

March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that your child will be starting at Clyst Vale Community College in September, and I look forward to welcoming them.

Moving up to secondary school can be an emotional time for students. Some feel positively about it and can't wait to start; others are more anxious and nervous. We have therefore put together a comprehensive transition process that ensures that the move between primary and secondary school is a supported, personalised and smooth process that recognises the needs of each individual student.

Firstly, I will be speaking to your child's Year 6 teacher to gather important information that will help to place your child in the right tutor group and raise any areas which require support from the Head of Year 7 and/or the SENDCo.

Throughout April and May, I will be visiting feeder primary schools with student ambassadors to provide students in Year 6 information about life at Clyst Vale and answer their questions. There will be a day in June for students 'non-feeder' schools to attend and you will be contacted about this separately if it's applicable.

In July, there will be two induction days for the whole cohort when students will experience taster lessons, eat in the school canteen, make new friends and familiarise themselves with the college site. They will meet their tutors and fellow tutees. At the parent's evening the following week, parents and carers will be introduced to key members of staff and learn more about practicalities of attending Clyst Vale.

In August, Year 6 students have the option to attend the Big Step summer transition programme at Clyst Vale which provides another excellent opportunity for an introduction to secondary school.

Any students identified as having special requirements, or needing a more personalised transition will have the opportunity for additional visits to the college and will be supported by our experienced SEND and pastoral support teams.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday June 18th - Non-Feeder students day in school (invitations to be sent out in May)
- Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th July- Transition induction days at Clyst Vale
- Thursday 10th July- New intake parents evening 5.30pm- 7.30pm
- 18th-22nd August- The Big Step summer school <https://thebigstep.org/school/clyst-vale-community-college>

Later this term, I will write to you again with more details regarding the induction days and the information you will require for September. You will also receive a pack of information which will require some action from you.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any elements of our transition process further, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: matthewsi@clystvale.org.

Additionally, if you do not intend to take up the place at Clyst Vale, we would appreciate it if you can contact us to let us know.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Izzy Matthews

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