



NEWSLETTER

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WEEK A

“Real tolerance means respecting other people even when they baffle you and you have no idea why they think what they think.” - G Willow Wilson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Grimm Tales not Grim at all...

On the contrary, it was excellent, and a massive thank you to the 68 students involved plus, of course, Ms Ruscoe, Mrs Keene, and Mr Hawkins, and to the army of parent voice coaches, taxi-drivers and occasionally stress counsellors. Performing Arts is sometimes a Cinderella subject area in schools (pun intended), but I don't think that's been the case at Clyst Vale. As subjects, Music and Drama should be part of a broad curriculum, and involvement in shows and productions provide experiences which you don't get anywhere else (except perhaps in some sports). It's not always about glitzy high quality shows, either – although we have been very good at those, too.

The show itself was very enjoyable, with plenty of variety and some excellent individual and group performances. There was a lovely blend of straight drama, music, song, physical theatre, comedy, tragedy and (mostly) happy endings. There were four playlets based on Grimms' Tales, and three more contemporary pieces. The groups of players included Year 10 Drama GCSE, Sixth Form Performing Arts, some Year 11 GCSE Drama students, and both of the extra-curricular Drama clubs; students also form the orchestra, stage crew, and technical crew. Ages ranged from 11 to 18. Even that is important: the experience of being in a giant team, and the mutual support across the age ranges – and older students being role-models and helping shape the stagecraft and expectations of younger ones. It was great to be back at the Barnfield, too, and being in a professional theatre enhances these experiences. I haven't mentioned the demands of memorising lines, choreography, commitment to rehearsal, working in a team, managing emotions, trouble-shooting, problem-solving and improvising, and everything else!

(One of my essential back-stage roles, which has of course contributed enormously to the success of productions and shows over the years, is that of lost property manager. I have in my possession a Pretty Little Thing black sweatshirt (small). If your pretty little thing has lost its sweatshirt, please send them along to my office !)

GCSE Celebration Evening Thursday 23rd November

We haven't bought any refreshments yet, so there's still time for last year's Year 11 (class of 2023) to sign up! Please e-mail kilbya@clystvale.org. Our guest of honour will be international rugby referee Luke Pearce, recently returned from the Rugby World Cup. This is one of the best evenings in the annual cycle – it's all about success and achievement, and we're not giving anyone a hard time !

IET Faraday Challenge Day.

Thank you to the Technology Department for organising this STEM day with a host of external STEM ambassadors from local companies. Mr Hewlett has provided an excellent report later in this Newsletter, but I'm really pleased to see events like this happening again after the inevitable gaps caused by covid and lockdowns. And like the best activities, it provided great learning, development of soft skills, some fun, and a memory !

Lots Going On !

If you look at the later pages of this Newsletter, you'll see some great sporting success stories, especially the amazing Year 8 girl footballers. But there is also the History Escape Room, a Buddhist visitor to GCSE B&V, and coming soon will be an account of yesterday's Technology Challenge. Plus the other things mentioned elsewhere. It is important to provide learning opportunities, hopefully a bit of fun, and perhaps some great memories: it's



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Wonderful when all three combine. My colleagues who provide the reports and who organise and run the events tend not to thank themselves for their hard work – so I will ! Thank you.

Year 8 PGL Residential July 2024

Mentioning learning, fun and memories, a gentle reminder that the deposits are due for the Year 8 residential by next Friday, 24th November.

“Covid support” in summer exams 2024

Don't you love political spin ? “Covid support” sounds amazing, but essentially it means that students will get formulae and equation sheets in Maths and Science exams next summer. Obviously, this is helpful and I risk sounding curmudgeonly, but students get these anyway in Wales and Scotland, there's an argument that memorising formula isn't testing mathematical or scientific ability, plus in the real world it's very easy to look up a formula on your phone (unlike in the 1950s from which time exams seem to be modelled). But we should be grateful for small mercies.

Sixth Form News

There's a fuller report later on, but our Year 13 Sociologists were in court this week. Please don't be alarmed – it was an educational visit to Exeter Crown Court.

On Wednesday, all of the Post-16 Performing Arts students were involved in the Grimm Tales evening on Wednesday at the Barnfield, mostly in Missing Dan Nolan.

