



NEWSLETTER

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“It is surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on earth”.

-Sir David Attenborough

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank You

As another term draws to a close, I'd just like to say thank you for all your hard work as parents and for helping us put across our key messages. As human beings, we sometimes take things for granted; for example, I might bang on about how awful uniform is at times, or students are becoming increasingly useless at remembering equipment, or the unacceptable face of social media, but there are huge percentages of students to whom this doesn't apply. And therefore there are huge percentages of families who are supporting their children in basic expectations. So, thank you. Best wishes for a pleasant holiday !

Years 11, 12 and 13 Exams Timetables

Students in exam years have been given their individual exam timetables for the summer. Well worth a look and some forward thinking: which exams are coming up first, how will that impact on the order of revising subjects ?

I'm often asked should students be revising over the Easter holidays ? The short answer is "yes" but it's more nuanced than that. The way humans learn, and get the stuff to stick, is through using information more than once in different ways. So, every point in skimming through exercise books, revision guides, websites to get a general overview of topics, sub-topics and main details. Every point in creating revision cards, mind maps, and so on. Not much point in close studying with a view to memorising; that's short-term revision specifically for recall of detail. And it will depend on individuals: if a student has had a lot of absence for whatever reason, plugging syllabus gaps could well be more important than revising what has been done.

Year 11 Regent Camps Revision Days next week

Students and parents who are attending have been notified of this, but reminders never hurt. These are Monday to Wednesday next week, normal school timings except a shorter lunch and an earlier finish at 3.00 pm, school uniform not required but bring something warm, packed lunch required, all teaching by CVCC staff, and a £50 prize for full attendance ! Many thanks to Mrs Albutt for coordinating all this, to Mr A Pearce for being here on the three days, and to all of my colleagues who are leading the sessions and have given their own holiday time to do so.

“...Participate, Learn”

There have been some brilliant activities and opportunities to round the term off which link tightly to this part of our RRS mantra. Many of them are covered in more detail with photos later in this Newsletter and/or on the website and/or on the College Facebook page; so I can be brief but incredibly proud (of our students) and grateful (to my colleagues).

- Rosslyn Park (full match report from Mr Pearce attached)
- Science Week (the lunchtime Fair was great fun, although I resisted the edible molecule models)
- The Clyst Vale invasion of Italy (well, two simultaneous trips)
- “Speak Out” Conference organised by Maynard School. This was an excellent conference with local speakers about equality, diversity and inclusion, and the role of young people in making a difference towards creating a fairer society for all.
- Talent Show. This hasn't actually happened yet, at the time I'm writing this....

Project Crème Egg

(this from Ms Nash..) “The winner(s) of Project I Egg are Mr Newell (192) and Mr Romeril (194)! The total number of eggs in the jar was 193. We have managed to raise over £150 for MacMillan and Balloons. 7GLT and 7GMN would like to thank everyone who entered and donated. We are really pleased with the amount of money we have raised.” I would like to add my thanks, especially to Ms Nash and Mr Thomas. I'm also looking forward to Mr Newell's fundraiser of how many crème eggs he can eat in one sitting.....

Careers

Careers was rightly recognised as a strength of the College by Ofsted. Please see the information about CareersMag later on in the Newsletter, with a Link. The world of work (ie careers) is fast changing, so information for parents is valuable.

On Monday 17th April (although it is a training day without students on site) it will be Take Your Child to Work Day for Year 8, which is something we highly recommend as part of the careers programme (where practical and appropriate, of course). Well done to those who have signed up- please complete the assignment which you have been sent, we look forward to hearing how you have done when you return after Easter.

For both Years 10 and 12 Work Experience is fast approaching . All year 10 and 12s should be actively looking for placements if they haven't already secured one. We would suggest personally visiting placements or phoning them direct at this stage and chasing up any emails that have already been sent. Those who have secured placements should return forms as soon as possible.

Sixth Form Update

Exams are very much the focus at present, with A-levels, AS-levels exams looming and BTec 3 courses nearing completion.

