



# NEWSLETTER

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**“Lifelong learning is no longer a luxury but a necessity for employment.”**

**- Jay Samit**

Dear Parents and Carers

## Eventful next week

- On Monday and Tuesday there will be interviews held for the position of Principal, starting in January 2024. Governors and my SLT colleagues have worked together to produce a robust interview programme with panel interviews, activities and presentations. After 20+ years of being a control freak, it is very strange to be looking in on this; but I am sure that the Governors will be keen to appoint someone who will maintain and improve on all the good things about Clyst Vale. From a student point of view, the interviews will be most noticeable on Monday: students will be taking the candidates on a tour of the site, other students from the Student Board will form a student interview panel, and students in general could see the candidates around and about on the tour and at lunchtime.
- I was talking to the Student Board today, and there are all sorts of rumours flying around. One is that Clyst Vale will be taken over next week by another Trust; this is not true! To join another Trust is a complex and lengthy process, and while Governors are responsibly keeping up to date, there are no current discussions going on with any Trust. Also, we (blimey, “they”) would not join with organisations which would compromise Clyst Vale’s distinctive ethos. Other rumours about what the new Principal will introduce – my favourite was unisex uniforms as I have mentioned before in jest that it would be easier for all children to wear blue boiler suits – are somewhat premature as they haven’t been appointed yet.
- Wednesday and Friday are both days on which the NEU has chosen to strike, and I wrote to you in detail about this on Tuesday. In a nutshell, the College is open to Years 10 and 12 on Wednesday; Years 9 and 12 on Friday; and to “CWV” students on both days. The reasoning is that Year 12 are a key exam year, and have much to do with both studying and higher education; Year 10 are also a key exam year, but on Friday there are some lessons with almost no Year 10 classes likely to run. Year 9 should have at least 75% of their lessons, and are the only year group not to have come in on a strike day.



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- In between, Thursday sees Year 6 to 7 Transition Day. This is a very important day, and it's very unfortunate that the strike on Friday prevented a second day; with the wonderful Year 6 activities and residentials it simply wasn't possible to push it into the following week. A lot of organisation (and this year re-organisation) goes into this, and I must thank Mr Zimbler and Mrs Telford in particular, as well as many other colleagues who will be involved on the day.

### **"Non-feeder" Transition Evening.**

- Mentioning transition, thank you to existing Clyst Vale parents who attended last night's evening for pupils transferring in ones and twos from schools outside our designated area. It's a useful evening in that it gives these students a little more exposure to Clyst Vale and hopefully a little more confidence before next Thursday. It also does no harm in demonstrating our people-centred values, the RRS ethos, and that at least some teachers and students are quite normal !

### **Year 7 Space Day**

- There's an excellent write-up later in the Newsletter, but I just wanted to thank Dr Odunlade for organising and taking eleven Year 7 girls to Exmouth to experience a space day, which also was part of a Girls into Physics initiative.

### **Year 10 Drama**

- One thing I shall miss hugely when I retire is the annual Year 10 GCSE Drama presentation evening for Unit 2, which acts as a rehearsal before the students' work is assessed. They are just brilliant. The students put so much thought, energy, teamwork and emotion into their pieces, and every year I'm amazed by their creativity in adapting some frankly weird stimulus materials from the exam board. It is also very challenging for some students, who aren't necessarily in their comfort zone, so it's heartening to see them perform and grow in confidence.
- The topics of each performance reflect society and the media: twenty years ago it was all drugs, prison, homelessness and unwanted pregnancy; on Wednesday it was divorce, domestic violence, drug abuse, controlling behaviour, school shooting, and a really thought-provoking piece of theatre in which "AI" was an insidious, emotionless controlling influence. Although these topics are dark and gritty, maybe reflecting teenage angst, the students performed them with real skill and empathy to make all five performances very powerful and emotional.

### **Year 10 are Quite Busy...**

- As well as Drama, many Year 10 students were involved yesterday in various careers activities and inputs. This included activities led by the Navy, inputs from the Army, Ambulance Service and Puffins. This was a really good day, organised by Mrs Bennett and Careers Adviser Mrs Trump: more on this next week!
- On Monday more Year 10 students will take part in a Post-16 taster day, with a programme of A-level style lessons and the opportunity to use the Post-16 centre. Clearly, we want our students to stay on into our Sixth Form, which has consistently had a good reputation, so events like this are important to inform good decisions later this calendar year.



