

Newsletter

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WEEK A

" I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all." – Simone Biles Olympic gymnast, role model, athlete with ADHD"

Principal's Update







Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of this academic year has been both busy and productive, and with half-term just two weeks away, it's clear that everyone is now starting to feel a bit tired! I want to express my thanks for your continued support with attendance. Being present and on time is essential for your child's learning and helps them stay on track. If your child needs to miss school for any reason, please inform our attendance team as early as possible.

While we understand that absences are sometimes unavoidable, it's important for students to make every effort to attend school. Regular attendance is crucial for academic progress as well as social and emotional development. You will have received a letter on Tuesday outlining the importance of good attendance, and I encourage you to read this as your support is invaluable in fostering a culture of regular attendance. Please also watch for updates from our new 'Attend' system, which helps us monitor attendance more effectively. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us directly—our attendance team is here to support you.

Next week will be particularly busy for our Key Stage 4 students. On Tuesday, our Year 10 students will participate in a day with their Tutor dedicated to work experience preparation, replacing their usual lessons. This invaluable opportunity will allow them to explore potential career paths and consider where they would like to gain experience during their placements next summer. Then on Thursday, we'll be hosting our Year 11 Revision Evening. Thank you to all who have registered for this event—it's a valuable chance to learn how you can support your child's revision and help them succeed in their exams next summer.

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform, including a suitable coat. A hoodie does not count as a coat, and in line with our uniform policy, your child will be asked to remove it if worn.

We know this time of year can be demanding, especially as the evenings grow darker. Our pastoral team is always here to support students with any concerns, whether academic or personal. Please encourage your child to reach out to their Tutor, Head of Year, or any trusted staff member if they need support. Our commitment is to maintain a safe and supportive environment for every student at Clyst Vale.

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



Sara Jacobs, Principal

Key Dates for next week

Autumn Term Dates

17 October—Year 11 Revision Information Evening 6-7pm

25 October—Non Uniform Day for Force Cancer

28 October to 4 November—Half Term

28 November—GCSE Presentation Evening

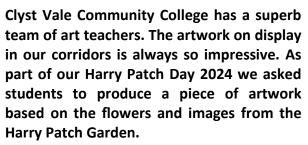
20 December—Non Uniform Day for St Petrocks

College News





Harry Patch Day 2024 Art Commpetition



We have had some incredible artwork produced by our students. It was very difficult to decide on the winners of the competition as the standard of entries was so high. Thank you to all of the students who made such an effort to produce work of such a high quality, it was a delight to be able to award prizes to the winners in Monday's Year 7 assembly.

We plan to visit the RNLI at Exmouth on 23rd October to give them the collection of money raised on Harry Patch Day.

The year 12 and 13 students who made so many delicious cakes will be invited to join us on the trip to Exmouth.











Student of the Week

Theodore Radmore 7GAW	Isabella Pilling 8GRTU	Noah Sullivan 9GMNA
NP2N 7GLBA	Issy Card 8GTBE	9GLTH
Oscar Barnes-Rosser 7RKJO	NP2N 8RER	9RDFE
Stanley Ford 7RCMO	Kasey Saunders 8RMCU	Evangeline Isaacs 9RGWW
Bella Pearson 7YDST	Connie Boakye 8YCBO	Charlotte Bennett 9YGGA
Chloe Allaway 7YEHA	NP2N 8YCFL	Joshua Stamp 9YBH
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Kitty Ford 10GCMC	Jack Mansfield 11GABR	Louis Williamson 12HP
George Guerin 10GMTH	Tom Ruddlesden 11GDH	
Lucy Davies 10RBAT	Lily Nash 11RZB	
Lili Tipper 10RNS	Rebecca Loaring 11RSGA	
10YMBR	Jasmine Harris 11YSS	
Max Ferris 10YSWA	Madison Edmondson-Bond 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

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Sara Jacobs	Principal	Jacobss@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

Student Services Key Updates and Reminders and Post 16 News

Tempest Photographs

Due to my error of sending the email to all for the free delivery to school of Tempest photographs, they have decided to honour my mistake and keep the free postage to school on orders until Thursday 17th October. So there are some benefits when errors happen.

Students Cycling

With the rising coasts of transportation and to be a greener college we are trying to expand our bike rack capacity, we are still looking for some sponsorship to help with buying these. If your child/ren cycle to Clyst Vale they need to have a current cycle pass. To obtain a pass please contact StudentServices@clystvale.org for an application letter. Please be aware that the wearing of helmets is mandatory.

Flu Immunisation

Kernow Health will be attending the college on Thursday 5th December to administer the flu nasal spray to all Year 7 to Year 11 students. Please see the email sent to you on Wednesday 9th October with all the details to complete the consent form. Please complete even if you are refusing to give consent, so the automatic reminders are not sent to you. Any problems please contact Kernow Health on Tel: 01392 342678 Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net



Year 11's Save the Date...

