

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs

Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

The exam season draws to a close next week. Thank you to absolutely everyone who has contributed to supporting our exam candidates, and for making the whole process work so successfully. From next week we return to our normal timetable and there will be no more early lunches. I am sure I speak for many staff when I say we are looking forward to celebrating with our Year 13 and Year 11 students at their upcoming proms.

As we enter into the final phase of this academic year, we are also preparing to welcome our new intake in September. In our commitment to ensuring the success of all students at the College, we have already conducted several enhanced transition events. Last night, we welcomed students from non-feeder schools, reflecting the positive reputation we hold in the local community. Our Year 7 students who supported with this event were a credit to the College.

This week has been filled with events and activities that highlight what a privilege it is to lead such a special school. On Tuesday, our Youth Cultural Champions attended a workshop with Sandhya Dave from Devon Development Education. The students presented something from their culture, showcasing their knowledge and passion. They shared food, traditional clothes presentations, enriching us all with their diverse backgrounds.

I also had the honour of attending the Ten Tors presentation on Tuesday, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and reward our students who participated in the challenge. We enjoyed some lovely photos capturing their journey from training to completion, and the students spoke eloquently about the benefits of their participation. We look forward to building upon our wider curriculum programme next year, as it plays an important role in the holistic development of our students.

Finally, I want to commend our Year 9 students who participated in the Carnegie Awards at Queen Elizabeth school. They were exemplary ambassadors for the College, demonstrating politeness and composure, making us proud. You can read more about their achievements later in the newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sara Jacobs, Principal

Key Dates for next week

Summer Term Dates

- 28 June—Year 11 Prom
- 9 July—Sports Day
- 10 July—Reserve Sports Day
- 24 July—Summer Holiday Begins

CARNEGIE 2024



On Thursday 13th of June, seven students including myself, participated in the Yoto Carnegie awards. This was to present the shortlisted book of our choice, *Boy Lost in The Maze*. It's a book about manhood and follows two main characters, one in Ancient Greece and one in London (both tales cleverly intertwine). We met up as a group multiple times in the weeks before and had an intensive day of making posters and props on Wednesday, all in preparation for presenting our book.

The presentations from the schools were held in Crediton with an award-winning guest author, Candy Gourlay giving the results and speaking about her experience with reading and writing books. In the end seven schools entered including Clyst Vale. All the presentations were well thought out and presented in unique ways which was why we were very pleased to come 3rd place. This has been a great achievement for me and the other students as well as the teachers who have helped us to do it.

On that note thank you to Ms Southard who was there for our presentation and helped plan it. As well as Ms Borgen-Davis who has similarly assisted in organising the event for us. And lastly thank you to Mr Stapleton who drove us there and back in the minibus. This has been a brilliant opportunity for all the students involved and we are incredibly grateful.

From Elliot Clayton



As a member of staff from Clyst Vale, these seven students couldn't have represented Clyst vale any better than they did. I had many comments from other staff from other schools about how polite they were and how smart they looked. The hard work and dedication from these students were outstanding. Mrs Borgen-Davis and I are extremely proud of them.

Well done to, Darcy, Elizabeth, Elliot, Blessings, Olive, Lily, Remus , and Tabitha.

Mrs Lucy Southard

Y10 & Y11 Students Work Experience Opportunity with 'The Big Step'

As part of The Big Step's initiative, students have the opportunity to apply for valuable experience in teaching and coaching during our summer transition programme (Y6 into Y7). All work experience activities offered through The Big Step are fully covered by The Big Step comprehensive insurance policy.

Role: Students will assist with setting up activities, helping participating students, and taking small groups for various sessions.

Benefits: A £20 Amazon voucher for their contribution; a reference for future employment (available upon request); valuable work experience in a supportive environment; and Volunteer hours that can be counted towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award (if applicable).

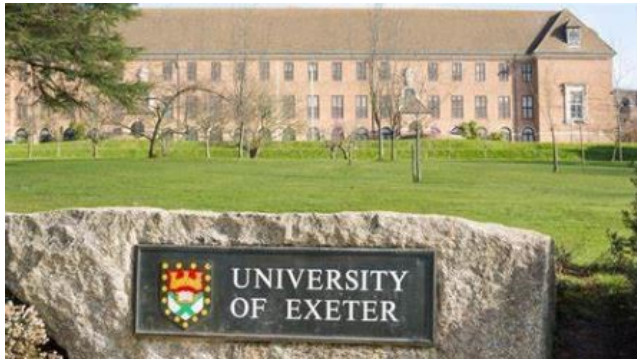
Programme Details: Dates: 19th- 23rd August 2024

Location: Clyst Vale Community College (5 days)

Application Process: Interested students should register their interest by FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 24 by completing the following 2 minute form: <https://forms.gle/tQxtuhmUvGmzkLVx6>

This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain practical skills, enhance their CVs, and contribute positively to their community. We believe this experience will be immensely beneficial for their personal and professional development. To give you a better idea of the benefits and experiences previous work experience students have enjoyed, several videos showcasing their involvement and feedback have been compiled. These videos can be found on the 'Register Your Interest' form above. We encourage students to watch these videos (links below) to see firsthand the positive impact and valuable skills gained by those who have participated in the programme.

