

"To deny people their human rights is to challenge their humanity."

- Nelson Mandela

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs

Principal



Next Tuesday at 7pm we will be holding our annual Carol Service at Broadclyst Church. This longstanding festive tradition is made all the more special by the setting of St John the Baptist Church. We extend our sincere thanks to the vicar and the church team for kindly hosting us. Our students have worked hard to prepare a wonderful programme of songs, musical pieces, and readings, guided by our Performing Arts Team. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a memorable evening.

On the topic of Christmas, next Thursday we'll be supporting the Christmas Jumper Day initiative, organised by our Year 8 Student Board representatives to raise funds for the NSPCC. Students who wish to participate are invited wear a festive jumper and bring a £1 donation to support this great cause. Further details have been shared by Mrs. Albutt, Head of Year 8. Building on the festive spirit, our official Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday 18 December which is always a festive highlight!

The Year 11 mock exams are progressing well and will continue into next week, though most are now complete. We're proud of the students for their excellent attitude and commitment, however, we did encounter some issues during the first

Maths exam, as a number of students arrived without the required equipment. While this was resolved for the second exam, we encourage students to ensure they are fully prepared for all future assessments to avoid such issues. Our thanks go to Mrs Kilby, Mrs Jaggs, the invigilators, and teachers for their hard work in preparing and supporting our students during this time. Similarly, thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 13 Parents' Evening. We appreciate the time you took to meet with teachers and discuss your child's progress and future plans.

Yesterday, students from years 7 to 11 enjoyed a fantastic trip to see War Horse at The Theatre Royal, Plymouth. The powerful production, based on Michael Morpurgo's novel, captivated everyone with its moving story. We're proud to offer opportunities like this, which bring literature and the arts to life. A big thank you to the staff who organised and accompanied the trip, ensuring a memorable experience for all involved.

Finally, I would like to apologise for the cancellation of the last two planned Ten Tors training walks due to severe weather warnings. The safety of our students and staff is always our top priority, and the conditions were deemed unsuitable for outdoor activities. We understand the disappointment this may have caused and will explore options for additional training walks in the new year to make up for the missed opportunities.

Despite the weather predictions, we wish all parents and carers a lovely and restful weekend. Thank you for your continuous support and understanding.

Sara Jacobs, Principal

Year 7, 8 & 9 Activities Week 2025

We are excited to announce details of our 2025 Activities Week, which will take place during the last week of term, from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th July. Activities Week is an excellent opportunity for our Key Stage 3 students to engage in a wide range of exciting and enriching experiences, both on and off site. A booklet with information was emailed to parents last week. Please let the school know if you have not received it.

Some trips have been rolled into two-day packages; others are day trips. Please note that some have limited spaces, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Full details regarding costs, deposits, and how to secure a place are included in the booklet. If certain activities prove especially popular, we will endeavour to add more spaces where possible, as detailed in the booklet.

To ensure fairness, bookings for all activities will open from 6:30 PM on Monday 9th December via our online School Gateway payment system, which can be accessed via the website or by following this link: <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>.

If you do not already have access to School Gateway or have forgotten your password, please contact us as soon as possible.

To support families in paying for activities, we have split payments for all activities over £5.00 into 3 payments: a deposit payment due at the time of booking, and two further payments in March and May. We recognise the proximity to Christmas may be difficult for some families, and so have tried to ensure initial deposit payments are as low as possible. Unfortunately, we do have to ask for these payments at this time to secure spaces on the trips.

Later in the year, you will receive a letter with details of the trip or activity. Some trips may have start times or finish times which are slightly outside of school opening and closing, so if your child relies on school buses, so please be aware that they may need dropping off or collecting on certain days. activities may require students to wear certain clothing; possibly sports wear or old clothes which may get dirty.

Friday the 18th of July is not part of the activities week. This is the final day of the academic year, and the time at which we come together as a College to reflect on the achievements of the year. Students will be expected in College as normal from morning registration until the end of P.4.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, we can offer a bursary payment of up to 25% off the cost of one trip or activity. Please pay the deposit as normal to reserve a space and then email financepsf@clystvale.org to request the bursary.