Last Friday, following the Open Evening, we emailed all Y11 parents/carers (and students) to make them aware of 2 things:

A reminder to Year 11 parents for responses by Microsoft Teams to the following issues:

- o offering 3 new subjects of Law, Film Studies and Business, depending on uptake (hence the survey).
- o We are offering tours/open afternoons at 4pm each Thursday until 7th December, for anyone who missed the Open Evening. Parents need to sign up in advance (so that we know to expect them!)

Our Sixth Form might be beautifully formed, but it's a bit small, so the emphasis on recruitment continues both within Clyst Vale and at other schools. Clearly, we don't want to strong-arm students, but we can do more to promote what's good and different about our Sixth Form.

Peas and Queues

Students will tell you that I have been frustrated about the length of time students spend queuing for food especially on Chip Day (Friday), plus the minority who try to push in. The Student Board have also raised this as probably the biggest current issue with food and catering. So, a big thank you to CleverChefs for introducing a “grab and go” main meal option which will hopefully reduce queuing times and the resulting issues.

Clyst Vale Library back in fashion

I was thrilled to read that Libraries Unlimited (formerly Devon Libraries) are launching a major drive to establish a wide network of community libraries in Devon's rural areas. Sadly, the main reason is that the mobile library service is becoming prohibitively expensive. However, after many years of arguing the case for keeping our dual use public library in a village, it's nice to know we're back in fashion again.

The Morning Drop-Off

If you drop your child off by car, and use the coach park, please can you pull forward as far as possible ? The yellow hatches are there for a reason: if you drop there, close to the entrance, other cars back up onto the road. There is a (faded) zebra crossing into the coach park, which was put there to encourage students to walk across having been dropped a bit further down... Thank you !

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RER	Olivia Peach
7RGG	Isla Leach
8RDFE	Lexi Allen Walden
8RTMA	Summer Selway
9RBAT	Luca Batchelor
9RNS	Lucas Matterface
10RZB	Margaret Bartlett-Horwood
10RSGA	No Permission to Name
11RMA	D'arcy Pearce
H	
11RCMO	

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YCBO	
7YCFI	No Permission to Name
8YGGG	No Permission to Name
8YBHA	Annea Cecherlan-Richards
9YMBR	
9YSWA	Alex Boyce
10YSS	No Permission to Name
10YADA	Reuben Harries
11YDST	No Permission to Name
11YEHA	Naomi Hosea

GREEN SCHOOL

7GRTU	Amelia Roberts
7GHE	
8GMNA	Henry Girvin
8GLT	No Permission to Name
9GCMC	Oscar Hathaway
9GDJ	Isla Van Het Bolscher
10GABR	Raiki Davies
10GDH	Harry Bidder
11GAWO	Jemima Plank
11GGT	Archie Walters

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 23rd November	GCSE Celebration Evening 1830-2030
Week Commencing Monday 27th November	Y11 Mock Exams
Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December	Ten Tors Weekend Camp 1
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Concert Broadclyst Church
Wednesday 6th December	Y12 Geography Trip—Plymouth Urban Regeneration
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/CleverChefs-Menu-Autumn-Term-2023.pdf>



