



# NEWSLETTER

No. 750  
w/c Mon 2nd May 2022  
Week B

## THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

*"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill;  
the willingness to learn is a choice."* ~ **Brian Herbert**

Next Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, is a Public Holiday and the College will be closed.  
Next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, is a non-uniform day for Ukraine.

Dear Parents,

### **Year 7 Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all of you who took part in last night's virtual Parents' Evening. Feedback from my colleagues suggests that it was positive and successful. Inevitably in a year group of nearly 180 students there will be a few difficulties and issues, but that's one of the key purposes of the Evening: to raise, these, discuss them, share information and agree on how students can improve. Overall, especially bearing in mind the disruption to their learning and development when in Years 5 and 6, Year 7 as a whole have settled well. There were remarkably few technical glitches last night, although the scariest was that I turned purple and pixelated for about eight of my appointments; possibly a slight improvement on nature ?

### **Parents' Evenings in General**

Should we/will we go back to face-to-face parents' evenings ? The short answer is not for this school year, and we are reviewing it. I've mentioned this before: there are good arguments on both sides, especially for Years 7 and 8 where parents may not have set foot in the College, although children's teachers change quite frequently. There hasn't been a huge amount of parent comment about whether to go back to face-to-face; it seems to be one of those discussions where it would be really good to establish connections and a sense of community, but the complexities of family life, teatime, and the distance/ cost of fuel/ CO2 footprint means it's more practical to stay at home.

### **Year 10 Exams**

Congratulations to Year 10 students for their superb attitude and behaviour during the exams this week. On the first day a very small number in small exam rooms needed help to adjust to the reality that exam rules are stricter than school rules, and not negotiable, but after that they were wonderful, a real credit. Most students are in the Hall, and they were brilliant all week; incredibly respectful of each other and the invigilation team. Now it's just a matter of achieving brilliant results....

## **GCSE Exams**

Next week there will be a few “Quiet Please” notices dotted around. This is because the speaking exams (“orals”) are taking place in French and Spanish, as well as Polish and Japanese for individual students. Clearly, students in general need to be aware and alert to this, and we wish our Year 11s – and one Year 10 – well.

## **Ten Tors**

Speaking of wishing people well, we have three 35-mile teams in next weekend’s Ten Tors, and half a team with another school in the 45-mile event; there are individual students participating through other organisations as well. I will undoubtedly be mentioning this in the next two Newsletters, but this is the last one before the teams go to Okehampton Camp next Friday. So, very best wishes to all of you taking part – you have been really impressive in your training and we’re all very proud of you.

## **Staff Changes**

Next week our support staff team will be further strengthened by Hayley Bugbee as Data and Exams Assistant, and by Tracy Kensdale as Finance Assistant. In an internal change, my PA Sue Voysey is becoming Assistant to Head of Sixth Form; she will continue in a dual role until we have recruited a replacement. Kate Borgen-Davis (English) is assuming the additional responsibility of Literacy Coordinator.

## **Ukraine Day**

Next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going to support the humanitarian crisis as a result of the Ukraine war. The suggested donation is £1, although as I have said before we are conscious that some families are affected by the current financial situation. To increase the proceeds, there will be a cake sale at breaktime, and a Talent Show at lunchtime – these were unavoidably cancelled on the last Ukraine Day in March.

## **Summer Term Behaviours**

These things happen every year as part of a sort of annual rhythm linked to adolescent development and the arrival of better weather. That does not mean that they are ok, far from it. The first is “rough play”; generally boys, generally Years 7-9, generally this half of the term. It is rarely bullying, nearly always involves students within friendship groups, and years ago was called “boys will be boys”. Maybe, but times have changed. We do not accept pushing, pulling, friendly headlocks, aggressive arms around shoulders, tackles which would earn yellow or red cards in an organised game. The field will become unforgivingly hard, and the risk of injury increases.

