

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs

Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of this academic year approaches, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your support and the trust you place in us to look after and educate your children. This week has been particularly busy with various activities, including day trips and residentials, and I am immensely grateful to the school staff who have volunteered their time to make these experiences possible.

Please remember that organising and running these trips requires a significant amount of work, and staff do not receive any additional compensation for their efforts. Thank you to those who have shown appreciation; it goes a long way in securing the goodwill needed for staff to continue offering such trips in the future.

While our Key Stage 3 students have been enjoying a variety of activities this week, our Year 10 and 12 students have gained valuable work experience. Thank you to those who have hosted placements; the feedback about our students has been incredibly positive. These opportunities to experience the world of work clearly boost confidence and provide invaluable developmental experiences.

We have been lucky at Clyst Vale to retain excellent staff, this can be seen in the length of service provided by many of our staff who are leaving this year – longest being 23 years. Sadly at the end of this academic year we will be saying our farewell to a number of highly thought of staff and teachers, all of whom have made significant contributions to the College. Those leaving are: Miss Poyner, Mr King, Mr White, Mr Turl, Mr Purchall, Miss Williams, Miss Borgen-Davies, Miss Govier, Mr Benchouiha, Miss Oldfield, Miss Mann & Miss Halme.

I hope you will join me in thanking them for their dedication and in wishing them the best in the next stage of their lives.

As this is the final newsletter of the academic year, I would like to wish you an enjoyable summer break. Please note that the College will be closed from Tuesday, 23rd July, until Tuesday, 3rd September. During this time, staff will be on holiday and may not respond to emails. If you have any enquiries, please raise them before the end of term. Any enquiries received during the break will be addressed when the College reopens on Tuesday, 3rd September.

The new term for students begins on Thursday, 5th September. Students do NOT need to bring their PE kit on this day, but full and correct uniform is expected.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sara Jacobs, Principal

Key Dates for next week

23 July—Last Day of Summer Term
24 July—Summer Holiday Begins

Autumn Term Dates

3 September—INSET Day
4 September—INSET Day
5 September—All students return
6 September—School Photographs

Printing Workshop Fun

A mix of talented artists from Year 7, 8 and 9 recently took part in an exciting day of printmaking. They were introduced to the art of gelli printing and collaging using new kit acquired by the college this year. All of the students involved made amazing abstract prints and collages using colours and shapes linked to climate change and Article 24 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, in particular: 'Children have the right to clean water and a clean environment'. We were joined by printmaker and artist Brenda Hare who brought in some of her own work as Inspiration and spent the day helping students develop their skills. Ms Jacobs also popped in to see the students working and provide encouragement. It was wonderful to see each student displaying creativity, enthusiasm and resilience and they should feel very proud of their artwork. Mrs Walton



Daring to Explore: Insights From World-Renowned Adventurer Levison Wood

On Monday 15th July we welcomed Levison Wood to Clyst Vale to give an inspirational talk and question and answer session to a group of invited students.

Below is an account of the visit, written by a Year 8 student:

As a student at Clyst Vale, I thoroughly enjoyed explorer and writer Levison Wood's talk on Monday. Year 8 have read extracts of Levison's writing in our Global Citizens topic this term. The CEO of the Ulysses Trust Charity, Polly Marsh, introduced the event and told us that going on expeditions can develop skills outside of the classroom that are essential in adult life. Levison was there to speak to school students to inspire them and inform people on what challenge and adventure can teach us. He talked about the adventures he has experienced throughout his career, such as walking the length of the Nile, and exploring Central America (his trip into a cenote in the Yucatan Peninsula was a feature of our learning this term).

He advised that life is a lesson, and you learn along the way with your experiences. He talked about his dangerous travels and how although bad things can happen, something positive might come out of it. When Levison was about to go on a journey through Central America, he spent a lot of his savings on a camera. This camera was stolen, but Levison met Alberto, who joined him on his trip and taught him how to take photos. At the end of his talk, there was a Q&A and Levison answered a question we asked about the dangers of his expeditions. He has encountered lions, hippos, and snakes, but has overcome these challenges.

