



NEWSLETTER

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WEEK B

“Women belong in all places where decisions are being made.”

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we've made it to half-term! Overall, it has been a successful few weeks. Students settled well in the first week or two, and have responded well as the routine became established and as more opportunities have been introduced through clubs and activities. The Open Evening and tours showed the College – and our students – at their best. Attendance is reasonable, although could be better (see below). Staff attendance has been really good, although we have had some difficulties in one particular area of the curriculum due to long-term illness. Of course, with nearly a thousand students, there are exceptions to this good start; we will always try to support students and families where we can and urge you to contact us if there are concerns..

Deep Learning Day

Again, with nearly a thousand young people each having their own experience across seven different days, it's hard to generalise. The organisation by Mrs Bennett and her team was excellent, and many of my colleagues put in a harder shift than on a normal day, so many thanks to them. Some students really enjoy DLDs because they stay in the same room, don't move around, and there is a lot more groupwork, discussion and problem-solving; others are less keen, but the whole point about learning is that one size doesn't fit all and it's valuable for students to learn in different ways. We had some very good unsolicited praise from some of the external visitors, particularly for Year 10 who had mock interview practice, and for Year 9 for their attention and behaviour in the Fire Service presentation.

There is a more detailed account with photos later in this Newsletter.....

Post-16 Open Evening

Thursday 9th November ! We may not be as big and shiny as some local FE providers, but our Sixth Form has so much to offer in terms of class sizes, great outcomes, incredible pastoral support, and more. Please come along and see for yourself, and tell your friends and neighbours if their Year 11 children unfortunately attend somewhere that isn't Clyst Vale . There's also a full-page advert later on....

Sixth Form News

Related to the Open Evening, Miss Haynes is on a grand tour of local 11-16 schools promoting Post 16 far and wide.

Just to reinforce some of the things that go on, DLD went very well. Year 12 completed a Taskmaster-style competitively edged morning of activities (all linked to employability). The Taskmaster was very impressed with how students tackled their various missions! Although 12JP came out as the overall winners, this was by the narrowest of margins

Year13 students prepared for, attended and then took part in de-briefs for interviews with employers/ external interviewers. The employers gave glowing reports of their mock interview experiences. Congratulations to our students for keeping calm and participating in what can feel like a very stressful situation.



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Attendance

Overall attendance up to last week was 92.0%. This is above the Devon average of 91% for secondary schools, but a little below the national figure of 92.3%. The persistent absentee figure (that is, students who have missed 10% or more of school sessions) is 21% compared to 22% nationally and 23% in Devon. The conclusion seems to be that our attendance is slightly better than average, but still a long way short of the pre-pandemic levels of 93.5%+. Not sure why, but Year 9's attendance is significantly below the other four year groups.

Staff News

I'm pleased to let parents and carers know that last week Lisa Martin was appointed Deputy Principal with responsibility for the Curriculum. She is currently Assistant Headteacher at Courtfields School in Somerset. Basically, Lisa will fill the job currently held by Ms Jacobs, who of course replaces me. I am sorry that I couldn't announce this last week, but the print deadlines of a major media outlet such as the CVCC Newsletter are unforgiving.

We are pleased to welcome Aloysius Antony to our "back-room" staff as HR Manager. After half-term we will also be joined by Alex Jones as HR Administrator (ie a whole new HR team!), Hannah Jaggs as Exams & Data Assistant, and Harry Dearsley as Teaching Assistant. We welcome them to the team, and wish them every success during their time at CVCC.

Scomis On-Line Safety Newsletter

You'll see later in the Newsletter a single page on-line safety newsletter from Scomis. (Scomis is an abbreviation for "schools' management information systems" and works "in partnership with our customers to empower them to achieve improved outcomes through the provision of innovative, high quality ICT services and our passion for delivering customer service excellence" and works with 850+ schools, including us). It is really hard for parents to keep up with the latest on-line issues and trends, so these updates and newsletters are very useful and well worth a read.

"Autumn Safety"

I've pinched the name from a campaign run for many years by Devon's local safety partnership groups. Its purpose was to reduce anti-social behaviour associated with Halloween on 31st October, Bonfire Night on 5th November and the days leading up to these events. The campaign was very successful, although I don't think it is currently running. Fireworks and Halloween "mischief" cause alarm and distress to certain members of the community, especially older and vulnerable people. People may not answer the door because they are frightened and concerned. Trick-or-treaters should be respectful of this, and homes where it says "no callers". ('Trick or Treat' under adult supervision is of course fine).