GCSE Religion and Theology Trip



Last week our GCSE Religious Studies groups were provided with an opportunity to attend Exeter University for their Religion and Theology day.

As part of their visit they took part in four University lectures from scholars across the Religion and Theology department. Students considered issues around Ethics, Teleological arguments and environmentalism, Feminism and the Bible and Buddhism. This opportunity not only provided a fantastic insight into University style learning, but built upon our GCSE curriculum while also extending their learning beyond the classroom. Our students were a credit to Clyst Vale.

Devon Schools Athletics Finals



Well done to the athletes from Clyst Vale who competed in the Devon Schools Athletics championships on Saturday.

A beautiful sunny day with a brisk NNW wind greeted the competitors and kept those in charge of measuring wind speed on their toes!

All of the students participating came away with results to be proud of and represented Clyst Vale brilliantly - well done.

Mr Powell, Head of PE

News from Post 16

Year 13

A number of Year 13 students have now completely finished their final exams – congratulations!

Please may we remind Y13s to ensure that they complete and submit a Leaver's Form on their final day, and pass this to Sue Voysey along with their access card, before leaving school for the last time.

We look forward to celebrating with the whole year group at Zizzi's on Friday 21st June.

Year 12

Last week, we emailed home to all of our Year 12 parents and carers, with details about the key activities and events that are taking place for the remainder of the summer term – here is a list of what is coming up.

Mon 24 – Weds 26 June – Y12 end of year exams

Thurs 27 June – Plymouth University visit

Tues 02 July – Post 18 Information Evening for parents & guardians (please complete reply form to let us know if you are coming)

Tues 09 July – Festival on the Field

Friday 12 July – Y12 Future Preparation Day (9am – 2pm)

Mon 15 – Fri 19 July – Work Experience week

Mon 22 & Tues 23 July – Study Days

Thurs 15 August – AS results day (10am onwards)

Student of the Week

Tei-Jai Davies 7GRTU Harry Walters 7GHE 7RER Aimee Bailey 7RGG Katie Down YCBO NP2N 7YCFL	William Harwood 8GMN 8GLT Max Kirk 8RDF NP2N 8RTMA Lillie Bowden 8YGG Joshua Stamp 8YBH	Abi Alakija 9GCMC Oscar Trevelyan 9GDJ Ben Peacock 9RBAT NP2N 9RNS 9YMBR George O'Malley 9YSWA
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Charlie Cartwright 10GABR Cleo Symons 10GDH Aaron Davies 10RZB Bethan Burt-Jones 10RSGA Savannah Bailey 10YSS Jaime Salter 10YADA	11GAW 11GGT 11RMAH 11RCMO 11YDST 11YLH	Harrison James 12ZK
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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Claire Haynes	Head of Post 16	haynesc@clystvale.org
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Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

Year 9 students going into Year 10 for September PE Tops available

There is a letter that will be sent out this week regarding 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.

If you would like to purchase a polo shirt or squad top for your child the letter you have been emailed has more details.

The deadline for Payment Monday 1st July 2024. 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.clystvaled.org/>

Any questions, please see Mrs Broomfield.

Laptops

Please could any Year 11 students that have borrowed a laptop from the school, return it to Student Services as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 11 Prom 28 June 2024



Please purchase your child's prom ticket through School Gateway and ask your child to collect their ticket from Student Services. We have been donated some lovely prom dresses, if your child would like to look at them and try one on, please ask them to come to Student Services when they are in college. We also have a couple of suits.

Year 11 Events

You will now be able to purchase the following items on School Gateway:-

Prom ticket- £45

Year Book - £20.50 the closing date is Friday 13th June.

Hoodies may be purchased online via <https://www.leavershoodies.com/clyst-vale-community-college-2024-yr-11-leavers>

Closing date for orders is 11pm Sunday 16th June.

Year books will be given out on results day and hoodies are expected to be delivered to CVCC on 13th June.

Any queries please direct them through Studentservices@clystvaled.org or 01392 463910

Exam Certificates

If your child took their GCSE or A Level exams last May/June and they haven't collected their Certificates, please could you ask them to pop in to the College Reception to collect them. Thank you.

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.