Poor behaviour on buses. For some reason – maybe exams ? – this also gets worse around now. That needs to stop as well. Poor behaviour on public Stagecoach buses is particularly selfish and embarrassing to us as a College and all the brilliant students who come here. Students need to report this behaviour to us so that we can deal with the small number of individuals responsible (warnings, after-school detentions, up to bus bans). It is perfectly acceptable for them to tell you, and you e-mail in. The reporting will be treated confidentially.

Skirts. A minefield. I’ve said before, there are skirts, short skirts and skirts which are too short. We’re a school, a place of learning, a place of work and people should dress appropriately. The hard bit is defining what “too short” or “appropriately” means, which is why, for example, in the past schools used to make girls kneel down and measure the distance between hem and knee. This really is a waste of time if not discriminatory (although the wearer’s closed hand span between hem and knee isn’t a bad measure). But we will be hugely grateful for any help which families and parents can give to point out that some skirts are too short, there is a matter of dignity, and that while people in principle should be able to wear what they want, actually we (like almost all schools, and many employers) have a dress code which means that people cannot wear exactly what they want.

### **Legally Blonde Lost Property**

Last call before it all goes into general Lost Property. I can quite understand why a single “Twister” sock might not be missed, but I am still the proud possessor of a pair of quite new white girls’ trainers, and a Regatta waterproof. The trainers, and a white over-skirt, might have something to do with the Greek Chorus ?

Students were delighted when I gave them Monday off for good behaviour. Then they realised....Best wishes to you and your families for a good weekend.



Kevin Bawn  
Principal

# Ten Tors Challenge 2022

Since last November a group of approximately 56 year 9, 10 & 11 students have been training hard for this year's Ten Tors Challenge which takes place on Dartmoor 7th and 8th May 2022. It's the tenth year Clyst Vale has had teams in the Ten Tors event, and we wish all the students taking part every success on their routes. They've all done fantastically well over the last 6 months training contending with the full range of British weather from heavy rain to sun, hail, gales, low cloud, mild & freezing temperatures plus snow.

Hopefully they are well equipped with the skills, experience, and kit to conquer the challenges of walking 35/45 miles, in 2 days, whilst carrying all their camping/safety gear, navigating, plus the many hills and valleys of Dartmoor! It will be possible to follow their progress around the routes via the Ten Tors website ([www.tentors.org.uk/](http://www.tentors.org.uk/)).

**All the Ten Tors** training events could not happen without the help and assistance of many volunteers freely giving up their weekends to ensure the students were safe out on the moor in all the varied weather conditions.

**So, a big thank you** must go to those that helped this year, in no particular order: Graeme Robb, Cathy Horwell, Harry Price, Dan Wollen, Mr Hewlett, Miss Barratt, Mrs Keene, Mattie Horwell, Chris James and Adam Muscat. Many thanks to all of you for all your help, we couldn't have done it without you so no matter how big or small your contribution, it's most appreciated!

