



NEWSLETTER

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True Belonging doesn't require us to change who we are; it requires us to be who we are.

-Brené Brown

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thank you for your attendance at Tuesday's on-line parents' evening. Feedback has been generally very positive, both about the start made by the Year Group, and also the on-line system itself.

The Pastoral Reorganisation

A further update on the change from three Schools to five Years as the core pastoral set-up in Clyst Vale. All Heads of Year have been confirmed as follows - from 1st September: Mrs Allbutt will be Head of Year 7, Ms Watt Head of Year 8, Ms M McConnachie (currently on sabbatical) Head of Year 9, Mr Pearce Head of Year 10, and Mrs Adie Head of Year 11. Ms Haynes continues as Head of Sixth Form. All of the pastoral organisation, communication, support, parental contact and so on will now be through the Year system of tutors and Head of Year. Schools won't disappear completely, with their focus being on more competitive things: achievement points totals, Sports Day, inter-tutor competitions in sport or otherwise; therefore students will still be in a tutor group with R, G or Y in it as well as the tutor's initials.

What will disappear is the role of AtHoS, although the colleagues themselves will very much remain in different roles within our student support hubs and their experience and knowledge of families will be invaluable during the transition. This may well need a more detailed explanation, but in a nutshell the roles of the AtHoS are being shared between a number of specialist roles. So, there will be a student support role for mostly day-to-day things; a family support role, especially for Early Help; the Bridge will include an additional role to help with behaviour; Attendance has already been strengthened with a new appointment. Tutors will have more of a role in the very day-to-day issues, similar to now.



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Exams (and Early Lunches)

In terms of time, we're nearly there, but there are quite a few big exams next week. I must say that our exam candidates have been unbelievably good in terms of exam discipline and etiquette. There have been literally a handful of breaches of exam rules, and sadly these have all been about forgetting about a mobile phone or a watch. Other students have been just as good, and my colleagues have been amazing at offering revision briefings, while others have provided really caring support for students with SEND and anxiety. We are providing home invigilation for five students. Hope I haven't tempted Fate, and that the last few days of the exam season are equally as good!

Next week there are only two days which require early lunches: Tuesday and Friday. Lunch will therefore be at the normal time on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. After Friday, there are no more early lunches. Hooray!

Letter from Downing Street

I was delighted to receive a thank you letter from Downing Street on behalf of the Prime Minister for the College's Amnesty Group's letters regarding the Immigration Bill. The letters have been passed on to UK Visas and Immigration for their consideration. It's great for our students to realise that in our democratic system they can not only write, expressing their own opinions, but the government will also acknowledge their views.

More from the Amnesty Group

Want Cake? On Friday the 16th of June the school's amnesty group's holding a cake sale to celebrate Pride Month. If your child would like cake, please ask them to bring 50p to school and come to the plaza at break. All of our profit will be going to charity. As it's pride month, the charity to which we've chosen to send our money will be The Kaleidoscope Trust. This charity supports LGBTQ+ people abroad in the 67 countries where being gay is still considered a crime. Support pride, buy cake. [Thanks to Lucy for this announcement].

Work Experience

The deadline for work experience forms has now passed, and the final numbers of students going on placement are really pleasing. Credit to our Careers team, but also thank you for all your support in helping to make this happen. Over 90% of students in both Years 10 and 12 will be gaining the benefits of work experience !

Girls' Cricket

Just before half-term ten girls took part in a local schools' tournament held at Whimble Cricket Club, coming third out of five. After half-term students from Exeter University will be in College for six successive Mondays, running cricket coaching in PE lessons, and holding an after-school club for Years 7 to 9. This is excellent news: cricket is a great game, and this comes at a time when women and girls' sport – including cricket, boosted by The Hundred – is much more high profile.

News from Post 16

Throughout this week, we have been hosting assemblies for Year 10 over in Post 16. This is to introduce the courses we offer here, as students in this year group begin to think about what they will move on to once they have completed their GCSEs. It was a pleasure to see these tutor groups and thank you to all of them for arriving promptly and listening attentively. For those interested in A-levels, we will shortly be sending out a Taster Day options forms, so students can select which Post 16 subjects they would like to attend taster sessions for next month.



