

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies .. The man who never reads lives only one." - George RR Martin

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs

Principal



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. I hope your child enjoyed the half term break. I would like to begin this half term with a thank you to all the Year 11 parents and carers who attended our additional revision workshop on Wednesday evening. Your engagement and support are greatly appreciated, and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to welcome you into the College to share strategies on how you can support your child as they prepare for their exams this summer.

As we reach the midpoint of the academic year, we appreciate your ongoing support in helping students maintain high standards. Please continue to support us by ensuring your child brings the necessary equipment to school. As we now start to build towards the exam season in the Summer Year 11 and Year 13 students are working hard and are demonstrating their commitment to their studies through engagement with their structured revision programme and attendance at teacher led sessions. This week we had over 80 Year 11 students attend English revision on Wednesday evening. Please encourage them to continue with this positive attitude towards independent study.

This week, our College has been bustling with exciting activities. Our Year 8 and 10 netball teams participated in a local netball league, and our Year 7 girls competed in a local rugby tournament. Additionally, some of our Year 10 and 11 students visited the Gurdwara in Southall, and they were an absolute credit to the College. If your child was involved in the visit, please reinforce how proud we were of their conduct.

We were also fortunate to have James Lake, an Exeter-based sculptor, come to the College to provide an all-day workshop for our Year 10 students. All of these extracurricular opportunities help to build our sense of community.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting opportunities planned for our students. Later this term, we have our annual talent show, with rehearsals starting next week. Our Performing Arts department is auditioning for our next College production of Beauty and the Beast. We look forward to the Summer Term when we will see the start of our first house events.

On Friday morning, we conducted a lockdown drill as part of our ongoing commitment to student and staff safety. These drills are an essential part of our emergency preparedness, ensuring that everyone knows the appropriate procedures in the unlikely event of a real incident. We are pleased to report that the drill went very smoothly, with students and staff responding calmly and efficiently.

Lastly, we kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful and considerate of our neighbours during drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember that Tower View is a private road and should not be used. We appreciate the support of our local PCSO, who will assist us in this matter. Additionally, for the safety of all students, we ask that parents avoid entering the main staff carpark during student departure times. Your cooperation helps ensure a safe and orderly environment for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and ongoing support.



Sara Jacobs, Principal



AUDITIONS!!! AUDITIONS!!! AUDITIONS!!!

Dance audition at 3.30-4.45 on Monday 3rd March

Year 7 Principals at 1.30-4.10 on Tuesday 4th March

Year 8 Principals at 1.30-2.10 on Wednesday 5th March

Year 9 Principals at 1.30-2.10 on Wednesday 12th March

Year 10 Principals at 1.30-2.10 on Friday 14th March

Remember to **pick up** the **audition information** from outside PA1 and to let **Miss Ruscoe** know (vis email or in person) if **you are auditioning** so that she can add you to the Production team group on Teams so you can access the musical accompaniment tracks.



Southall Gurdwara Trip—Thursday 27th Feb 2025

Year 10/11 Religious Studies Students enjoyed a fantastic day at Southall Gurdwara yesterday. They were treated to a tour of the Gurdwara and Langar then ventured in to Southall to explore the local community.

Netball News!

Wednesday 26th February—Clyst Vale vs Sidmouth (League Matches)

The year 8 and 10 netball teams took on Sidmouth this week in their latest league fixtures. Both teams displayed some excellent netball and came away with some convincing wins.

Year 10 won 17-1 (see full reports below) and year 8 (pictured) won 11-1.

Both teams should be proud of their performances and we look forward to the next league fixture!

Y10 Netball Report

Our Year 10 squad warmed up together well.

They are so enjoying the league and with two wins under their belt they were eager to enjoy another game.

We started off well, centre pass working well and Holly in mid court with Lucia allowed the play to get to our shooters, Imogen and Esmae making Clyst Vale take the early lead netting some great goals giving us a good 8 goal lead after 10 minutes. The squad having been training together well and it is working with more channels and width used in our play now and the mid play allows more goals. Sidmouth has some good attackers so Vanessa, Sophia M, Kate and Grace had to mark tight to keep them out of defence. Grace and Vanessa took some great interceptions and we counter attacked well taking our lead to a 17-1 win.

The girls played well as a team together and are gelling nicely as a squad. Some great movement by Sophia B, Lucia and Holly Mid Court to connect the ball to the attacking nicely.

Taking Clyst Vale to another convincing win on 17 goals to us.

Next game is Uffculme and then Kings.

The girls are progressing nicely and playing some slick netball with some good set plays working well for us.

