



NEWSLETTER

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“Train hard and love what you do, because success is in the journey not the destination.”

- Alex Danson, London 2012 Hockey Bronze Medallist

Dear Parents and Carers

Exam Results Days are Thursday 17th August for A-Level/Level 3, and Thursday 24th August for GCSE/Level 2. Results will be available from the Post-16 block from 09.00.

The first day of the Autumn Term 2023 for students will be Wednesday 6th September. Students do NOT need to bring PE kit on this day. Full correct uniform IS expected.

School Year 2022-23 Draws to a Close

Thank you to parents and carers for all your support this year, and for your trust in us to look after and educate your children. It was hugely reassuring to you (and everyone else) that we became an RRS Gold School, and six months later Ofsted recognised the significant improvements made since 2019 in becoming a Good School. The legacy of covid still casts a shadow, although I am greatly heartened that the activities and opportunities we've put on this year are noticeably more than last year even if not quite back to 2019 levels.

It's also been an unsettling and challenging year for families and society in general: the Queen's death, the King's Coronation, three Prime Ministers (and five education secretaries) in two months, a budget crisis, cost of living crisis, inflation, the covid legacies, Ukraine, and industrial action in many sectors including education. Against this backdrop, we have done well, but also families and parents have done well. Thank you for sending your children in clean and smart, properly equipped, and for supporting us when it's been needed. We're not perfect, and there are individuals who have had a difficult and less successful year. But the overall message remains the same – here comes the tripod: the most successful children are those for whom the three “legs” of home, school and student are all strong and work together. So thank you very much for doing your bit, and best wishes for a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.

Work Experience

I've always believed that work experience should be an entitlement for all students, which is why we offer it to both Year 10 and Year 12. It is such a valuable developmental experience to just be in a place of work, to be out of the comfort of school (but safe), to work with other people, and ideally to gain learning about a chosen job or sector of employment.

Thanks to Mrs Halme and Mrs Bennett, and to parents (again), 90% of Year 10 went on work experience and all but one or two had a great learning experience. The most heartening stories for us teachers are the students who maybe don't like school or who are having a tough time, and for whom work experience gives them a fresh challenge, boosts their confidence, and provides a glimpse of adulthood after ten years in classrooms.

Year 12 being that bit older can (and usually do) have slightly more challenging placements, and many relate to the student's possible degree choices or occupational areas. If it's possible, Year 12 work experience has been even more successful than Year 10, and we have had glowing feedback about the quality of Clyst Vale students.

On-Line Safety

This is really helpful as the summer and increased scrolling times approach, and I'm grateful to Mr Bailey. You can follow the link below to view the latest guide to help you both set up controls and adjust privacy settings to provide your child with a safer online environment.

<https://www.clystvale.org/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/Online-Safety-Newsletters/Parental-Controls-booklet-2023.pdf>

Staff Changes

Leaving at the end of term:

Mark Hill. After 23 years of teaching Biology and Science, Mark is leaving us to join his wife's ophthalmology business. Mark has been a highly respected teacher and colleague throughout that time.

Aude Odunlade has been at Clyst Vale for eight years, teaching Physics and Science. We wish her well in her new post at Blundell's.

Paul Newell is leaving Clyst Vale after three years to take up a data position with Exeter University.

Stephanie Schmitt (MFL French) has been here for two years, and leaves us to a promotion at St James' School in the Ted Wragg Trust

Theo Zimble will join Matford Brook School in the Ted Wragg Trust to a promoted post after two years teaching Geography and Humanities at Clyst Vale

Katie Townsend leaves after two years to start teacher training; Katie has worked mostly in the Skills Room, as a TA and for most of her time as Academic Mentor (part of the covid recovery programme)

Eleni Karastopoli leaves, also after two years as Cover Supervisor and part-time Maths teacher to a post at a local school.

Zoe Beard has left us after most of the year as Claire Wakefield's maternity cover; we were fortunate to secure the services of such an experienced Art teacher.



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Of course, one or two sentences cannot remotely do justice to the contributions each colleague has made, especially over many years, and the nature of schools means that some students will have had a lot of contact with some individuals and none with others. What is important is that my colleagues were very much part of the Clyst Vale community, contributed to that community, and they leave with our thanks and best wishes for the next stage in their lives.

