



# NEWSLETTER

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**“Lifelong learning is no longer a luxury but a necessity for employment.”**

**- Jay Samit**

Dear Parents and Carers

After last week's War and Peace, here is something much shorter.....

## **Exam Season**

The exam season draws to a close next week (except for four students who have a Religious Studies A-level on Monday 26th....). There are no more early lunches ! Thank you to absolutely everyone who has contributed to supporting our exam candidates, and for making the whole process work so successfully.

That said, Year 12 have their mock exam week next week.....Best wishes to them !

## **Hot Weather**

One of the features of the week has been the hot weather, with highest temperatures above 26 on most days. Therefore we have relaxed school uniform where possible – no ties, and untucked shirts. However, we still have Year 11 exams on, and it's business as usual for at least another month, so we are taking uniform relaxations one day at a time. If it gets even hotter in a couple of weeks' time, then we will also think about allowing students to wear PE kit. Next week the forecast is much cooler and it might even rain, so uniform will be as usual.

## **English Speaking Endorsement**

Loosely connected with exams (above) and the importance of continuing with business as usual despite the heat (above), next week sees the English Speaking Endorsement for Year 10 students. The Endorsement shows as a Pass, Merit or Distinction alongside the GCSE English Language grade. In simple terms, students choose a topic that they are interested in, talk about it and then answer questions.

## **Shine Awareness Day**

Today, Friday 16th June, is Shine awareness day. Shine is a charity which provides specialist advice and support for children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus across the UK. Today, additional to the rainbow colouring, many of my colleagues were wearing yellow items of clothing to raise awareness of the important work that this charity carries out. We have a brave and determined young lady in Year 7 who has the condition, so we are especially pleased to bring it to your attention. For further information, please visit their website: [www.shinecharity.org.uk](http://www.shinecharity.org.uk)

## **Pride Month**

As a Rights Respecting School we promote respect for people who are in a minority, and will take opportunities to provide educational inputs about people who have had their human rights denied. Therefore, we are very much behind Pride Month. There is no doubt that things have improved significantly since the days when I was a young teacher and the dreadful Clause 28 prevented teachers from even discussing such issues with young people, far less teaching them anything. I also think that in general young people have a much more accepting and less judgemental attitude, which is very encouraging. However, there is still prejudice within the UK, and occasionally in Clyst Vale. Around the world, homosexuality is illegal in over 60 countries, and Uganda has been in the news recently for new laws introducing the death penalty in certain cases.

So, as you can see in glorious rainbow technicolour below, on the website and on the Facebook page, our Amnesty Group has been active, with amongst other things a cake sale today to raise funds for Kaleidoscope Trust. This is a nonprofit organisation that campaigns for the human rights of LGBT+ people around the world. Its mission is to help create a world where LGBT+ people are free, safe and equal everywhere.

## **Reading Recommendations**

Delighted to see the latest Reading Recommendations from Year 8 students coordinated by Mrs Borgen-Davis and Mrs Southard. Despite all the massive changes in education in the last 50 years, some things remain unchanged. One of them is that reading is good for you; for students it is also extremely valuable in building literacy skills, expanding vocabulary, developing new ideas and developing empathy. It leads to improved exam grades. Of course it's a challenge for books to compete with smartphones, but it's a battle worth fighting !

## **Sports Report—Athletics Success**

Very well done to Ollie Hargreaves (Y10) and Jasper Forty (Y9) who competed in the Devon round of the English Schools Athletics competition. Ollie ran a superb 11.98 for the 100m but was narrowly beaten into 3rd. In the 1500m Jasper ran a personal best of 4.27.32 and claimed 2nd place. Jasper will progress to the South West School Athletics this coming weekend.

## **Coming Soon**

Excitement is building for the inter-tutor Rugby World Cup which starts on 26th June; there are separate competitions for boys and girls.

Even more excitement is building for Sports Day. This week the tutor group selection committees have done their work, and the team sheets handed in....

## **“Can you pick me up ?”**

We are having a little spate of students using their phones to contact home in the middle of the day, and ask to be collected. A few things about this. The starting point is that students are expected to be in school all day. If there is a genuine reason why a student is unable to continue in school, then they must see a member of staff. Quite often in these situations students will phone in the heat of a moment; talking to a member of staff and having a short cooling-off period is a much better plan. And I hate to say it, but at times the message sent home is far from the reality. Although of course we would never refuse a student who is ill (for example), it is the school which authorises absence. It also puts colleagues on Reception in an impossible position: their job is not to allow students to leave without permission (from a member of staff) in case of safeguarding risks. If there is no genuine reason, any absence will be unauthorised. Also, if a student has used their phone to contact home, this is a breach of the smartphone policy and the phone should really be confiscated. Basically, students should not be contacting home during the day; thank you very much for your help in this.

