can you help?



We are looking for clothing donations for our Prom attendees, if you have any prom dresses or formal wear to donate, please bring in to reception or contact Student Services via our email, [studentservices@clystvale.org](mailto:studentservices@clystvale.org) , or phone 01392 463910. Thank you!

## Student of the Week

Greg Williams 7GRTU Edward Almeida 7GHE Jack David 7RER No Permission to Name 7YCBO Henry Taylor 7YCFL	Noah Sullivan 8GMN Sophia Tagg 8GLT Rosie Pulman 8RDF Sophia Lilley 8RTMA Sophie Clyburn 8YGGA Connor Kendall 8YBH	Rosie Davis 9GCMC Oscar Trevelyan 9GDJ Blair Wills 9RBAT Jasmine Lopez 9YMBR Milly Hookway 9YSWA
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Jack Mansfield 10GABR Dan Culshaw 10GDH Bronnie Cassap 10RZB Aurelia Cassap 10RSGA No Permission to Name 10YSS Lauren Shelton 10YADA	Lauren Burns 11GAW Archie Jameson 11GGT Rose Lovemore 11RMAH Olivia Woollam 11YDST Will Crispin 11YLH	Daisy Bartram 13HP
Year 10	Year 11	P16 Commendation



Each week our tutors are encouraged to recognise and reward one member of their tutor group for something outstanding. This could be an academic achievement, a demonstration of resilience or an act of kindness.



If you see a familiar name above then be sure to ask them what amazing thing they've done.

## Key Contact Information

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## Year 9 Boys Rugby: Cullompton 12-29 Clyst Vale

Congratulations to the Year 9 boys who picked up from where they left off in 2023, with a comfortable victory over near neighbours, Cullompton Community College.

Played in very cold conditions, the 16 boys selected were once again outstanding representatives of the school both on and off the pitch and a pleasure too off site.

Skipper, Jacob K, won the toss and elected to kick off on a very spongy pitch which suited both teams well. Both sides were matched evenly early on with handling errors dominating as the cold was fully felt. Full-back, George P, opened the scoring with a very well worked try on the far touchline after being put in superbly well by winger, Rudy S. This was followed shortly after with Clyst Vale's second score by a rampaging Dylan C who did very well to scoop the ball up at the back of the scrum, at the No 8 position and power his way over. The latter of the tries were converted by outside half, Oli E. Clyst Vale continued to dominate both territory and possession and centre, Owen C was very unlucky not to add to his tally as his try was chalked off due to a double movement in the process of dotting down. This left the half time score being 0-12 to the visitors.

After the break, Cullompton turned the tide and played very well, moving the ball to their strong outside backs, in particular their full back who scored two very well taken tries. This was despite Clyst Vale's outstanding defence and tackling, both as a team and individually. Mentions for defensive one on one tackles go to Ethan R at hooker, full back George P centre Owen C, flanker Jacob K and centre/flanker, Finley R.

Michael B continued to show great dexterity with his handling skills despite his size, Oscar H put in some very hard tackles, Oscar T worked tirelessly in the front row and Nat K was outstanding at scrum half to link forwards and backs. Will J replaced Josh B on the wing and both were superb at keeping the width of Clyst Vale's attack.

Final scores from Owen C, Archie M following a strong break down the wing and Dylan C with his second, secured a very well deserved 29-12 win over a respectful Cullompton side.

Congratulations to all of the squad.

Mr Pearce



# Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

## Reporting an Absence

Parents are expected to inform us of their child's absence before 9.00 a.m. on each day of absence providing the reason for absence. 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. In addition, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if your child is absent from College due to illness.

## Lateness

The school day (first registration session) starts at 8.50 am, all students are expected to be in their classroom at this time.

## 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. 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.

Please give the school as much notice as possible, at least two weeks' notice is useful.

If the appointment requires the pupil to leave during the day, they must be signed out by an adult listed on the student's record at the main reception.

