



# NEWSLETTER

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Week A

**“Sport has the power to change the world...it has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers.” - Nelson Mandela**

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of a sudden, there's loads going on.....

## **Ofsted Report**

Earlier this week, you should have received your very own pdf of the Ofsted Report on the inspection that took place on 6th – 7th December. Naturally, we're very pleased and proud, and enjoying the moment as you may have noticed in the letter to parents, website, and DevonLive (the current vogue among schools is to have students holding up balloons saying “good” or “outstanding”, but it's not environmentally friendly so we used A3 paper)... However, every inspection is a snapshot, a moment in time, and it's behind us now. The challenge is to build on these standards. We're doing a lot right, but the report brings up behaviour, too much lost lesson time for students with social and emotional issues, and not enough students doing a GCSE language. There is still plenty of work to do to improve further our curriculum, teaching and learning and provision for SEND students. But we're starting from a good place. Literally.

## **Year 9 Options**

This is a big topic of conversation right now! Ms Jacobs explained the options process and the most important principles in an assembly on Monday, and Year 9 parents should have received the Options Booklet earlier this week. One change in emphasis is partly driven by Ofsted, in that we are encouraging/recommending that more students at least consider taking a language: but to be clear we are not reverting to making it compulsory. Next Thursday is Options Evening, when students and parents can find about the different subjects and speak to subject staff. Paper versions of the options form will be given out afterwards. Then the fun starts!

## **Year 9 Parents Evening**

Part of the options process was last night's Year 9 parents' evening. Stating the obvious, perhaps, but it's valuable to know what your child's chances are in a particular subject before opting for it! Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your children and taking part. Reports from my colleagues indicate that it was a positive and useful evening.

## **Sixth Form News**

Applications for the Sixth Form for September close today, BUT we'll accept them very early next week ! Despite all the trials and tribulations of recent educational history, Clyst Vale Sixth Form has consistently been rated good by Ofsted, and one of its strengths is the excellent relationships between students, and between staff and students. It's not exactly a bespoke service, but not far off at times. There is a steady stream of Clyst Vale students who have won places at university, and used this as a springboard for later life and success. This year three students were interviewed for Oxbridge, and one offered a place. The bright lights, big city has its attractions, but students shouldn't overlook what's on their doorstep....

Year 13 students tackled their mock exams this week. It's a little early to report back on how they have done in academic terms, but the practice and preparation is very important.

For Year 12, the university application process is well under way. Students have had visits from representatives of Plymouth and Cardiff Universities (not a sales pitch, but about university life), and in March students will visit the Higher Education Fair at Westpoint.

## **Teacher Strike, Wednesday 1st February**

I have written a separate more detailed letter, but in a nutshell next Wednesday Clyst Vale will only be open to vulnerable children, children of critical workers, and Years 7 and 11. School transport will run as normal, and there will be a (reduced) food service at break and lunch. Teachers who are not on strike will set work on Teams for students to do at home; there will be some gaps, depending on whether a student's teacher is striking or not, but there are many websites and programmes for independent study, and students in exam years always have revision to do ! As I said, the first strike day is the trickiest as I have no real idea of how many teachers will be present, I am limited as to who I can ask to cover classes, and I am not prepared to leave groups of thirty teenagers unattended for an hour: they wouldn't learn anything, and it wouldn't be safe. There's the old motto "better safe than sorry", and I hope that parents appreciate my reasoning even though it will undoubtedly have an impact on many families' routines.

## **Little Shop of Horrors SOLD OUT**

I'm looking forward to next week's musical; even though it is not like some of our past extravaganza's it still has a cast, crew and orchestra of around 30 talented young people. It's a show, but it's also an important part of the Level 3 BTec Performing Arts course. Normally I fret about whether ticket sales will cover costs, but this time we have the reverse problem, and sorry if anyone has missed out. 1st February is the strike day, but the show must go on, and will be running. Not least because that's when I'm watching it.