Post 16 News

Thank you to all parents and carers who took time out of their Thursday evening to participate in the Y13 Parents' Evening. Teachers were delighted with the level of engagement and support from Y13 families, with lots of positive and productive conversations taking place.

Y13 students now have their mock exam timetable for January and have spent time in Tutorial this week starting to devise revision schedules. Study Leave will be available to students the day prior to an exam and, for afternoon exams, for the morning of that exam also.

Festive vibes are really starting to come through in Post 16 with the main room and the café sporting seasonal decorations! Both year groups are holding Secret Santa events on Wednesday next week and excitement is mounting for Festive Jumper Day on 12th December. Students may bring in a cash donation for Save the Children on Thursday – or alternatively, payment can be made via School Gateway online accounts. Thank you for your support!

Key Dates for next week

2 December to 10 December—Y11 Mock Exams

Autumn Term Dates

10 December—Christmas Carol Concert

20 December—Non Uniform Day for St Petrocks

20 December—Last Day of Term Finish 1.30pm

Student of the Week

Oliver Buchanan 7GAW Hattie Arthur 7GLBA Alex Wright 7RKJO Charlie Gladwin 7RCMO 7YDST Megan Woodward 7YEHA	Max Lloyd 8GRTU Elysia Bellham 8GTBE 8RER Molly Bourne 8RMCU Archie Roles 8YCBO Maisie Vickery 8YCFL	NP2N 9GMNA Delilah Hartley 9GLTH 9RDFE Daisy Hopper 9RGWW Marley Patterson 9YGGA Maddie Morrish 9YBH
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Leo Bradley 10GCMC Shai Blackmore 10GMTH Luca Batchelor 10RBAT 10RNS Daisy Wilding-Webb 10YMBR Grace Alexander 10YCHW	Lexi-Mae Kingdon 11GABR Tristan Drake 11GDH Lucy Luffingham 11RZB Natacha Summerfield-Steed 11RSGA NP2N 11YSS NP2N 11YADA	12HP
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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Early finish Christmas



Friday 20th December 2024. Students will be allowed to depart from Clyst Vale at 1:15pm; all the CVCC coaches and Stagecoach buses will come into the Coach Park to pick up the students. The buses will leave at approximately 1:30pm. Stagecoach will run to their timetable and pick up about this time. Students who don't have consent, this option is on the form, will be able to stay in college but parents will need to seek alternative transportation at 3:20pm. Thank you for all that have already consented for your child to leave early. Please click on the link if you have not already completed the options. <https://forms.office.com/e/XqpYcWLCXw>.

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December 2024



Year 8 Tutor Captains are promoting this year's 'wear your Christmas jumper day' - which takes place on Thursday 12th December.

All students, from any year group, are invited to wear a festive jumper or t-shirt to school, in return for a suggested minimum donation of £1 - with all money raised going to the NSPCC. Please note that this is not a traditional non-uniform day - in terms of we expect the rest of the uniform (skirt/trousers/shoes etc) to remain the same.

Should your child wish to take part in this fund raising event, please either pay in advance via the School Gateway App or the website [School Gateway Link](#) or alternatively money can be brought in on the day and handed to the tutor. If you would like to know more about the National event please click on the link. [Christmas Jumper Day 2024](#)

Year 9 Parents' Evening Thursday 12 December 2024



This is a virtual meeting through [SchoolCloud - Clyst Vale Community College](#). This will be open for all Year 9 parents/carers to book from Wednesday 20th November. Any issues please contact studentservices@clystvale.org or Mrs Grant's direct telephone line 01392 463910.

Exam Information



In order to help your child during the exam season, please could you remind them of the importance of the below JCQ guidelines during an examination. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

1. You must be on time for all your examinations.
2. Possession of a mobile phone, smart watch or analogue watch or any other unauthorised material is not allowed even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You must not talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You must follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You must not sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You must not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

If you know you are going to be late to an exam, please phone us on 01392 461407 as soon as possible to let us know so we can best arrange to support your entry to the exam.