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- Next Wednesday around 70 Year 10s will be going to Exeter College's Discovery Day, to see what life is like in further education, and learn about the variety of courses on offer, particularly vocational ones. Although this is a strike day, this event has survived.
- Then there is work experience in the last week of term....

### **Student Board 2023-24**

- It's taken a month longer than I intended, but the Student Board (Council) for 2023-24 has been duly elected, and met earlier today with a second meeting in ten days' time. Early days, but I was really impressed. More next week.

### **Sixth Form News**

- The Year 13 Prom on Monday was a lovely, fitting send-off for a popular year group. It began with food at Zizzi's followed by some intriguing coloured cocktails at Coolings. Thank you to Miss Haynes and Mrs Voysey for organising the event, and to my colleagues who attended. The staff turn-out was very high, supporting my point that this was a popular year group who have coped well throughout the disruption to their GCSE years because of covid. I just enjoy seeing and chatting to students I remember from Year 7, and how they have negotiated the teenage years to turn into fantastic young adults, still with bags of potential.
- Yesterday, Year 12 went to Plymouth University for a higher education day covering all aspects of UCAS, applying to university, and university life. Presentations were given by current Plymouth students, and our students were able to experience some of the facilities available at university.

### **Year 11 Prom**

- This is being held tonight ! Wishing Year 11 a very happy evening and every success in the future. And, wish us luck.....

### **Education in the Media**

- There have been two big items this week. The first is about school buildings and 700,000 children in schools which could fall down. Your children aren't among them, I'm pleased to say. Although a number of schools were built with RAAC concrete which is prone to crumble, the main block of Clyst Vale was built of reinforced concrete seemingly left over from cold war nuclear bunkers, and you can't get a drill through it. You'll also know that the DfE kindly spent a million pounds on repairing roofs and windows, and we will receive a further £600k to complete the job. That's not to say that we would not benefit from more capital funding: there are plenty of places around the College which need more maintenance or aesthetic improvement, and every year that passes means another year's wear and tear.
- The second story has been about persistent absence in schools. Schools Minister Nick Gibb gave evidence to a House of Commons Committee, and confessed he had little idea when school attendance will return to pre-pandemic levels. He seemed to be blaming parents for keeping children at home unnecessarily which is easier because so many people work from home now; and provided your child has a cold



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without a fever, his advice is to send them in. There is a proportion of children who never returned to school after lockdown, and while some are receiving home education, others have “disappeared”. At Clyst Vale, we have no students who have gone off the radar, although elective home education numbers have risen. Nationally, persistent absenteeism (below 90% attendance) is running at 27%; at Clyst Vale it is 26%. Overall attendance is 90.4%, compared to national 90.9%; as noted before, this difference is nearly all accounted for by Year 11, a lovely year group, but with several individuals coping with mental health challenges.

Best wishes,



**Kevin Bawn**

**Principal**



## **Rounders Nationals Leicester 2023**

Year 9 had a fantastic time at the Nationals this year, making it to the quarter finals we always put our best foot forward and our all into everything we did.

Going into the tournament we had two sets of play and tactics we were all ready to apply, shifting between the two kept the batters on edge and fielding as tight as we could, and it progressively got better as we went through the tournament.

In our first game we faced Tapton school. Team captain Holly lost the toss-up but we went in with our heads held high ready to bat with no idea what to expect. Our first batter Josh H started us off with a smashing hit which was unfortunately met with a whopping one-handed catch from the bowler. Playing it safe we didn't take many risks and a lot of us were stuck on the verge of 1st limiting the risks of getting stumped out.

Our lefty Harry Bowen scored some great halves and Brooke had a lovely hit taking her to third base. Overall, their fielding was tight and set the standards of the tournament high. When it came to their turn to bat, we knew we had to be on our top form, but we knew all we could do was commit and do our best. Brooke had a great catch between first and second post and overall helped us by blocking balls and preventing them going deep, Harry B also had two lovely catches between 3rd and 4th and was great at walloping the ball to 4th to stop Tapton scoring many full rounders. To conclude this game the score was 10 1/2 to Tapton and 1 1/2 to CVCC.

Second game we had to face was against South Hensley girls team, starting off good with team captain Holly winning the toss-up and tactically choosing to field first so we could meet their score when it came to our turn to bat, we kept the fielding tight and got 7 out of 9 of them out! Amazing chemistry between backstop George R and Holly stopped multiple bats getting to 2<sup>nd</sup> post.