Accordingly, study support expert Adam Williams has run two sessions on coping with exam anxiety, with more after Easter.

All of the interviews have been completed for Year 11 students who have applied to the Sixth Form for September, and all of them have been issued with an offer letter. And.....it's never too late to apply !!!

Year 12 are also contemplating their futures, with a big emphasis on progressing to higher education. I've previously mentioned their visit to the Higher Ed Fair at Westpoint and encounter with Clyst Vale alumni. There will also be work experience next term, and some students have lined up some really interesting placements already. And.... those who have secured placements should return forms as soon as possible.

And although it's old news, the staff vs Sixth Form non-contact sport competition in badminton, netball, table tennis and walking football was a great success, raising money for Red Nose Day.

Autism and Us Programme

Again, more details later on, but this is a very important and useful programme for parents whose children have autism or are being assessed for autism. It's run by Devon County Council, with various dates throughout next term and the autumn term.

Staff Changes

There is only one change to report: Mr Stuart Pearce has very sadly had to leave teaching because of a serious chronic health condition. In fact, he has not been able to work for some months, and all the arrangements to replace him are already in place. We wish him the very best. He has asked me to pass on a message to parents and carers of students he has worked with, which I am pleased to do. ".... it wasn't right to continue as I couldn't give it 100% even on a part-time basis. I think highly of the students at Clyst Vale and have enjoyed their company, loved teaching Science and will miss many things about teaching. Seeing hardworking students achieve, not just academically but in terms of their personal development, was so rewarding. Working with young people was usually really good fun and I will miss that.

I hope that your children achieve well in their personal development, extra-curricular challenges and of course their exams. The staff at Clyst Vale are amazing and of the three schools I have worked in, this is the one where staff have really put themselves out to support and provide opportunities and I am proud to have worked there. I wish you and your family all the best for the future. Regards, Stuart Pearce (Science)."

Social Media Reminder

Once again, we have been made aware of social media content that is damaging to Clyst Vale's reputation, and sometimes to students and staff. We are really disappointed that some of our students are doing this and are working hard to identify who they are so that appropriate action can be taken. We also do our best to persuade platforms to remove material. Any information will be gratefully received, and treated in confidence. Please talk to your children: over 99% of social media activity happens outside school hours. (Whether schools should really be spending hours sorting out these issues is a matter of debate – but of course we won't be around for the next two weeks....)

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RDF	No permission to print name
7RTM	Sophia Lilley
8RBAT	Oliver Clark
8RHSP	No permission to print name
9RSGA	-
9RZB	Amy Randall
10RAO	-
10RMAH	Allissa Viri
11RER	-
11RGG	-

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YBH	-
7YGG	Millie Hooper
8YMBR	-
8YTZI	-
9YPNE	Callum Smith-Watt
9YSS	-
10YDST	-
10YSP	-
11YMPR	Owen Clarkson
11YNS	LJ Winser Clinton

GREEN SCHOOL

7GLT	Neveah Stainer
7GMN	Hollie Walkey
8GCMC	Kitty Ford
8GIM	Amelia Briggs
9GABr	Alex Symons
9GDH	Cleo Symons
10GAW	James Ruddlesden
10GBA	Addison Bastin
11GHE	No permission to print name
11GSW	No permission to print name

Online Safety Newsletter

April 2023

Sendit

Sendit is an add on app to Snapchat and it allows users to play games together. Sendit state on their website that the app is not intended for children under the age of 13.

The games include Q&A games including ask me anything. A user asks a question and players can respond **anonymously**. As with any anonymous element, there is an increased risk of cyberbullying.

The app does contain in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 to £29.99. There is also a weekly subscription service available, which provides users with enhanced features. It costs £8.49 per week. Ensure payment details are not stored/accessible on your child's device to avoid unexpected bills.

If you know that your child is using this app (and they are underage) then you can contact Sendit to ask them to disable their account.

Further information

<https://www.getsendit.com/parents>

Anime TV

Anime refers to animations originating from Japan. Due to its cartoon style, your child might inadvertently watch it when it isn't appropriate for their age. Some Anime contains adult themes. It is important to check age ratings so a starting point could be Common Sense Media. They have created a list of some Anime TV with reviews/age ratings:

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/anime-tv-for-teens-and-tweens>

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would

if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:



- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.