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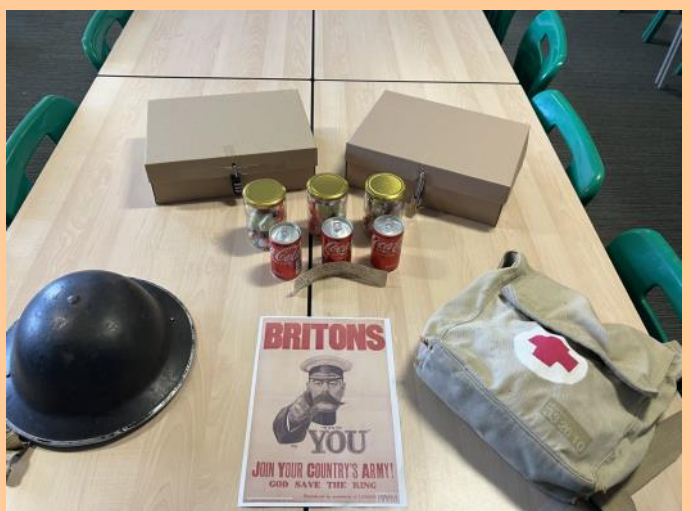
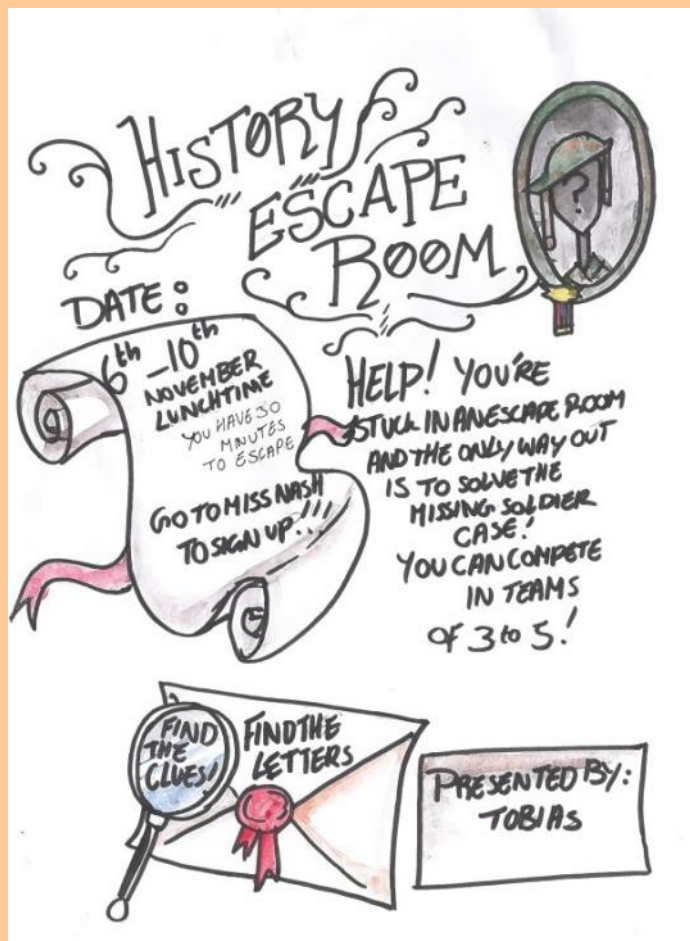


Y9 WWI Escape Rooms

Last half term, Year 9 were studying WWI in History. History club and Miss Nash put students to the test to see if they could use their knowledge to find the missing soldier and could only escape once they discovered his name.

Students had to use artefacts, letters, the classroom and their knowledge to open a series of locked boxes.

Well done for everyone who took part and congratulations to Sophia, Kate and Freya who escaped with a time of 13 minutes and 49 seconds.



Beliefs & Values

We have had a busy few weeks in the Beliefs and Values department.

On 31st October, our A-level Sociology and Politics students were privileged to take part in a very successful visit from Her Honour Judge Vanessa Francis – who was appointed to her current role by the Queen, in April 2019.

The students were really engaged in the session, throughout the full hour, and came up with some brilliant questions such as:

Political

How are judges appointed? How were you appointed?

Do you think this is a fair system (are there too many men/public school judges?)

What are you most memorable/interesting cases that you have presided over?

In the Politics syllabus we look at whether judges in the UK have become too “political”, especially since the Human Rights Act became part of UK law in 1998. Do you have a view on that, please?

Sociological

In terms of the demographic of criminals, which categories of offender do you deal with most e.g. gender, ethnicity, class, age, etc...

What are your views on the effectiveness of prison as a punishment in the UK? Should we be taking a different approach to punishment/prison, like countries such as Norway?

Do you feel that male /female offenders are treated differently within the CJS?

How do you feel crime could be reduced?

Have you witnessed an increase in any particular types of crime?

There was also a great deal of interest and follow-up on the impact of drill music, gang violence and the increase in young female offenders.

We very much appreciate HH Judge Francis giving us her time and valuable insights into her work within the criminal justice system – and were very proud of the level of attentiveness and maturity shown by our Year 13 Sociologists.

On Monday 13th Students our year 13 Sociologists visited Exeter Crown Court. Students were able to observe a criminal trial, watching the jury being sworn in, opening statements from the prosecution and defence and witnesses giving their evidence.