Best wishes,



**Kevin Bawn**

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
15th May to 28th June	GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMS
20th to 27th June	Y12 Mock Exams
21st/22nd/23rd June	Y10 Geography Field Trips to Dawlish Warren
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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# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **RED SCHOOL**

7RDF	Ruthie Dearden-Watts
7RTM	Daisy Hopper
8RBAT	Luca Batchelor
8RHSP	Kai McCarthy
9RSGA	Ruby Hopkins
9RZB	-
10RAO	-
10RMAH	-
11RER	-
11RGG	-

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

7YBH	Zara Adlem
7YGG	Josh Stevens
8YMBR	Fola Fakiyesi
8YTZI	George O'Malley
9YPNE	No permission to print name
9YSS	No permission to print name
10YDST	Katie Jaggs
10YSP	No permission to print name
11YMPR	-
11YNS	-

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GLT	Isla Durston
7GMN	Lily Tomkins-Pope
8GCMC	Grace Radmore
8GIM	Felix Pearson
9GABr	Mikey Trehearne and Alex Symons
9GDH	Ella Coward
10GAW	Isabella Fry
10GBA	Katie Ball
11GHE	-
11GSW	-



## 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.



A story about a boy on a quest to rescue his father, with only a ghost as his companion, and a mysterious pony as his guide. Twelve-year-old Silas is awoken in the dead of night by three menacing horsemen who take his father away.

YR 7 & 8



Fire & Flood by author Victoria Scott is an exciting teen series filled with an adrenaline rush of action, danger and romance. Young Tella Holloway becomes a contender in a deadly survival race known as the Brimstone Bleed desperately hoping of winning its prize: a cure which would save the life of her sick brother Cody.

YR 9



Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price—and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone. . . A convict with a thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heart render using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist.

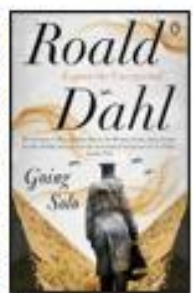
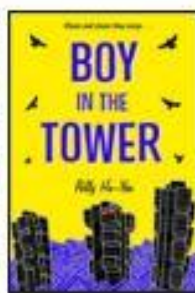
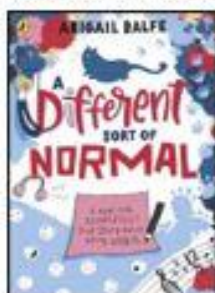
YR 10



For a thousand years the ash fell, and no flowers bloomed. For a thousand years the Skaa slaved in misery and lived in fear. For a thousand years the Lord Ruler, the "Sliver of Infinity," reigned with absolute power and ultimate terror, divinely invincible. Then, when hope was so long lost that not even its memory remained, a terribly scarred, heartbroken half-Skaa rediscovered it in the depths of the Lord Ruler's most hellish prison. Kelsier "snapped" and found in himself the powers of a Mistborn. A brilliant thief and natural leader, he turned his talents to the ultimate caper, with the Lord Ruler himself as the mark.

YR 11

This half-term, 8B/En2 have been enjoying:



## English Schools Athletics Competition



Ollie Hargreaves in the black vest. grey shorts.



Jasper Forty in black shorts, CVCC top

**Mr J Powell**

Head of PE



### Boys Fixtures:

#### Monday 26 June:

##### Group A:

1.40pm |

Pitch 1: New Zealand v France

Pitch 2: Namibia v Italy

##### Group B:

1.40pm:

Pitch 3: South Africa v Scotland

Pitch 4: Tonga v Ireland

##### Group C:

1.40pm:

Pitch 5: Portugal v Australia

Pitch 6: Wales v Fiji

##### Group D:

1.40pm:

Pitch 7: Argentina v England

Pitch 8: Samoa v Japan

##### Group D:

1.40pm:

Pitch 7: Argentina v Samoa

Pitch 8: England v Japan

1.55pm:

Pitch 7: Argentina v Japan

Pitch 8: England v Samoa

#### Wednesday 28 June

##### Quarter Final 1:

1.40pm:

Pitch 1:

##### Quarter Final 2:

1.40pm:

Pitch 2:

##### Quarter Final 3:

1.40pm:

Pitch 3:

##### Quarter Final 4:

1.40pm:

Pitch 4:

#### Tuesday 27 June:

##### Group A:

1.40pm:

Pitch 1: New Zealand v Namibia

Pitch 2: France v Italy

1.55pm:

Pitch 1: New Zealand v Italy

Pitch 2: France v Namibia

##### Group B:

1.40pm:

Pitch 3: South Africa v Tonga

Pitch 4: Scotland v Ireland

1.55pm:

Pitch 3: South Africa v Ireland

Pitch 4: Scotland v Tonga

##### Group C:

1.40pm:

Pitch 5: Portugal v Wales

Pitch 6: Australia v Fiji

1.55pm:

Pitch 5: Portugal v Fiji

Pitch 6: Australia v Wales

#### Thursday 29 June:

##### Semi Final 1:

1.40pm

Pitch 1:

##### Semi Final 2:

1.40pm

Pitch 2:

#### Friday 30 June

##### Bronze Final:

1.40pm

Pitch 1:

##### Final:

1.55pm

Pitch 1:





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!



# 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 <sup>th</sup> -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-Zimble
Wednesday	Week-A—Eco-Committee	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr-Zimble
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 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Mr Hawkins

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



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](mailto: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 (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

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

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

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

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