The Year 11 Prom is scheduled to be on 27 June 2024.



Can you help?

We are looking for clothing donations for our Prom attendees, if you have any prom dresses or formal wear to donate, please bring in to reception or contact Student Services via our email, studentservices@clystvale.org, or phone 01392 463910. Thank you!

Post 16 News

Following the excitement of Bude, this has been a quieter week in Post 16 as Year 12 settle back into their school routine.

For those Year 12s undertaking Gold D of E, this group found themselves back out in the great outdoors on Dartmoor last Saturday tackling their first practice expedition. These students have certainly had a particularly active couple of weeks! Fortunately for everyone, the weather held on Saturday for their day walk, being by far the better half of the weekend.

Year 13 continue to progress their UCAS applications, with many travelling around various parts of the UK visiting university open days, from Southampton to Plymouth and from Oxford to Loughborough. We have been really interested to hear their feedback about the different institutions they have visited on their return.

For all of our Y12 and Y13 students sitting BTEC exams in January, exam timetables have now been issued – students may collect these from the Post 16 office.



Ten Tors 2025

Want to try Ten Tors? In years 9 or 10...

Come along to 174

Tuesday 15th October 2024

1:30pm

To find out more...







Musical instrument Amnesty

Do you have an old musical instrument at home?

Is it taking up valuable space?

Is it sitting in the corner of a room gathering dust?

Is it in the loft and hasn't been seen in years?

Could someone be creating music with it?

If so, could you donate it to the Clyst Vale Music Department?



If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions, please drop your old instrument off at main reception or give it directly to a member of the Music Department.

If we can make use of it, we will!





Sports Updates and Fixtures

Year 10 Rugby Report

Well done to the boys from Year 10 who faced Kings School, Ottery in the East Devon Cup on Wednesday afternoon. After a week of rain the pitch was in fine condition as the sides kicked off. Jacob captained the CVCC team from open side flanker whilst visiting captain Tom led from the second row. Kings started well, but CVCC dug in and the forwards responded well, securing the breakdown ball for Aidan at scrum half. Dylan, Ollie, Ethan and Oscar all fought hard and created a platform for the backs. However, it was Kings that took the lead on 11 minutes following some nice passing through the hands. However, it was CVCC through Owen and then George who responded a minute later. George initially fell short, then reached forward to place the ball on the line. Ollie's conversion had the legs, but drifted wide. Clyst Vale competed in a closely run game. Kings capitalised on an error in handing and all of a sudden they had a second try. Seconds before the half time whistle captain Jacob had to leave the field to gasps from the spectators as blood poured from his head. He was patched up, but the team was unsettled as the second half began. George, Dylan and Josh all ran with huge determination as did Owen who became a second injury as he limped off after a typically bullish run. Then just as the team seemed in trouble, George sped through onto a stray Kings pass to run in a second. Plus the conversion and the games was on. Subs Inti, Will and Tom as made an impact, but Kings ended the stronger taking one more try. CVCC were not done and the final play saw Oscar nearly scoring before Kings stole the ball and kicked it out to finish the game. A 12-21 loss, but a quality performance from a superb group of lads. Player of the Match: Dylan Carstairs – huge carries of the ball, some crunching tackles and a lovely manner with both team mates and opposition.



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.

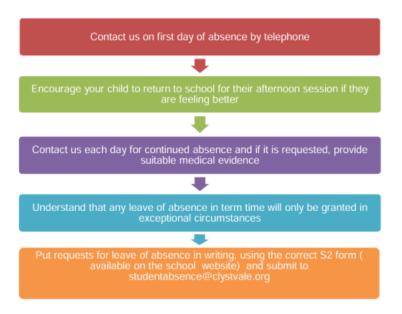
Medical Appointments

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

Community Noticeboard





We are excited to invite your young person to join us for our October Half Term Program, packed with fun and engaging activities! Running from 10am to 4pm, each session is designed to spark creativity and adventure.

Here's what's on offer:

Monday, 28th October: Autumn Antics at Killerton – A day of outdoor exploration and seasonal fun.

Tuesday, 29th October: Baking/Cooking – Get handson in the kitchen, whipping up delicious treats.

Wednesday, 30th October: Wildwood Adventure – Immerse in the animal world with exciting woodland activities.

Thursday, 31st October: Halloween Cooking & Crafts – Celebrate Halloween with spooky creations and themed cooking.

Cost: £80 per session.

To reserve your spot, request a registration pack or for more information, please follow this link https://lifeworks-uk.org/lifeworks-half-term-holiday-

programme/ or call us at 01803 865075. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!









Exeter and District Branch



In-person meet-ups Dates for Autistics, and their carers/families*

EXETER

>Oct 3rd Nov 7th Dec 5th Jan 9th >Feb 6th

Mar 6th



1030am to 1230pm

1st Thursday (1) of month

Wonford **Community Centre. Burnthouse Lane** Exeter, EX26NF.

