



NEWSLETTER

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“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”

- **Native American**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 20th October will be a non-uniform day. 50p suggested donation. Proceeds to UNICEF.

Parents' Information Evenings

Thank you to Year 11 parents for coming to the Revision Evening on Monday. I spoke to a few students who attended, and they tell me that it was a very useful evening reinforcing good advice. For example, the importance of hitting a sensible balance: yes, GCSEs are important, but it's also important not to over-revise or become anxious too soon, and to maintain out-of-school activities. Also useful was the explanation of the 4:1 revision programmes. One student said that their parents found the evening very reassuring, and from his point of view it was great that he and his parents were now “on the same page” about revision !

Camps International

The information evening on Tuesday was well-attended, with nearly 70 students/families present. I'm not surprised in the level of interest, as the Camps expeditions are amazing and for some young people life-changing. The cost is far from cheap, so there will be fund-raising idea meetings happening very soon (next Friday)!

Annual Awards

It was really lovely to present the 2022-23 winners with their individual awards this week. I never get tired of saying that the esoteric selection really represents the values of Clyst Vale (although I suppose you might get tired of reading it). The Caring Cup, The RRS Shield, Outstanding Achievement Award, Spirit of Devon Progress Award, Tolman-May “Strive and Achieve” Award, and The Pope's Challice for Performing Arts. Congratulations respectively to Jess Massey, Ellie Riddle, Harry Crees, Rebecca Loaring, Tom Shelton, and Lily Roberts. Each one of them has made Clyst Vale a better place. Photos coming soon !

The Great Outdoors

It's a pleasure to report that 51 Year 9 students attended the briefing session on Monday lunchtime for the Bronze DofE expedition, which shows both students' interest and commitment. Not only that, but 72 Year 9 and Year 10 students turned up on Tuesday lunchtime for the launch meeting for Ten Tors 2024!

Sixth Form News

This week Exeter Scholars visited and presented to students. This is an Exeter University programme aimed at students who might be undecided about university, and provides them with various activities and lectures as a series of taster experiences.

We have three students applying to Oxford or Cambridge, with a looming deadline for application ! Otherwise, UCAS applications and our support processes are still very much a focus, as our internal deadline is in the first week of December.



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POST-16 OPEN EVENING. Our Sixth Form is absolutely brilliant, with class sizes to die for, a really supportive family feel, and excellent outcomes (provided students work hard; 'twas ever thus). The Open Evening is on Thursday 9th November: put a date in the diary !

Next week is a DLD (see below). The focus is on employability skills as part of the careers programme. Year 12 will be doing something not dissimilar to Taskmaster, while Year 13's focus is on interview skills with "real" employers and organisations.

DLD, Thursday 19th October

For the benefit of parents and carers whose children are new to the College....

DLD stands for Deep Learning Day. We've run them for over ten years, and once upon a time we did five a year (now three). The idea is simple. The normal timetable is collapsed for the day, and students based in year groups do an activity or theme focusing on one topic so that the learning is "deeper". Some activities target "softer" skills of leadership, teamwork and presentation which aren't always possible to develop in one-hour lessons. In the past, this has allowed certain curriculum trips, and for many years DLD is a important mechanism for covering the PSHE curriculum. The days enable us to bring in external speakers and agencies as well: practically it's easier for them to access one day rather than six different lessons at different times across a fortnight.

The "L" stands for "learning". This is important. While normal lessons don't happen on the day, some of the activities are particularly interesting and engaging, and we make the activities and content age-appropriate. they are not intended to be just "fun" days. Although the learning is different, less formal, it's still learning. Clearly, our normal rules and expectations apply.

To illustrate this, the themes for next Thursday are as follows: Year 7 Moon Base; Year 8 Tyre Challenge; Year 9 Personal Safety; Year 10 Careers (Interview Skills and Assessment); Year 11 Drugs & Alcohol Education; and Sixth Form employability skills.

Staffing News

I am sure you're aware that we have been holding interviews for Deputy Principal (Curriculum) yesterday and today; at the time of writing this, I don't know yet the outcome!