There will also be a number of internal staff changes for September, partly reflecting the changes to the pastoral structure and the “end of AtHoS”:

Ellie Roberts takes over as Coordinator for Rights Respecting Schools now that Sara Watt is a Head of Year.

Zoe Brotherton has been appointed as Coordinator for Gifted & Talented Students.

Maddie Nash becomes Coordinated for Priority Learners.

Claire Turner moves from being Yellow School AtHoS to being Bridge Coordinator from September 2023.

Pam Grant moves from being Red School AtHoS to Student Support.

Maria Murch moves from the role of Receptionist to the Bridge.

Hayley Bugbee, currently Exams Assistant, will become Cover Coordinator from September.

Claire Coleman will move from the role of Cover Coordinator to that of Teaching Assistant.

(New appointments to the posts of Receptionist and Early Help (Family) Coordinator begin in September)

Pastoral Reorganisation

It's old news that from September we will be reverting to Heads of Year instead of Heads of School. The Heads of Year will be Mrs Albutt (Year 7), Miss Watt (Year 8), Miss McConnachie (Year 9), Mr Pearce (Year 10), and Mrs Adie (Year 11); and Miss Haynes in Sixth Form.

The team of AtHoS are therefore being redistributed into other roles within our Pastoral Support “Hubs”. The Student Board asked me to prepare a “who do I go to” list for September, and I have distributed this with the Student Bulletin in Teams. There is less change than you might imagine.

From a parent's point of view, much remains the same. Absence and attendance issues should go to our Student Absence hub of Miss Prunty and Mrs Leaman. Urgent enquiries or emergency issues should go to Reception who will pass them on accordingly. The AtHoS have been responsible for the forty or so families on Early Help (to be known as the Welfare hub); this will go to an EH Coordinator, Lisa Jones, who joins us in September. Where parents are already in regular dialogue with Heads of School, this would change – if still required – to the appropriate Head of Year. One change is that less immediate issues should be e-mailed to tutors rather than AtHoS as at present; one of the features of the reorganisation is that the role of the tutor is enhanced to be the first point of contact.



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New Year Name Change: Room 29

Room 29 will be the new name for The Bridge. It's moving location, it'll have new staff, it'll have new expectations, so why not a new name ? We're a RRS, and the 29 refers to article 29 of the U.N. Convention of the Rights of the Child:

Developing students' abilities to the fullest potential

Developing respect for others' rights

Respect for national values: justice, democracy, tolerance, rule of law)

Preparation for responsible life

Respect for the environment

It's pretty self-explanatory. If a student is in Room 29, it's because they have gone against Article 29 in some way. Therefore, they have prevented others from enjoying their right to develop, or feel safe, by their lack of respect.

Further, it links directly to the CRC specifically and RRS directly; it shows that RRS isn't all soft and fluffy and that rights mean something tangible; it suggests that RRS is central to behaviour; and it emphasises thinking about others, and the consequences of bad behaviour on others.

New Year Resolutions: Staff Car Park

Please do not use the Staff Car Park (nearest the main pedestrian entrance to the College) to drop off or wait to pick up. There have been a few near-misses of staff and students, as well as blocking of parking spaces in the morning. If a student is disabled, or temporarily on crutches, that's different. Thank you !

New Year Resolutions: Devon School Transport

Across all Devon schools there have been increasing issues on buses. So from September, Devon School Transport will be working closely with contractors to follow up behavioural issues, and it is possible that there will be more temporary bans. It's also likely that "no pass, no travel" checks will be reintroduced at both ends of the journey.

Mr Grumpy

I am not grumpy that there almost certainly will be no strikes in the autumn. However, I am grumpy about the political spin put out by the government. I have always been confident that Clyst Vale parents read beyond the headlines, but "record funding for schools in England" ? Hmmmm. Education is not well funded, and while nominal funding might literally be at a record level, so, of course, are costs.

Term Dates 2024-25

(Yes, the school year after next...) These were approved by Governors this week, and can be found on the website. 800 Newsletters Up !! Principal Celebrates Another Epic Milestone !!

Although I only wrote 797 of them....(If your kids are bored this summer, get them to read the entire back catalogue and see if they can work out which three were written by someone else..).