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Going onto batting we were amazed with our fielding and thus, pretty confident, Dan kicked us off with the best hit we'd seen so far and scored us a full rounder on a no ball which he then went on to do again in the same game!

We took more risks earlier on in that game and gained a lot more halves doing so which led us to winning 8 to CVCC and 4 to South Hensley.

We went into game three pleased with our previous score, but we knew we couldn't be overly confident and had to keep our heads down, particularly after we lost the toss up and had to bat first. Princes Risborough were good, but we managed to find the gaps amongst the fielders, Karly D tactically moving in the boxes sneaked us in a half rounder from no balls. Josh H had the best hit of the game taking a no ball and smashing it deep which they were not expecting. Harry Bo consistently scoring halves and fulls. Switching to batting we were buzzing with our performance scoring us 10 1/2 so we knew we had to keep fielding tight, George and Holly continued to field excellently between backstop and second, getting roughly 5 out. Amy sneakily diving into the box with the ball to prevent a batter running on, was definitely a highlight of the game. Harry Bowen had his first catch of the game and was another out for the team. Finally, George ending the game on the batting box out rule showed great knowledge of the rules and ended the game well getting every player out. Overall, we won 10 1/2 to CVCC and 3 1/2 to Princes Risborough.

Our final game we batted second, but Chesham Grammar were definitely the best team we faced so far, every one of their players hit every ball we threw at them even though bowler Amy varied her technique switching between fast bowls and donkey drops. Even though we lost, we all agree where we really shone in this game was when we were batting. Kicking us off with a cracker, Dan hit an amazing ball but was somehow caught and their tactical placement of fielders led to another excellent hit from Karly D being caught. Nick had a lot of fielding to do and some great deep throws performed. A highlight of this game was Archie lobbing the bat. Brooke finished the game on a high with a rounder and we left with our heads held high pleased with where we were placed.

The final score was 10 Chesham and 5 CVCC which had us knocked out of the tournament.

Overall, each player played an important role and we came together as a team. Dan keeping everyone's spirits high truly made a difference, Harry B's catches were unmatched and Archie's long-distance throws were powerful and always accurate. Jess shone, covering between 1st and 2nd and accurate blocking of the ball, Karly performed well as a 2nd base and making calls when it came to batting. Brooke did astonishingly as an inner fielder and gave some amazing hits and Harry Bowen performed amazingly giving us a catch and being our best batter of the day. Amy was a brilliant bowler and gave away very little or no balls and was always accurate with varied technique, Josh gave some whopping deep hits and was a great deep fielder. Nick was a slick deep second fielder and got many out at 2nd/3rd and 4th, George was a great backstop and consistently threw accurately and covered 4th stupendously. Finally, our team captain Holly was an outstanding second and was excellent at reducing catches to get people out at second and making quick judgment calls.

A massive thanks to our coaches Mrs Broomfield and Mr Stapleton, we wouldn't have got this far without them and their amazing coaching got us to the quarter finals!

Report by Karly D



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# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **RED SCHOOL**

7RDF	Brooke Baker-Holmes
7RTM	Evangeline Isaacs
8RBAT	Kate Dearden-Watts
8RHSP	No Permission to Print Name
9RSGA	Shola Dow
9RZB	James Dickinson
10RAO	Holly King
10RMAH	Chloe Hoerning
11RER	-
11RGG	-

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

7YBH	-
7YGG	Lexi Salter
8YMBR	Beth Callaway
8YTZI	Max Ferris
9YPNE	Kai Pengelly
9YSS	Freya Bayley
10YDST	Charlotte Curwood
10YSP	Theo Miller
11YMPR	-
11YNS	-

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

7GLT	Isla Durstan
7GMN	Darcy Gill
8GCMC	Leo Bradley
8GIM	-
9GABr	Sam Pratt
9GDH	Lily Taylor
10GAW	Otto Moxey-White
10GBA	Henry Fenner, Florence Walker
11GHE	-
11GSW	-

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 2nd—Tuesday 4th July	DofE Gold Y12, Exmoor
Monday 3rd July	Post 16 Taster Days
Wednesday 5th July	Exeter College Discovery Day Y10
Thursday 6th July	Transition Day Y12 UCAS Information Evening
Wednesday 12th July	Sports Day (13th July Reserve Sports Day) New Intake Parents' Evening
Week Commencing 17th July	Y10 & 12 Work Experience Woodlands Trips: Tues 18th—Y7 Weds 19th—Y9 Thurs 20th—Y8
Friday 21st July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM ( Note Early finish 2pm)
Thursday 17th August	A & AS Level Results Day (9-11am)
Thursday 24th August	GCSE Results Day (9-11am)



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## Year 7 Space Day at Exmouth Community College

What an inspiring and empowering day it was at the Year 7 Space Day at Exmouth Community College on Wednesday 28th June!