Top Internet Manners



Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/>

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Further information

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online>

BeReal

You must be 13+ to use BeReal. BeReal is a social media app. It notifies you once a day to upload an image of what you are doing. Once you receive the notification, you have two minutes to capture and share what you are doing at that moment. All your friends post at the exact same time and once you have posted, you can then see what your friends have posted. If you do not post, then you cannot see your friend's BeReals from that day or access the discovery tab.



What do I need to be aware of?

BeReal is private by default and only visible to your friends. However, it is possible to share with all users by selecting the public option. If selected, your BeReal will appear in the Discovery tab so all users can see and interact with it, therefore there is the possibility of strangers contacting your child.

There is also an option to share your location. Chat to your child about location sharing as it is important that your child understands the risk of location sharing and when it is and is not appropriate to share.

Discovery tab – this is the area where you can view all other BeReals that have been made public. There is an element of risk that your child may see an inappropriate image depending on what others have uploaded.

If your child is using BeReal then talk to them about what they share, what they should do if they see something inappropriate or that they find upsetting and that they know how to use the reporting tools.

Further information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-bereal-safe-for-my-child>

Snapchat Update

Family Centre: New Feature

Snapchat launched Family Centre last year, which includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations).

Snapchat have now announced their latest feature for Family Centre - Content Controls. Content controls will allow you to limit the type of content your child can watch on Snapchat by filtering out stories.

You can find out how to set this new feature up here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/introducing-content-controls-on-family-center>

TikTok update

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

60-minute screentime notification

TikTok are introducing a 60-minute screentime notification for teen accounts (accounts with users under 18 years of age). When the time limit is reached, the user will be asked to enter their passcode to continue watching.

Family Pairing: new features

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. TikTok have now added three new features:

- **Custom daily screen time limits:** this option includes choosing different time limits depending on the day of the week as well.
- **Screen time dashboard:** this provides a summary of time spent on the app, the number of times TikTok was opened, and a breakdown of total time spent during the day and night.
- **Mute notifications:** this setting will enable you to mute notifications at set times. Accounts aged 13-15 already do not receive push notifications from 9pm and for accounts aged 16-17, notifications are disabled from 10pm.

You can find out more here:

<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/new-features-for-teens-and-families-on-tiktok-us>

What is the Dark Web?

The Dark Web is a hidden part of the internet. The National Crime Agency in collaboration with The Children's Society and Marie Collins Foundation have created a resource to help explain what the Dark Web is. This resource is intended for professionals and parents and carers only. **It is not intended for young people.**

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained/>

Science Week 2023

We are celebrating Science Week with a bang this week at Clyst Vale.

Our KS4 and KS5 students have been delivering a Science Show in School assemblies, with experiments ranging from extreme cold (-70C) to extreme heat (1300C).

Our KS3 students ran a Science Fair in the hall on Tuesday lunchtime with lots of fun hands-on activity stands from holding stick insects, extracting DNA from bananas, looking through telescopes, dissecting a heart to making edible DNA models, to only name a few.

A buzzing atmosphere where students were excited to share their interest for science with each other.



U16 Boys @ Rosslyn Park National Schools Rugby 7s:

It all started at 5.20am at Dog Village Sports Hall car park, on Wednesday, with the 13 of the U16 lads boarding the minibus for the 4-hour drive to the event. The long drive across the A303, M3 and A3 meant the lads arrived well in advance of their first kick off versus Downsend School, from London. The boys started extremely well, with several of the Year 10 boys fronting up from the start, despite being a year young. We led through three scores from Jack Bauer (x2) and Olivier Hargreaves. Despite some nervy parts of the game, the boys ended up edging the game 17-15 with skipper, Ned Brown's conversion being crucial. The winning start set the boys up for a very tough game versus public school, Haileybury, led by Director of Rugby, Michael Owen who captained Wales 2005 Grand Slam winning side. This was our most competitive and successful game with the boys showing up really well against a very strong side, registering a score through winger Jake Ferris, despite losing 24-5.