The girls are showing great commitment by playing a Netball league game and Netball training each week.

Keep up the great work Year 10!

Mrs Broomfield

Netball News!

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Y8 Netball Report

The Year 8s also took on Sidmouth at Clyst vale in their most recent league fixture. The girls warmed up well, with our ever-strengthening team being joined by two year 7s, Flo and Lila. As we had a larger team this week we were able to offer the Sidmouth a hand as their team had been knocked with illness, leaving them with a team of 5. I was impressed with the girls sportsmanship, and it was a great reflection of the teams commitment with the girls playing well for the opposing team.

The girls are beginning to really gel as a team, with combinations starting to form nicely between the team. Lily's accurate shooting meant we were able to capitalise on some fantastic interceptions coming from the whole court. Due to the game being played indoors, we were cut slightly short, but we finished with an impressive 11-1 victory in only two quarters. Player of the Match was Year 7 Lila for her efforts for both Clyst Vale and Sidmouth, and Coaches' Player was Connie for her brilliant orchestration of the game at centre.

We look forward to our next league game next week and hope to continue the winning streak!

Miss Curtis



Modern Foreign Languages

¡Hola! Salut!

COMPETITION CORNER

Find or write a poem/song in a foreign language. Include a short paragraph in English that explains its significance to you.

Submit it to your MFL teacher for a chance to win.

Competition closes: Fri 28th Feb at 4pm

MONTHLY QUIZ

1. In which country do secret admirers send funny poems called gaekkebrev to their love interests?
2. In which country do women hide items in rice to declare their intent? Two chopsticks mean love, but a clove of garlic means the romance is over before it even started.
3. In which country do women make the first move on Valentine's Day and men respond on March 14th?

Email your answers to your MFL teacher to win P1s.



Plurals only

There are some words in the English language that actually only exist as plurals including Scissors, Glasses and Jeans.

Revision tip

Help your brain remember more by using different colours, e.g. verbs pink, nouns with articles on blue. When you're thinking about it in the exam, you'll be able to automatically recall the colour of the card and the matching vocabulary you need.



Reason to learn a language

Show respect to international colleagues. It's respectful to speak to a visitor or client in their native tongue, and gives you brownie points, too.

SPANISH TONGUE TWISTER

Sounds easy? Try repeating it over and over...

Pancha plancha con cuatro planchas.
¿Con cuántas planchas Pancha plancha?

Pancha irons with four irons. How many irons does Pancha iron with?

FRENCH TONGUE TWISTER

Sounds easy? Try repeating it over and over...

Papier, panier, piano.

Paper, basket, piano.

STUDENT WORK

KS3 students were asked to write a poem/song in a foreign language or find a poem/song that has a special significance to them.

Here is the poem chosen by Freya Bowen-Scott, in 8B1. It is written by Paul Verlaine. The poem was read out on the airwaves in 1944 as a coded order from the Special Operation executive (SOE) to the French resistance in Nazi occupied France. The words indicated that the D-Day invasion would begin imminently.

Freya has explained below what significance it has for her.

Chanson d'automne

French

Les sanglots longs
Des violons
De l'automne
Blessent mon cœur
D'une langueur
Monotone.
Tout suffoquant
Et blême, quand
Sonne l'heure,
Je me souviens
Des jours anciens
Et je pleure;
Et je m'en vais
Au vent mauvais
Qui m'emporte
Deçà, delà,
Pareil à la
Feuille morte.

Translation

The long sobs
Of violins
Of autumn
Wound my heart
With a monotonous
Languor.
All breathless
And pale, when
The hour sounds,
I remember
The old days
And I cry;
And I go
In the ill wind
That carries me
Here, there,
Like the
Dead leaf.



'This poem means a lot to me because my great grandad fought in the war so this poem reminds me about how hard it was for him and how much he must have struggled. Also, this poem played a very important part in the world war because if this poem played on the radio at a certain time then that would mean that D-day would be happening.'

Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of lost property. Please ask your child to come and look in Student Services if they have lost any items. The deadline for collection is Friday 21st March. After this we will be trying to do a sale for donations to Clyst Vale Community College. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 10 PARENT'S EVENING (Thursday 20th March 2025)

The early bird bookings have now started for Priority Learners. Early next week, all Year 10 parents/carers will receive the invitation to book, so please keep a watch on your inbox.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Talent Show auditions will be in PA4 on Thursday lunchtime. All year groups welcome to come and show your performing skills.