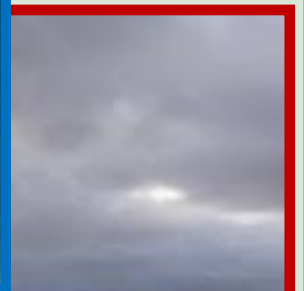
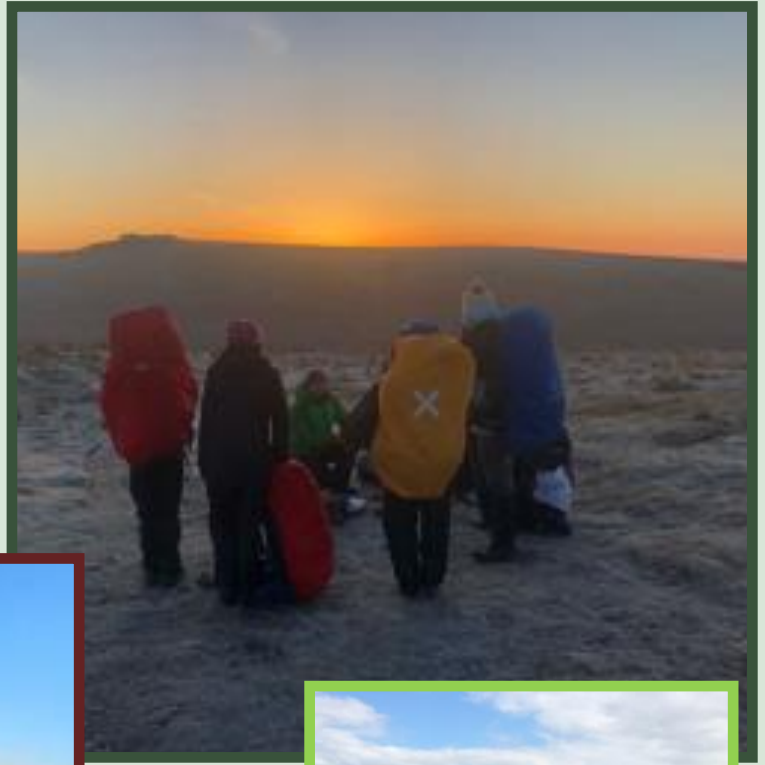


**A further thanks** to Cathy for running a mock scrutineering (kit check) session recently so the students have all the right kit for the main weekend.

We would also like to wish all other Clyst Vale students participating in the Ten Tors challenge with other organisations like the Cadets, Explorers and others, every success too. Look forward to seeing many of them around the Army camp on the Friday as they explore the Camp, plan their routes, and enjoy the atmosphere before embarking on the challenge 7am Saturday morning!

Chris Eales





**Congratulations** to Isobelle and Leo Bradley who were awarded their black belts in Tae Kwon Do earlier this month. This achievement is on the back of years of practice and competition that has seen them progress through the lower belts.

The assessment process involves a variety of tests including patterns, set sparring and open sparring.

Isabelle achieved 7 A passes for these disciplines, the highest attainable. Well done to both students and I am sure further successes and Dans await.

Mr J Powell



## CVCC ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS

**Well done** to all the students from Years 8 to Year 11 who attended the annual CVCC Sports Awards evening last Thursday.

A lovely evening of talks and pictures celebrated the successes of the boys and girls across a range of sports. The guest of honour was Mr Dean Moxey, professional footballer with Torquay Utd and formally of Exeter City, Bolton and Crystal Palace. He spoke to the students about his career so far and experiences as an elite performer, including a sending off at Wembley and a successful play off winning penalty.

As well as awards for each sport for best achievement and most progress, there were also half and full colours awarded to students for commitment to the sport over their time at Clyst Vale. The evening culminated with the Young Ambassador nominations and award given to the student who offers the most as a performer, student, and leader in Clyst Vale.

The nominations were Michael Rothery, Freya Berrisford, Sophie Elliot, Izzy Cocking, Reese Aldridge, Kiera Franklin, Harriet King and Jamie Horwell with the award going to George Wright.

A fabulous and memorable evening after far too long without such gatherings.

Mr J Powell



**Overall Winner**



**Full Colours Boys**



**All Young Ambassador nominated**



**RRS Award**



**Full Colours Girls**

## **Y11 Boys Football v Honiton:**

**Congratulations** to the Y11 lads who played their first and final game of Year 11, versus Honiton Community College. The fixture, organised by Year 11 tutor Dr Turl, was initially set up as a mini tournament with two sides representing each school in a round robin format. This quickly changed with the issue of stray balls being hit into the sheep's field next door so the consensus was to shift the game to a full 11-a-side format on the nearby pitch and have three 15-minute periods.