If you are unable to attend College through illness on a day when you have an examination, it is essential that an adult from your household contacts the College on 01392 461407 before 8.30am to explain the reason for your absence. In addition, please email exams@clystvale.org so that the Exams Officer knows as soon as possible.

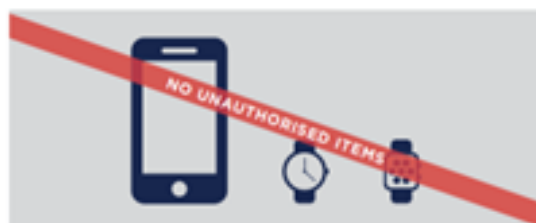
Ofqual have published a student guide regarding special consideration during assessments. Please see link below for more information.

[Ofqual Student Guide to Exams and Assessments in 2025](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-to-exams-and-assessments-in-2025?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=dcd3813-8705-4c2a-9ef2-4e3a73bf12c5&utm_content=daily)



**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

Modern Foreign Languages

¡Hola! Salut!

COMPETITION CORNER

Flash Fiction: Write a short story in French/Spanish using no more than 100 words.

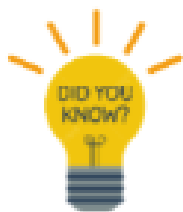
Email your MFL teacher with a chance to win.

Competition closes: Fri 20th Dec at 4pm

MONTHLY QUIZ

1. In Mexico what is the traditional procession that is performed in the latter half of December?
2. What country gave us the song 'Silent Night'?
3. In what country do they exchange books on Christmas Eve then spend the evening reading them and eating chocolate?
4. Where are you if someone wishes you 'Mele Kalikimaka'?

Email your answers to your MFL teacher to win P1s.



The First Language Ever Printed

It wasn't the first language to be written, but German was the first language to be printed in a book.

Revision tip

Create topic-specific vocabulary lists or a vocabulary book to jot down new words and phrases. Tick them off when you know and use them.



Reason to learn a language

Increased creativity: Learning a new language can provide new ways of thinking and communicating, which can boost your creativity.

SPANISH TONGUE TWISTER

Sounds easy? Try repeating it over and over...

Juan junta juncos junto a la zanja.

Juan gathers branches next to the ditch.

FRENCH TONGUE TWISTER

Sounds easy? Try repeating it over and over...

La robe rouge de Rosalie est ravissante.

Rosalie's red dress is ravishing.

STUDENT WORK



Year 7 students have been looking into the Mexican 'Day of the Dead' celebration, when family and friends remember loved ones who have died. Students have designed 'calaveras' (skulls) which represent tangible reminders of ancestors. They symbolise love and longing for loved ones who have passed away. Used as a sign of remembrance, sugar skulls are typically placed on altars or gravestones to represent death and rebirth.



Y9 Boys Country Cup Football



It was always going to be a tough fixture when the CVCC boys were drawn in the first round away at last year's finalists Devonport High School for Boys. They travelled down the A38 Devon Expressway full of hope with a minibus of 16 lads eager to make an impression. With Ollie as captain the formation of 3-5-2 was chosen and a strong spine of the team was formed with Joe in goal, Nathaniel and Noah in the defence and Connor the spear head up front. However, DHB were not finalists for nothing and on their artificial pitch their slick passing and pace soon opened their goals tally. Slowly the CVCC midfield started to get their passing game going as Harrison and Charlie began to link up, as did Noah and Zac on the other side. Although DHB always looked dangerous it was CVCC who nicked a goal back after the ever industrious Connor broke from his defence to fire a shot dipping over the keeper. By half time it was 2-1 although the score did not really reflect the dominance of the home side. Fin was outstanding in defence as he battled the best opposition player, aided by the well measured Noah and powerful Nathaniel. As the floodlight illuminated the second half George came on and worked hard to keep the structure and links though the midfield with his neat, short passes. Henry gave Zac a rest in the frantic midfield and both Josh and Ethan came on into the back line. As the game slipped away Ethan stole the show with some great tackles and both Noah and Harrison tried their luck from long range. An exit from the County Cup, but a decent run out and a number of partnerships formed both in defence and through the midfield. Next stop the East Devon Cup.