Unfortunately, Stephen Lea has left us, and we welcome back Richard Laister to continue to cover Music. This is not an ideal situation, and is sadly an illustration of the recruitment difficulties facing schools: there just are not the teachers out there in certain subjects.

Mentioning the Interviews this Week...

It's always good when we have interviews like this, as it's a two-way process and we pick up the views of experienced visitors to the College (although obviously they won't be too critical as they want the job, after all). Candidates commented very favourably on the atmosphere and ethos of Clyst Vale; how RRS really means something and is embedded; the friendliness of staff; how knowledgeable students are; the breadth of our curriculum given the school's small-to-medium size; and more.

And a word to praise and congratulate the students who have been involved during the two days. There were classes being taught; a student interview panel who were amazing; various informal conversations; Year 9 had three successive assemblies and the tutor captains really impressed me with their feedback (and they put the chairs away). Yet again, CVCC students are often our best ambassadors.

Library News

Last school year we had a big push on fiction in the school Library – weeding out old books and unpopular ones, updating the stock, and bringing in new stock with more appeal. This year the big push is on non-fiction, again weeding out the oldest and least used books and replacing them with newer, more relevant ones. I say "we", but I really mean Mrs Southard, the College Librarian !

It's really great to see how the Rights Respecting School section is growing. It literally started out as seven books, but is now on three shelves. It brings together fiction and non-fiction about children's rights and human rights in general, as well as equality, diversity and sustainable development goals. The only downside is if you are a huge fan of the dewey decimal system in libraries, because the numbers are muddled up...

Last term's Book Sale was a great success and thanks to Mrs Gubby (Public Librarian) it carried on throughout the summer holiday. This is a brilliant example of the way that the school and the public sides work together and support each other and support our local community. It's why I have fought hard to keep the dual-use element going every time it was threatened.

Coming up soon....Mrs Southard will be calling for student librarian volunteers from Year 7 to join the existing team. And, next half-term there will be the "reading in an unusual place" photo competition....



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The Big Ambition

I've mentioned this before. It's a national survey of children and young people launched by Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza. The deadline isn't until December 15th, so this is just a reminder as we always like to promote student voice ! The following link has more information, and access to the survey itself. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>

Transport News: Stationary Road ?

Like a cheap sci-fi horror film, the traffic lights are surrounding us and closing in...first the B3181, and now Station Road and Cranbrook...

The B3181 roadworks were supposed to be there for seven days, which are now up, but the lights have moved up the road a bit so maybe a new set of seven days has started.....

In Cranbrook there is a road closure from the so-called "fourth" roundabout (from our end) into Cranbrook, so students getting the CV bus will have to walk to the stop by the Jack in the Green.

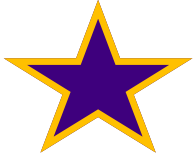
And then there's Station Road at The Fords. Devon County Council is replacing the pedestrian walkway. This will take five weeks starting next Monday, and there will be a traffic control allowing one way traffic. This will not affect the routes of any school buses. Although, if the traffic lights aren't well placed - what with the parked cars and the bridge - I just hope the buses can get through....

So, the message is clear. Please allow more time if you come by car; get an earlier public Stagecoach bus where possible; and make sure students are at the right bus stop ! On the one hand the government rightly wants us to improve attendance and punctuality, while on the other Devon CC are literally placing obstacles in the road.....

Best wishes as always,



Kevin Bawn



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RER	No Permission to Name
7RGG	No Permission to Name
8RDFE	Izzy Pincott
8RTMA	Aiden Smith
9RBAT	Freya Bowden
9RNS	
10RZB	Kaine Abbott
10RSGA	Ruby Hopkins
11RMA H	Roxy Allaway
11RCMO	Lily Christopher

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YCBO	No Permission to Name
7YCFL	No Permission to Name
8YGGA	No Permission to Name
8YBHA	Fidel Tarabay
9YMBR	Fola Fakiyesi
9YSWA	George Martin
10YSS	Violet Newbury
10YADA	Lauren Shelton
11YDST	Lilyana Ward
11YEHA	