Thank you for all your support this term; that good old tripod of home-student-school is the foundation for success !
Have a good half-term,

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

| | |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 7RER | No Permission to Name |
| 7RGG | Lily Evans |
| 8RDFE | Zak Howland |
| 8RTMA | No Permission to Name |
| 9RBAT | Rosie Hamilton |
| 9RNS | Lana Zumaran |
| 10RZB | Nick Lilley |
| 10RSGA | Shola Dow |
| 11RMA | Fin Buckley |
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| 11RCMO | No Permission to Name |

YELLOW SCHOOL

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|---------------|--|
| 7YCBO | Hebe Pearson |
| 7YCFI | No Permission to Name |
| 8YGGA | Charlotte Bennett |
| 8YBHA | No Permission to Name |
| 9YMBR | |
| 9YSWA | No Permission to Name |
| 10YSS | Bryn Matthews |
| 10YADA | Callum Smith-Watt |
| 11YDST | Amelia Garnowski and Ashleigh Watts |
| 11YEHA | Oliver Hawke |

GREEN SCHOOL

| | |
|---------------|--|
| 7GRTU | Jessica Randall |
| 7GHE | Cora Lewis |
| 8GMNA | No Permission to Name |
| 8GLT | Sophia Tagg |
| 9GCMC | Seth Craig |
| 9GDJ | Jake Lucas |
| 10GABR | No Permission to Name and Poppy Golightly |
| 10GDH | Sam Cowie |
| 11GAWO | Otto Moxey-White |
| 11GGT | Freya Graham |

CALENDAR DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October | Half Term |
| Wednesday 1st November | Y12 & 13 Geography Trip to Slapton Ley |
| Saturday 4th November | Ten Tors Day Training Walk 1 |
| Thursday 9th November | Post 16 Open Evening |
| Saturday 11th November | Ten Tors Day Training Walk 2 |
| Week Commencing Monday 27th November | Y11 Mock Exams |
| Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December | Ten Tors Weekend Camp 1 |
| 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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Deep Learning Day (DLD) 19th October 2023

What a brilliant atmosphere we had in school yesterday for our first deep learning day of this school year. Our DLD programme allows students to complete group challenges, gain valuable insights from visitors and work in a different environment from our normal timetable.

Year 11s developed their knowledge about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The 5 lives team came in to talk about personal stories and battles with drugs and alcohol. The workshop had a real impact on our students and made them better understand the negative consequences first hand.

Year 10s had a day filled with tasks and activities to develop their knowledge of the world of work. As part of the day students completed a group interview. We would like to thank all the volunteers who came in and worked with our students. Students are now starting to consider work experience opportunities for the summer placements.

Year 9 completed a personal safety day and learnt about water, road, rail and fire safety. The fire service delivered a workshop around arson and safety in the home.

Year 8 developed their team building skills through the 'tyre challenge'. They completed a science experiment, developed knowledge around recycling and worked towards presenting their ideas to the class. This culminated in an inter tutor final with Miss Jacobs judging and Miss Nash's group winning overall.

Year 7 worked on a 'moon based' challenge. They developed their own society with laws, designed what the planet would look like with a 3D modelling challenge and completed soil testing in a science experiment.

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard on the day and the students who showed how brilliantly they can rise to a new challenge.

Mrs Bennett



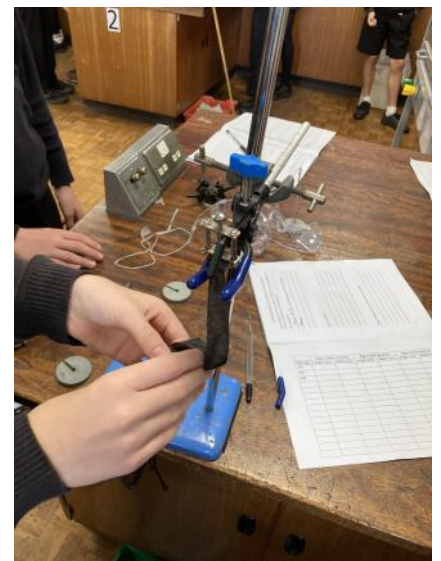
Year 9 Fire Safety Talk by the Fire Brigade