Thursday 9th November Double header Yr 7 + 8 Girls football Vs Uffculme

The Year 7 girls lined up for the first time in the Navy blue of Clystvale for a 7 a side friendly. With the squad of Tiana in goal, Isla and Aurelia, Lilly, Isabelle and Elysia with Kasey as the loan striker. River and Maise made up the bench. The girls started well trying to find space to pass the ball. Uffculme were very good at pressing the ball which made it difficult for the girls. Lily being the star player but just falling short of a victory after a good competitive game. It ended up 5-2 to Uffculme. Great effort girls there will be plenty more games to come.



The year 8 girls lined up adjacent to the Year 7s looking to continue their hot winning streak. Kodie in goal, Back 2 of Sophia and Sophie, Midfield 3 of Annea, Sophia and Leona with Daisy as the striker. Sophia and Sophie were a rock at the back clearing and intercepting everything in their way. A well contested game by both teams but Clyst vale were the more clinical and winning 3-1. Sophia L the star of the game and great preparation for the girls as they were preparing for the Tournament at ISCA.

Monday 13th November 2023 ISCA u13's 7 a side Tournament

With Clystvales name in the hat alongside teams from St Luke, ISCA and Dawlish it set up for a great tournament. A round robin layout with the winning team able to progress through to the next round. Clystvale had a squad of 9 strong with Kodie in goal, Back 2 of Sophia and Sophie, Midfield 3 of Annea, Sophia and Lily with Daisy as the striker. Isla and Kasey as substitutes.

Fixture 1 vs Dawlish saw the girls come out of the traps with great intent. Passing and moving the ball fluidly. A great passage of play between Daisy and Annea progressed the girls up the pitch before the ball was laid off to Lily who rifled it home for a 1-0 lead. Dawlish equalised later in the game and it finished 1-1.

Fixture 2 vs St Lukes 2 with the girls being heavily dominant in the game and it ending 5-0. Credit to the girls they were very professional in their win and did not let there performance slip despite the immaturity of the opposition at times.

Fixture 3 vs ISCA 2 again saw the girls deliver another heavy defeat on the opposition scoring another 5 goals and not conceding.

Fixture 4 vs St Lukes 1 a tough game which the girls fought to the end to try and get a goal. Strikes from Daisy and Sophia striking the wood work and Annea smashing a header off the bar it looked like the deadlock wasn't going to be broken. In the final seconds of the game Sophia Tagg broke through the St Lukes team and was 1 on 1 with the keeper. With her left foot she calmly slotted it home as the last kick of the game. 1-0 Clystvale.



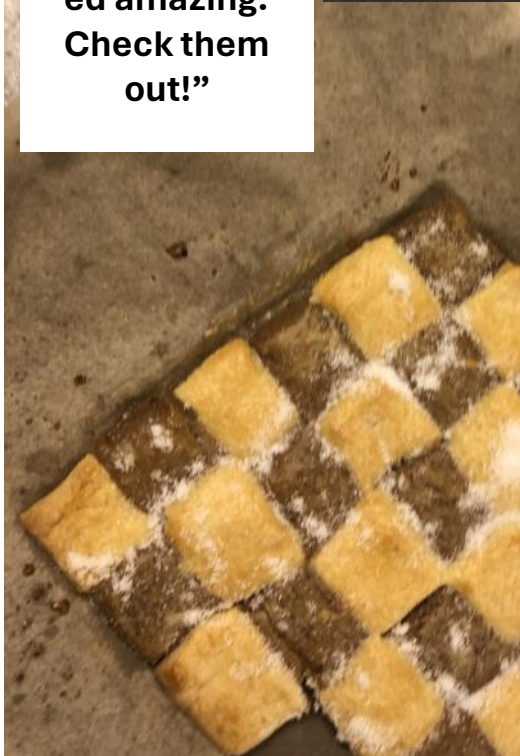
Fixture 5 vs ISCA 1 final game and with the girls full of confidence they went up against ISCA's 1st. With the girls knowing a few of the opposition it was going to be a tight game. This was not the case as the game kicked off. With a spring in their step the girls went on the press to win the ball back. Annea gathered the ball and went on a mazy run taking on literally the whole team. Everyone stopped and watched thinking can she go all the way. She certainly did and managed to compose herself to finish it at the end. 1-0. The girls continued to dominate and grabbed another goal early on and seemed comfortable. 2-0 it finished.