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In other news, we are looking forward to a number of forthcoming events.

- On 21st June, a group of Year 11 Post 16 applicants will join Post 16 staff and representatives of Year 13 for an end-of-exams celebration at Tenpin, Exeter.
- Our Year 13 Prom at Coolings is now very eagerly anticipated, as it will mark the end of exams for everyone on 26th June.
- Year 12 are also looking forward to a day at Plymouth University on 29th June, as we begin to think about next steps after they finish their courses here.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Thank you to Mr Eales for this report:

"We're very proud of all our students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, on all 3 levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold! Together they've contributed 312 hours volunteering in the local community with a "social value" of £1500 – the students involved have learned and experienced a huge amount through their volunteering and the organisations they've helped with have benefited too. From charity shops to churches, dance clubs to after school clubs, to park runs and Scouts/Guides, plus more! Some students have also helped run clubs in school for other students, or helped look after the school library books, or for Gold and Post-16 students some have offered support in timetabled lessons for years 7-11. So all very worthy causes – our students have been a great help and hopefully many will continue with their volunteering too after their DofE Award is complete.

Students participating in the DofE Award this year are also busy uploading evidence, log sheets and assessor comments to the eDofE online system – so hopefully some Awards will be complete very soon and then we can start awarding the certificates and badges! It would be great to see lots of Awards signed off and approved by the end of the school year. Next week sees the Silver Assessed expedition taking place in Dorset, and then at end of June it will be time for the Gold Practice expedition on Exmoor – fingers crossed the nice weather stays, but not too hot..."

I received a lovely certificate celebrating the efforts of Clyst Vale's "Adult DofE Volunteers" as they are described. In the South West region, almost 32,000 young people started their Award last year, and incredibly 36% of 14 year olds started their Bronze Award. To state the obvious, none of this is possible without the generosity of time from the volunteers, and we are incredibly grateful to the team of staff, parents, ex-students, and friends of the College who make this possible at Clyst Vale.

Next school year, there will be some changes necessary to how we run the Bronze Award although these have not yet been finalised. We will be looking to work with an AAP (Approved Activity Provider) to run the expedition side of things, supported in school by a DofE Coordinator to organise occasional meetings for students, monitor progress of the other parts of the Award, and help students keep up to date with their logs and assessors' reports on the eDofE system.



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Student Board Update

This is the Student Council. I received over 50 expressions of interest, which led to more than 20 election candidates in Years 7 to 9. Each candidate has written an election statement which is on Teams (their Year Group only), and elections will take place in tutor groups at the end of next week/beginning of the one after. Year 10 are clearly a bit shy, as only one candidate stepped forward, so we will be going round the process again for the remaining two places.

Hot Weather

There's something gently amusing about the European stereotype of the British in hot weather: half of us want to put on football shirts, complain about the heat after ten months of complaining it's not hot, and turn lobster red on the first day of sunshine. To a lesser extent this happens in school, too. Students want to ditch ties, wear PE kit all the time, and claim it's too hot to work (but not to play football at 90 miles an hour at lunchtime which is the hottest part of the day). Common sense applies, and we do our best to balance maintaining high standards with the implications of hot weather. There are things students can do to help, as they have a personal responsibility in this as well.

Ties are still part of school uniform and should be worn every day. The journey to school happens when the temperature is no more than 18 degrees, so that's not a problem. If it's going to be a hot day, we can allow students to remove them later.

Students should not be wearing PE kit to other lessons. It's not as if we're one of those schools which doesn't allow shorts!

Students are encouraged to bring a decent-size water bottle.

During social time, students are very welcome to stay indoors in the Giraffe House, canteen and elsewhere; we don't kick them out and bolt the doors. There are shady areas outside, too.

We have no objection to students wearing a hat as sun protection outdoors.

Students/parents are responsible for any sunscreen which may be required.

Kooth Launch- Mental Health and Wellbeing Platform

I regularly mention Kooth because it is established, reliable, confidential and practical. Students have been introduced to Kooth this week during their tutor sessions. This is a mental health and wellbeing platform that is a trusted partner of the NHS. Often students turn to apps and social media for help and advice. This site has specifically been designed to help students to access online help and support. The following video and guide will give you valuable information about the online support that is on offer if you feel your child would benefit please encourage them to take a look.

