

"I am often asked what can people do to become a good global citizen? I reply that it begins in your own community." – Kofi Annan

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs

Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us yesterday for our annual GCSE Celebration Evening. It was a truly special occasion, and we were thrilled to see so many of you celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students.

Looking ahead, Year 11 mock exams begin next week. Students have been working hard in lessons to prepare, and staff used this week's Year 11 assembly and tutorial sessions to emphasise the importance of these exams, review exam regulations, and reinforce key expectations. These mocks are a crucial step in building the skills and confidence needed for future success. Please continue encouraging your child to stay focused on their revision and complete their 4:1 revision programme. Your support during this important time is invaluable.

We greatly value the strong partnership we share with you in fostering a positive and respectful environment for all members of our College community. With this in mind, we would like to bring to your attention two areas where we seek your support in reinforcing the values we uphold.

Firstly, while most of our students are excellent ambassadors for the College, we have recently observed isolated instances of less-than-ideal behaviour by some students on the public Stagecoach bus. These behaviours can impact the experiences of fellow passengers and reflect on the College's reputation. We kindly ask for your help in reminding your child about the importance of respectful and appropriate conduct while travelling to and from school. These daily interactions are opportunities to showcase the courtesy and integrity that are hallmarks of our College community.

Additionally, we have noted a slight increase in acts of vandalism on school premises, particularly in the toilets. These actions undermine our shared commitment to providing a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for all. We encourage open conversations with your child about the importance of taking pride in and caring for our shared spaces. Please also remind them that reporting incidents they witness can help us address concerns promptly and effectively.

Finally, we are pleased to announce an exciting new initiative: an Activities Week for our Key Stage 3 students in Years 7–9 during the final week of term, while our Year 10 students participate in work experience. This addition to our enrichment programme is designed to offer students a variety of engaging and diverse activities, enhancing their learning and enjoyment. We have carefully considered the costs involved to ensure there are options to suit different budgets. A detailed booklet outlining the activities and instructions for signing up has been sent today to all parents and carers of students in Years 7 - 9 by Lisa Martin, Deputy Principal. Thank you in advance for your support in helping us provide your child with the opportunity to explore new experiences and make the most of this exciting week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Sara Jacobs, Principal

GCSE Celebration Evening

It was lovely for staff to welcome back last year's Y11 students yesterday evening to celebrate their GCSE achievements and to hear about their next steps. Thank you to all of the ex-students, parents/carers and staff who attended and made it such a memorable evening. A special thank you to Luke Pearce who made the presentations. Luke is an English rugby union referee representing the Rugby Football Union. He is a regular referee in the English Premiership and has refereed games at European level and at the 2019 Rugby World Cup.



News from Post 16

Congratulations to all Post 16 students who won prizes at last night's GCSE presentation evening. Special mentions to Lucy, Heidi, Eliz, Finn, Josh, Liv, Nina, Phoebe and Sam. We are very proud of you and your achievements, well done! The evening was a roaring success with a fabulous atmosphere.

On a completely different note, Y12 currently have the opportunity to apply to join the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' programme, which includes a 1-day visit to Auschwitz in March. We have just 2 spaces available, so students who would like to put themselves forward for this experience should submit their application to Miss Haynes, explaining their motivation and interest, by Monday 2nd December. Thank you to those students who have already done this.

For Year 13, the internal UCAS deadline is today, Friday 29th November, at midnight. Well done to all students who have honed their personal statements over the last few weeks and are now ready to submit. Miss Haynes will review all applications she receives by today's deadline before we break up for Christmas; this will be one big job that can then be ticked off the Y13 list.

Next week in Tutorial Year 13 move on to creating revision timetables for their forthcoming mocks at the end of January. To help with what can be a nervy period in the A-level journey, Adam Williams will be joining Y13 on 11th December to impart his wisdom on stress management strategies, specifically linked to exam preparation.

Key Dates for next week

2 December to 10 December—Y11 Mock Exams

Autumn Term Dates

10 December—Christmas Carol Concert

20 December—Non Uniform Day for St Petrocks

20 December—Last Day of Term Finish 1.30pm

Student of the Week

Leo Evans 7GAW Jess Glassco 7GLBA Joff Rorke 7RKJO Elisya Dray 7RCMO Eliza Gardner 7YDST Ben Knowles 7YEHA	Summer Webb 8GRTU 8GTBE Tayla Endicott 8RER Harry Pennicard 8RMCU Oscar Rice 8YCBO Monty Wilcocks 8YCFL	Jessica Woodger 9GMNA 9GLTH 9RDFE Vicky Gundidza 9RGWW Noah Keatley 9YGGA Fidel Tarabay 9YBH
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Sam Hunter 10GCMC Archie Moreton 10GMTH Jasmine Hutchings 10RBAT 10RNS 10YMBR Marley Wheaton 10YCHW	Poppy Golightly 11GABR Sam Cowie 11GDH Nick Lilley 11RZB Kyle Rea 11RSGA NP2N 11YSS NP2N 11YADA	Stanley Wood 12HP
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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Early finish Christmas