We really enjoyed the opportunity to learn about what being an explorer means to him and to consider his lessons for life!

By Rose (Y8)



Empowering Girls Success

A group of 12 year 9 girls have been involved in the Empowering Girls programme. Over the past 12 months they have been matched and mentored with a successful female role model from a local business.

Students have been working through the programme designed to raise aspirations and develop communication skills through workshops on oracy. We were able to visit Michaelmores and were shown around to give the girls an insight into the working world.

At the end of the programme we attended a celebration event at Winslade Park with all the students involved in Exeter involved and the business partner's. We had inspirational speakers and it was lovely to see the students being so confident in a business environment. Well done girls!

One of our students gave this insight-

'I had a great relationship with my mentor and she taught me to be more confident in myself. It was nice to speak to an adult who was not a teacher about my future'.



Year 10 Work Experience Success

We would like to say thank you to all the parents and employers who have made it possible for the year 10s to have such a brilliant week. It has been an absolute pleasure to visit them all on placement and see how brilliantly they have done. The students have been surprised that they have been so tired and the difference between work and school. Our staff have been able to visit most of the students on placement and we have been pleased with their approach to the work experience process. We have visited farms, nurseries, schools, architects, lawyers, shops to name but a few.

We are very proud of their work and will be really pleased with the levels of engagement from the students. Tutors are looking forward to hearing all about it when they return to school next week.

Mrs Bennett, Miss Halmees and Mrs Trump

Post 16 News and Term Dates

Year 12 Work Experience Week

All of Year 12 have spent this week on work experience placements, and Tutors have been out making workplace visits to see how the students are getting on. They've been working in businesses ranging from jewellers to auction houses to sports coaching, and organisations ranging from the hospital to the RSPCA. Students have been embracing these opportunities and making a really positive impression on their bosses and the staff team who have visited them – well done, Year 12!

Joining Post 16 in September

For students joining us in Year 12 in September, you should have received a number of communications from us in recent weeks. This includes an appointment for your induction meeting on Friday 23rd August (the day after GCSE results day), suggested reading and activities to be getting on with over the summer ('Bridging the Gap' booklet) and also information about the Bude residential visit that takes place in the early part of the autumn term. If you have any questions about any of these things, or have lost track of any of these messages or information, please contact Sue Voysey (voyseys@clystvale.org) – Assistant to Head of Post 16.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students in September and wish you all the very best with your GCSE results!

Term Dates 2024-25

Clyst Vale Term Dates: 2024-25 Academic Year

	Sep-2024					Oct-2024					Nov-2024				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
	Dec-2024					Jan-2025					Feb-2025				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
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Wednesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Thursday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Friday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Saturday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	
Sunday	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	
	Mar-2025					Apr-2025					May-2025				
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key: days within Devon's school terms days outside Devon's school terms Bank Holidays and weekends
training days (5) Academy Day (1) occasional days (2)

Student of the Week

Millie Harris 7GRTU 7GHE 7RER 7RGG Ellis Curwood 7YCBO 7YCFL	8GMN 8GLT 8RDF 8RTMA 8YGGA 8YBH	Leo Bradley 9GCMC Wyatt Bastin 9GDJ 9RBAT 9RNS 9YMBR NP2N 9YSWA
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Year 10 are out on Work Experience this week	Year 11 have left	Year 12 are out on Work Experience this week
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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Photographs 6th September 2024

Tempest will be coming in on Friday 6th September to take the Whole Year 11 photograph and individual photographs of all the students. For the Year 11, these will be the photographs we use for the Year Book.

Year 11 Yearbook

The Year Books will be available to pick up, if you have purchased one on Results Day, Thursday 22nd August.

Year 11 Prom Photographs

We hope to be able to share with you the log on details to Year 11 Parents and Carers on Monday afternoon.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Most of the hoodies have been collected but we still have a few more waiting. If you purchased a hoodie or leavers item, please come into reception before Tuesday 12:15 to collect. Items not collected will be available on Results Day.