If you are interested in seeing the main resources, students in year 7 will be using this site as part of their Course 42 lessons during this term.

[Parent and Carer Brochure CO2.pdf \(frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Kooth The UK's leading mental health & wellbeing platform for children and young people - YouTube](#)

Stagecoach

We continue to hold meetings every now and again. Things have improved a lot compared with before Christmas, and it has been wonderfully noticeable this week that the roadworks by Lidl have gone. However, there are still occasional days when things go wrong, and we do raise these issues: children's welfare and sometimes safety is at stake. More good news for now, at least, is that the engineering works at Hele won't affect the exams season. Our relationship with Stagecoach works both ways – we will always cooperate to stamp out anti-social and/or dangerous behaviour.



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School Uniform Donations

If you have any unwanted uniform as a result of a growth spurt or a Year 11 leaving (jumpers, skirts, trousers, ties, the lot) then we would be delighted to have it. We still hope to build up enough stock for a proper used uniform provision, but in the meantime it is very valuable for families who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. Please bag up any washed, clean, serviceable items and drop them off at Reception/ get a child to drop it off at Reception. Thank you !

Prom News Story

Over half-term you might have seen a story in the local press about Clyst Vale “banning” a student from the forthcoming Year 11 Prom. I declined to comment in the press, because it is just plain wrong to discuss the details of any child’s school record in a newspaper, even to correct misconceptions. The word “banning” isn’t strictly accurate. That would suggest that all students are entitled to attend the Prom, but some are prevented from going. The Prom is by invitation, and some students are not invited; this isn’t just splitting hairs – there is no right for any student to go to the Prom. Each year a very small number are not invited; this is exactly the same as all local schools and probably nationally as well. The reasons a handful aren’t invited always relates to behaviour records and whether they might present a risk – the Prom is an off-site event at a hired venue, all staff attend voluntarily, and we are anxious to ensure high standards. We will always support students with SEND to attend (provided their behaviour has been at least satisfactory), and have often gone above and beyond to ensure this has happened.

With best wishes,



Kevin Bawn
Principal



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RDF	Zak Howland
7RTM	No permission to print
8RBAT	Mason Allway
8RHSP	Brooke O'Callaghan
9RSGA	Isaac Laramy
9RZB	Alex Martin
10RAO	Tom Power
10RMAH	Charlie Smith
11RER	-
11RGG	-

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YBH	No permission to print name
7YGG	Marley Patterson
8YMBR	No permission to print name
8YTZI	Milly Hookway
9YPNE	Rhys Williams
9YSS	Camyah Phillip
10YDST	Darcy White
10YSP	-
11YMPR	-
11YNS	-

GREEN SCHOOL

7GLT	Zoe Grant
7GMN	William Murphy
8GCMC	Archie Wilson
8GIM	No permission to print name
9GABr	Ruby Morris
9GDH	Cleo Symons
10GAW	Rebekah Adams
10GBA	Harry Smith
11GHE	-
11GSW	-

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
15th May to 28th June	GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS
Thursday 15th June—Saturday 17th June	Silver Assessed Dof E
20th to 27th June	Y12 Mock Exams
Monday 26th June	Y13 Prom
Thursday 29th June	Y6 Non Feeder Schools evening
Friday 30th June	Y11 Prom
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July	Post 16 Taster Days
Wednesday 5th July	Exeter College Discovery Day Y10
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July	Transition Days
Wednesday 12th July	Sports Day (13th July Reserve Sports Day) New Intake Parents' Evening
Week Commencing 17th July	Y10 & 12 Work Experience Woodlands Trips: Tues 18th—Y7 Weds 19th—Y9 Thurs 20th—Y8
Friday 21st July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM (Note Early finish 2pm)
Thursday 17th August	A & AS Level Results Day (9-11am)
Thursday 24th August	GCSE Results Day (9-11am)



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Rec Room

Rec Room is available across different platforms and is free to play. It can be played with or without a VR headset. Rec room consists of player created rooms, in which players can play games and interact with others.