## **Date for Y11 Parent Diaries**

Thursday, 9th February, 6.00 pm. 12 to 1 Revision Countdown Evening. From February half-term to the week before the first sit-down exam there are 12 weeks. Thanks to Miss Brotherton's leadership and organisation, each GCSE subject has produced a 12-week programme of revision topics and resources to support independent revision. The basic idea is that when students have been set independent revision, or claim to have nothing to do, there will be a suggested topic. The evening itself will explain the whole idea and method of working, which will vary from subject to subject, with short inputs from the heads of several subjects. There will also be a lesson a fortnight within CPS to concentrate on revision. Y11 parents have already been contacted about 12 to 1, so this is a reminder !

## Facebook

There are multiple Facebook pages referring to Clyst Vale, so we have relaunched our very own so you can be directed to the authentic one. The link is [Clyst Vale Community College | Facebook](#). As it says on the welcome page, this will be to celebrate our successes, engage further with our community, and share stories and information. Life is busy, even hectic, and people like quick information on the move. Who knows ? In the fullness of time it might even replace the Newsletter and my ramblings.....

## Car Parks

Once again, please can I ask parents who drive-and-drop their children to be considerate. The “staff” car park in front of school should not be used as a drop off point except for students with a disability or a temporary but serious injury (like a broken leg). Similarly in the Sports Hall car park. We don’t have much space, and one morning this week one extended drop-off farewell conversation caused a backlog of cars, and five teachers being delayed for several minutes. Thank you.

## News of Former Student

Ellen Blacker left CVCC in 2020 and is in her third year at Edinburgh University studying Theology. Except she’s not – she won funding for her third year to be spent at Lund University near Malmo in Sweden (studying the spread of Christianity, Viking archaeology with field trips, learning Swedish, just living in Sweden !). This follows a summer school in Sicily looking at child trafficking and torture, inspiring Ellen to exploring a human rights based career. I’m always pleased to hear news of former students, but Ellen is a great example of what CVCC students can do, and the opportunities available to them with hard work and determination. At Clyst Vale, Ellen was very active in the Amnesty Group, won awards, and was involved in the first two years of RRS, and it’s great to see that passion for human rights continuing.

## EduLink and contacting the College

Please do not address emails, or replies to EduLink messages, to [EduLink@clystvale.org](mailto:EduLink@clystvale.org). It is an unmonitored mailbox and will not go to anyone. Parents/carers need to reply to EduLink messages via the app, online, or via email, as this will then be directed to the staff member who sent the message to you. Or, please contact the relevant school ATHOS or the teacher.

There is also a contact form and details here: <http://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>

Best wishes,



**Kevin Bawn**

Principal



# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **RED SCHOOL**

7RDF	Max Kirk
7RTM	Aston Bailey
8RBAT	No permission
8RHSP	Zachary Wilson
9RSGA	Ruby Hopkins
9RZB	Harry Bowern
10RAO	No permission
10RMAH	Laila Steer
11RER	No permission
11RGG	Hettie Letton

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

7YBH	Ollie Payne
7YGG	Maxwell Powe
8YMBR	-
8YTZI	-
9YPNE	-
9YSS	-
10YDST	Rose Lovemore
10YSP	Naomi Hosea
11YMPR	-
11YNS	-

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GLT	Jacob Evans
8GCMC	Jacob Kyffin
8GIM	Alissia Harrison
9GABr	-
9GDH	Harry Metherell
10GAW	Bethan O'Dell
10GGT	-
11GHE	-
11GSW	Daniel Thorpe

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 26th January	Y9 Parents Evening
31st January to 1st February	CVCC Production: Little Shop of Horrors
Thursday 2nd February	Y9 Options Evening 4.30-7.00pm (presentation by S Jacobs at 4.30 and repeated at 5.30pm)
Saturday 4th—Sunday 5th February	Ten Tors & DofE Bronze
Thursday 9th February	Y11 Revision Information Evening 6-7.30pm
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023	HALF TERM
24th February	Deadline for Y9 Options choices
Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles Coronation
Monday 31st May to Friday 3rd June	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July	Post 16 Taster Days for Y10
Friday 21st July 2023	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM ( Note Early finish 2pm)