Eleven Year 7 girls from ClystVale were selected as our “Girls in Physics” (they renamed themselves The Space Girls!) as a recognition for their extra-curricular involvement and attainment in science this year.

Throughout the day, they have enjoyed a series of hands-on workshops and talks on Climate, Exoplanet detection, Stars and Gravity by scientists from the Exeter Science Centre, the National Space Academy, Oxford University and the University of Exeter. They also experienced an immersive planetarium show in an inflatable Space Dome by the Space Odyssey.

Amongst many other inspiring activities they travelled on the surface of stormy, water and lava worlds using Virtual Reality headsets, held millions-of-years-old asteroids in their hands, built mini spectrometers to split up light and discovered the work of UK and female astronauts in space exploration.





## Year 7 Space Day at Exmouth Community College



"I have learnt ...

- about spectrometry and different type of stars" RS
- about gravity and how it forms galaxies" GP
- about space and stars" VG, TG
- what a spectrum is" BS
- what an exoplanet is" AS, FM
- that the Universe is very big" ZG
- that white is made from the colours of the rainbow" LA
- that you can spot planets by looking at stars" RM
- that galaxies have thousands of stars" RD-W

The best part was the planetarium show and the VR experience" RS, RM

"The best part for me was the fire flame spray and the VR headset" GP

"The best part of the day was the Space Dome" TG, RD-W, VG, FM, BS, LA

"The best part was the VR set" ZG, AS

"My favourite part was seeing the girls faces light up by the wonders of the universe, hearing them talk to each other about space and ask questions, be empowered with knowledge and skills through the workshops, and be inspired by the stories of female astonauts and the role they themselves could play in the future of Space exploration." Dr Odunlade

## **Inter-School Touch Rugby World Cup**

### **Boys Results:**

#### **Monday 26 June:**

Group A: 1.40pm

Pitch 1: New Zealand 6 v 4 France

Pitch 2: Namibia 4 v 10 Italy

Group B: 1.40pm:

Pitch 3: South Africa 1 v 3 Scotland

Pitch 4: Tonga 7 v 1 Ireland

Group C: 1.40pm:

Pitch 5: Portugal 0 v 13 Australia

Pitch 6: Wales 0 v 5 Fiji

Group D: 1.40pm:

Pitch 7: Argentina 5 v 0 England

Pitch 8: Samoa 4 v 1 Japan

#### **Tuesday 27 June:**

Group A: 1.40pm:

Pitch 1: New Zealand 5 v 0 Namibia

Pitch 2: France 5 v 3 Italy

1.55pm:

Pitch 1: New Zealand 4 v 4 Italy

Pitch 2: France 5 v 0 Namibia

Group B: 1.40pm:

Pitch 3: South Africa 1 v 4 Tonga

Pitch 4: Scotland 5 v 2 Ireland

1.55pm

Pitch 3: South Africa 5 v 0 Ireland

Pitch 4: Scotland 2 v 6 Tonga

Group C:

1.40pm:

Pitch 5: Portugal 0 v 5 Wales

Pitch 6: Australia 2 v 1 Fiji

1.55pm:

Pitch 5: Portugal 0 v 5 Fiji

Pitch 6: Australia 7 v 4 Wales

Group D:

1.40pm:

Pitch 7: Argentina 1 v 3 Samoa

Pitch 8: England 3 v 1 Japan

1.55pm:

Pitch 7: Argentina 2 v 3 Japan

Pitch 8: England 3 v 3 Samoa

## Clyst Vale Boys 2023 Touch Rugby World Cup Group Standings

Group A	Points	Aggregate	Group B	Points	Aggregate
New Zealand	8	7	Tonga	9	13
France	7	5	Scotland	7	1
Italy	6	4	South Africa	5	0
Namibia	3	-16	Ireland	3	-13
Group C	Points	Aggregate	Group D	Points	Aggregate
Australia	9	17	Samoa	7	5
Fiji	7	9	Argentina	5	2
Wales	5	-3	England	5	-3
Portugal	3	-23	Japan	5	4

### Live to Learn Education & Tutoring

We are considering continuing our Wonder Years Teens sessions during the Summer holidays; due to parental requests.