Rec Room is rated as 9+ by the App store. For players under 13 years of age, they are assigned a junior account. When creating a junior account, you can also add your own email address, which will allow you to manage your child's password and other settings such as in app purchases. Users with a junior account will not be able to message each other.

You should be aware of the following if your child is playing Rec Room:

- In app purchases: make sure your bank account details are not linked to the device your child is playing on.
- Chat: if your child does not have a junior account then there is a chat facility within Rec Room so there is a risk that your child could communicate with strangers.
- Inappropriate content: your child may come across themes or content that is not appropriate for your child.

Rec Room does have reporting facilities so if your child is playing Rec Room, then please ensure they know how to use them and to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them.

You can find out more about Rec Room here:

<https://recroom.com/parents-guide>

Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody prominent on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account. Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share their own opinions, which could be misogynistic or racist for example. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact. It is important to talk to your child about the spread of misinformation online and how we should fact check and critically analyse what we see and hear online.

What we see on social media platforms is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, so we don't see a balanced picture. You can find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

Further information

The NSPCC have created an article detailing what you need to know about online influencers. You can read it here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>



Pinterest Safety Controls

You must be at least 13 years old to have a Pinterest account.

Pinterest is used for finding/storing ideas in categories such as recipes or home and fashion inspiration. Users can create a number of boards to which they 'pin' related ideas to, so they are organised and easy to find.



What safety settings does Pinterest have?

For those under 16, Pinterest sets the account as private. If your child is under 18, then you can add a passcode, which will allow you to manage some settings.

Reporting on Pinterest

If your child is using Pinterest, ensure that they know how to report content that does not meet the guidelines of Pinterest and how to block other users. You can find out more here:

<https://help.pinterest.com/en-gb/article/report-something-on-pinterest>

Further information

You can find out more using the links below:

- <https://business.pinterest.com/en-gb/teen-safety-on-pinterest/>
- <https://help.pinterest.com/en-gb/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store. Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version, such as in app purchases.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of:
<https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

Mental Health and Wellness Podcasts

Common Sense Media have curated a list of podcasts that might be suitable for teenagers. The podcasts listed include a description and reviews. You can find the article here:

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/best-mental-health-and-wellness-podcasts-for-kids-tweens-and-teens>

Money Savvy Online



Have you been scammed online?

As scammers become more sophisticated, it is important that we learn about the different approaches that they might use and what to look out for so we can protect ourselves. Barclays have listed some of the most common scams on their website:

<https://www.barclays.co.uk/fraud-and-scams/scams-protection/>

MoneySense from NatWest

NatWest have an area on their website full of useful articles and guidance to support your child and enhance your understanding. Articles include avoiding fraud and online scams, information on digital game currency, the dangers of fraud and do you know what a money mule is?

The site also includes activities to complete with your child to enhance their understanding of money including a 'savings challenge' for ages 5 – 8 and 'money and your mental health' aimed at young adults. You can find this information and lots more here:

<https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/parents/>

What is artificial intelligence (AI)?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity is increasing due to the likes of ChatGPT and more recently, My AI from Snapchat. Internet Matters have created a guide about using AI with your child and lists some popular AI tools that you should be aware of:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

In addition, Childnet have produced this blog about Snapchat's My AI:
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/snapchats-new-ai-chatbot-and-its-impact-on-young-people/>

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Clyst Vale Library is a dual use library located within Clyst Vale Community College. The library is open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and is open to the students at Clyst Vale Community College throughout the week.

The entrance to access the library is through Clyst Vale's main entrance (reception,) then turning right, from there you will see the libraries entrance.

Public opening hours; Monday **3.30 – 5.30pm**, Wednesday 3.30- 5.30pm and Thursday **4 –6pm**

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/>



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2023 Pre Exam Student Briefing Sessions

Year 11

Key Reminders for Students Taking Exams

- If you have an exam, you wait in the playground/outside the exam room 10-15 minutes before the start time.
- You only go to registration if you do not have an exam at that time.
- Remember that exam room rules are much stricter than school rules, and usually there are no excuses.
- Equipment: black pens and spares, pencils, ruler, eraser, full maths/science equipment (calculator when allowed, protractor, compass). Clear pencil case.
- No labels on water bottles which must be see-through.
- No watches, no internet-enabled devices, no smartphones.
- Coats and hoodies – even leavers' hoodies - are not permitted in the exam rooms.
- No sweets or gum (exception for health reasons).
- Students in the Hall will leave coats and bags in the changing rooms which will be locked.
- Full, proper College uniform expected
- When leaving your exam, remember others may not have finished (so don't gather in the playground !)