Friday 20th December 2024. Students will be allowed to depart from Clyst Vale at 1:15pm; all the CVCC coaches and Stagecoach buses will come into the Coach Park to pick up the students. The buses will leave at approximately 1:30pm. Stagecoach will run to their timetable and pick up about this time. Students who don't have consent, this option is on the form, will be able to stay in college but parents will need to seek alternative transportation at 3:20pm. Thank you for all that have already consented for your child to leave early. Please click on the link if you have not already completed the options. <https://forms.office.com/e/XqpYcWLCXw>.

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December 2024



Year 8 Tutor Captains are promoting this year's 'wear your Christmas jumper day' - which takes place on Thursday 12th December.

All students, from any year group, are invited to wear a festive jumper or t-shirt to school, in return for a suggested minimum donation of £1 - with all money raised going to the NSPCC. Please note that this is not a traditional non-uniform day - in terms of we expect the rest of the uniform (skirt/trousers/shoes etc) to remain the same.

Should your child wish to take part in this fund raising event, please either pay in advance via the School Gateway App or the website [School Gateway Link](#) or alternatively money can be brought in on the day and handed to the tutor. If you would like to know more about the National event please click on the link. [Christmas Jumper Day 2024](#)

Year 9 Parents' Evening Thursday 12 December 2024



This is a virtual meeting through [SchoolCloud - Clyst Vale Community College](#). This will be open for all Year 9 parents/carers to book from Wednesday 20th November. Any issues please contact studentservices@clystvale.org or Mrs Grant's direct telephone line 01392 463910.

Nasal Flu immunisations Thursday 5th December 2024

Please fill the consent form from Kernow Healthcare to consent or abstain your child/ children for the nasal spray flu immunisation. <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. The code for Clyst Vale is DV136638.

Please submit your consent form by midday on 2 nd December 2024 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

Exam Information



In order to help your child during the exam season, please could you remind them of the importance of the below JCQ guidelines during an examination. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

1. You must be on time for all your examinations.
2. Possession of a mobile phone, smart watch or analogue watch or any other unauthorised material is not allowed even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You must not talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You must follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You must not sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You must not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

If you know you are going to be late to an exam, please phone us on 01392 461407 as soon as possible to let us know so we can best arrange to support your entry to the exam.

If you are unable to attend College through illness on a day when you have an examination, it is essential that an adult from your household contacts the College on 01392 461407 before 8.30am to explain the reason for your absence. In addition, please email exams@clystvale.org so that the Exams Officer knows as soon as possible.

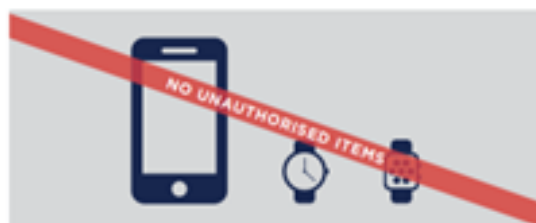
Ofqual have published a student guide regarding special consideration during assessments. Please see link below for more information.

[Ofqual Student Guide to Exams and Assessments in 2025](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-to-exams-and-assessments-in-2025?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=dcd3813-8705-4c2a-9ef2-4e3a73bf12c5&utm_content=daily)



**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

Modern Foreign Languages

¡Hola! Salut!

COMPETITION CORNER

Design a Christmas card that celebrates Christmas traditions around the world.

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

Competition closes: Fri 29th Nov at 4pm

MONTHLY QUIZ

1. What percentage of adults in the UK can speak more than one language fluently?
2. How many languages are spoken in Europe?
3. How many languages are spoken in Asia?
4. What are the top 5 highest -paying second languages in employment?
5. Name three benefits of learning a language.

Email your answers to your MFL teacher to win P1s.



The Most Official Languages

South Africans have 11 official languages to choose from!

Revision tip

Record yourself speaking on a topic for 30 seconds and listen back to check your pronunciation and accent.



Reason to learn a language

Improve your native language: Learning a second language can help you better understand your own native language.

SPANISH TONGUE TWISTER

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

Papá pone pan para Pepín. Para Pepín pone pan papá.