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Please can parents remind their children about the importance of keeping safe online. We are aware a large number of students regularly use online applications such as what's app and snap chat. There have been some concerns raised about some of the content shared between students on these platforms, it is important that children are aware that sharing inappropriate content can lead to them committing a criminal offence or causing harm or distress to themselves or others. Further advice regarding how to help your child keep safe online can be accessed here

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)

www.internetmatters.org

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions>

Thank you for your support.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS EVENTS

School Gateway is now open for purchasing attendance for the Prom and also the Yearbook. An email was sent to Year 11 parents/ carers today with the full information. Prices are Prom £45 and Yearbook £20.

Hoodies are now available to buy with the online shop from Leavershoodies.com. The shop link is <https://www.leavershoodies.com/clyst-vale-community-college-2025-leavers>. Please be aware that the shop closes on Friday 28th March. After this date you will not be able to purchase a hoodie.

Year 8 Parents' Evening- 06/03/2025

Year 10 Parents' Evening- 20/03/2025

Year 7 Parents' Evening- 05/06/2025

Key Dates for next week

Spring Term Dates

4 April—Last day of Spring term

(Weds 23rd April—First day of Summer term)

Rob Cooke from Project Trust visited Year 12 on Wednesday during Tutorial, to talk to them about gap year options available to them. As always, this was an engaging and inspiring session containing plenty of food for thought – as well as fabulous photographs of exotic locations where gap year projects are offered. We are very grateful to Rob for giving his time to come and see us. Information about Project Trust has been passed onto the students, much of which can be accessed through their website here: [Project Trust: The Original Gap Year Charity](https://www.projecttrust.org.uk/)

Our next big event on the Year 12 calendar is our Future Preparation Day on 11th March.

We will be taking all Year 12 students to the UCAS Convention at Westpoint in the morning and returning to school to meet a group of our Clyst Vale alumni in the afternoon; they will run a carousel of sessions for the students, regarding future pathways and careers. Parents should have received information about this along with a consent request. This is a collapsed timetable day with all students expected to attend - they will be free to leave at lunchtime following their morning activities.

Year 13 TPRs were issued this week, including results of Mock Exams. Hopefully at this stage these do not contain any surprises for parents! If you have any concerns or wish to discuss aspects of your child's TPR, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Haynes (haynesc@clystvale.org).



Student of the Week

Jayden Graham 7GAW Mason Arthurs 7GLBA No name permission 7RKJO 7RCMO No name permission 7YDST Isaac Barrow 7YEHA	8GRTU Harry Walters 8GTBE 8RER Finley Connect 8RMCU Kaiden Dixon 8YCBO Thomas Hughes 8YCFL	Sam Hughes 9GMNA Cohen Gard 9GLTH 9RDFE No name permission 9RGWW No name permission 9YGGA Imogen Gater 9YBH
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Dulcie Hill 10GCMC Felix Pearson 10GMTH Blair Wills 10RBAT No name permission 10RNS 10YMBR Imogen Woollam 10YCHW	Jess Massey 11GABR Sam Cowie 11GDH Jasmine Large 11RZB Chloe Down 11RSGA Eddie Marshall 11YSS No name permission 11YADA	Andrei Conduraru 13JP
Year 10	Year 11	P16 Commendation



Each week our tutors are encouraged to recognise and reward one member of their tutor group for something outstanding. This could be an academic achievement, a demonstration of resilience or an act of kindness.



If you see a familiar name above then be sure to ask them what amazing thing they've done.

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NHS ENGLAND – SOUTH WEST PHARMACY INSIGHT EVENT

Tues 11 Mar | 18:00 - 19:00

 VIRTUAL

Are you a Year 10–13 student, parent, or teacher in the South West?

Interested in healthcare and pharmacy careers?

Join us to gain insights and kickstart your journey!

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

-  Introduction with Pathway CTM.
-  Explore unique pharmacy opportunities in the South West.
-  Hear from pharmacy students, clinical pharmacists, and industry pros about diverse career paths.



Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential support service for children, families and young people navigating neurodiversity.

Contact Us

livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net

Monday – Friday
9am–5pm

What we do

- Offer support and guidance to families of children and young people (up to the age of 18) awaiting a neurodiversity assessment across Devon
- Provide objective, evidence-based advice, positive support strategies, and practical and emotional support throughout the assessment process
- Connect with other teams and external services where needed to help co-ordinate your journey
- Enable peer support and connections with others going through the same process



Have your say

We are interested in hearing about the lived experiences of young people and their families.

Your views and experiences allow us to develop our team, and tailor the services we provide to improve the support for our families and young people.