Year 7 & 8 Netball Fixture



On Monday night, Queen Elizabeth's School visited Clyst Vale for a Year 7 and Year 8 netball fixture. Both teams played with great determination and sportsmanship, showcasing their skills and teamwork throughout the evening.

The Year 8 squad, with a larger roster, played impressively as a cohesive unit, securing an impressive 16-9 victory. Corah was named Player of the Match for her contributions on the court, demonstrating excellent passing and movement. Jess R received Coaches' Player of the Match for her impressive impact in defence, reading the game and making key Interceptions.

In a closely contested match, the Year 7 team fought hard but narrowly lost 5-7. The game remained tight throughout, with only one goal separating the teams for much of the match. Alex was named Player of the Match for her crucial interceptions and defensive work. Lila was named Coaches' Player of the Match for her effort and determination across the court, ensuring the team stayed competitive until the final whistle.

Both teams show great potential and we are excited for what's to come in future fixtures. Special thanks must be made to Liv Woolham (year 12) and Layla Brown (year 9) for their efforts in helping to prepare the teams for the season ahead and umpiring on Monday night.



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.

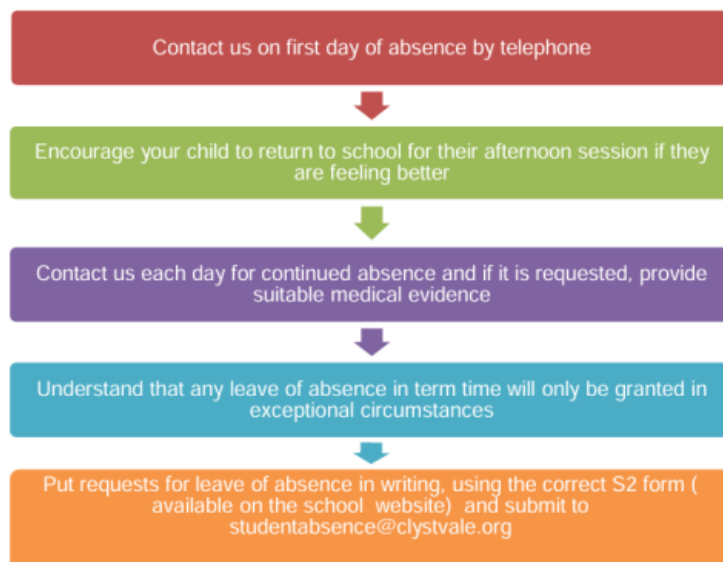
Medical Appointments

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




**Christmas Carols
by Candlelight**

**@ Broadclyst Church
Sunday 15th December**

5pm Broadclyst & Westclyst Primary
School Choirs

7pm Featuring the Birdhouse Singers

Free Entry. Limited Spaces so book early on
<https://broadclystcarols.eventbrite.co.uk>
or ring 07972 387391
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The HAF website is now live...

THE DEVON WIDE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IS NOW LIVE AT:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/haf-providers-map/>

Fully funded places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

More information can be found at:
<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

For ages 5-16 years
Places are limited



HAF is free holiday provision for those children and young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

The programme will be running at Exeter City Football Club on the following dates:

- Friday 20th December 3pm – 7pm
- Saturday 21st December 10am – 2pm
- Sunday 22nd December 10am – 2pm
- Monday 23rd December 10am – 2pm

Activities will include:

- Film/Cinema
- Mountain Biking at Haldon
- Christmas Crafts and activities
- Multi sports
- Crealy

A free hot lunch will be provided each day and all children who attend receive a food hamper for their family.

Here is the form to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/QFgAKUxRdD> .



CHRISTMAS 2024

A Activate Camps

at Clyst Vale Community College

Sports & Games Challenges Creative Arts Free Healthy Lunch Fun Activities

Activate Camps are running our multi activity camp near you this holiday!