GREEN SCHOOL

7GRTU	No Permission to Name
7GHE	No Permission to Name
8GMNA	Sam Hughes
8GLT	No Permission to Name
9GCMC	Rosie Davis
9GDJ	No Permission to Name
10GABR	Sam Pratt
10GDH	Annie Glassco
11GAWO	No Permission to Name
11GGT	Rhys Smith

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	Half Term
Saturday 4th November	Ten Tors Day Training Walk 1
Thursday 9th November	Post 16 Open Evening
Saturday 11th November	Ten Tors Day Training Walk 2
Week Commencing Monday 27th November	Y11 Mock Exams
Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December	Ten Tors Weekend Camp 1
Thursday 7th December	Flu Immunisations & Y13 Parents Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 14th December	Shepton Mallett Trip



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The Clever Chefs autumn menu is available on our website via the link below:

<https://www.clystvale.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/>



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Y9 Boys Rugby: Tiverton 24-15 Clyst Vale

Well done to the Y9 boys rugby squad who played Tiverton on Wednesday afternoon. It was a real battle between some fast and agile boys, mixed with some hugely powerful runners and tacklers. The CVCC side was bolstered by some of the most talented Y8's who made an appearance in the second half.

The boys ran hard and made good ground and managed to secure the ball well under pressure at the breakdown. Notably Oscar led the way giving little away at the ruck. Fin and Owen ran hard and broke tackles but it was Tiverton that scored first.

At scrum half Aiden passed well and got his runners moving with some fine charges from Ollie and Archie. The scrums were outstanding as well as the line out and built a platform from which to attack. It wasn't long before Owen put the scores level. George added a second before half time, only to have a nice passing move rewarded with a try for Tiverton. They converted this one and the half finished 12-10 in Tiverton's favour. In the second half Clyst Vale made a number of changes to give the subs some experience. Tiverton responded with two more tries despite some brilliant defence from Owen, George, Fin and Ollie.

Then with minutes remaining Dillon scored an excellently worked try and the scores were 24-15. This triggered a frantic finale with the Clyst Vale boys pouring forward with new scrum half Will launching attack after attack. In the end Clyst Vale fell just short in a memorable game. Cheers all round for two good teams from parents and team mates at the final whistle. Player of the match was Dillon for an excellent all round performance in defence and attack. Plus a positive attitude in the midst of the ferocity of the game. Well done to all the players who represented Clyst Vale so well.

Mr J Powell





POST 16
AT CVCC

Clyst Vale
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A Science, Maths and Computing Academy

BE CHALLENGED, BE INSPIRED, BE SUPPORTED

Clyst Vale Community College Post 16 Open Evening

Thursday 9 November 6pm – 8pm

We extend a very warm welcome to prospective students and parents on Thursday 9 November 2023. Presentations will take place at 6.00pm and 7:00pm with our subject staff available throughout the evening.

Clyst Vale Community College, Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, EX5 3AJ
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Devon, EX15 1PZ
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Cullompton Rugby Club Junior Section

Extra session added due to demand from parents and teachers

**“Every parent and teacher should see this...”
Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster school, Dorset.**

Do you sometimes find your teens behaviour confusing?
challenging? worrying?