Once again, thank you, and best wishes for the next six weeks !



Kevin Bawn

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 17th August	A & AS Level Results Day (9-11am)
Thursday 24th August	GCSE Results Day (9-11am)
Wednesday 6th September	Students return for the autumn term



Clyst Vale Community College Kenya Scuba 2025

Come along to our Parents Presentation

Tuesday 10th October at 6pm in the Main Hall

Please register your interest via [Student Registration Form \(campsinternational.com\)](https://campsinternational.com)

School code : 8601



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Clyst Vale Community College Kenya Scuba Expedition 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

COMING SOON - AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY
FOR OUR STUDENTS

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Camps International again to offer students the opportunity to go on a life-changing, 4-week expedition to Kenya, during the summer of 2025. Students will work on a variety of meaningful and sustainable projects as well as undertaking the personal adventure challenge of a PADI Open Water Scuba Diving Course.

SAVE THE DATE TO COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE:

Tuesday 10th October at 6pm in the Main Hall

During our Parents Presentation you and your child will be able to hear more about Camps, the expedition and fundraising, as well as how to join the team.

In the meantime, to get an insight into the expedition, you can see photos from previous teams on the Camps Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/campsint/>

As students are encouraged to raise the funds for this expedition themselves, why not get started straight away with some helpful tips and advice:

<https://www.campsinternational.com/fundraising-for-your-expedition/>

We look forward to letting you know more about the expedition soon.

Kindest regards,
Clyst Vale Community College



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Girls at 'Play like a Chief' Rugby Event: Winslade Park on Friday 14 July

You would have thought that this event, an event outside in July, would be warm, sunny and pleasant. It certainly was not the first two, with gale force winds and heavy rain throughout our time with little to no shelter! The girls still had a great time at the event, with the Exeter Chiefs in the Community Team, putting on a carousel of coaching skills to showcase their work for the Gallagher programme throughout the year.

With the rain teeming down the decision was made to cut the day short at midday, with the girls loving their complimentary Subway(s) and tee shirt and medals. The girls were outstanding ambassadors for the College and a true delight to take to the event, I am just sorry for the terrible weather we encountered on the day!

Photos to follow from the official photographer at the event.

Congratulations to all of the girls: Dilly Pepper, Charlotte Curwood, Lacey Walkey, Emilia Sleep, Naomi Hosea, Jessie Emeleus, Jess Massey, Karly David, Maisy Killian, Lois Hargreaves, Isla Van Het Bolscher, Gracie Leaman-Bissett, Holly Middleton, Lily Tomkins-Pope, Florence Mackie, Hollie Walkey.

Mr Pearce

Ogden Trust Love Physics Competition 2023

In March, students from the Science Club entered the Ogden Trust South West competition, against other local secondary schools, to showcase their love for Physics. They each submitted a photo or video of a Physics experiment that they did alongside a short description. Below is a list of all their entries. Well done to all the participants!

The results are now out. I am delighted to announce that Kate Dreaden-Watts won the Commendation prize for the Year 8 category with her Lenses poster. Well done Kate!



Exeter City Football Talent ID Tournament

Date: Friday 14th July 2023

Venue: Exwick Sports Hub

Year 7 & 8 Girls 3 vs 3.

The weather forecast did not disappoint for the day with high winds and rain all day. This did not hinder the girl's excitement for the day ahead. With the host not putting in the four teams requested for Year 7 and Year 8 the girls had to combine to make a squad of 6 for both year groups as highlighted below.



Year 8 Squad – Ameera Choudary, Grace Alexander ©, Willow Davies, Zoe Troop, Miley Arthurs and Sophia Blum



Year 7 Squad – Annea Cecherlan-Richards, Sophie Woods, Sophia Tagg, Sophia Lilley, Daisy Hopper© and Aafia Pick

The Year 7s started off nervously and were getting used to the conditions and the format of the tournament with Daisy Hopper and Sophia Tagg combining well in the first game. With Sophie Woods keeping it tight at the back and stopping everything coming her way. The first game ended in a defeat 4-1 vs QE, with the rest of the squad coming out for the second game which ended in a 1-1 draw. Aafia, Annea and Sophia Lilley did very well in the second game combining and creating chances. With a substitute mid-way through Clyst Vale managed to score the equalizer. At the end of the group stage the girls finished in a respectable 3rd place on 9 points, 2 W, 3 D, 1 L with the top four progressing through to the semi-final. Credit to the team for their contributions to all the games applying a mature attitude throughout. They were able to ensure everyone swapped and changed around so everyone had as much game time as they could. Isca awaited them in the semi-final. ¶