Dad puts the bread for Pepín. For Pepín Dad puts the bread.

FRENCH TONGUE TWISTER

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

Seize chaises sèchent.

Sixteen chairs are drying.

STUDENT WORK

KS3 French students have been studying the poem 'The tree and the seed' by Benoît Marchon which offers a resolutely optimistic message for anyone facing the death of a loved one, helping them consider the ordeal more peacefully. As a class, they extended the poem. Here is the work produced by 9B/Fr1.

Quelqu'un meurt et c'est comme la lune.

Someone dies and it's like the moon.

Mais si c'était comme le soleil?

But what if it was the sun?

Quelqu'un meurt et c'est comme une fleur qui meurt.

Someone dies and it's like a dying flower.

Mais si c'était comme une nouvelle fleur qui pousse ?

But what if it was like a new flower growing?

Quelqu'un meurt et c'est comme une fenêtre qui se ferme.

Someone dies and it's like a window closing.

Mais si ça laissait entrer un vent du changement?

But what if it was letting through a new wind of change?

Quelqu'un meurt et c'est comme le coucher du soleil.

Someone dies and it's like the sun setting.

Mais si c'était comme le soleil qui se lève?

But what if it was like a new sunrise?

Quelqu'un meurt et c'est comme un morceau de mon cœur qui disparaît. Someone dies and a piece of my heart vanishes.

Mais si c'était comme un nouvel amour qui le reconstruit?

But what if it was like a new love rebuilding it?

Quelqu'un meurt et c'est comme un torrent de désespoir.

Someone dies and it's like a raging torrent of despair.

Mais si c'était comme un océan rempli de luminosité ?

But what if it's like an ocean full of brightness?

Quelqu'un meurt et c'est comme une fenêtre cassée.

Someone dies and it's like a broken window.

Mais si ça laissait passer une nouvelle lumière?

But what if it let through a new light?



Year 7 Netball Fixture

Our Year 7 netball teams had an exciting first match against a mixed team of Year 7 and 8 players from Isca School, with both the As and Bs putting on strong performances.

The A team, captained by Lila, were in control for the majority of their match, leading for most of the game. They were held to an 8-8 draw in a thrilling final few minutes. Player of the Match Emily was a standout, showcasing exceptional shooting skills and accuracy throughout the game.

The B team, led by Eliza, fought hard but narrowly lost 11-8. Despite the defeat, the team displayed great determination and teamwork. Player of the Match Eliza, playing in centre, was a key player, displaying excellent speed and leadership throughout.

Both teams played with great spirit and sportsmanship, and they can be proud of their performances. Looking forward to more exciting matches ahead! Well done, Year 7!



Cross Country Round 2

The second round of the National Schools Cross Country took place at a muddy Blundells on Thursday as the athletes from East Devon joined the competition. First off the line was Ruthie who ran a super race, pacing herself far better than in Round 1 as she battled through the mud. A respectable 20th position against a field of strong runners from Exmouth and Colyton. As the track started to cut up Noah sped from the line and held on to the coat tails of the leaders as he raced in to a qualification spot in 12th. Four girls had qualified for the Inter-girls event and Esmae, Kate, Willow and Rosie started off shoulder to shoulder. The course at this level was a longer 3.9km to accommodate the Senior runners and soon the pack thinned. Willow kept Esmae company before a dramatic kick on the last lap saw her catch and overtake Kate. Rosie finished well, but like the others crossed the line outside of qualification. Last on the track was the Inter and Senior boys where our sole representative was Jasper. With some top regional runners in the line up Jasper ran brilliantly into 3rd position. Hand shakes all round and hugs for friends from other schools as this competitive event brought together schools and students from across the area. Very well done to all that ran and especially to those that qualified for the next round.



Sports News, Fixtures and Updates

Year 7, 8 & 10 Boys Rugby @ Blundells School

Congratulations to all of the boys which represented the College on Wednesday at Blundells School, Tiverton. 51 students, made up of the Year 7, 8 and 10 squads all travelled by coach to Mid Devon for the annual fixture, where the hosts always look after us with great hospitality.

Mr Stapleton accompanied the Year 7 lads to the lower pitch where they suffered their first defeat of the season with a 25-5 defeat against a very well renowned Blundells sides that have beaten many other private and public schools by many more scores than what we suffered.

Mr Pearce was with the unbeaten Year 8 boys who carried on this record since their time with us with a resounding 35-10 victory against the hosts, with another powerful and athletic display.