Subject	Exam	Tier (if any)	Date (s)	Time	Room (s)	Teacher (s)
English Language	GCSE	-	12 th June	0830	English	VO/English Team
Spanish Writing	GCSE	Both	13 th June	Lunch	MF4	CMC/DJO
Combined Science	Chemistry 2	F & H	13 th June	0830-0850	Sc1	MS
Chemistry	Paper 2	F & H	13 th June	0830-0850	Sc5	GG
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	14 th June	0800	MA8	MB
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	14 th June	0800	MA5	BA
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	14 th June	0800	MA2	TM
Maths	GCSE	Foundation	14 th June	0800	MA1	GT
Maths	GCSE	Higher	14 th June	0815	MA3	AT
Maths	GCSE	Higher	14 th June	0800	MA7	PN
Maths	GCSE	Higher	14 th June	0800	MA4	MP
History	GCSE	Germany	15 th June	0830	HU7	MN
Combined Science	Physics 2	F & H	16 th June	0830-0850	Sc1	CM
Physics	Paper 2	F & H	16 th June	0830-0850	Sc5	DF
Geography	GCSE	Paper 3	16 th June	1225	HU8	LT
DT	GCSE		19 th June	0815	DT1	BA/DH

Want Cake?

On Friday the 16th of June the school's amnesty group's holding a bake sale to celebrate Pride Month.



If your child would like cake, please ask them to bring 50p to school and come to the plaza at break. All of our profit will be going to charity.

As it's pride month, the charity we've chosen to send our money to will be The Kaleidoscope Trust. This charity supports LGBTQ+ people abroad in the 67 countries where being gay is still considered a crime. Support pride, buy cake.

We'd really appreciate your help.

Many thanks,

The Amnesty Group.



CVCC-Inter-School-Touch-Rugby-World-Cup-(Years-7-10):¶

Boys-Tournament:-W/C-June-26-30¶

Girls-Tournament:-W/C-July-3-7¶

By-Invitation-Only¶

X5/6-Teams-per-School=-16-teams-in-total¶

X8-Boys-X8-Girls-from-each-School/Year-to-be-involved¶

Y12-Sports-Studies-Students-to-officiate¶

Group-Stages:-¶

-Group-Stages:-x1-game-of-10-mins-one-way-Monday-Lunchtime¶

→ → ...x2-games-of-10-mins-one-way-Tuesday-Lunchtime¶

Quarter-Finals:-12-mins-one-way-Wednesday-Lunchtime¶

Semi-Finals:-12-mins-one-way-Thursday-Lunchtime¶

Final/Bronze-Medal-Matches:-12-Mins-one-way-Friday-Lunchtime¶

Pool-A:¶	Pool-B:¶	Pool-C:¶	Pool-D:¶
New-Zealand¶	South-Africa¶	Portugal¶	Argentina¶
France¶	Scotland¶	Australia¶	England¶
Namibia¶	Tonga¶	Wales¶	Samoa¶
Italy¶	Ireland¶	Fiji¶	Japan¶



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Clyst Vale Community College

who spent

312 Hours

**volunteering between
1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.**

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement
of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

£1500

RUTH MARVEL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

June 2023



Library News!

AllStudentsTeam

Library Competition - genre bingo!! Students can collect their bingo cards from the library. There are prizes to be won!

Lunch-time Book Club for year 7 and 8. Year 7, next Wednesday (14/06) and year 8, next Thursday (15/06.)

Come to the library for 1.45pm to participate.



Attenborough's Army There is no planet B!

Attenborough's army are selling reusable water bottles, buying a reusable water bottle will help our planet by using less plastic.

The money made from the water bottles will be for the wildlife garden here at Clyst Vale. The money will allow students to buy wild bird seed, plants, bird boxes and more, to help our wild garden flourish.