Early finish 23/07/2024

On Tuesday 23rd July the students will be allowed to leave the College from 1:15pm. CVCC coaches will depart Clyst Vale at 1:30pm instead of the usual 3:30pm. Stagecoach buses are due also to come into the College at the earlier time. Please complete this form for consents and travel arrangements <https://forms.office.com/e/E262Lk5ddv>.

If your child needs to stay in school, they will be supervised until 3:20. Please be aware that you will need to arrange their transport, as no buses will be available.

EduLink and contact with 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 teacher or admin@clystvale.org.

Lost Property



In Student Services we have a huge amount of lost property, especially coats, water bottles, food containers and glasses. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to come to Reception or Student Services during break or lunch to look for their lost items. At the end of the term, we will dispose of any left over items, this may be to charity shops if in good condition.

County School Athletics Competition Exeter Arena Thursday 11th July 2024



50 students from across Year 7 to Year 10 were put forward to compete in this year's county schools' athletics event where they represented Clyst Vale against other schools. St Lukes, St Peters, West Exe, Tiverton, St James and ISCA were the schools in attendance. Various students competed in a range of different activities at the arena.

All students represented the school superbly and they were a credit to the school.

The scores for each Year group are as follows:

Year 7 both boys and girls finished 1st and won their respective year group well done YEAR 7!

Year 8 boys and girls finished 4th

Year 9 boys and girls finished 3rd

Year 10 boys finished 3rd

Year 10 girls finished 2nd.

Many students won their events so an extra congratulations to the following students:

Harry C, Elysia B, Daisy G, Nataniel T, Noah K, Evangeline I, Sophia L, Laila B, Harry B, Zoe T, Jasper F, Harry B, Brooke B, Jess M, Molly H, Jasmine H, Freya B and Lily T.



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

For Year 12 – 13 Absences

Sue Voysey
(Assistant to Head of Post 16)

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: voyseys@clystvale.org and copy in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvale.org

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COMPETITION CATEGORIES:
Wonderful Wildlife • Stunning Scenery
Awesome Adventures • Young Explorers (new for this year)
It's Your Outdoors (video category)

PRIZES:
1st prize overall winner: **£250 CASH**
1st prize in each category: **£100 CASH**
AND winners of the children's category can choose an alternative prize of an 'activity experience - an hour paddle party for up to 8 participants'
Runner up prizes are also up for grabs, as well as a prize for the image or video with the most public votes!

Winning photos will be displayed in a special exhibition at Roadford Lake!

Find out more on how to enter

Submissions should be sent via email to communications@swlakestrust.org.uk. For video entries too large for email submission, please use Dropbox/WeTransfer or similar, where we can access submissions via email link. To find out more, visit www.swlakestrust.org.uk or contact us via email where we will be happy to answer any questions. Closing date for submissions: 31 August 2024. See website for full terms and conditions. Thank you to Gary Oliver, Daphne Wuern, Jayne Connel and Adrian Davey for their photos.

What are YOU doing this summer?

Come and do something extraordinary in Broadclyst

We have a team of professional drama, music and performance professionals just waiting to take us on a journey of improvisation, comedy, dance and song. The aim is to nurture performance skills, meet like-minded people, have a bit of a laugh and embark on some personal development. We also plan to show off our performance skills and there will be an opportunity to perform our work in the community at some special Benefit Evenings on September 6th and 8th in and around Broadclyst.

When? 9am -4.30pm July 29 - 31st 2024
Where? Registration will be at Broadclyst Church on Monday 29th July 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....
How do I apply? email katiejonesiphone@gmail.com
Or call 07831 313322

Come and join us for our Windrush Caribbean Cricket Festival

Sunday 11th August, 10am 'til late
at Exmouth Cricket Club,
Queens Drive, Exmouth EX8 2AY