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Reporting an Absence

Parents are expected to inform us of their child's absence before 9.00 a.m. on each day of absence providing the reason for absence. If the absence continues beyond the first day, please contact the College on each subsequent day of absence, too. To comply with safeguarding obligations, we cannot simply assume a student's sickness absence is ongoing; we need to be certain that the reason for absence is due to continuing illness. If you do not notify the College, then we will make contact with you to identify the reason for absence. This is important as it helps to reduce unauthorised absences and truancy. In addition, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if your child is absent from College due to illness.

Lateness

The school day (first registration session) starts at 8.50 am, all students are expected to be in their classroom at this time.

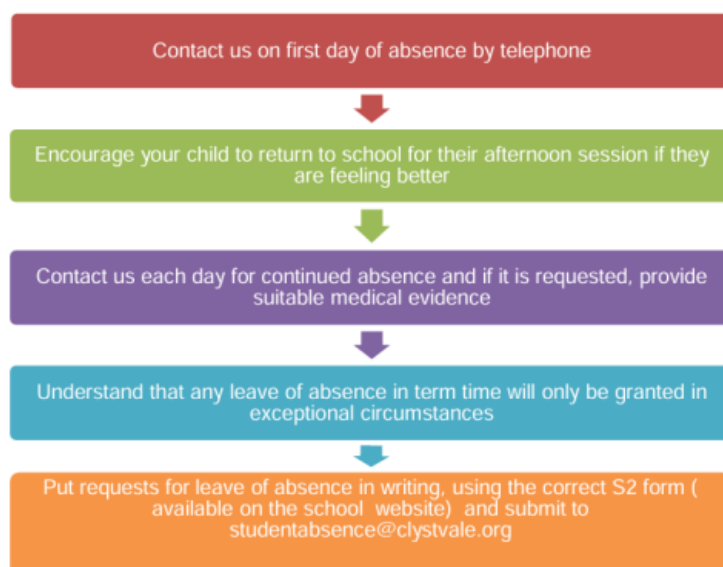
Medical Appointments

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

Please give the school as much notice as possible, at least two weeks' notice is useful.

If the appointment requires the pupil to leave during the day, they must be signed out by an adult listed on the student's record at the main reception.

Please follow this process if your child is going to be absent from school:



For Years 7 – 11 Absences

Sharon Leaman/Cath Prunty
(Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

For Year 12 – 13 Absences

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



1ST JOIN WHIMPLE CUBS & SCOUTS

We meet weekly during term time:
 Cubs - Mondays - 6.30 - 8.00
 Scouts - Tuesdays - 7.00 - 8.30

To find out more or join us, email:
 Cubs (age 8 - 10½) - rosemaryhilling@gmail.com
 Scouts (age 10½ - 14) - cat.culshaw@gmail.com

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 SUPPORT
 INFORMATION**

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Our new Devon Family HUBS
Advice & Guidance Line - open Monday to Friday 10AM until 4PM

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We're here to help...

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Supporting Learning at Home

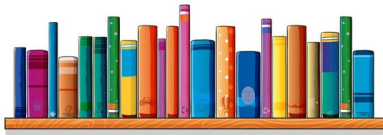
What financial support can parents get?

Juggling home and school life is tough for every parent, but there are some financial support options available. Find out what you could be entitled to by following this link [Supporting learning at home | Parentkind](#)



Clyst Vale Library

Clyst Vale Library is open to the public 3.30 to 5.30pm Monday and Wednesday and 4.00 to 6.00pm Thursday.



Edulink & contact With the College

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

There is also a contact form and details below.

<http://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>

Stationery for Sale

Pencil cases are available from the Library at a cost of £4.50 per pencil case. The clear pencil cases include one pencil, a blue pen, a red pen, one highlighter, a ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener.



Second Hand School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the community and local charity shops. The sale of preloved uniform is proving successful.

If you have any items that are no longer needed but still in very good condition, please donate them to one of the local charity shops. Both shops have set aside rails designated for college uniform.

Clyst Caring Friends is located in Broadclyst village and our local Barnardo's shop is in Cranbrook.

Their opening hours are:

Clyst Caring Friends, Broadclyst (01392 467555)

Monday—closed

Tuesday to Friday—09.30 to 15.30

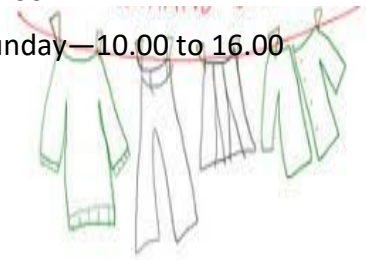
Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

Sunday—closed

Barnardo's, Cranbrook EX5 7DR (01404 514934)

Monday to Saturday—09.00 to 17.00

Sunday—10.00 to 16.00



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