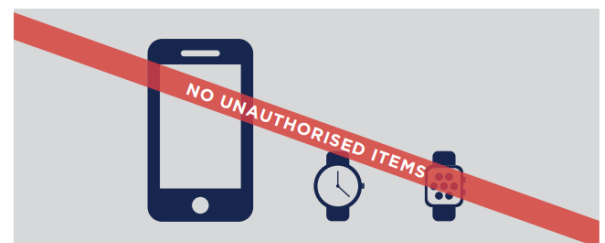
1. You must be on time for all your examinations.
2. Possession of a mobile phone, smart watch or analogue watch or any other unauthorised material is not allowed even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You must 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 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.

**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.





CVCC Inter House Football European Championships (Years 7-10):

Boys Tournament: W/C June 24-28

Girls Tournament: W/C July 1-5

By Invitation Only

X5/6 Teams per House Colour= 16 teams in total

X8 Boys X8 Girls from each House and Year to be involved

Emphasis on respect for all, enjoyment and participation

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:
Hungary	Italy	Slovenia	France
Germany	Spain	Denmark	Netherlands
Switzerland	Croatia	England	Austria
Scotland	Albania	Serbia	Poland

Reading Recommendations Newsletter

Welcome to our new half-termly reading newsletter. In each edition, we will recommend books from a variety of styles and genres, to inspire readers across all year groups.



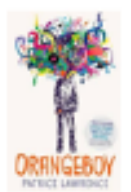
Year 7

Edie is fascinated by Victorian times, and she's just desperate to be cast in the lead role of her drama club production of *Oliver*. When she's given a real Victorian notebook, she's determined to write the best story ever, all about a girl in a workhouse. But when she starts writing, something strange happens.



Year 8

Francis has never had a friend like Jessica before. She's the first person he's ever met who can make him feel completely himself. Jessica has never had a friend like Francis before. Not just because he's someone to laugh with every day - but because he's the first person who has ever been able to see her ...*Jessica's Ghost* is a funny, moving, and beautiful book by a master storyteller, about the power of friendship to shine a warm light into dark places.



Year 9

Sixteen-year-old Marlon has promised his widowed mum that he'll be good, and nothing like his gang-leader brother Andre. It's easy when you keep yourself to yourself, listening to your dead dad's *Earth, Wind and Fire* albums and watching sci-fi. But everything changes when Marlon's first date with the beautiful Sonya ends in tragedy; he becomes a hunted man, and he has no idea why. With his dad dead and his brother helpless, Marlon has little choice but to enter Andre's old world of guns, knives and drug runs in order to uncover the truth and protect those close to him. It's time to fight to be the last man standing.



Year 10& 11

Melanie is a very special girl. Dr. Caldwell calls her "our little genius."

Every morning, Melanie waits in her cell to be collected for class. When they come for her, Sergeant Parks keeps his gun pointing at her while two of his people strap her into the wheelchair. She thinks they don't like her. She jokes that she won't bite, but they don't laugh.

This half-term, I have been enjoying:

'Happy Head' by Josh Silver. 'Like the *Hunger Games* but Better' runs the blurb on the cover and I would agree that this book is a must-read if you like dystopian fiction for teenagers- think *Insurgent* or *The Knife of Never Letting Go*. In the broken world of this book, teenagers with mental health problems are sent by their family to HappyHead; a facility where teens complete individual and team challenges to build their self-esteem. Things take a dark twist when it becomes clear that there is no escape from HappyHead- and when the challenges quickly become life-threatening. A dark, imaginative, and compelling read! **Mr Simpson**

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



Term time /school hours vacancy Resources Technician (Design &Technology)

Salary £12,604-£13,030 actual

**Term Time only 22.5 hour per week x 40 weeks
3.5 days per week 8.30am - 3.00pm**

We need someone who has....

- The ability to carry out general maintenance of workshop equipment
- An interest in supporting and encouraging students to learn more about Design & Technology
- IT skills, including use of computer-controlled equipment, including Laser-cutter, 3D Printers & CNC router (*training can be provided for the right candidate*)
- A good level of written and spoken English

The job involves...

Supporting staff and students with use of workshop machinery in lessons. Working with the department to prepare materials and equipment for practical lessons, Helping students and showing them safe working practices. Motivating and engaging students to complete their DT projects.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful candidates.

All applicants must have proof of Right to Work in the UK

To apply email please email your CV to recruitment@clystvale.org

Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

CAR DESIGNER

Car Designers blend innovation, style, and engineering to craft the aesthetic and functional elements that define the next generation of vehicles.

They sketch initial concepts, collaborating with engineers and manufacturers, and sculpt the exterior contours, interior layouts, and intricate details that distinguish each vehicle.