Please follow this process if your child is going to be absent from school:



### For Years 7 – 11 Absences

Sharon Leaman/Cath Prunty  
(Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: [studentabsence@clystvale.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvale.org)

### For Year 12 – 13 Absences

Sue Voysey  
(Assistant to Head of Post 16)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [voyseys@clystvale.org](mailto:voyseys@clystvale.org) and copy in Head of Sixth Form: [haynesc@clystvale.org](mailto:haynesc@clystvale.org)

**“THIS MORNING, HE  
HAD A STOMACH  
ACHE...BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!”**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

**NHS**



# Vacancies

## Caretaker

**Salary** £23022 - £23797 (actual salary)

**Job Type** Permanent

**Location** Devon

### Description

Clyst Vale is a thriving and vibrant 11- 18 Community College situated five miles from Exeter. Visitors to Clyst Vale usually comment on the friendly, orderly atmosphere, the courtesy of our students, and the purposefulness in lessons. We have clear expectations and systems, but far more important are the excellent working relationships we establish between staff and students, as well as staff and parents. We remain the only Secondary school in Devon to be accredited Gold Rights Respecting School status.

The Role: Starting as soon as possible we are looking to recruit a good, all round, general caretaker. Ideally you will have a range of maintenance/DIY skills to enable you to undertake general maintenance as well as the usual caretaking duties. The hours and salary are as below, however there is scope to work part time and finish earlier than advertised for the right candidate. The salary would be adjusted to reflect this, please indicate if you are looking for less hours.

Hours of Work: Term Time 36¼ hours per week x 39 weeks 07:00 – 15:00 Monday - Friday Holiday time 36¼ hours per week x 13 weeks 09:00 17.00 Monday – Friday. This position is offered at a starting salary of CVCC grade C £23022 - £23797 (actual salary).

We are looking for: - Experience of general maintenance/DIY - Basic computer skills, eg email, internet search.

We can offer - A unique opportunity to work within a Rights Respecting School with a strong community ethos and a supportive CPD programme

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful candidates.

To apply, please click on this link <https://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/>. Closing date for all applications is Sunday 21st January 2024. Interviews will take place on Monday 29th January 2024.

## Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

### BARBER

Barbers cut and trim customers' hair, beards and moustaches.

57% of barbers are self-employed.

The word 'Barber' comes from "barba" in Latin which means beard.

### [Job of the Week 2](#)

## Supporting Learning at Home

Struggling to support your child with their maths homework? Don't worry, you are not alone! Corbett maths has short, simple to understand videos for every style of maths question—so next time your child needs help with their homework, use Corbett to find the right answers to support them. (Link below.)



**Corbettmaths**

<https://corbettmaths.com/>



## Clyst Vale Library

Clyst Vale Library is open to the public 3.30 to 5.30pm Monday and Wednesday and 4.00 to 6.00pm Thursday.



## Edulink & contact With 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 teacher or [admin@clystvale.org](mailto:admin@clystvale.org).

There is also a contact form and details below.

<http://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>

## Looking for a New Home Update

The hall projector has been donated to Ferne Animal Sanctuary in Chard.

Follow this link to find out more about this worthy cause <https://www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org/visit-the-sanctuary>



## Second Hand School Uniform

We understand that the cost of school uniform can be a burden to parents, yet many children grow out of uniform long before it reaches the end of its life. We would therefore request that uniform no longer needed but still in very good condition be donated to one of our local charity shops. Both shops have set aside rails designated for college uniform.

Clyst Caring Friends is located in Broadclyst village and our local Barnardo's shop is in Cranbrook.

Their opening hours are:

Clyst Caring Friends, Broadclyst (01392 467555)

Mondays—closed

Tuesday to Friday—09.30 to 15.30

Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

Sunday—closed

Barnardo's, Cranbrook EX5 7DR (01404 514934)

Monday to Saturday—09.00 to 17.00

Sunday—10.00 to 16.00



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