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"Responsibility and respect of others and their religious beliefs are also part of freedom." - Horst Koehler

Principal's Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 8 Parents' Evening. Your engagement plays a vital role in strengthening the partnership between home and school. These conversations provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, ensuring they receive the support they need to thrive. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we truly appreciate the time and commitment you give to our school community.





If you are a parent or carer of a Year 11 student, please do share with them how proud we are of their conduct during their core mock exams this week. Their behavior in the exam hall has been exemplary, and subject teachers have spoken highly of their preparation and focus. It is fantastic to see them approaching this important stage with such maturity and dedication.

I would also like to take a moment to celebrate the achievements of our Year 9 students who recently completed the Gender Empowerment through Politics in the Classroom programme, run by Roehampton University. Over five weeks, they explored political concepts, examined the role of women and ethnic minorities in UK politics, and presented their own ideas on raising awareness for key social issues. Miss Brotherton, who led this project, was highly impressed with the commitment and thoughtful responses provided by our students during their interviews with the University. We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work and dedication. They were fantastic ambassadors for the College.

Alongside providing opportunities for our students, we are also committed to supporting our parents and carers. This week's newsletter includes details about upcoming 'Parental Minds' workshops, an initiative designed to connect parents facing similar challenges and provide valuable support. You can find more information on this later in the newsletter.

In the coming weeks, I will be delivering an assembly on RRS Articles 3 (Best Interests of the Child) and 13 (Sharing Thoughts Freely), with a focus on responsible mobile phone use. We continue to encourage students to be mindful of their screen time and social media interactions. As a reminder, our College policy requires phones to be switched off and stored in bags from arrival until they leave site, including break and lunchtimes. Your support in promoting healthy phone and social media habits at home is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Daubs

Best wishes

Kampada Buddhist Temple, Exeter

On Thursday 6th March A level Religious Studies students visited Kampada Buddhist Temple as part of their exploration into Eastern Thought.

Students were given a talk about this Mahayana school of thought and were able to participate in some the practice of mindfulness.

Ms Brotherton







Year 7 Netball Match Report

On a sunny afternoon at Clyst Vale, the Year 7 netball team welcomed Axe Valley for an exciting match. From the first whistle, the Clyst Vale girls displayed their dominance, with an impressive 7-goal lead after the first quarter.

Our defence was strong, with Imogen in WD and Alex in GK making some excellent interceptions, frustrating the opposition's attackers and allowing them very few opportunities. The centre court were able to capitalise on this and worked well together to quickly get the ball into the D. Lila Dagger received player of the match from the opposition, as she showcased her energy at centre once again.

Emily, playing GA was on top form, showing her accuracy from all areas of the D, meant she was deserving of coaches' player. Lashea and Matylda worked well with Emily, moving around the D and creating plenty of attacking options as well as converting many of their shots.

The match ended with a 27-5 victory for Clyst Vale, with the girls demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. Well done to everyone for a fantastic team effort!

Miss Curtis

James Lake Art Workshop

Twenty Year 10 GCSE Art Students took part in an exciting sculpture workshop run by the renowned local artist James Lake (https://jameslakesculpture.co.uk/). Thanks to funding provided by Daisi Art



Education Charity (https://daisi.org.uk/) and CVCC Art Department, students had a full day with Lake to learn his techniques for sculpting with cardboard, wire and glue. Students made fantastic sculptures of human heads, each with it's own character. They left buzzing with lots of new skills and ideas, commenting:

"I learnt another media of Art along with new skills that could help improve my future work. I also learnt how to use my imagination to turn something 2D into 3D"

"It was fun and interesting and I learnt how to use a glue gun!"

"Feel great and my brain is plump with knowledge"

"The best bit was piecing together and creating the sculpture's face using cardboard and glue"

"For me I most enjoyed the final hour, once we had finished the foundations and had a lot more freedom in covering over the sculpture with it's 'skin'"















Gender Empowerment in Politics

Over the last five weeks some of our Year 9 students have been involved, alongside other schools across Europe with research with Roehampton university exploring Gender Empowerment in Politics. Students have explored a variety of issues as part of this research and completed some fantastic presentations highlighting the importance of their issue and how they would effectively campaign to bring about change on this issue. Some fantastic work!

Miss Brotherton and Ms Nash









Year 7 Girls Rugby—Friday 28th February 2025

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls who represented the College in an event which was(!) supposed to be hosted by the RFU and Exeter Chiefs Community team at Topsham RFC, but then was shifted back to our site as we and two other schools were not informed it was postponed!