CULLOMPTON

>0ct 14th Nov 11th Dec 9th Jan 13th Feb 10th Mar 10th

11am to 1pm

2nd Monday 🕠 of month The Avairy, **St Andrews**



Primary School, Cullompton. EX151HZ





*under 18's must be accompanied, and remain responsibility of parent/ carers at all times. Email: exeterdistrict.branch@nas.org.uk or TEXT Only 07594 519850



Monday



Parent Carer meet-up for Neurodivergent Families.

Mon 14th Oct* 11am-1pm

*then continuing every 2nd Monday during term-times.

The Avairy, St Andrews Primary School, **Cullompton. EX15 1HU**

- Please sign in at the school reception.
- Please don't park in school car park.
- Coffee/ tea available, all donations will go to the school PTFA



WE PROVIDE

REGULAR EVENTS

- Honiton 1-2 Kings Court, New St
- Exeter John Lewis Community Room
- Sidmouth All Saints Church
 Sidmouth All Saints Church
 Sidmouth All Saints Church
 Sidmouth All Saints Church
- In all School Holidays, please book with via WhatsApp to attend hubs: 07907 614 516



ONLINE EVENTS







FAMILY LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL INPUT



Vacancies and Job of the Week



Senior Exams Invigilator

Grade C (point 7) £15.24 per hour (pay award pending)

As Senior Examinations Invigilator, you will be required to lead the team of invigilators conducting internal and external examinations for students, ensuring that all regulatory requirements and school policy and procedures for the conduct of examinations are strictly adhered to and met at all times. The Senior Examination Invigilator will need to be present at all exam periods and during the Summer. These months include November, December, January, March, May and June.

You will need to have previous experience as an Exams Invigilator and have an understanding of the UK Exams process. Experience in managing groups of young people would be helpful. Training will be provided. If you are calm under pressure, have a pleasant nature but a keen eye then this could be the position for you.

For full details and to apply, please visit our website: http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/

Suitable candidates will be contacted to attend for interview.

The vacancy will be closed once a suitable appointment has been made.



Temporary Cover Supervisor

Grade D (point 12) £18,507

To start as soon as possible (subject to DBS clearance), we wish to appoint a highly motivated, organised and confident Cover Supervisor who can oversee classes when teachers are absent, ensuring that learning in the classroom is maximised. The role is initially fixed term to 31st December 2024 covering long term absence and this will be reviewed at the end of term.

For full details and to apply, please visit our website: http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/

Suitable candidates will be contacted to attend for interview.

The vacancy will be closed once a suitable appointment has been made.

Vacancies and Job of the Week



Science Technician

Grade C (point 5-7) £18,443-£19056

Starting as soon as possible, we are looking to recruit someone with a knowledge of general science and lab experience or a scientific background.

Working hours are Monday-Friday 09:00—15.:45 (Term Time)

Closing date 13 October 2024

Under the supervision of the senior technician the post holder will coordinate the use of practical resources and facilities and provide assistance and advice in meeting the practical needs of the science curriculum, including liaising with teaching staff and support staff outside the department. Duties will include: Preparation of resources, assembling apparatus, obtaining materials by local purchase and assisting in practical classes & carrying out demonstrations. To ensure the maintenance of a healthy & safe working environment To assist the team-leader / senior technician with the day-to-day organisation and development of trainee staff to ensure that essential performance standards are achieved. To contribute to the design, development and maintenance of specialist resources and/or long-term projects: constructing and modifying apparatus, setting up and caring for plant and animal collections, preparing standard solutions, purifying chemicals, treating waste. To support the team-leader / senior technician in ensuring the availability of suitable materials and equipment, helping to compile orders and liaising or negotiating with suppliers and finance departments. This will include sourcing, costing and suggesting economic alternatives to maintain stock levels. Keeping up-to-date stock records. Under the (overall) guidance of the team-leader technician, to ensure that both routine and non-routine checking, cleaning, maintenance, calibration, testing and repairing of equipment are carried out to the required standard: collecting, checking and returning equipment to stores; general laboratory cleaning of bench surfaces and fixed equipment; cleaning and repair of equipment. We can offer - A unique opportunity to work within a Rights Respecting School with a strong community ethos - A supportive CPD programme - Free on-site parking We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful candidates.

For full details and to apply, please visit our website: https://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/

Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

MUSEUM CURATOR

Museum curators are responsible for managing and overseeing collections of artefacts, artworks, and historical items within a museum.

Curators conduct research, authenticate and catalogue items, and develop exhibitions that educate and inspire visitors.

They collaborate with educators and other museum staff to create informative displays and educational programs. Their work requires a blend of academic knowledge, organisational skills, and a passion for cultural heritage.

The yearly salary of a Museum Curator varies depending on factors such as experience, location, and the size of the museum. On average, entry-level curators can expect to earn between £20,000 and £25,000 per year. With several years of experience, this can increase to between £25,000 and £35,000 annually.

JOB OF THE WEEK

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 I 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





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