Newsletter

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WEEK B

"Don't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the further you get." – Michael Phelps, Gold-Medal Swimmer

Principal's Update







Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evenings play a pivotal role in establishing and developing strong relationships with the families of our students and so I would like to start by thanking parents/ carers of our Year 7 students who attended Thursday's online parents' evening. I hope you found the meetings informative and would like to thank you for working with us to support your child.

I am sure you will have seen in the news the latest government press release regarding the proposed to Relationship, Health and Sex Education. At Clyst Vale we pride ourselves on our commitment to teaching high quality PSHE through our Course 42 and CPS programmes. As part of this we review the curriculum regularly and value the input of our students and parents / guardians. Given the new guidance that has just been released we will be updating parents and seeking viewpoints of all our stakeholders to ensure the curriculum reflects guidance and the needs of our students. We will be doing this through a parental questionnaire and follow up information session in the summer term ready for the new academic year.

Today we held our Year 13 leavers event and next week on Thursday we will do the same for our Year 11 students who begin their study leave on Friday 24th May. These 'leavers' events are an important 'rite of passage' for students and it is always a pleasure to have an opportunity to celebrate this moment with them. From Friday 24th May onwards there will be a supervised study room for Year 11 students who need or wish to remain on site; also , Year 11 and Year 13 teachers will still be available to support and assist any student who wants to continue to come into College to revise during their normal timetabled Year 11/13 lessons up until all exams in that subject have finished.

Finally, I would like to end by congratulating the three Year 7 students who were this week elected to represent their year group on the Student Board for the coming year. The statements produced by all applicants was of an extremely high standard and it is incredibly encouraging to see our younger students committed to making a difference for all students at the College. Applications are now being accepted for current Year 8, 9 and 10 students who would like to join the board from September.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Sara Jacobs, Principal

Key Dates for Summer Term

22 to 24 May—Year 10 Silver DofE Silver Expedition

23 May—Year 11 Last Day

27 to 31 May —Summer Half Term

6 June—Y10 Parents Evening

28 June—Year 11 Prom

9 July—Sports Day

10 July—Reserve Sports Day

24 July—Summer Holiday Begins

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Ten Tors 2024: Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May

So last weekend was the Ten Tors 2024 main event weekend, when Clyst Vale had 4 teams participating with 2 x 35-mile routes, 1 x 45-mile route and 1 x 55-mile route...

The students from Clyst Vale travelled up to the Army camp on the Friday morning to prepare so kit was checked 1 more time, final route planning was double-checked and packing completed. We checked out the start point, working out which direction to head and what to do if became separated from the team as there were 2,400 other participants also taking part! That afternoon was spent exploring the engagement village provided by the military, having dinner and participating in the fun party atmosphere in the evening for the participants to let off some nervous energy before bed. At about 9pm it was time to head to the tents for bed as it was a very early start on the Saturday. This early night meant unfortunately we missed the Northern Light display at the top of the hill where the helicopters had landed!

Saturday morning it was a 4am start for the adults to make a start on cooking breakfast, whilst the students were awoken to the tune of Chariots of fires and other classic motivational songs at 5am! Food was eaten, final prep completed before heading to the start line at Anthony Stile. For the first time in at least 4 years, the skies were clear and so the Army Parachute Display could jump out of the plane and parachute down, which was a spectacular sight to behold. Ray Mears, the guest VIP starter, then gave a superb speech highlighting that teamwork was the key to all this, before a 10 second count down, the Army field gun firing and the 2,400 participants beginning their 35, 45, or 55 mile walks!

It was then a nervous wait for the staff, parents & supporters to see when the times would appear as the teams checked in to their various different checkpoints along their routes. Unfortunately we also had a few injuries/illnesses including a dislocated shoulder, sprained ankle, and sprained knee amongst 2 others. This was a real shame for the students involved, especially after all the work they had put in during training leading up to the main event weekend. But it's called a challenge for a reason, and its never easy, even when the weather was fairly kind, albeit too hot in patches this year, trying to walk 35, 45 or 55 miles up and down the hills and valleys of Dartmoor in 2 days, carrying all the kit. So for those that didn't make it round the full distance, they can still be proud of how far they got, as some don't even make it to the start line of the event.

Our school teams started to cross the finish line on the Sunday afternoon, to well deserved applause as they crossed under the finish arch. The teams were then presented with their well earned medals before enjoying the traditional highlight of a pasty and some water and then relaxing after having succeeded in the challenge.