Nonetheless, in beautiful sunshine, the girls played round robin games versus Courtfields School from Wellington. The girls were all outstanding in their approach to the new RFU version T1 game (touch rugby). The girls adapted to the shift of venue and disappointment of not seeing the Exeter Chiefs Women and applied themselves brilliantly both on and off the field.

Congratulations to all involved.

Mr Pearce



Modern Foreign Languages

¡Hola! Salut!

COMPETITON CORNER

Design a card that shows the Easter traditions of another country. Any form of materials can be used.

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

Competition closes: Mon 31st March at 4pm

MONTHLY QUIZ

- 1. What is the name of the Hindu Festival celebrating Spring?
- 2. In Japan which tree which has blossom in Spring?
- 3. What was the Anglo Saxon name for Easter?
- 4. On the Island of Bermuda what type of flower takes its name from Easter?
- 5. Sweeping fields of yellow rapeseed attract visitors to what country in spring?

Email your answers to your MFL teacher to win P1s.



Over 200 languages are made up!

Whether it's for film, TV or literature there are over 200 languages that have been invented – this includes the likes of Dothraki, Klingon and other constructed languages.

Revision tip

Record yourself speaking so you can listen to yourself speaking the foreign language and correct your pronunciation. Also, you can listen to and read your notes at the same time which will increase your retention.





Reason to learn a language

You never know when the chance to relocate may arise, and if you already know the language, you may stand a good chance to be selected.

SPANISH TONGUE TWISTER

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

Teresa trajo tizas hechas trizas-

Teresa brought chalk sticks broken into pieces.

FRENCH TONGUE TWISTER

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

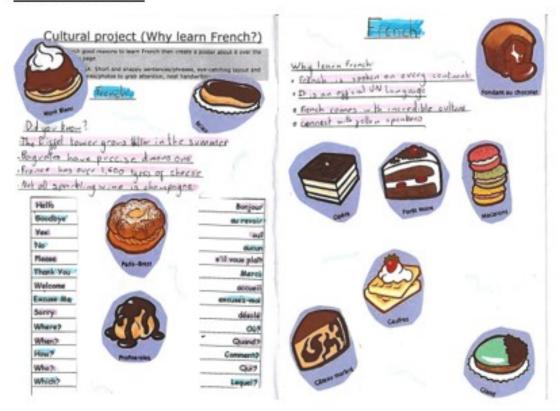
La pierre qui roule n'amasse pas mousse.

The rolling stone doesn't collect moss.

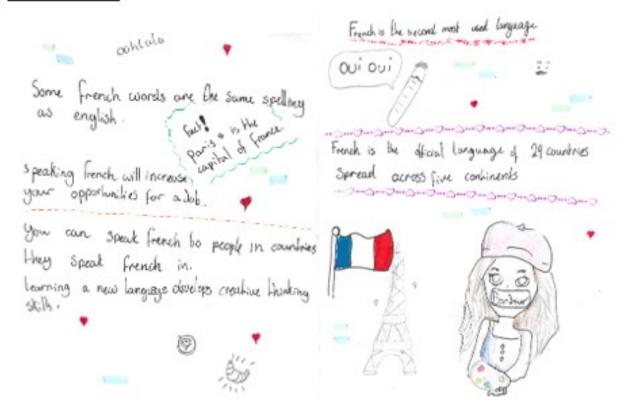
STUDENT WORK

As they begin to study French, Year 7 students have been asked to research the value of learning another language. Below is the excellent work produced by two of our talented year 7 students. Well done girls!

Esme Thomas - 7R3



Jess Glasco – 7R3



SEND Information

New Neurodiversity resource website:

a one-stop shop for key information about neurodiversity

This website has been developed to support parents, carers, children and young people, and those working with children and young people with Neurodiversity, in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth. The website includes a range of resources, videos and information about what is available in our local area, and nationally, for children, young people and families.

https://myhealth-devon.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people/neurodiversity

Making Sense of SEND training

- Spring sessions now open to book

Making Sense of SEND training aims to help parent carers understand some of the most important information and the most useful skills to develop when supporting a child with SEND. It explains the basics about special educational needs, SEN support and how the SEND system works and helps parents to feel more confident about speaking up for their child and working with professionals.