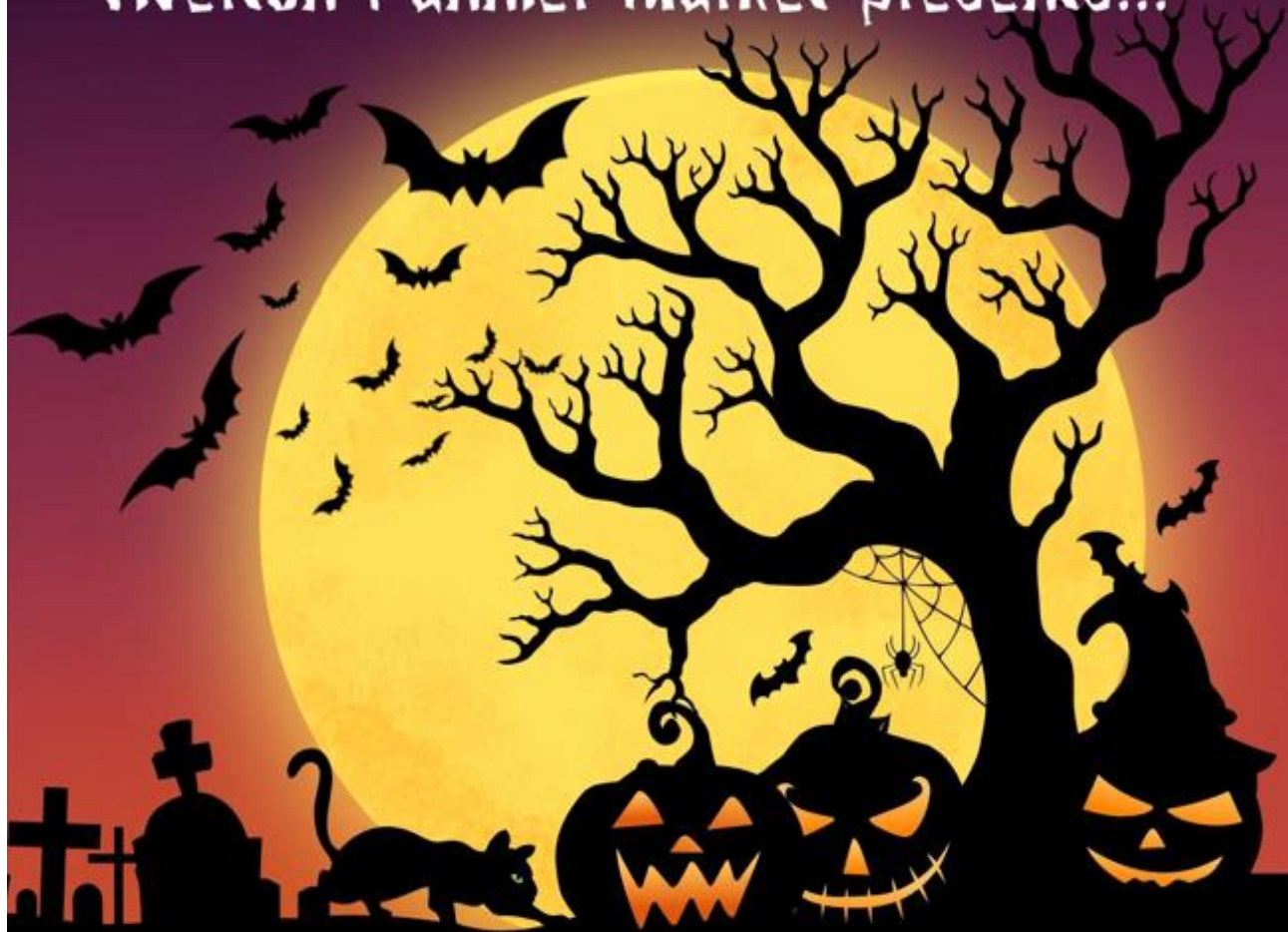
UNDERSTANDING THE TEENAGE BRAIN

30th October 2023. 6:30-8:30pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE
giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers!), explaining why teens,
think, feel, and behave very differently from adults.

Book online now £24 facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Tiverton Pannier Market presents...



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN HUNT

Saturday 28 October (10am to 2pm)

- 50p to enter (guaranteed prize)
- Collect entry form from central lobby and, afterwards, return it to Kwirky Krafts stall in wooden units
- Fancy dress, lantern making, face painting and Curry Shack
- Running alongside "A Chance to Shine" music event



Ambassador Volunteer



Hi, my name is Sam. I have trained as an Ambassador Volunteer.

An Ambassador Volunteer is intended to be a link for their local community available to signpost families to information, advice and support, particularly around special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and to also ensure the voices of parents are heard.