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides local authority funding for funded holiday places at our multi activity camp, including a healthy lunch, for eligible benefits related free school meal (FSM) children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

Venue
Station Road, Exeter EX5 3AJ

Funded Places
Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children

Cost
£30 per day including lunch

Times
10am-2pm

Dates
23 Dec
2 + 3 Jan



All camp places must be booked in advance

'Kids Eat Free' Christmas Holidays 2024

Supermarket cafes, chain restaurants and food venues around the UK are offering the 'Kids Eat Free' or 'Kids Eat for £1' deal. Please see below for further information.

- **Les Iguanas:** Download the app and join 'My Iguanas' for free meals for mini-Iguanas. Children get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.
- **ASDA Café:** Children eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required. Children will receive a free piece of fruit such as an apple, pear or banana when purchasing the hot kids £1 meal deal.
- **Morrisons:** Children eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide, daily with every adult meal over £4.50.
- **Beefeater:** Two children get free breakfasts with every adult breakfast purchased.
- **Sainsbury's:** Sainsbury's cafes offer one free child's hot meal or lunch bag for £1 with any adult main meal purchased over £5.20. This offer is available every day from 11:30am until café closure. Children's mains include one main, 3 sides a drink and a piece of fruit.
- **Bella Italia:** Children eat free all day every Thursday and for £1 between 4-6pm, Sunday to Wednesday. Kids can enjoy three delicious courses and a drink! Meals are suitable for 2-11-year-olds.
- **Ikea:** Children can enjoy a pasta meal with a soft drink for 95p or any other Children's Meal for £1.50 every day from 11am. On Friday's children get tomato pasta, a drink, and a piece of fruit for just 45p.
- **Premier Inn:** At Premier Inn, you can enjoy their all-you-can-eat Breakfast for just £9.99 and up to two children under 16 eat for free.
- **Travelodge:** At Travelodge, you can enjoy their all-you-can-eat Breakfast for just £9.75 and up to two children under 15 eat for free.
- **Brewer's Fayre:** During school holidays, children are offered a 3-course meal deal for £6.49. They also offer two children under 16 a free breakfast with every adult breakfast purchased.
- For more information please visit: [Places Kids Eat Free \(moneysavingcentral.co.uk\)](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk)



Senior Exams Invigilator

Grade C (point 7) £15.24 per hour (pay award pending)

As Senior Examinations Invigilator, you will be required to lead the team of invigilators conducting internal and external examinations for students, ensuring that all regulatory requirements and school policy and procedures for the conduct of examinations are strictly adhered to and met at all times. The Senior Examination Invigilator will need to be present at all exam periods and during the Summer. These months include November, December, January, March, May and June.

You will need to have previous experience as an Exams Invigilator and have an understanding of the UK Exams process. Experience in managing groups of young people would be helpful. Training will be provided. If you are calm under pressure, have a pleasant nature but a keen eye then this could be the position for you.

For full details and to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/>

Suitable candidates will be contacted to attend for interview.

The vacancy will be closed once a suitable appointment has been made.

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Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

ROOFER

A roofer specialises in building and repairing roofs on houses and other buildings. They work with various materials, such as tiles, slate, metal, and shingles, to ensure roofs are strong, weatherproof, and long-lasting.

Roofers must be skilled in measuring and cutting materials to fit the roof's shape and size, and they need to be comfortable working at heights.

Starting roofers, or apprentices, typically earn between £17,000 and £20,000 per year as they learn the trade. With a few years of experience, a roofer's salary can increase to between £25,000 and £30,000 annually.

Highly experienced roofers, or those who take on specialised or supervisory roles, can earn upwards of £35,000 to £40,000 per year.

JOB OF THE WEEK

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

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

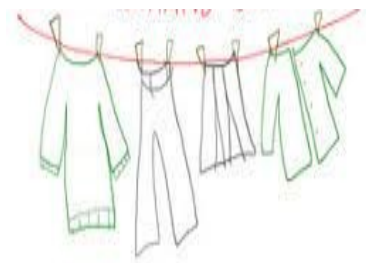
Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

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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