Every single student did fantastically well over the weekend, not least just getting to the start line after months of training in the cold winter months with a full range of weather thrown at them, including 2 days of Summer for the main event Saturday & Sunday! We're full of pride and admiration for them all, as I'm sure you are too! Seeing the journey the students have been on from the very first training session to where they are now, they've all done incredibly well on their own personal metaphorical journeys. Students have learnt a wide variety of skills such as navigation, campcraft and teamwork, as well as gaining meaningful new experiences and hopefully life long adventures to look back on with pride. Ten Tors is a very tough yet rewarding personal and team challenge that forms lifelong memories & stories to look back on.

Big congratulations also to all the other Clyst Vale students, both past and present, who also participated in the event with other organisations too. It was a lovely atmosphere at the finish line watching teams from different establishments crossing the finish line, and the predicted thunderstorms also held off too.

For those whom it has sparked some interest, it's likely to start all over again after October half term so look out for posters and info about it then for students in year 9 and above...

Now it's the Summer season, we move on to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions for Bronze, Silver and Gold! For those students doing both Ten Tors and DofE, they'll probably find the DofE expeditions a relative 'walk in the park' compared to Ten Tors, but DofE has it's own challenges, not least more than 1 night camping on the Silver and Gold...

Mr Eales

Ten Tors Manager

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Ten Tors 2024 in Images



























Year 10 Hospitality and Catering

Year 10's Hospitality and Catering class worked extremely hard this week in completing their fabulous cake designs with the theme being 'Religious festivals' and their cakes were based on the Muslim festival of 'Eid'- following the end of Ramadan.

Their designs were exemplary and are showcased here to share with everyone.











Well done Year 10!

Mrs Collins

Post 16 News

Y12 – study leave

Year 12 study leave arrangements mean that students may take the day immediately prior to an exam (and, for afternoon papers, the morning of the actual exam) as study leave. Other than this, normal attendance at lessons is expected.

Adam Williams - combating exam stress & anxiety

Thanks to Adam Williams for helping both Y12 & Y13 prepare for this exam season, with his sessions on combating exam stress and anxiety. Last Friday saw this year's final session, which was attended by those Y13 students who find these approaches helpful.

Exeter Self Defence Academy visit to Y12

A big thank you also to Lewis Sloan and Sophie Castle of Exeter Self Defence Academy, who spent a fun session with Y12 last Friday, teaching them the basics of how to stay safe if they find themselves in a physically threatening situation. Disabling an assailant and keeping an assailant at bay were techniques that were covered, with students getting enthusiastically involved, using mats and pads to cushion falls and blows.

Eurovision Raffle – the results are in!

We were delighted on Monday to announce the eagerly-awaited results of our Eurovision Raffle! The first prize was a beautiful cake, baked by Heather Padden and decorated in keeping with this year's 'Northern Lights' theme - including European flag.

The overall winner was Darcy in Year 9: she correctly guessed that Switzerland would be this year's winning country – along with other Eurovision experts Dexter (Y7), Ella (Y10), Lewis (Y12) and Ted & Chloe (Y13) who received runner-up prizes (this year's official Eurovision pin badge set). Thank you everyone who supported us by taking part – we hope this added an extra dimension to your Eurovision enjoyment this year!





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



from your examination and your overall qualification.



Student of the Week

Zachary Swain 7GRTU	Rosa Jackson-Lawson 8GMN	Ben Hughes 9GCMC
7GHE	Delilah Hartley 8GLT	Wyatt Bastin 9GDJ
7RER	8RDF	Ethan Thomas 9RBAT
Cooper Holcombe 7RGG	Vicky Gundidza 8RTMA	9RNS
Ashton Taylor YCBO	Jessica Clark 8YGGA	Cody Andrew 9YMBR
River Chapman 7YCFL	Sam Humphreys 8YBH	NP2N 9YSWA
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Brooke Barlow 10GABR	James Ruddlesden 11GAW	Emma-Joy Pedze 12ZK
NP2N 10GDH	Florence Walker 11GGT	
Lily Nash 10RZB	11RMAH	
Joe Blasdale 10RSGA	11RCMO	
NP2N 10YSS	11YDST	
Lily Bunting 10YADA	11YLH	
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

Reception: 01392 461407 Email: admin@clystvale.org

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Lisa Martin	Deputy Principal (Curriculum)	martinl@clystvale.org
Paul Sutton	Deputy Principal (Pastoral)	suttonp@clysvale.org
Ann Hopkins	College Manager	hopkinsa@clysvale.org
Allen Bailey	Assistant Principal	baileya@clystvale.org
Louise Telford	SENDCo & Assistant Principal	telfordl@clystvale.org
Claire Haynes	Head of Post 16	haynesc@clystvale.org
Lisa Jones	Early Help	jonesl1@clystvale.org

Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

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 Sunday 26th May.