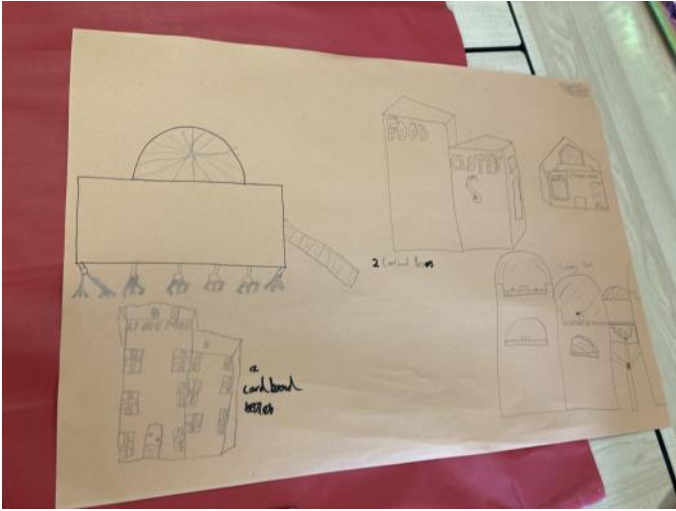
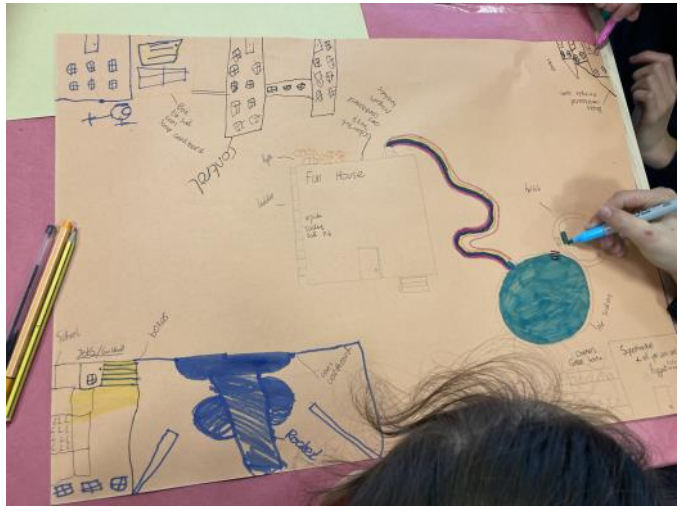
Year 10 Mock Interviews