Our lads were impeccable throughout, showing an outstanding attitude to rotate the 12 players which we had at our disposal, led by Captain and Sports Ambassador, George Wright. Clyst Vale ran out convincing 3-0 winners at the end of the game, with goals from (goalkeeper!) Oliver Readman and Year 10 students George Davey and Fraser Pearce.

Mr Pearce and Dr Turl



**Congratulations** to all of the squad: George Wright (c), Jake Leighton, Ben Waycott, Reuben Muscutt, Jed Wade, Kaiden Harris, Ellis Brunsdon, Oliver Readman, Oliver Back, Liam Stumpf, George Davey and Fraser Pearce.





**GIRLS RUGBY CLUB WITH EXETER  
CHIEFS COMMUNITY COACHES**

**MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL:**

**3.20-4.20PM**



## **Food Service Assistant at Clyst Vale Community College**

**Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, 38 weeks per year

**Salary:** £9.50 per hour

Duties include:

- Undertaking basic food preparation
- Setting up food service areas
- Cleaning dining halls and general cleaning duties
- Serving customers in a polite and professional manner
- Working on the tills
- Supporting with hospitality

A team player with strong communication skills and a can-do approach is key for this role. Experience is preferred but not essential, as full training will be given.

The successful candidate will be organised, have the ability to maintain the highest standards at all times and will ensure optimal service to staff and students.

**Safeguarding:** Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role.

For additional information please contact:  
Ann Hopkins (College Manager)  
hopkinsa@clystvale.org



## **CVCC Vacancies**

**We currently have vacancies  
for the following positions:**

**Assistant SENDCo**

**Full details for all vacancies, including job descriptions and further information about how to apply, can be found on our website:**

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



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



GREEN SCHOOL	
<b>7GCMC</b>	Lewis Sullivan
	Archie Cross
<b>8GABr</b>	No permission to publish name Guy Earnshaw
<b>8GDH</b>	Sam Cowie
<b>9GAW</b>	Bethan O'Dell
<b>9GBA</b>	Florence Walker
<b>10GHE</b>	Bill Ramsey
<b>11GGT</b>	Will Drake
<b>11GMN</b>	No permission to publish name

RED SCHOOL	
<b>7RBAT</b>	Sophie Magowan
<b>7RHSP</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>8RSGA</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>8RZB</b>	Lucy Jones
<b>9RAO</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>9RMAH</b>	Nina Page
<b>10RER</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>10RGG</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>11RSS</b>	Ben Porter
<b>11RTMA</b>	Cassidy Perkin

YELLOW SCHOOL	
<b>7YTZI</b>	Isla Knowles
<b>7YMBr</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>8YPN</b>	Karly David
<b>8YSSC</b>	Ruby Williams
<b>9YDS</b>	Holly Phillips
<b>9YSP</b>	Martha Glen
<b>10YMPr</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>10YNS</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>11YRB</b>	No permission to publish name
<b>11YCW</b>	No permission to publish name

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all)

COMMUNITY THEATRE 4ALL PRESENTS

# Talaton A War-Time Refuge



**Cotley Farm Barn, Woodhayes Lane, Whimble, EX5 2QR**

Tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/communitytheatre4all)

Telephone Bookings 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply)