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@clystvale.org or 01392 463910



Bradninch/ Cullompton Bus

Please be aware that there maybe issues for this service due to road works in Bradninch. The road works are on Cullompton Hill, Fore Street and Townlands from 20th to 24th May.



Year 10 Parents' Evening

This Parents' Evening will be held on 6th June from 4pm to 7pm. You will receive your invitation to book in the next couple of weeks. Please do not try to book until you have the invitation email as you will not have access. It will be a virtual evening via https://cvcc.schoolcloud.co.uk/.



Can you help?

We are looking for clothing donations for our Prom attendees, if you have any prom dresses or formal wear to donate, please bring in to reception or contact Student Services via our email, studentservices@clystvale.org, or phone 01392 463910. Thank you!



Reminder—Data Collection

Our data for contacts is very important. We need correct details to contact parents/carers in emergency situations e.g. first aid. Please can you check the details we have for you on EduLink. This will include address, mobile number, email address and title. If you could please check the details we have for your child at the same time; address, medical practice, medical conditions and consents. For guidance to use EduLink, please click this link Edulink Help – CVCC (clystvale.org)

Sports Updates, Fixtures and Extra-curricular Clubs

Thursday 9th May 2024—Round 1 of the Exeter and District Athletic Trials

A bright and sunny day was a perfect spectacle for the first round of the athletics trials which saw Clyst vale take 14 students to compete in the event. Aging from a few in Year 7, majority being Year 10 and the odd Year 11 who was competing in a unique event of the hurdles.

Well done to all of the students that competed in the event you were all a credit to the school and represented Clyst Vale in a great manner. A special mention to the following students who qualified for the next round of the trials.

- Jess Massey 200m
- Brooke Barlow 100m
- Lily Taylor High jump and 100m
- Molly Heath Long jump and Shot putt
- * Jasmine Harris Javelin
- Callum Voysey Javelin
- Jasper Forty 400m and 800m
- Harry Crispin Javelin and 800m
- * Joe Gibson 100m

Some of those students will be competing again on the Thursday 23rd May so good luck to you all.



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.

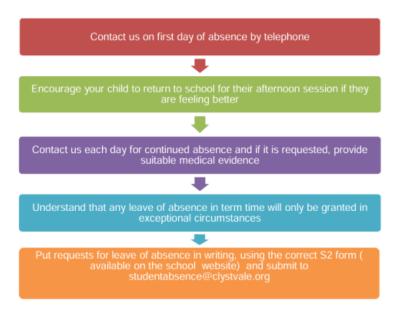
Medical Appointments

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

(Assistant to Head of Post 16) Direct line: 01392 462697

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Sue Voysey

Email: voyseys@clystvale.org and copy in Head of

Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvale.org

Vacancies

Science Teacher

Salary: MPS1-11 (UPS)

Job Type: Permanent/Fixed Term contract for the right candidate (Part Time applications will also be considered)

Location: Devon Description

Clyst Vale is a thriving and vibrant 11- 18 Community College situated five miles from Exeter. Visitors to Clyst Vale usually comment on the friendly, orderly atmosphere, the courtesy of our students, and the purposefulness in lessons. We have clear expectations and systems, but far more important are the excellent working relationships we establish between staff and students, as well as staff and parents. We remain the only Secondary school in Devon to be accredited Gold Rights Respecting School status. Clyst Vale prides itself on its Science offer from year 7 to 13 and we are looking to appoint an exciting and innovative Teacher of Science and are able to offer a permanent/fixed term contract for the right candidate (PT applications will also be considered). Ideally specialising in Physics, you will be able to teach across key KS3 & KS4, experience of teaching at KS5 would be an advantage. This position is offered on the main teacher's pay scale MPS 1- M11 (UPS) We are looking for an outstanding teacher with excellent subject knowledge; a practitioner who is keen to enthuse students using a variety of approaches; Experience of teaching Physics at GCSE and A level is desirable; A willingness to contribute to the enrichment activities of the Department; A willingness to use data to drive student performance and promote excellence. We welcome applications from ECT's as well as experienced teachers. We have a dynamic and successful Science department which is both supportive and collaborative; the teachers and technicians in our team are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for all our students and their areas of expertise cover a wide range of scientific disciplines. The successful applicant will benefit from being an integral part of this friendly and professional team. We can offer a unique opportunity to work within a Rights Respecting School with a strong community ethos, a supportive CPD programme, free on-site parking. 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.