Online sessions via Teams:

- Part one: About SEND and school Wednesday 12 March 2025, 1pm-2.30pm
- Part two: How to take part and share what you know Wednesday 19th March 2025, 10am-11.30am

In-person session:

2nd April 2025, 9.15am for a 9.30am start – 12.45pm. Cullompton Community Centre, Pye Corner, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 1JX.

Find out more and book your place on the DIAS website:

Making Sense of SEND training bookings now open! - Devon Information Advice and Support

Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

HEAD LICE

We have an ongoing issue with headlice, please could you ensure you check your child regularly and treat if required.

YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING—20th March 4pm-7pm

The parents' evening for Year 10 is now open for bookings. Please book via https://cvcc.schoolcloud.co.uk/
The virtual meetings will also be through this link.

KEY DATES

12th March Vaccinations catch up for DTP & MenACWY affected parents/ students have received an email 28th March- Deadline for Year 11 Hoodie purchase via the online shop

3rd April Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

5th June Year 7 Parents' Evening

6th June- Deadline for Prom tickets via School Gateway

6th June- Deadline for Leavers Yearbook purchase via School Gateway

26th June Vaccinations mop up session

27th June Year 11 Prom

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.

PTFA AGM—Monday 24th March at 1800, all welcome

Spring Term Dates

4 April—Last day of Spring term

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

Post 16 News

With only 7 weeks of teaching remaining until Y13 start their final exams, the atmosphere in Post 16 is palpably changing.

Well done to those students who are taking advantage of the Silent Study Spaces that we have made available for them. 7 hours have been set aside, distributed across the fortnight, where students can sit in a classroom with a member of the P16 team, to get on with their work in perfect peace and quiet. This does not have to be booked in advance; students are aware of when and where these sessions are taking place and may pick and choose which ones they attend, on a drop-in basis.

Forthcoming events:

Tues 11th March - Y12 Future Preparation Day

Students are on a collapsed timetable day, attending the UCAS Conference at Westpoint in the morning. They will return to school for midday to meet with CVCC alumni who are coming in to share their experiences of life after Post 16.

Students are free to leave from lunchtime - P5 and P6 lessons will not be held on this date.

Weds 19th March – 2 x Y12 students visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau

Mrs Roberts (RRS Coordinator and Teacher of English) will join this visit to Poland, to the site of one of the most notorious concentration camps of WW2, in a year that marks 80 years since its liberation. The Holocaust Education Trust says: "This milestone year is likely to be the last where the Holocaust remains in living memory. As survivors grow older and fewer in number and with antisemitism continuing to surge, the responsibility to remember and educate has never been more urgent."

Weds 26th March - Learn2Live (safety on the roads)

Both Y12 & Y13 will join together for this important session, delivered by members of the fire service and other emergency responders. "Learn2Live aims to support young people to behave in a way that maximises their safety when using the roads."

Weds 30th April

Adam Williams will join Y13 in Tutorial for his final input prior to exams, on managing stress and anxiety and getting the best from themselves in the exam room.







Student of the Week

7GAW	Caleb Vece-8GRTU	9GMNA
-	Fin Abbott-8GTBE	
Sennen Ryan—7GLBA	FIII ADDOLL-8GTBE	9GLTH
Emmy Hibbert—7RKJO	Louis Le Puill-8RER	9RDFE
Jenson Ralls-7RCMO	Mason Punnett—8RMCU	9RGWW
No Name Permission-7YDST	Ash Sinanaj-8YCBO	Joseph Hourd—9YGGA
Jessica Almeida—7YEHA	Monty Willcocks—8YCFL	Joshua Stamp-9YBH
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Harley Ewings—10GCMC	Ellen Newlove-11GABR	
Jacob Newell-10GMTH	Harry Bidder-11GDH	
Ruby Somerville-10RBAT	No permission for name-11RZB	Charlie Radford
Charlize Graham—10RNS	Zack Pacar-11RSGA	13ZK
10YMBR	Freya Bayley-11YSS	
Max Ferris-10YCHW	No permission for name -11YADA	
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.

Key Contact Information

Reception: 01392 461407 Email: admin@clystvale.org

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Lisa Martin	Deputy Principal (Curriculum)	martinl@clystvale.org
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Allen Bailey	Assistant Principal	baileya@clystvale.org
Louise Telford	SENDCo & Assistant Principal	telfordl@clystvale.org
Claire Haynes	Head of Post 16	haynesc@clystvale.org
Lisa Jones	Early Help	jonesl1@clystvale.org

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.