## Match Report Year 10 Football

### Clyst Vale 5 vs 1 Tiverton School

With captain Max losing the referee's toss, Clyst Vale were starting the first half against the elements, with the lowering sun in their eyes and shooting up the hill. They started the first 10 minutes of the game on the back foot with Tiverton applying early pressure on the Clyst Vale back four. It was clear to see that the two teams started the game with a different approach, Clyst Vale playing territory winter football whereas Tiverton were trying to fight against the tough pitch surface by playing a passing style. It was Clyst Vale that landed the first blow, after a great through ball by a midfielder, Ethan Board found himself 1v1 with the goalkeeper in which he slotted the ball calmly in the bottom right corner on the 12<sup>th</sup> minute.

This changed the flow of the game completely, Clyst Vale really started to dominate for the next 15 minutes. Charlie Williams got Clyst Vale's 2<sup>nd</sup> goal by anticipating a mistake from the Tiverton goalkeeper which he calmly slotted into the open net.

The 3rd Goal was the main talking point of the match, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute Charlie Ebdon picked up a second ball from the Tiverton defender, while the ball was still bouncing Charlie struck the ball with his weaker left-foot from about 35 yards. With a 'knuckleball' like effect, the ball flew into the top left corner leaving the goalkeeper stuck in the mud.

The fourth and final goal of the half was taken by Lucas Stumpf who found himself free in the Tiverton 18 yard box with nothing else in his mind other than slotting the ball under the keeper and into the corner. This goal ended a brilliant first half performance by Clyst Vale.

The second half was no-where near as exciting as the first half. On the 45<sup>th</sup> minute, Ethan Board picked the ball up in the Tiverton 18-yard box after a lovely passing move down the right-hand side. He found the back of the net with a smart first-time finish in the bottom left corner on.

With Clyst Vale taking their foot off the gas in the second half and becoming increasingly complacent Tiverton were awarded a penalty in the last 2 minutes of the game in which they add a consolation goal to their tally.

#### Clyst Vale Match stats:

##### Goals:

Ethan Board- 2 (12<sup>th</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> minute)

Charlie Williams – 1 (18<sup>th</sup> minute)

Charlie Ebdon – 1 (23<sup>rd</sup> minute)

Lucas Stumpf – 1 (33<sup>rd</sup> minute)

## Cross Country News

Very well done to Jasper Forty in the Devon School's Cross Country on Saturday. Jasper running for Exeter and East Devon finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Inter-boys age group, ahead of 30 runners from across the county. Jasper should feel additionally pleased having finished as the highest of the Exeter and East Devon boys squad. Unlike the previous round all the competitors found the course around Exhibition Fields in Exeter, frosty and firm under foot with blue skies overhead.

**Mr J Powell**



# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Film Club – commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Lunchtime	HU6		Miss Matthews
Monday	Yr 7/8/9 Tech Club	Lunchtime	DT1		Mr Arthur
Monday	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Crawford
Monday	Yr 9-13 - Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Yr 10-13 - Weights	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Tuesday	Trailblazers	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Tuesday	Ten Tors/DofE – commencing after Hal Term	1.30pm to 2.10pm	MA8		Miss Barratt/Mr Eales
Tuesday	KS4/KS5 Work Experience & Careers Drop In	Lunchtime	Careers Base		Miss Bennett
Tuesday	Yr 10/11 - Lacrosse	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Yr 7-9 - Girls Football	Lunchtime	Top Field	Humanities Block	Mr Stapleton
Tuesday	Yr 10/11 - Btec Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	Week B – Yr 7/8/9 - Science Club	Lunchtime	SC4		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer/Mr Ferret
Tuesday	GCSE Art & Photography Catch-Up	Lunchtime	AR2/IT4		Mrs Walton
Wednesday	Week B - LGBTQ+ Group	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimble
Wednesday	Week A – Eco Committee	Lunchtime	HU4		Mr Zimble
Wednesday	Yr 11 Theory Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Yr 7/8 - Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell/Michael Bothery
Wednesday	Yr 7-9 - Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Humanities Block	Miss Hall
Wednesday	Yr 8/9 - Netball	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities Block	Mrs Elliot
Thursday	History Club	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Thursday	Yr 7-9 Games Club	1.30pm to 2.00pm	HU6		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Week A – Yr 10/11 Practical Catch UP	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Week B – Yr 1/11 Practical Catch Up	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Hooks & Books	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Crawford
Thursday	Yr 11 – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Yr 10/11 – Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio	Dance Studio	Mrs Elliot
Thursday	Yr 7-9 – Boys/Girls Rugby	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities Block	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Yu Gi Oh! Club	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey

