



NEWSLETTER

No.782
w/c Mon 27th February 2023

'Mental health problems don't define who you are. They are something you experience. You walk in the rain and you feel the rain, but you are not the rain'.—Matt Haig

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike Day, Thursday 2nd March

You'll know that I have written separately about this. I am afraid that the different timetable on the day, staff availability, and our experiences from the last strike day – we were a bit stretched, and more importantly some Year 7 students had most of their lessons without teaching – has meant that this time I have erred on the side of caution. Emotionally-speaking, I am a bit disappointed, as I like to keep the school open for as many students as possible. However, I have to be pragmatic.

Year 11 are coming in for obvious reasons – they are a crucial exam year. "CWV" children are also self-explanatory: we wish to support our most vulnerable students, and support other key services including health and the emergency services. I'll confess I was surprised that quite a few schools didn't do this last time, but I guess they must have had high levels of striking staff. Guesstimating based on 1st February, around half of post-16 lessons won't happen; we could have brought in Sixth Formers, but some would have no lessons at all, and we are mindful we live in a rural area. Further, Sixth Formers have chosen to be here for their studies, so we assume a decent commitment to working independently at home, especially for Year 13 with exams not too far away.

Assuming that the next two strike days happen on 15th and 16th March, we will take each on its merits, and contact you accordingly. Timetable-wise, 16th March is the same day as 2nd March, but experience on 2nd March may change what can be offered.



Follow **OUR NEW** Facebook Page via the link below:

[Clyst Vale Community College | Facebook](#)



Green School

As of Monday, Miss Prunty (Green School AtHoS) becomes the College's Attendance Officer. This was a nationally-advertised post, a very important role, and she was the best candidate. This means that we have a vacancy for her previous role, and for the time being are having to manage this as best we can. A number of tasks and responsibilities have been removed from the existing two AtHoS, Mrs Grant and Mrs Turner to give them some more capacity. Until further notice, the Green School tutor groups will be looked after as follows:

	Mrs Grant	Mrs Turner
7	LT	MN
8	CMC	IM/DJ
9	DH	ABR/KBD
10	GT	AW
11	HE/TB	SW

It is really important to remember that Mr Pearce is still in post as the Head of Green School; it is just that he will be supported by two AtHoS. We do understand that this change will be of concern to certain students and parents in particular, especially where parents' contact with Green School is more than administrative or neutral issues. Please be assured that we are aware of this, and that the three AtHoS have worked together closely for several years, so there should be minimal change to our standards or procedures.

You will recall that in a previous Newsletter I outlined proposed changes to a Year system from the current School system. Governors have approved this, and will start from September 2023. This complicates matters in that the AtHoS role will morph into four "hubs", focussing on attendance, behaviour, student support, and family support. We will also be looking to strengthen these hubs with additional staffing.

Staffing Changes

As well as our new Attendance Officer, another staff change is that we say a temporary goodbye to Ms Matthews as she goes on maternity leave with all our best wishes. We weren't able to recruit a suitable replacement, but Ms Jenkins has agreed to increase her hours, and several colleagues have a little extra teaching to ensure classes, especially exam classes, are taught by specialist teachers (including me :0)). We have done well to limit the impact to a small number of groups in lower years in terms of a change of teacher for a lesson.

World Book Day

Please check out the activities for World Book Day on the poster later in the Newsletter: book swap, reading recommendations, and review-writing with prizes ! Of course, the serious aspect is to promote reading for pleasure and interest. As I have mentioned numerous times before, reading widely is one of the very best ways of supporting learning, and many studies have proven a direct link between reading for pleasure and achieving good academic results.

Student Voice

Just a brief but positive update. The School Tutor Captains continue to meet fortnightly to raise issues; the Head Students from all three schools meet with me weekly to talk about these issues. This is then fed back to the Tutor Captains and bigger issues explained in the Student Bulletin (also weekly). There has also been a thorough process to re-establish a student council, known as the "Student Board". There are six Head Students, and 3 reps from each year group, with Sixth Former places as well. A draft constitution is written, and we are bottoming out election processes for the near future. The Board will focus on RRS issues, especially equality & diversity; on teaching & learning, and on "resources" as they affect students. So far, the Board has developed its constitution, discussed a whole host of issues from School meetings, redesigned the student planner for next year, been involved in publicity, met with the catering manager, and met with Thomas Moore to discuss issues over quality and possible (cheaper) alternatives to our current uniform. They are a fantastic group of students to work with.