After a 1-1 draw in the group stage Daisy and her team were looking for revenge. Daisy, Sophia.T and Annea started the game like a bullet from a gun. Pressing with intent and not letting the opposition have any time on the ball. Two quick goals from Sophia and Daisy saw Clystvale take the lead. Annea swapped out for Sophie W who sured up the defence. 3-0 the final score.



QE were the leading team in the groups stages and beat Clystvale 4 -1 in the group stages. Daisy and the team were determined not to let this happen again. With a more calculated approach to the game the final kicked off. A more physical approach from Clystvale was used as they had learnt from the intial encounter. A long range shot went through the legs of the defending Annea, 1-0 QE. Daisy and Sophia.T combine well to equalise nearly straight after the restart. With the rain pouring down and nothing to separate the two teams it came down to extra time and golden goal. Chances at both ends but not enough to separate the teams. PENALTIES. With

time running out it was sudden death. Daisy stepped up and hit a clean strike towards goal. It deflected off the keeper, on to the bar and down onto the line. GOAL just over the line the referee shouted. Down to Annea who stepped into the goal to defend the penalty. No hands aloud were the rules. A good strike from the QE player but the ever brave Annea got in the way and blocked it from going in. CLYSTVALE WIN ON PENALTIES.



The Year 8s got off to a flyer in their first game against bitter rivals Tiverton. Grace, Sophia.B and Miley combining and controlling the game from the off. Making room on a small pitch and passing the ball with great control.3-0 and comfortable winners. The second game was much the same with Ameera, Willow and Zoe stepping in for the second game. Subs were made during the game but the team worked well together and again came out 3-0 winners. The next game was an interesting one as before I had got to the game Grace stepped in for the other team and put them 1-0 up as they had only 2 players. The girls dug deep and Sophia scored to make it 1-1.

Well done Grace for your good deed. Clystvale finished in 2nd place on 11 points only 1 point behind rivals Tiverton. 3 W, 2 D, 0 L allowed the girls to progress comfortably to the semi-finals vs QE who they drew 1-1 against in the group stage so all to play for. Miley, Sophia and Grace started the game with total control and it was only a matter of time before they got a goal. Controlling the game as they had been the whole tournament. Miley playing the deeper role protecting the goal with Sophia and Grace trying to utilise the pitch by going wide and coming in narrow. With the intricate passing



and patience they eventually opened the scoring through Sophia. Grace added a 2nd to relieve some pressure. Miley swapped with the ever reliable Ameera who ensured the victory was secured. 2-0 to Clystvale. To no surprise the opposition was that of Tiverton. Fierce rivals over the last few tournaments where the Clystvale girls have come out on top. The girls knew they could beat them again. After a tight start Tiverton opened the scoring through a lapse in concentration from the girls allowed the Tiverton striker to score. 1-0. The girls fought back well and kept creating chances and being patient to try and carve open a chance. Grace and Sophia kept pressing and hustling Tiverton which eventually led to Sophia striking again. 1-1. After a tense and tight few minutes the girls scored another to make it 2-1. Willow and Zoe being too drenched to come on they were happy supporting from the side. Ameera came on again to sure up the defence as she does best. The final whistle goes and another victory for Clyst Vale Community College.

Congratulations to the girls for the way they battled through till the end and did not moan one bit during the tournament about the weather or the games. They just got on with it and enjoyed it for what it was so a massive well done and you all are a credit to the school. Ameera was also voted by the England FA scout that was in attendance for the player of the tournament award and won a signed Exeter City Womens shirt, congratulations Ameera fully deserve. Keep up the good work girls and girls football training will start again in September for all years.



Mr Stapleton

Broadclyst Theatre Group

Youth Theatre Project

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!!

Join us for the summer touring theatre project of 2023!