Friday	Inter-Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Stapleton/Miss Hall/Mrs Broomfield/Mr Pearce/Mrs Elliot
Friday	Post 16 – Indoor Football	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Friday	Week B – Yr 9/10 – Science Club	Lunchtime	SC2		Dr Odunlade/Mrs Spencer/Mr Ferret
Friday	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

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

Lunch club info as at 17.1.23





UK Health  
Security  
Agency

**NHS**

# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## **Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence**

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs.

If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness.

If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps to reduce unauthorised absences and truancy.

Please note, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if a student is absent from College due to illness.

### **Medical Appointments**

We encourage students to maximise their levels of attendance; research indicates a direct link between attendance and examination performance. The timing of many medical appointments means that often students can attend school first, and return afterwards. By doing so, students minimise missed learning whilst keeping their attendance levels as high as possible. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers send their child into school for morning registration, even when a medical appointment takes place in the middle of the morning. Similarly, appointments scheduled for the afternoon should, where possible, be arranged after Period 4 - during lunchtime. Students are encouraged to return to school after a lunchtime appointment, if they can.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

### **For Years 7 - 11 Absences**

Please ring:

Sharon Leaman (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911

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

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

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

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

Copying in Head of Sixth Form: [haynesc@clystvale.org](mailto:haynesc@clystvale.org)

## COLLEGE DRESS

Clyst Vale aims to maintain a simple pattern of College dress to promote a clear sense of identity and enable students to come sensibly dressed, at reasonable cost, for a range of learning activities. If a student is improperly dressed, correct uniform will be provided for that day or the student may be sent home to change his/her clothing, at the discretion of the Principal. **If parents are in any doubt about the suitability of an item of uniform they should check with the College before buying it.**

### Uniform for all students in Years 7 to 11

- White collared shirt
- School colour tie
- Clyst Vale V-neck jumper with College logo.
- Boys trousers - Banner Slimbridge (Black)/Banner Falmouth (Black).
- Girls trousers - Trutex GTN (2 pocket black)/David Luke DL965 black).
- Skirts - Blue Tartan and knee length
- Trutex Senior stitched down/Taylor Tartan (blue) skirt and may be worn no more than 2" above the knee. Knee length black tailored shorts may be worn.
- Black sturdy shoes or **all black** trainers.
- White socks or black tights with skirts.
- Clyst Vale reversible jacket or other outdoor coat.

*All uniform and PE Kit can be purchased from Thomas Moore, Exeter. Thomas Moore offers both a personal service in their shop and also the opportunity to order on line at [www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk](http://www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk)*

- Eyebrow jewellery, facial, tongue, nose and lip studs are not permitted.
- Leather jackets, all denim garments and all hoodies are not permitted.
- Hats should not be worn indoors.
- Outer coats should be predominantly plain in colour and without large logos.
- A plain white t-shirt or vest may be worn under the shirt.
- On health and safety grounds, shoes should be appropriate for a work place. Flipflops, open toes, Uggs, Dr Martens (or equivalent) are not permitted.
- Jewellery may be worn, providing it is not excessive or potentially hazardous. However, it is a legal requirement that all jewellery must be removed before undertaking sporting activities. It is the responsibility of the wearer to do this.

The Principal, in consultation with the Governors of the College, will decide on the suitability of the appearance of a student attending the College - extreme hair styles, of either cut or colour, are not permitted.

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