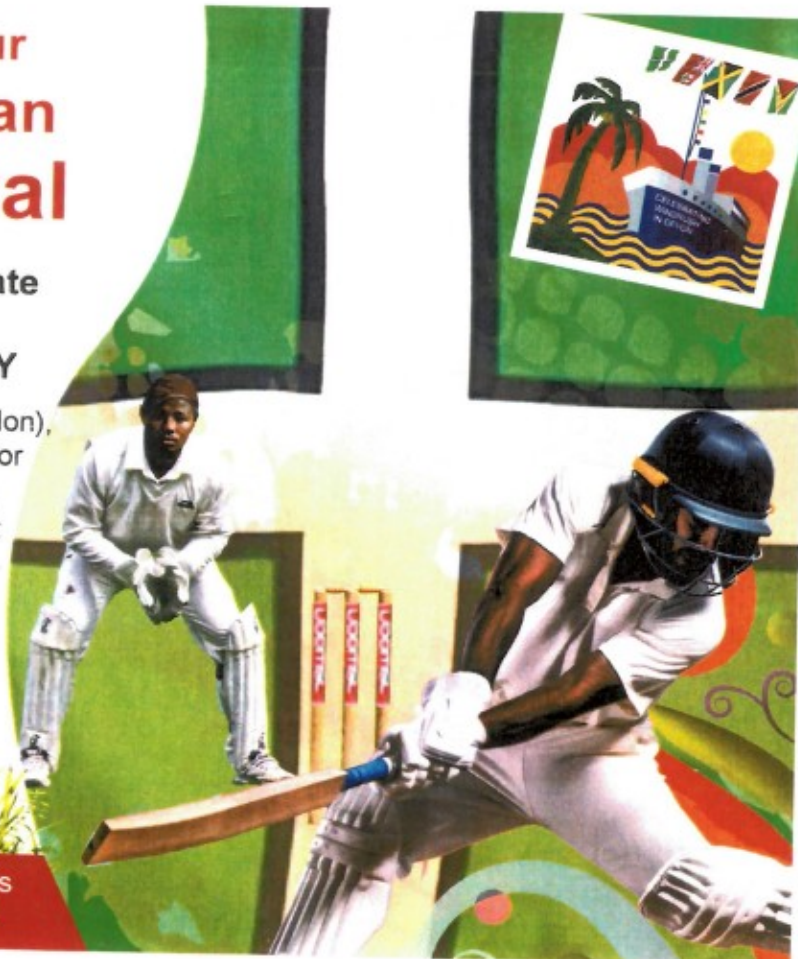
Watch Exmouth v West Indies United (London),
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all the family, plus food, music and dancing.
Book for this family event through Eventbrite:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/904784784647
or bit.ly/3UM3nfd



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities



Devon Development Education, 17 St David's
Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG Charity no 1102233



Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

SESSION MUSICIAN

A session musician is a versatile and highly skilled professional hired to perform in recording sessions and/or live performances, often working with multiple artists and bands.

These musicians are typically proficient in one or more instruments and can quickly adapt to difference musical styles and genres, from pop and rock to jazz and classical.

While entry-level session musicians might earn a modest income, experienced professionals with established networks can earn higher rates.

Rates for session work typically range from £150 to £300 per day, but top-tier musicians can earn more, especially when working on high-profile projects.

On average, a session musician's annual income might fall between £20,000 and £40,000, although this can fluctuate based on the number of sessions, tours, and other engagements they undertake.

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Supporting Learning at Home

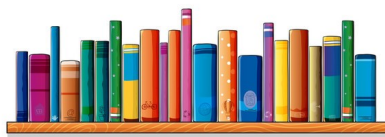
What financial support can parents get?

Juggling home and school life is tough for every parent, but there are some financial support options available. Find out what you could be entitled to by following this link [Supporting learning at home | Parentkind](#)



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. 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.

There is also a contact form and details below.

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

Stationery for Sale

Mock/GCSE pencil cases are available from the Library at a cost of £4.50 per pencil case. The clear pencil cases include one pencil, a blue pen, a red pen, one highlighter, a ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener.



Second Hand School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the community and local charity shops. The sale of preloved uniform is proving successful. If you have any items that are no longer needed but still in very good condition, please donate them to one of the 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

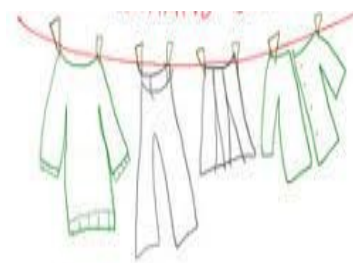
Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

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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