We have collected together a team of professional drama, street dance and performance professionals to take us on a journey of improvisation, comedy, dance, and script work. The aim is to enhance performance skills, meet like-minded people, gain personal development, and take a unique opportunity to meet professionals who work in the theatre world. We also plan to take our performance skills and share them in the community.

Who should come?

YOU!! If you love drama, enjoy socializing, are between 13 and 20. Challenge yourself as you learn some new movement skills, acting techniques, and have some fun.

When? 9am -4.30pm August 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th 2023

Where? Registration will be at Broadclyst Church on Tuesday 8th August at 9am but we expect to work together at a number of locations in Broadclyst including the Victory Hall and Clyst Caring - we'll keep you posted....

Is there a cost to this? Yes, we need to ensure you're all members of the group, insured and safeguarded properly so there is a one-off charge of £25 per person. Assisted places are available however, so do contact us, with any queries.

I'm interested - how do I apply? Brilliant!! We only have limited places to fill out the details below and give it to one of us or email it to katiejonesiphone@gmail.com

Name.....Age.....Email.....(parent or guardian)

Address.....

Parent/Guardian name.....Parent/Guardian phone.....

Further information: Katie Jones
Broadclyst Youth Theatre Director
07831 313322



summer '23

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GRIEF SUPPORT WORKERS



Role details

Hours: Flexible. Around 3 hours each week (usually school term-time only).

Training: One day per week over a three month period.

As volunteering and training are in school/office hours, this role is ideal for people working/studying part time, or with flexibility in their week.

Location: Various locations across Exeter, Mid and East Devon. The Balloons office is at Providence Court, Pynes Hill, Rydon Lane, Exeter

Closing: Recruitment ongoing, year-round. Next training course starts September 2023.

An amazing opportunity for you to help change the lives of bereaved children and young people in Exeter, Mid and East Devon.

Balloons is a small, local charity, providing support for children and young people aged 5 to 25 and their families before an expected death, or following the death, of someone significant in their lives. We are looking for volunteers to train as Grief Support Workers. By volunteering for us, you really will make a difference to children who would otherwise be left alone with their grief.

Here are some national statistics that show why we do what we do:



Every 22 minutes, every day, a child is bereaved of a parent



1 in 29 5-16 year olds has been bereaved of a parent or sibling - that's a child in every average class.



41% of youth offenders experienced childhood bereavement (the national average is 4%)



Other reasons to volunteer for us

- As a Volunteer Grief Support Worker, you will attend our free training course, where you will be trained by Donna, a BACP accredited counsellor and trainer.
- Once you start your volunteering you will have full support and supervision with a clinical manager, as well as CPD opportunities.
- It provides you with an incredible opportunity to enhance your CV and develop personal and professional skills and experience.
- You will have many opportunities to meet and get to know other amazing volunteers.

Want to know more?

Please visit our website at www.balloonscharity.co.uk for further information about the work that we do at Balloons.

For an information pack and application form, please email admin@balloonscharity.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!

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. |

Schools In Mind- supporting your child with transitions.

We're holding three free webinars over the summer holidays to support young people with the milestones and transitions that happen at this time of year.

Two of the webinars will be for parents and carers, sharing tips and advice to help them support their children with important milestones. The first webinar will be for parents/carers with children waiting for their exam results, and the second will be for those with children about to start Year 7.

The third webinar will be for young people themselves, helping them look after their own wellbeing as they start at university.

Each webinar will be run by Anna Freud education and mental health experts, sharing practical tips and advice for supporting wellbeing and dealing with potentially stressful situations.

Courses can be booked via our website:
www.annafreud.org (under the training and events tab)



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Newsletter

EXTRA SUMMER SESSIONS

Thursday
20th July

18:00 - 20:00



Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Thursday
27th July

18:30 - 20:30

Anxiety Explained

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday
3rd August

18:30 - 20:30



Drug Awareness talk for Parents

Cannabis, vaping, ketamine, energy drinks? How much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

Videos to rent for £5

Understanding the Teenage brain

Cannabis Awareness

Introduction to ADHD

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Players Wanted!

Cranbrook Under 14's

**Cranbrook U14's are looking
for enthusiastic young
players to join our team.**

**Training every Tuesday and
Saturday**



Contact below for more information

Paul 07481 454551

Ben 07900 198022



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 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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