You can purchase a bottle via school gateway, at £5's each, proof of payment will need to be seen when collecting the bottle from the library, a screen shot of the receipt would be perfect, or alternatively, £5 cash to the librarian when collecting. Thank you for your support!



The Harry Patch Peace garden at Clyst Vale.

Many staff and students know the story of the Harry Patch peace garden but I know that staff who are new to Clyst Vale and new students and parents have little idea as to why we have a big garden behind the Humanities block dedicated to Mr Patch and all of those who served in the Great War 1914-1918.

The idea of creating a garden came after one of our year 9 history trips to the First World War battlefields. We ran this trip from 2014 until covid sadly put a stop to our planned trip in 2020. To see huge, beautifully tended, Commonwealth War Cemeteries such as Tyne Cot is very moving. We also made a point of visiting the German Cemetery near Ypres. (conscript armies from all the nations)

One of my former students, Luke Bowen, had as a year 9 history student done a research project on the last survivors of the Great War and discovered that Harry Patch, who served in the Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry was then aged 109 and was living in a care home in Wells Somerset. I phoned the home and asked if he would be willing to meet me. He was willing to do so and my daughter and I visited him the following Sunday. He was so impressive. He was happy to chat to us and showed me a letter that he had just received from the Belgian King awarding him their highest military medal. He always insisted that he was no one special. He was badly wounded as a 19 year old and his 3 best friends were killed on 22nd September 1917, which meant that 22nd September became his special memorial day. He became a pacifist and described war as "nothing more than organised mass murder". When he was over 100 he met a German survivor who had also fought in Belgium and they became firm friends. I was invited to his 111th birthday party in Wells and my students at the time made beautiful birthday cards for him. He died just a few weeks later and I went to his funeral and then went to Westminster Abbey that autumn with an A level History student, Cissy Street-Mellor, for a service to honour the last British Servicemen from the Great War.

To create a garden I had a huge amount of help from Mrs Manaton. We dug a garden, over the summer holidays, and then attempted to find plants to represent the nations and the young men who fought.

Local garden centres donated bulbs and my year 12 tutor group of the time planted 600 bulbs.



We have poppies, as the Commonwealth War flower of remembrance is the poppy, and have tried to include as many nations as possible. When we could not find a flower we bought statues. We now have

For France....Cornflowers

Germany....forget me nots

New Zealand.....kiwi statue (New Zealand, of all the nations, lost the highest percentage of their young men)

India...elephant statue

Australia ...koala statue (which overlooks the garden)

The African nations.....Agapanthus (African lily)

Wales.....daffodils

Scotland....thistle

Canada...tulip named "Calgary"

USA....Philadelphus named "Minnesota Morning"

We also have rosemary for remembrance, five "Peace" roses and a special rose named "Talbot House" which was grown to resemble the shape of a poppy. Talbot House was the place near Ypres where British troops were able to stay for rest and recuperation away from the front line. Harry Patch went there and commented that in the garden at Talbot House he heard bird song for the first time since arriving in Belgium.

I have always had help looking after the garden from my tutor group. Eve Wollen and her family were especially helpful over the past two years. This year 12HP were able to help with a big weeding session.

For 22nd September 2023 we will be doing a fundraising event to remember the victims of the Great War and all subsequent wars. As a student of history it is horrific for me to think that we now have another war in Europe with young men living in trenches. Once again, sadly, we have so many innocent victims of war.

The pictures of the garden show that it is still flourishing, although it always needs work! What was once a grass bank being the Humanities block is now a garden that attracts so many insects and birds. Like the Talbot House garden we also have a lot of birdsong.

Mrs Padden



Cornflower for France



Kiwi for New Zealand



Peace Rose

**The Harry Patch
Peace Garden at
Clyst Vale**



Koala for Australia



Talbot House Rose



Elephant for India

RE: Year 9 students who will be taking GCSE PE / Sport Studies – Polo & Squad Tops

If your child has chosen to study GCSE PE or Sport Studies in Year 10. During the course he/she has the option to purchase a course polo shirt and/or Squad Top.