Summer Exams: advance notice of early lunches

Every year we have to adjust lunch times because many afternoon exams are too long to fit into lesson 5, and the nature of our site means that holding them during lunchtime would be distinctly unfair on the candidates. This year, there will be three early lunch weeks (for all students) in succession: weeks beginning 15th and 22nd May and, after half-term, week beginning 5th June, and two individual days on 13th and 16th June. The implication is that afternoon registration is at 13.10, and there are two afternoon lessons not one.

(The other question which is commonly asked is when do the summer exams end ? It's not a simple answer: although most students will finish 7-10 days before this, depending on their individual exam timetables, the exam boards want schools to keep 28th June as a contingency day if anything causes an exam or exams not to take place.)

Dyscalculia Awareness Day, 3rd March

Dyscalculia is an over looked but prevalent learning condition affecting at least 6% of the population. Common traits can include recognising numbers, connecting value with number, estimation, learning number sequences, difficulty with arithmetic skills, reading analogue clocks, and, as dyscalculics get older, remembering and using PIN numbers, planning journeys, and managing time. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of people facing challenges with numeracy. To find out more information please look at this link: [Dyscalculia Awareness Day 2023 - Awareness Days Events Calendar 2023](#)

Invigilators

We are still on the look-out for exam invigilators ! If you are interested, or know someone else who might be, please contact our Exams Officer Amanda Kilby for an initial no-obligation conversation. kilbya@clystvale.org or 01392-463920.

Best wishes as always,



Kevin Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RDF	Rosie Pulman
7RTM	Summer Selway & Charlie Powlesland
8RBAT	Toby Offord-Bennett
8RHSP	Ted Cornish
9RSGA	Amelie Brooking
9RZB	No permission to print
10RAO	Tom Power
10RMAH	Thomas Mackay & Charlie Smith
11RER	Tobias Minchinton
11RGG	No permission to print

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YBH	-
7YGG	-
8YMBR	Isla Beuscher
8YTZI	Isla Knowles
9YPNE	-
9YSS	Kacie Dixon
10YDST	Tilly Startup
10YSP	Will Crispin
11YMPR	No permission to print name
11YNS	Izzy Ward & Sam Stone

GREEN SCHOOL

7GLT	Edward Giffard
8GCMC	No permission to publish name
8GIM	-
9GABr	No permission to publish name
9GDH	Harry Metherell
10GAW	Alice Davis
10GGT	Ella Rogers
11GHE	Izzy Jackson-Lawson
11GSW	No permission to publish name

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
27th February— 7th March	Y10 Mock Exams
2nd March	NEU Strike Day (2)
8th March—13th March	Y11 Mock Exams
15th & 16th March	NEU Strike Days (3&4)
3rd April to 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles Coronation
20th to 27th June	Y12 Mock Exams
15th May to 28th June	GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS
31st May to 3rd June	HALF TERM
3rd & 4th July	Post 16 Taster Days for Y10
21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM (Note Early finish 2pm)



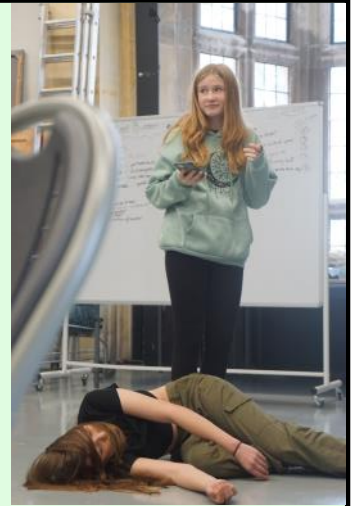
Follow **OUR NEW** Facebook Page via the link below:

[Clyst Vale Community College | Facebook](#)



Year 9 Devising Drama workshops

Doorstep Arts returned to Clyst Vale this month to run two bespoke devised theatre workshops run by Lisa Hudson from the Northcott Theatre and a team of Exeter University undergraduate. The workshops were delivered to a group of budding year 9 performers who developed some fantastic pieces of theatre inspired by the stimulus of REVERSE, using physical theatre and improvisation working both as an ensemble and in smaller groups. The workshops were both fun and challenging with students developing their practical skills. 14 students (including a technical team) went on to perform their work on a professional stage at the Northcott Theatre as part of a student showcase involving students from all over Devon.