The third game versus Gravesend Grammar School was a game too far, with a large break and kicking off at 3.20pm. This side finished runners up and with their pace, power and experience, ended up 41-0 winners.

Overall, Clyst Vale finished third in their group, a very respectful and deserved result, especially when you consider that 8 out of the 13-man squad were Year 10 students. This bodes very well for 2024's tournament, where the year group will have a strong side to select from.

The rest of the day involved the lads watching the Boys U14 Cup and Bowl finals on RE1, the main pitch, which was an outstanding experience for all, along with a Nando's meal in Kensington. The lads were outstanding and a true credit to the College throughout the two days, ending back safely at Dog Village for lunchtime on Thursday. Well done to the squad: Ned Brown (c), Paddy Ross, Ty Perrott, Sonny Smith, Bill Ramsay, Oliver Hargreaves, Jack Bauer, Jaden Hooper, Archie Walters, Archie Jameson, Jake Ferris, Daniel Horn and Rhys Smith.

A big thanks must go to Marc Dibble, Head of Exeter Chiefs U16 and U18 Academy, who accompanied Mr Pearce on the trip.



careermag

Parents and Guardians can have a huge influence on a young person's next steps. When asked by their teenager 'What should I do next?' many parents can feel overwhelmed.

So much has changed since they left school/college, which is why Careermag for Parents, Carers and Guardians aims to inform parents so their young people can feel supported - whether they'd like to go to University, do an Apprenticeship, Work Experience or T Levels.

This issue is sponsored by Go Construct and The National Construction College and supported by PiXL, Movement to Work, CDI and many more!

Careermag can be accessed via the link below:

[Careermag - Parents - Careermap](#)



Summer Drama Festival



Calling all those with a love from drama and performing!

**If you want to be a part of an exciting summer performance event that is open to all years
then come along to ...**

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL AFTER SCHOOL from 15.30-17.00 in PA1

or FRIDAY 21st APRIL at LUNCHTIME from 13.30- 14.10 in PA1

Rehearsals will run on Wednesdays after school and Friday lunchtimes.

See Miss Ruscoe for more information

B R E N D
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Open day

The Devon Hotel, Old Matford Ln, Exeter EX2 8XU

Saturday 15th April | 11am - 3pm

Are you looking for an exciting career in hospitality?

Come along and meet the team at The Devon Hotel to discuss what the Brend Collection can offer for your future.

Apprenticeships are available in conjunction with HIT training.



Scan the QR code for more information

'Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2023)

Devon County Council are offering courses for parents and carers of young people with a diagnosis of autism or who are on the pathway for an assessment. Please see below for further information and how to book a place.

'Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2023)

Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Summer and Autumns term for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs. Full programme details and application process below:

Autism & Us programmes:

- 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes.

No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2	Trainer
1	Autism overview	Thurs 4 May - 10 – 12	Wed 14 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30	Paul Lamanna
2	Communication	Thurs 11 May - 10 – 12	Wed 21 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30	Laura O'Shea
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Thurs 18 May - 10 – 12	Wed 5 Jul - 4.30 – 6.30	Laura Matthews
4	Sensory	Thurs 25 May - 10 – 12 <i>Laura O</i>	Wed 12 Jul - 4.30 – 6.30 <i>Kevin</i>	Laura O'Shea Kevin Jones

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on any of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes (topics below). They will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Topic
Autism – Sensory processing + integration
Autism and Girls
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA
Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety
Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies)

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
3rd April to 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAY (Tues 18th April—first day back for students)
19th April	Cambodia Trip Vaccinations
20th April	Sports Award Evening
28th—30th May	Ten Tors
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
2nd May	Y10 Parents Evening
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)

Want to make a difference?

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qualifications needed

Casual, flexible working

Training provided



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If you would like to
become part of our team,
contact Mrs Kilby,
kilbya@clystvale.org



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/>



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 Ruscoe

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



UK Health
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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

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