Year 10—Career Talk with the Army

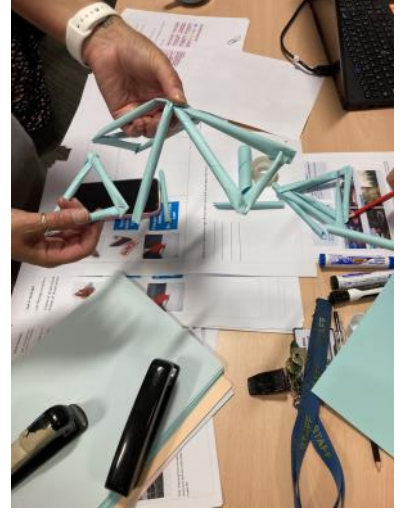


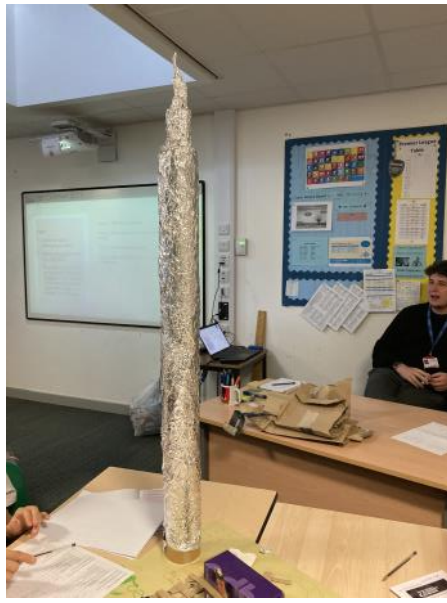
Year 8 — Tyre Project



Year 7 Moon Base Project

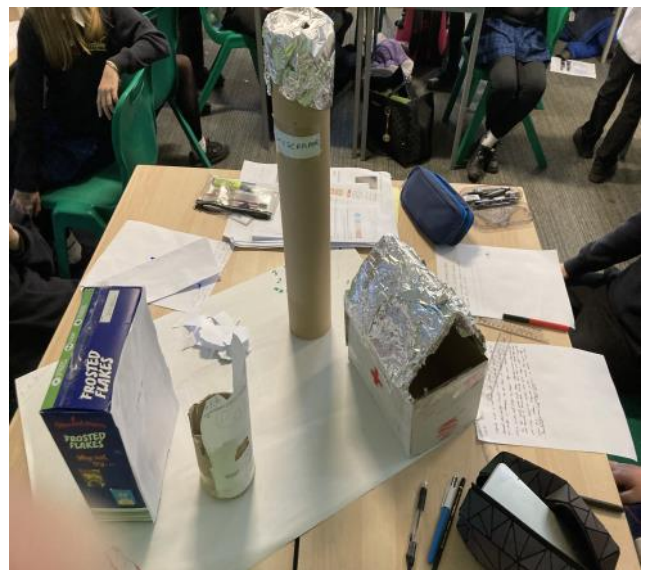
Planning phase &
work in progress





Year 7

Just a few of the completed Moon Base Models



Clyst Vale Rugby Report

Congratulations to all three sides which represented the College on a very wet and windy Wednesday afternoon this week at Blundells School, Tiverton. All three boys age groups boarded the bus on Wednesday lunchtime and represented the College immaculately, both on and off the pitch, in challenging conditions. We had some great results, which are taken into more detail, below.

Year 7 Boys

The Year 7 lads played in their first ever fixture for the school following several weeks of practice on a Wednesday at the club sessions. These seem to have paid off brilliantly, with the lads racking up an outstanding and unprecedented 35-5 win against the hosts that pride themselves on their rugby prowess and opportunities. Clyst Vale dominated the first and second periods, running in 5 tries through skipper, Sonny, Charlie, Joe, Harry C and Jack. The boys rotated really well, with the five substitutions not making any difference to the scoring and commitment in defence. Further scores followed in the last period, with Harry C getting his second. Powerful running from Max and Leo were prevalent in the forward pack, with Harry making some surging carries. Henry and Cian organised the backs well, with Oliver using his strength in attack and defence. Ruben and Will showed great handling skills, with Harrison showing superb footwork on the wing. Despite the very wet and blustery conditions, the boys ran out very deserved winners and hope to carry on their superb start to school rugby after the half term break. Well done, lads!

Year 9 Boys

The Year 9 boys, led by 6th form student, Jamie Horwell, recorded a huge 47-0 victory against their hosts, mainly a B strength side. This is a very impressive result and shows how well organised the boys are and how respectful they are to one another by rotating the side equally and ensuring that they have a huge squad to pick from! To win by this amount is a huge testament to the boys effort and commitment and brings about a much deserved win after their two narrow losses this term. Congratulations to the squad: Jacob, George, Ethan, Aidan, Oliver, Owen, Finley, Archie, Luca, Dylan, Josh, Oscar, Buddy, Harrison, Connor and Thomas.

Year 11 Boys

Well done to the Year 11 lads who have played their fourth fixture at Blundells, following trips pre-COVID in 2019! Mr Stapleton watched on as the boys, once again, laid on a very committed performance against a strong B/A Blundells School side and a side that very narrowly edged them out in the Area 7s in March of this year. Despite not being full strength, due to injuries and unenviabilities, the boys put up a great fight but ultimately fell to a 30-7 loss. Blundells School made several reinforcements throughout the game with more A players, namely George who came onto play at Number 8 versus his previous school! It is great to hear that George is flourishing at Blundells and we wish him all of the very best for his rugby moving forwards. Well done, lads, we will visit again in the new year to prepare for the Rosslyn Park 7s!

Congratulations to the squad: JJ (C), Charlie, Oliver, Dan, Lenny, Nick, Tom, Olivier, Max, Dan, Finlay, Rhys, Sonny, Jaden, Jasper, Reggie and Kieran.

A big thanks must go to Mr Stapleton and Jamie Horwell, who accompanied him on the fixture.

Mr Pearce





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Clyst Vale Community College Post 16 Open Evening

Thursday 9 November 6pm – 8pm

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

Clyst Vale Community College, Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, EX5 3AJ
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6-11 November 2023 is Green Careers Week, providing students with an insight into careers that specifically protect the environment and will help the UK achieve its pledge of reaching Net Zero by 2050. Young people want to be involved in finding solutions to our environmental challenges, so it's vital that we provide opportunities to show them how they can play an active role within the world of work. Knowing how they can find careers that play a significant part in improving our environmental credentials should contribute towards restoring their confidence in a positive and sustainable future. Parents can download the free guide via the link below:

[What's next? | The Parents' Guide to \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](https://theparentsguideto.co.uk)

Welcome to the October 2023 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents/Carers

New to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter?