Stats for the tournament 14 goals scored and only 1 conceded. Daisy and Sophia were excellent in controlling the games, Sophia, Sophie and Kodie did not let anything past them and were very calm and collective. Annea was tenacious throughout the tournament with Lily slotting in well with the year 8s and delivering some amazing passages of play. Isla and Kacey also were keen to stick in and help the team. Well done girls we go to the next tournament on the 23rd as the route to Wembley commences.



**Year 8 & 9 After School Club:
"Yesterday we made some shortbread chequered biscuits. They looked and tasted amazing. Check them out!"**



Boys Rugby: Year 7 Rugby v Matford Brook Academy

CVCC: 25-5 Matford Brook

Congratulations to the Year 7 side which participated in the first ever fixture against new school, Matford Brook Academy, from the other side of the City.

The opportunity was given to some boys which have never played a 'proper' rugby fixture before, with some of the more experienced boys leading the way for these lads. All of the boys were excellent in their performance and the opportunity for some of the students to experience the rugby environment was invaluable and lovely to see. A big thanks must go to Mr Stapleton and Mr Barner from Matford Brook Academy who both officiated and ran the game in a safe and fun manner.

Congratulations to all of the squad: Cian, Leo, Oliver, Henry, Ruben, Will, Josh, Jackson, Ollie, Oscar R, Archie, Jack C, Jack C and Oscar T.

Boys Rugby: Year 10/11 Rugby v Cullompton Community College

CVCC 12-19 Cullompton

The boys played their latest fixture versus Cullompton at home on Wednesday evening adjacent to the Year 7. With key players missing, such as JJ, Jack, Oliver, Lenny and more, the boys fronted up and competed excellently as usual with the boys just finishing on the wrong side of a 19-12 defeat.

Daniel led the boys from the front, making some dominant carries and tackles. Physical and fast winger, Tom levelled the scores at half time with an outstanding finish in the right corner after excellent build up play from Clyst Vale. Skipper, Daniel dotted down from a pick and go after half time to put Clyst Vale into a 12-7 lead, however Cullompton rallied and scored two tries at the end of the game to just edge proceedings. Dan made some outstanding carries and turnovers for his team, with Jake making lots of metres on the left wing. Scrum half, Archie, linked forwards and backs well and the make-shift front row of Max, Reggie and Sonny scrummaged very well in the circumstances. Charlie marshalled his back line strongly, getting the backs in the game regularly and Josh commanded the full back position very impressively. Finlay was as industrious as ever in the second row and Otto in his first rugby appearance since Covid was outstanding in his commitment. Year 10 lads, Jasper and Kieran were exceptional, despite being a year young, with Jasper making some very strong carries in the back row and Kieran showing good hands at outside centre.

Well done to all which represented the College.

Mr Pearce





IET Faraday Challenge STEM Day

This year the school was lucky enough to have secured funding for enrichment in STEM through IET.

39 Students from year 8 were selected to spend the day focusing on STEM learning and developing their soft skills as part of a national challenge funded by the IET.

Working in groups of 6, students looked at identifying local transport challenges facing our area, as identified in their team and develop and prototype a solution. Students learnt about some basic electronics and making their project work with limited budgets to help them purchase items from an equipment shop.

Students were assisted on the day by local STEM ambassadors, and staff from the technology department who engaged with groups to guide them through their day. After spending time on budgeting, designing, modelling and creating, teams prepared for the end of the day culminating in group presentations for adding marks to decide who won the day.

All of the six teams worked very well and took away a lot from the day, all achieving well, and the highest group finished in the top ten nationally with the points they accrued on the day. Well done to all the students and especial congratulations to the winning team which included Flora, Vicky, Wiktoria, Florence, Sophie and Lottie who took home a trophy from the IET.