The polo shirt/squad top will be worn for practical GCSE PE or sport studies lessons and when students officiate or umpire tournaments within the College. The polo shirt and Squad tops are of a high quality, light-weight breathable material and will be printed with the student's last name on the reverse, both tops will have the Clyst Vale Community College Crest on the front left.

This optional Polo shirt will cost £21.00 whilst the Squad top costs are £21.50.

If you would like to purchase a polo shirt for your child, please make payment by Monday 3rd July 2023. Payment can be made online through the online payment system www.schoolgateway.com. This can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/>

These polo shirts will be personalised with your child's surname. We cannot send them back if the size ordered is incorrect.

You will receive an email regarding more information and sizes this week.

Any further questions please let me know.

Mrs Broomfield





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SUMMER CAMPS



RAFT BUILDING, SUP & OBSTACLE COURSE

Build a raft, learn to paddle board and take on our mud run and obstacle course! You'll feel a sense of achievement, make new friends and laugh a lot.



SURVIVAL SKILLS

Learn new survival skills including fire making, shelter building, tracking and foraging, map reading, river crossing and more!



TEAM CHALLENGES

Our challenges will test you as individuals and as a team while you learn to problem solve and grow in confidence.



FROM 31/07 TO 25/08 2023
0800-1730 DAILY MON-FRI
BOOK WEEKLY FOR £225 (£45PER DAY)

CONTACT US:
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LUNCH-CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing-Room	Teacher
Monday	Film-Club	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs-Harrison
Monday	Chess-Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs-Crawford
Monday	Year-9-13-Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports-Hall	Sports-Hall	Mr-Powell
Monday	Year-10-11-Softball	Lunchtime	Field		Mr-Pearce
Monday	Year-7,8-&9-Cricket	Lunchtime	Top-Field		Mr-Stapleton
Monday	D-&T-Club	Lunchtime	DT1		Mr-White
Tuesday	Trailblazers	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss-Nash
Tuesday	Ten-Tors/DofE—commencing-after-Half-Term	1.30pm-to-2.10pm	MA8		Miss-Barratt/Mr-Eales
Tuesday	Amnesty-Club	1.30pm-to-2.10pm	FN7		Miss-Watt
Tuesday	Choir	Lunchtime	PA2—w/c 6 th -Feb		Mr-Hawkins
Tuesday	KS4/KS5-Work-Experience-&Careers-Drop-In	Lunchtime	Careers-Base		Miss-Bennett
Tuesday	Year-8-&9-Tchuckball	Lunchtime	Sports-Hall	Sports-Hall	Mr-Powell-&Miss-Hall
Tuesday	Week-B—Yr 7/8/9—Science-Club	Lunchtime	SC4		Dr-Odunlade/Mrs-Spencer/Mr-Ferrett
Tuesday	GCSE-Art-&Photography-Catch-Up	Lunchtime	AR2/IT4		Mrs-Walton
Wednesday	Week-B—LGBTQ+ Group	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr-Zimblers
Wednesday	Week-A—Eco-Committee	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr-Zimblers
Wednesday	Yr-11-Theory-Catch-Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs-Crook
Wednesday	Year-11-GCSE-PE-Revision/Catch-Up	Lunchtime	IT1—but-PE5-from-Feb		Mrs-Broomfield
Wednesday	Year-7-&8-Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports-Hall	Sports-Hall	Mr-Powell-&Michael-Rothery
Wednesday	Year-11-GCSE-PE-Workshop	Lunchtime	PE5		Mrs-Broomfield
Thursday	History-Club	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss-Nash
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	Debate-Society	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs-Harrison
Thursday	Year-11—Indoor-Football	Lunchtime	Sports-Hall	Sports-Hall	Mr-Stapleton
Thursday	Year-10-&11—Softball	Lunchtime	Field		Mr-Pearce
Thursday	Year-10-&11—Dance-Exam-Class	Lunchtime	Studio	Studio	Mrs-Elliott
Thursday	Year-10-&11—Boxing-Club INVITE-ONLY	Lunchtime	Studio	Studio	Mrs-Roger
Thursday	Year-9—Rounders INVITE-ONLY	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities	Mrs-Broomfield

Thursday	Yu GIOh! 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 Ferrett
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Friday	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3 – w/c 6 th Feb		Mr Hawkins

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



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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.

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