Dr Erin Walcon, a Senior Lecturer in Applied & Educational Theatre, University of Exeter fed back her view on the students' work.

"It's a real testament to the strength and quality of the drama & performing arts programme at Clyst Vale that their students attended the final Platform event on Saturday 11 February 2023 with such a high-quality performance. The Clyst Vale student performance work was dynamic, compelling and original. The Clyst Vale drama students demonstrated focused professionalism throughout the day, working well with students from other schools across Devon and bringing an ethos of care, respect and collaboration. It's clear that they're being challenged and supported with incredibly high-quality teaching in their school. I'd like to pass along my congratulations to the school for the strength of their performing arts programme, and to the students for the calibre of their work and their focus on the day."



Post 16 Success

Well done to Post 16 student Lara Gimbuta who competed in the Devon Schools U19 Table Tennis Tournament in Eggbuckland before the half term break. Lara won all her matches and progresses through to the next regional round in Wolverhampton.



Well done to Post 16 superstar Sam Mills. He was part of the Great Britain cross country team at the World Championships in Bathurst, Australia over the half term holiday. Sam was disappointed with his result, but felt the experience of running against the worlds best, including very strong teams from Kenya and Ethiopia was an amazing challenge and the experience will serve him well for the future.



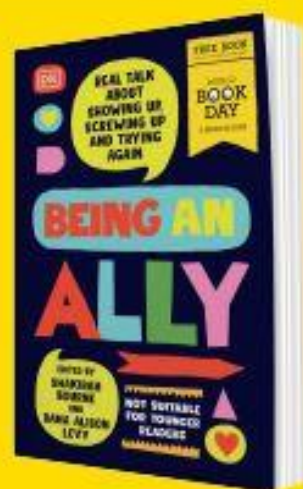
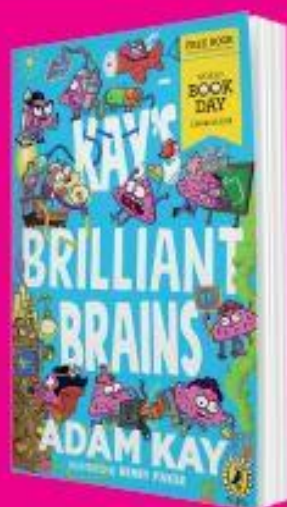
WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

Join us on
2 March 2023



WORLD BOOK DAY



SCAN the QR code to get your World Book Day book token!



Get one of
these books
for **FREE** with
your token.

TOKENS VALID:

Thursday 16 February – Sunday 26 March 2023



Changing lives through a love of books and reading

World Book Day® is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens

Registered charity number 1871257 (England and Wales) | Registered company number 05703095 (UK)

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

How are we celebrating World Book Day at Clyst Vale?



BOOK SWAP

Lunchtimes - 3rd-10th March in the LIBRARY



- Bring in your old books. For every 3 books you bring in, you will be entered into a prize draw!
- Choose a book and take it home.
- Don't have any books to swap? Come along anyway and choose a book (subject to availability).

N.B. Please make sure you have permission from your parent/carer before donating books.



We are launching our brand new Reading Recommendations Newsletter - to be released every half term. Full of great ideas to help you choose your next reading book!

Write a review of a book from the library and win a prize, in 3 easy steps! ★★★★★

1. Write a short review of a book you have read.
2. Submit it via Accessit (look out for more details on how to do this in Monday's Teams assembly).
3. Collect your prize from the library!

Deadline: Monday 13th March



Cookery Club

Yesterday the students made these amazing carrot cakes.



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 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 Buscoe

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

Edulink and contacting 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 relevant school ATHOS or the teacher.

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



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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal: Kevin Bawn, BA PhD

Address: Clyst Vale Community College, Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon
EX5 3AJ

Tel: 01392 461407 **Email:** admin@clystvale.org **Web:** www.clystvale.org

Library: 01392 464010