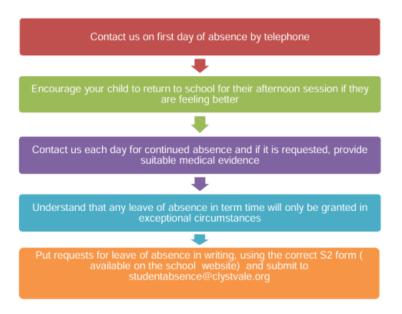
Medical Appointments

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

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 <u>Supporting learning at</u> 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.



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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)

Mondays—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



Follow our Facebook Page via the link below:

<u>Clyst Vale Community College | Facebook</u>







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



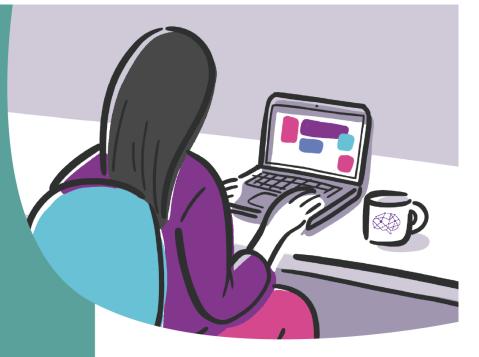


Have your say

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.

Inspiring self-care whilst supporting the mental wellbeing of others



ONLINE SUPPORT



Phone calls



Text messages



WhatsApp messages



WhatsApp groups



Drop-in online hubs



1:1 support online



Low cost counselling



Monthly skills workshops

SIGN UP WITH US

- 07907 614 516
- f facebook/PPSHUB
- Marian hello@parentalminds.org.uk
- i www.parentalminds.org.uk

ONLINE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

- Expressing Emotions
- Managing Emotions
- Meltdowns & Shutdowns
- Being Curious around Communication
- Caregiver Burnout
- Supporting someone who causes harm to themselves
- Navigating Change (Year 6-7)
- Supporting a Loved One with an Eating Disorder
- The Teenage Brain
- Children Not Engaging in School
- Elective Home Education
- Listening Well





Support for YOU and your family

We provide parents and caregivers with a safety net of support, hope, practical guidance, and a listening ear for as long as they find it helpful. Our team consists of trained peer support workers informed by their own experience.

We offer robust guidance, developed through families' experiences, with contributions from professionals and researchers.

If you are supporting someone's emotional wellbeing, we are here to support you.

PEER SUPPORT

SKILLS

SUPPORT GUIDES SHARING YOUR VOICE





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Helping you navigate through health and education systems



Opportunities to influence mental health services



FIND YOUR LOCAL HUB

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www.parentalminds.org.uk 🕦





with Parental Minds

Join Parental Minds for advice and support. Sharing knowledge and insights. Answering your questions. Helping to make informed choices about your loved one.

Parental Minds is led by lived experience, with input from professionals, researchers and the voice of families.



1-2 Kings Court, Honiton

13th March 2025 19.00 - 21.00



LISTENING WELL

Skills Workshop with Parental Minds

An online support hub focused on the importance of listening to our loved ones, and how we can help them feel heard.

Parental Minds Community Interes Company: Developed through families experiences, with input from professionals & researchers



Online, Zoom

Monday 24th March 2025 19.15 - 20.45

bit.ly/PMSWListening25



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Looking for support? Telephone and WhatsApp support calls are bookable evenings and weekends.

John Lewis Community Room, Sidwell St, Exeter, EX4 6NN All Saints Church, All Saints Rd, Sidmouth EX10 8ES I-2 Kings Court, New Street, Honiton, EX14 1HG

For all School Holiday hubs, or for a virtual 1:1 session please **book** with us via WhatsApp

07907 614 516







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!

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.

REGISTER HERE!



Community Noticeboard

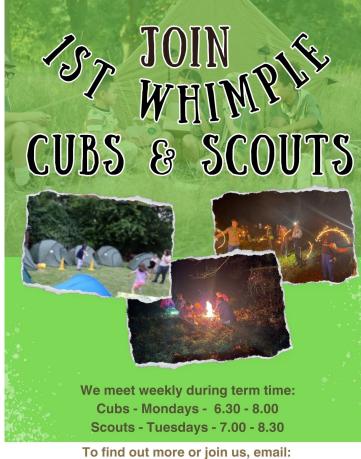












To find out more or join us, email: Cubs (age 8 - 10½) - rosemaryhilling@gmail.com Scouts (age 10½ - 14) - cat.culshaw@gmail.com