Mr Rees-Weldon and Year 12 student, Josh Jones, was with the ever polite and courteous Year 10 squad as they played over the hedge and had their hosts on the ropes for large periods of the game, however Blundells bolstered their squad for the last few minutes and ran out narrow winners, by 9 points.

A big well done and thank you to all of the students which represented and were a credit to the College once again.



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.

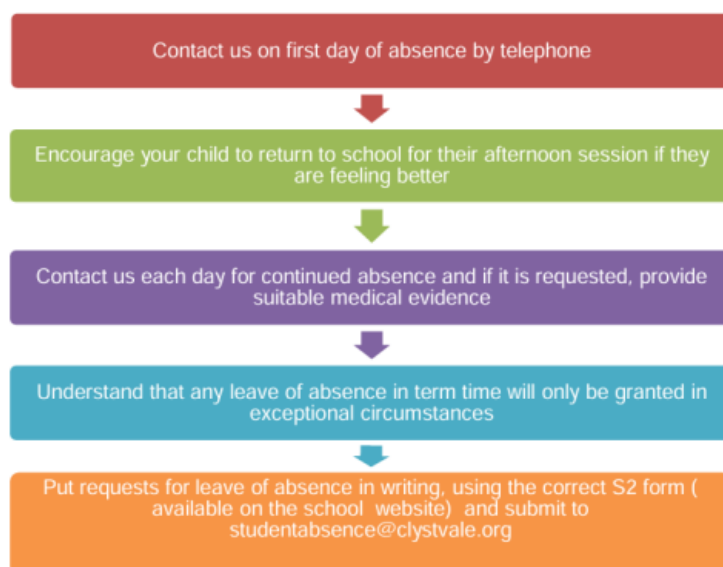
Medical Appointments

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



Christmas Carols by Candlelight

@ Broadclyst Church

Sunday 15th December

5pm Broadclyst & Westclyst Primary
School Choirs

7pm Featuring the Birdhouse Singers

Free Entry. Limited Spaces so book early on
<https://broadclystcarols.eventbrite.co.uk>
or ring 07972 387391

Refreshments Available

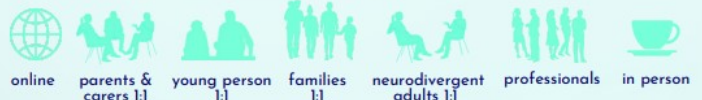
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THE DEVON WIDE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IS NOW LIVE AT:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/haf-providers-map/>

Fully funded places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

More information can be found at:
<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

For ages 5-16 years
Places are limited

HAF is free holiday provision for those children and young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

The programme will be running at Exeter City Football Club on the following dates:

- Friday 20th December 3pm – 7pm
- Saturday 21st December 10am – 2pm
- Sunday 22nd December 10am – 2pm
- Monday 23rd December 10am – 2pm

Activities will include:

- Film/Cinema
- Mountain Biking at Haldon
- Christmas Crafts and activities
- Multi sports
- Crealy

A free hot lunch will be provided each day and all children who attend receive a food hamper for their family.

Here is the form to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/QFgAKUxRdD> .



Activate Camps are running our multi activity camp near you this holiday!

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides local authority funding for funded holiday places at our multi activity camp, including a healthy lunch, for eligible benefits related free school meal (FSM) children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

Venue

Station Road, Exeter EX5 3AJ

Times

10am-2pm

Funded Places

Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children



Cost

£30 per day including lunch



Dates

23 Dec
2 + 3 Jan



All camp places must be booked in advance



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.

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Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

NATURE CONSERVATIONIST

A nature conservationist works to protect and preserve the natural environment, including wildlife, plants, and habitats. They might work in various settings, such as nature reserves, forests, wetlands, or coastal areas, ensuring that these places remain healthy and vibrant.

Their job involves monitoring wildlife populations, conducting research, and creating plans to protect endangered species and ecosystems. They also work to restore damaged environments and might plant trees, clean up polluted areas, or create new habitats.

Nature conservationists often educate the public about the importance of nature and how to take care of it, inspiring others to help protect the environment.

Starting salaries for new conservationists often range from £18,000 to £25,000 per year. With more experience and specialised skills, salaries can increase to between £25,000 and £35,000. Senior conservationists or those in managerial positions might earn upwards of £40,000 a year.

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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)

Mondays—closed

Tuesday to Friday—09.30 to 15.30

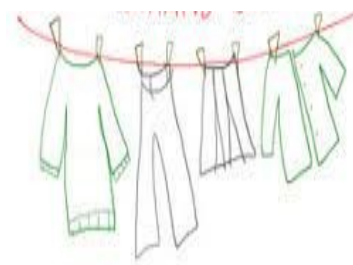
Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

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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