TicketSource



**25th, 26th, 28th, 29th & 30th April 2022 at 8pm - Adults £12, Children (under 16) £6**

# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Year 9 to 13 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Btec/GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Monday	Year 10 & 11 Weights/Fitness	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Monday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Monday	Week A – GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Week B – KS3 Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Monday	Year 11 RS Revision	1.40pm	HU1		Mrs Battshill
Monday	Science Club	1.30pm – 2pm	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer
Monday	Mental Health Ambassadors	Lunchtime	VO1		Mrs Bennett
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mrs Needs
Tuesday	Year 7, 8 & 9 Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	All FIFA Tournament	Lunchtime	Meeting Room 2		Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh Award	1.30pm – 2.10pm	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Minecraft Club	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Post 16 Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Ms Watt/Mrs Battshill
Wednesday Week B	11A Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Year 7 & 8 Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday Week A	LGBTQ + Group	1.40pm	MF1		Miss McCormachie
Wednesday	Drug & Alcohol Information Drop In	Lunchtime			Mrs Gillespie
Thursday Week B	11C Practical GCSE Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday Week A	GCSE Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT4		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Year 11 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Year 7 & 8 Football	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Powell
Thursday	Year 11 Rosslyn Park 7s	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Year 9 Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Attenborough's Army	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimbler
Thursday	Yogioh Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Year 11 Maths Higher Tier Drop In	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Friday	Various Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield
Friday	KS3/4 Amnesty	Lunchtime	HU2		
Friday	Post 16 Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell

- Colour coded refers to Ten Tors/Duke of Edinburgh only

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 28 April	4pm - 7pm Year 7 Parents' Evening
Mon 02 May	Early May Bank Holiday
Sat 07 & Sun 08 May	ALL DAY - Ten Tors Weekend
Sat 21 May	DofE Silver Assessed
Mon 30 May - Fri 03 June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Thurs 16 June	New Intake Non Feeder Schools Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
Thurs 16 June	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Fri 24 June	Year 13 Prom
w/b 27 June	Year 12 Mocks
Thurs 30 June - Sun 03 July	DofE Gold
Mon 04 & Tues 05 July	UNICEF Gold Visit
Weds 06 - Fri 08 July	New Intake Induction Days
Mon 11 July	New Intake Parents' Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Weds 13 July	Sports Day
Thurs 14 July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 15 July	Year 12 UCAS Day
w/b 18 July	Y10 and Y12 Work Experience
Mon 18 - Fri 22 July	Gold D of E Brecon Expedition
Fri 22 July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM



Do you use Twitter? Then why not follow us @clystvale to find out what's going on in the College community.

## **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/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

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

### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring Sharon Leaman/Racheal Long (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

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

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

## COLLEGE DRESS

Clyst Vale aims to maintain a simple pattern of College dress to promote a clear sense of identity and enable students to come sensibly dressed, at reasonable cost, for a range of learning activities. If a student is improperly dressed, correct uniform will be provided for that day or the student may be sent home to change his/her clothing, at the discretion of the Principal. **If parents are in any doubt about the suitability of an item of uniform they should check with the College before buying it.**

### Uniform for all students in Years 7 to 11

- White collared shirt
- School colour tie
- Clyst Vale V-neck jumper with College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts - Blue Tartan and knee length
- Trutex Senior stitched down/Taylor Tartan (blue) skirt and may be worn no more than 2" above the knee. Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn.
- Black sturdy shoes or **all black** trainers.
- White socks or black tights with skirts.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

*All uniform and PE Kit can be purchased from Thomas Moore, Exeter. Thomas Moore offers both a personal service in their shop and also the opportunity to order on line at [www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk](http://www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk)*

- Eyebrow jewellery, facial, tongue, nose and lip studs are not permitted.
- Leather jackets, all denim garments and all hoodies are not permitted.
- Hats should not be worn indoors.
- Outer coats should be predominantly plain in colour and without large logos.
- A plain white t-shirt or vest may be worn under the shirt.
- On health and safety grounds, shoes should be appropriate for a work place. Flipflops, open toes, Uggs, Dr Martens (or equivalent) are not permitted.
- Jewellery may be worn, providing it is not excessive or potentially hazardous. However, it is a legal requirement that all jewellery must be removed before undertaking sporting activities. It is the responsibility of the wearer to do this.

The Principal, in consultation with the Governors of the College, will decide on the suitability of the appearance of a student attending the College - extreme hair styles, of either cut or colour, are not permitted.

## 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](mailto:admin@clystvale.org) **Web:** [www.clystvale.org](http://www.clystvale.org)

**Library:** 01392 464010