Welcome to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents/carers. The aim of our half-termly newsletter is to signpost parents and carers to websites which will provide:

- Online safety advice and guidance for parents and carers
- Raise awareness of current Online Safety issues
- Information on how/where to get help

Remember to talk to your child about Online Safety

Be aware of key issues! How?

Visit the following websites to find out:

Internet Matters – [Advice by Age](#) Whatever your child's age, Internet Matters provides guidance to help you find out more about your child's digital lives. Their site includes practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them safe on social media, in online games and around the web and includes video, tips on how to start a conversation and much more.

How you can protect your child

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age, [Internet Matters](#) has developed checklists for parents /carers that provide top tips on how to help them stay safe. Get your toolkit [here](#)

Help children understand the dangers of sharing personal information, the best ways to balance screen time and more with the age-specific guides available [here](#)

0–5 years Find out what's new and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

6–10 years Find out how they might be at risk and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

11– 13 years Find out how to start those tricky conversations and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

Teens 14+ Find out what's new and download the [Online Safety guide](#)

NB. Each age-specific section includes 'easy to view' videos



PEGI Ratings

PEGI ([Pan European Game Information](#)) ratings is a popular gaming rating system used mostly in Europe and Asia.

PEGI ratings are quite easy to understand. They use a clear number to show from which age the game is suitable for. Find out more [here](#)

The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of a certain age.

PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

- Find out what the labels mean [here](#)
- Find out what the course descriptors mean [here](#)



PEGI ratings explained



Childline's Advice for Staying Safe Online

There are a number of things **you** can do to keep yourself safe online:

- Think before you post
- Don't share personal details
- Watch out for phishing and scams
- Think about who you are talking to
- Keep your device secure
- Never give out your password
- How to spot [Fake News](#)

Read how to keep you and your children safe online [here](#)

Find out more about:

- [Keeping your device secure](#)
- [Strong passwords](#)
- [Grooming](#)

Access and view a range of easy to watch videos on all sorts of things including

- Getting help [here](#)

Watch the [toolbox videos](#) and get help and advice on all sorts of things.

Remember you can contact [Childline](#) about anything, online, on the phone, anytime

WAYS TO GET SUPPORT

- Send an email**: Send an email to our online safety team. We'll get back to you as soon as we can.
- Call for free on 0800 1111**: Our helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Log-in for a 1-2-3 counsellor chat**: Chat with our counsellors online. You can choose to chat with a counsellor who speaks your language.
- Sign with us**: We'll help you create a safe online profile.

Keeping up to date with Media Sites, Apps and Games

- Keep up to date with the latest sites, apps and games
- Find out how to keep your child safe when playing online games
- Access resources for children with [SEND](#)

Visit [NSPCC's Chat App](#) site to find out more about Social media and Chat Apps including:

TikTok; Instagram; WhatsApp; Telegram

Find out more [here](#)

Need Help?

Worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the [NSPCC](#) helpline for free support and advice on **0808 800 5000** or [contact NSPCC online](#).

Reminder! Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves: 0800 1111

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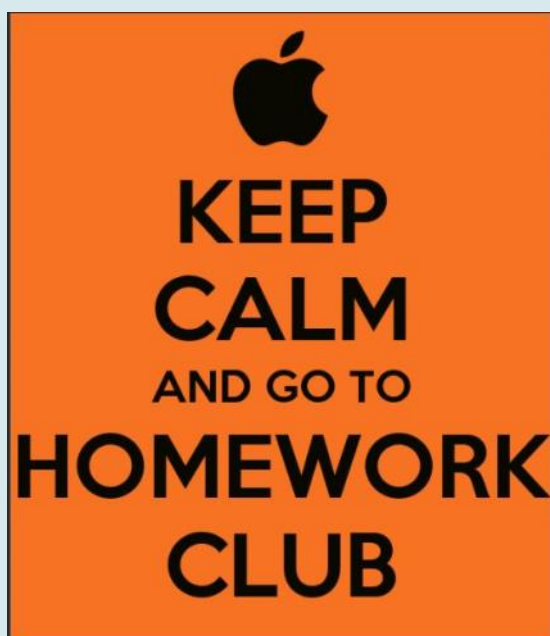
Library



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@clystvaled.org

For Year 12 - 13 Absences

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: voyseys@clystvaled.org and copy in Head of Sixth Form: haynesc@clystvaled.org