We are happy to run our Woodbury-based, age 11+ years, outdoor ed sessions throughout the Summer, so long as we have 4 sign-ups per session.

The sessions would be on Tuesdays, 10:00 - 14:00, and would be £27 per teen.

Our gorgeous orchard in Woodbury, has a vast 55 acres of apple trees, forest land, streams and fields, which are all used to help build confidence, self-esteem, team work, and a sense of fulfilment and purpose. We have the only site with over 2 forest school 'bases' to choose from, both with unique offerings.

As part of the sessions, our Forest School Leader, Phil, will incorporate survival days, challenge days and free-flow days depending on the needs of the group.

Provisionally we would offer Wonder Years Teens - Summer Sessions, during August 2023.

If you are interested in your teen attending, please register your interest via the link below:

<https://www.livetolearntutoring.co.uk/about/>

Kind regards,

Kelly Taylor and the Live to Learn Team

PS We are also considering offering our Wonder Years Family sessions over the Summer, these sessions are 3 hours long, 10:00 - 13:00, and are for ages 4+. Parents/carers must stay on-site during sessions; each session is £15 per family (£5 surcharge per child, if more than two children are attending)



Live to Learn

**RE: Year 9 students who will be taking GCSE PE / Sport Studies – Polo & Squad Tops**

If your child has chosen to study GCSE PE or Sport Studies in Year 10. During the course he/she has the option to purchase a course polo shirt and/or Squad Top.

The polo shirt/squad top will be worn for practical GCSE PE or sport studies lessons and when students officiate or umpire tournaments within the College. The polo shirt and Squad tops are of a high quality, light-weight breathable material and will be printed with the student's last name on the reverse, both tops will have the Clyst Vale Community College Crest on the front left.

This optional Polo shirt will cost £21.00 whilst the Squad top costs are £21.50.

If you would like to purchase a polo shirt for your child, please make payment by Monday 3rd July 2023. Payment can be made online through the online payment system [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). This can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/>

These polo shirts will be personalised with your child's surname. We cannot send them back if the size ordered is incorrect.

You will receive an email regarding more information and sizes this week.

Any further questions please let me know.

Mrs Broomfield





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## SUPER-CHARGE YOUR CAREER

### Employment Opportunities - 2023

#### Business Administration Apprentice (Exeter)

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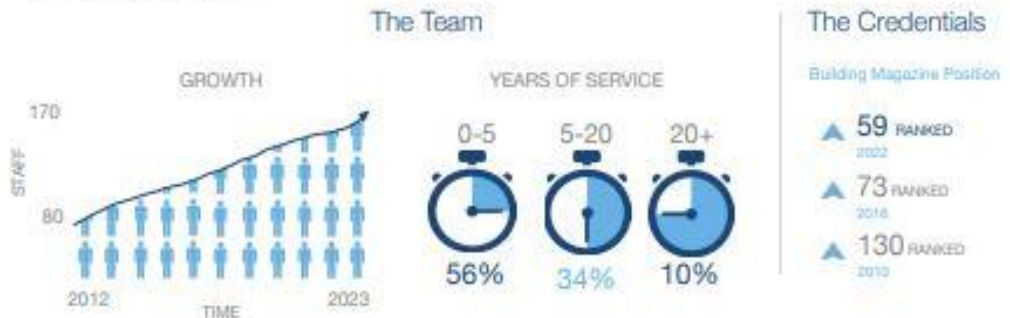
You will need a minimum of 5 GCSE's [grade 4 or above including Maths and English] and will start on a one year Level 2 Business Administration Apprenticeship with Exeter College on a day release basis. Ongoing support will be provided throughout the apprenticeship to develop your skills. Onwards progression will be discussed after completion of the apprenticeship.

#### Apprenticeship particulars:

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### Attenborough's Army There is no planet B!

Attenborough's army are selling reusable water bottles, buying a reusable water bottle will help our planet by using less plastic.

The money made from the water bottles will be for the wildlife garden here at Clyst Vale. The money will allow students to buy wild bird seed, plants, bird boxes and more, to help our wild garden flourish.

You can purchase a bottle via school gateway, at £5's each, proof of payment will need to be seen when collecting the bottle from the library, a screen shot of the receipt would be perfect, or alternatively, £5 cash to the librarian when collecting. Thank you for your support!





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](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/>



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