Their role demands artistic vision, technical prowess, and market understanding, ensuring that the vehicles are not only eye-catching, but meet the demands of performance, safety, and sustainability.

Entry-level car designers can expect to earn around £20,000 to £30,000 per year.

[JOB OF THE WEEK 18](#)



"I think this was one of the greatest experiences of my life, it was amazing!"

Participating student 2023'



THE BIG STEP TRANSITION PROGRAMME
YEAR 10 & 11 WORK EXPERIENCE
THIS SUMMER AT: CLYST VALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
19TH- 23RD AUGUST 2024



Devon Digital Services, Devon Family Hubs

'FREE' online sessions for families delivered by **Action for Children**. We have a range of **webinars, workshops and bite sized sessions** from **Speech & Language, Digi Dads Connect to Play** and information around **SEND**. We have available a resource leaflet after the session with all the links and information that has been shared. Follow our Eventbrite page for all updates - [FOLLOW OUR PAGE](#)

Click here for our Eventbrite collection and to book on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/devon-digital-webinars-bite-sized-info-sessions-1462829>



SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE - Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 JUN
FREE - Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	30 JUL
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	16 MAY, 11 JUL, 8 AUG
Understanding the Teenage Brain	20 MAY, 15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	21 MAY, 16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL, 15 AUG
Anxiety Explained	30 MAY, 25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	3 JUN, 29 JUL, 26 AUG
Introduction to OCD	11 JUN, 6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	17 JUN, 12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG
What is ACT?	9 JUL
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Drugs	27 AUG

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Family & Community Sessions

Exeter, Mid & East Devon Family Hubs

Pop along for a cuppa and speak to Devon County Council about the new Family Hub offer and the buildings proposals - have your voice heard!

Just pop in!

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 11.30AM - 12.30PM Wilcombe HUB Lazenby Road, EX16 4AL	THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2PM - 3PM Whipton HUB Hill Lane, Whipton EX1 3JP	MONDAY 10TH JUNE 3PM - 4PM Chestnut HUB Magnolia Avenue EX2 6DJ	TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2.30PM TO 3.30PM Exmouth HUB Moorfield Road EX8 3QW
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Scan the QR code to read the full consultation document





You Are Cordially Invited To

Library Lates: Windrush

Join DDE in partnership with Libraries Unlimited in exploring the history of Windrush through an evening of exhibitions, art, poetry and music

SATURDAY
JUNE 22 2024

6:00 PM - 9:30PM

Exeter Library

CASTLE ST. EXETER EX4 3PQ

RSVP by booking free ticket using QR Code



EVENTBRITE RSVP LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/LIBRARY-LATES-WINDRUSH-TICKETS-898013551707](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/library-lates-windrush-tickets-898013551707)



Event Programming

- 01 **Exhibitions**
 - Heroes of Windrush
 - From Indentureship to Windrush: Voices of the Indo-Caribbean Windrush Generation
 - Indentureship - A conversation
- 02 **Music**
 - The Rainbow Steel Band (Live)
 - Sets by DJ Somatic
- 03 **Farewell Jamaica (Excerpts)**
 - The story of one man and his experiences of arriving and living in England
- 04 **Dance Workshops**
 - Caribbean dance workshop with Roz from Martinique
- 05 **Traditional Caribbean Games**
 - Learn how to play Dominoes or go a round with our Domino expert Ricky
- 06 **Poetry Reading**
 - Featured Poet - Merris Longstaff
- 07 **Craft Activities**
 - Basket making
 - Lenticular making
 - Banner making

***** And More**



DiAS free online training sessions for parent carers



DiAS has three sessions available this term – each one lasts an hour, plus 30 minutes afterwards for questions and discussion. All are via Teams online.

Demystifying SEND

10-11.30am Wednesday 19 June 2024

Find out more and book your place here:

<https://buytickets.at/diasdevoninformationadviceandsupport/1270302>

Education Health and Care (EHC) plan reviews

1pm – 2.30pm, Thursday 27 June 2024

Find out more and book your place here:

<https://buytickets.at/diasdevoninformationadviceandsupport/1270391>

Listening to your child's views

1-2.30pm, Thursday 18 July 2024

Find out more and book your place here:

<https://buytickets.at/diasdevoninformationadviceandsupport/1273557>

Supporting Learning at Home

Help your child beat exam stress

Tests and exams can be a challenging part of school life for children and young people and their parents or carers. But there are ways to ease the stress.

Follow this link to read more about the signs of stress, making sure your child eats well, helping your child to get enough sleep, being flexible, helping them to study, how to talk about exam nerves, exercise during exams, pressure, treats and when to get help <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>



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

<http://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>

Stationery for Sale

Mock/GCSE 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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