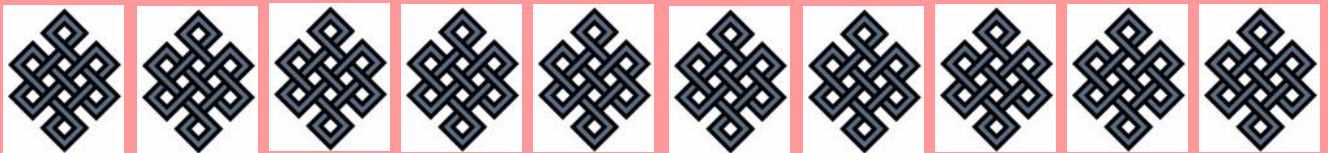


Beliefs & Values

We were delighted to welcome back Choyni from Exeter Pure Land Kadampa Buddhist Centre to speak to our Year 10 students who are currently studying Buddhism as part of their GCSE.

Students were given a talk about the Beliefs and Practices of Buddhists, and then participated in some meditation.

An amazing experience.



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LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	GCSE Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Mrs McConachie
Monday	Tech Club – Years 7 to 9	1.30pm – 2.10pm	DT2		Mr Arthur
Monday	Badminton – Years 10 to 13	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Weights – Years 10 to 11	Lunchtime	Studio		Mr Pearce
Tuesday	Science Club – Year 7 – Week B	Lunchtime	SC9		Miss Tuthill/Ms Spencer
Tuesday (after Oct half term)	Ten Tors – Years 9 to 11	Lunchtime	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Amnesty	1.30pm	EN7		Miss Watt
Tuesday	Year 7 Book Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Southard
Tuesday	Dance Club – Year 9	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Girls Basketball – All Years	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	GCSE Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Badminton – Year 7 & 8	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday – Week A	GCSE Food Theory Catch Up – Year 11	Lunchtime	DT2		Mrs Crook
Thursday – Week B	GCSE Photography	Lunchtime			Mrs Wakefield
Thursday	GCSE Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Mrs McConachie
Thursday	Yu-Gi-Oh	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Year 7-9 Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Indoor Football – Year 10	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Girls Fitness – Year 10 & 11	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Girls Football – Years 7 to 9	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Dance Club – Year 10 & 11	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Mrs Elliott
Thursday – Week B	GCSE Food Theory Catch Up – Year 11	Lunchtime	DT2		Mrs Crook
Thursday – Week B	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Friday	Year 10 Beginners German	Lunchtime	MR4		Mrs McConachie
Friday	Speedcubing	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Harrison
Friday	Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce Mr Powell Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield
Friday	Indoor Football – Post 16 & Year 11	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

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



LIBRARY COMPETITION TIME!

Send me a picture of yourself reading in the most unusual place. southardl@clystvale.org

Winner will be announced on 23 November 2023

Carols by Candlelight

@ Broadclyst Church
Sunday 3rd December

5pm with
School Choir

7pm with
Cantilena Choir



Free Entry Limited Spaces

book early on

<https://broadclystcarols.eventbrite.co.uk>

or ring

07972 387391



SCAN ME



The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for
Winter has now gone live in
Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Places are available for children who are
accessing benefit related free school
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>



**MERRY
XMAS**



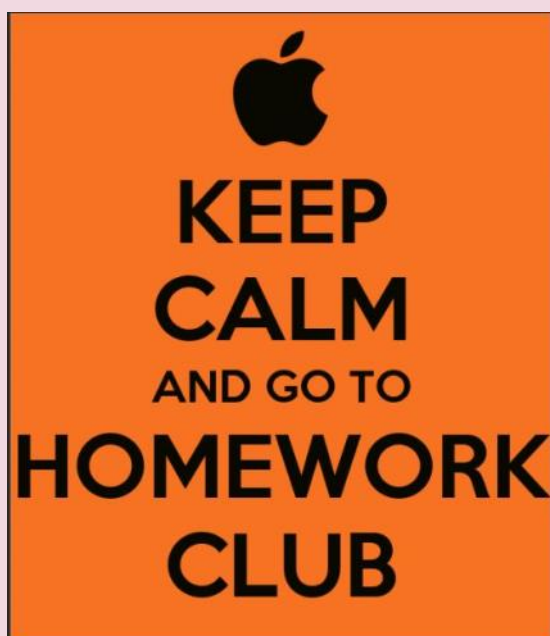
Library



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 teacher or admin@clystvale.org.

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