The closing date is Sunday 19th May 2024. Interviews will take place on Friday 24th May 2024. You will need to be available to attend for the whole interview day.

Receptionist-MAT cover

Salary £12698 rising to £13128 (actual) pay award pending

Job Type: Fixed Term 3rd September to 23rd May 2025 to cover maternity leave. The contract may end earlier on the return of the post holder.

Location: Devon Description

We are looking for a welcoming and confident receptionist to join us on a fixed term basis. The hours are 23.25 hours per week, Monday - Wednesday 08:15 - 16:30, over 39 weeks per year. This role is ideal for someone who is looking to be at home for the school holidays. As the face of Clyst vale you will be the initial contact for visitors, greeting and directing them as required and responding to inquiries from staff, the public, parents, students. In addition you will be required to undertake a variety of administrative tasks and to ensure efficient, effective and compassionate support to staff, students and all other stakeholders. We are looking for: - Experience of working in a busy reception or administrative setting. - Ability to work alongside a range of people including students, parents, and staff. - Excellent IT skills, including Microsoft suite of programmes. - Experience if SIMS is desirable but training will be given. - GCSE C or equivalent in Maths & English. 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.

Closing date for all applications is Sunday 9th June 2024. Interviews will take place on Thursday 13th June 2024 You will need to be available to attend for the whole interview day.

Vacancies

Maintenance Caretaker

Salary: £25002 actual (pay award pending)

Job Type: Permanent Location: Devon Description

We are looking to recruit a good maintenance allrounder to join our dedicated Facilities team. Starting as soon as possible you will have a range of maintenance skills such as carpentry, plumbing, plastering etc. A trade background would be desirable but not essential. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who is just starting out in maintenance and is looking to consolidate and expand their knowledge and experience or someone who is already working in the industry and looking for a position that offers good job security. Hours of Work: Monday - Friday 11:30 - 19:00 term time & 9:30 - 17:00 during holidays We are looking for: - Experience of general maintenance - Ability to undertake a range of maintenance tasks, including carpentry - Good computer skills. - GCSE grade C in Maths or English or equivalent preferred but not essential - Trade qualification or equivalent is desirable but not essential 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. Please note you must already have proof of your Right to Work in the UK. To apply, please click on the apply now button, where you will find the full job description or send your CV to recruitment@clystvale.org.

Closing date for all applications is Sunday 2nd June 2024. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

Resources technician (Design & Technology)

Salary: CVCC C £12604 (actual) rising to £13030 (pay award pending)

Job Type: Permanent Location: Devon Description

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Closing date for all applications is Sunday 2nd June 2024. Interviews will take place on Friday 14th June 2024. Applicants will need to be available all day for the interview.

To find out more and to apply for any of these positions, please follow this link to our website: https://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/ and click the blue 'Apply Now' button.

Job of the Week and Community Noticeboard

Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS MANAGER

Outdoor Pursuits Managers run centres that allow people to take part in outdoor sports and activities.

Their role is to manage the centre whilst sometimes getting involved in delivering activities for service users.

Outdoor Pursuits Managers often work with target groups such as school children, youth groups, people with special educational needs and young offenders.

Starting salaries for instructors are around £10,000 per year, rising to £18,000 with experience. Senior Instructors can expect to earn up to £25,000 per year and experienced centre managers can expect to earn in excess of £35,000 per year.

JOB OF THE WEEK 15

Monday 20 May

19:00 - 21:00 £24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Improve your understanding and communication with your teen. Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults.

Tuesday 21 May

19:00 - 21:00 £24



Raising Self-Esteem

How to support healthy self-esteem in your children and yourself. Easy to apply interventions shared.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Supporting Learning at Home

Wellbeing from Parentkind

Taking care of your child's (and your own) mind and body is so important. Please follow this link to find specialist advisory organisations that should be able to help you to support your child's emotional, mental and physical health parentkind.org.uk



Clyst Vale Library

Clyst Vale Library is a dual use library located within Clyst Vale Community College. The library is open to the public 3.30 to 5.30pm Monday and Wednesday and 4.00 to 6.00pm Thursday, 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



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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