As an Ambassador Volunteer, I will be building links within my own community and connecting to a network across Devon. I will actively cascade information in my own community network from: Devon Information, Advice and Support Service (DiAS) and the Parent Carer Forum Devon. I will also be a link in our community to help ensure the voices of our parents in our area are heard and can influence changes to policy and practice.

My passion and motivation comes from my personal experience in our SEND journey. My son was diagnosed with Autism at 6yrs old, after a battle with professionals. I fought to keep him in mainstream and with the right support, he gained 5 GCSEs and is now attending Exeter College. My 15yr old daughter has complex needs; Autism and high profile selective mutism are only 2 of her diagnoses. I did her ECHP myself and when she was out of education for 10 months, I fought again to get her in alternative provision. She finally settled and is working towards her GCSEs.

With the help and support of a nurse from our GP practice, I am the coordinator of Cranbrook SEND group. We meet regular to support families in Cranbrook and surrounding areas.

For more information please contact-

cranbrooksendproject@btinternet.com



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Cranbrook Community Send Group

For more information about the Ambassador Volunteer Project: If you are interested and would like to know how you could find out more about the project or become an Ambassador Volunteer, please get in touch! Sarah Lord, Ambassador Volunteer Coordinator, sarah.lord@devon.gov.uk, 07815490088



CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SEND PROJECT



WE ARE ALL IN IT

CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SEND GROUP

For further information
on sessions, meeting dates
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT
067788

Meetup dates

● 1st Tues of EVERY month
@Cafe143 9.30-10.30

● 3rd Fri of EVERY month@
5Alive (Wellbeing hub)

CEC

6-7.30PM

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join us fo

Members
welcome.
necessary.

Cranbrook Community
Project for families with
needs children aim to provide
support group in a safe place
parents can meet other parents,
share their experiences, and talk with
others in a similar situation.

Together we can support each other,
offer emotional support, and learn
strategies to help with the challenges
faced in everyday life.

We want you to feel valued and
included in the lovely Community of
Cranbrook and surrounding villages.

- Information, Resources and Advice
- Activities and Social Events
- Guest Speakers to Educate and Inform
- Receive Signposting to Local, National Services, Organisations and Groups
- Participate in Shaping Local Services

Sam Wells Ambassador Volunteer / Nurse Naomi Cranbrook Medical Practice

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- f Cranbrook Community Support Project
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- WhatsApp Cranbrook Community SEND 07359 067788
- Arrange a call back by leaving a message with 01392 462013



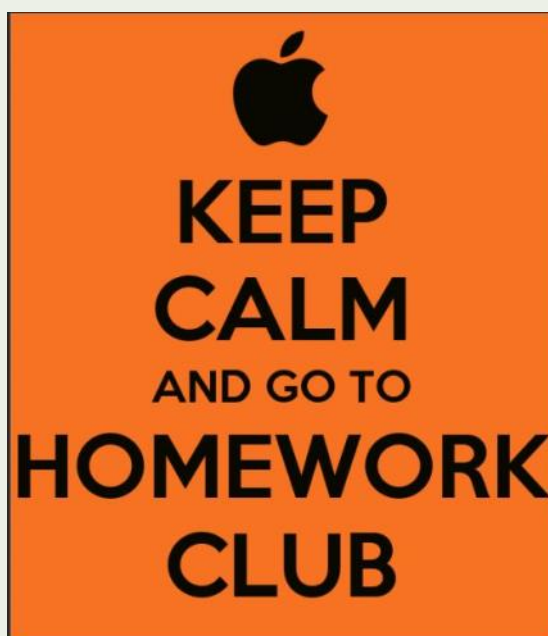
Library



Mock/GCSE pencil cases. Available from September. £4.50 per pencil case. We also sell calculators for £10- although prices may vary. What's included? A clear pencil case, 1 pencil, a blue, black, and red pen. 1 highlighter. 1 ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener. **Cash only** unfortunately.

The library does sell stationery all year round. |

Homework Club in IT2
Monday to Friday Lunchtime
1.30-2pm
Monday to Thursday After-
school 3.30—4.45pm





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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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/Cath Prunty (Attendance Officers)

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 and copy in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvale.org