

Newsletter

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books" - Roald Dahl

WEEK A



Sara Jacobs **Principal**



Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we received our Year 7 allocations for September 2024. It comes as no surprise that we remain heavily oversubscribed, with over 400 preferences for 180 places, 199 of which were first-choice preferences. This reaffirms our strong reputation within the community and the growing recognition among parents of the high quality, student centred educational experience we offer to children in the local area.

A cornerstone of our success lies in our unwavering commitment to providing a wider curriculum offer, aligning with individual strengths and interests. This week, alongside our regular lunchtime and after-school clubs, there were several educational trips, including visits to the Princess Theatre in Torquay, the Northcott Theatre in Exeter and Exeter City Football Club. These experiences contribute significantly to the building of cultural capital and nurturing the diverse talents of our students.

Acknowledging and celebrating the positive attitudes and behaviours that we expect from our students came into the spotlight this week. On Tuesday afternoon students in Key Stage 3 who had been rewarded with a 'golden ticket' were given the opportunity to participate in an afternoon of fun. Observing the enthusiasm exhibited by our students was delightful and underlined the importance of maintaining and increasing opportunities for future 'rewards' trips and activities. On the topic of trips, thank you to all parents of students in Year 8 who came along to our information evenings this week. We acknowledge that trips were an aspect of college life that were restricted during the COVID years and we are working hard to rebuild and enhance this important aspect of our students' experiences.

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

Best wishes

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Sara Jacobs, Principal

What's on Next Week

Thursday 7 March—Year 9 Rugby Tournament at Blundells

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 March—Ten Tors Weekend Camp. Any questions please email the trip leader Mr Eales.

Key Dates for Spring Term	Key Dates for Summer Term
Thursday 21 March—Year 12 Parents Evening 4.30 to 6.30pm	15 April - Non Pupil Day
Thursday 28 March—Non Uniform day	16 April—Students Return
Thursday 28 March—Clyst Got Talent	27 to 31 May —Summer Half Term
Friday 29 March to Sunday 14 April inclusive—Easter Holiday	24 July—Summer Holiday Begins

News from Post 16 and Wider College News

News from Post 16

Post 16 students have been taking part in a variety of trips and visits again this week.

Barnfield and Northcott Theatres

On Monday, Performing Arts students visited the Barnfield theatre with Ms Keene and Miss Ruscoe, to participate in a Peak Performance workshop session on 'devising'. On Wednesday, they were theatre-bound again, this time as audience members at the Northcott Theatre to watch the same company that had delivered their training on Monday putting on a show.

St James' Park

PE students headed to St James' Park with Mr Stapleton on Thursday for a session on careers and pathways in sport. Full report follows later from Mr Powell.

Make Your Mark

On Monday, Mrs Padden, ably assisted by some of her Politics students, coordinated Post 16 voting in the national Make Your Mark campaign. Students select the issues that are of the greatest importance to them: one local and one national. Post 16 put in a good turn-out for the vote, with transport and the environment proving to be very hot topics amongst this age-group.

Exam Schedules

The exams schedules for BTEC, AS and A2 exams have now been published so students are planning ahead for their revision and preparation, ready to start assessments in mid-May.

Exeter College Taster Day YR11 Students

On Tuesday 27th February, an additional bespoke taster day was organised for a small number of students. Students were able to experience the subjects that they are considering in further education. This included Art & Design, Hair & Beauty, Active Industries, Creative Tech and Automotive. It also allowed them to get a feel of college life. All students found this time very useful and were an exceptional representation of the Clyst Vale in the way they conducted themselves.

National Careers Week

It's National Careers Week 4-11 March 2024! Download your free copy of the Parents' Guide to National Careers Week, created in partnership with National Careers Week, outlining all vocational options after GCSE and sixth form/college—<u>you can download your copy here</u>.





College News

Exeter City Trip

Post 16 students and a number of gifted and talented Year 11 students were invited to attend an afternoon at Exeter City Football Club with a focus on careers in sport and the pathways that lead to success. With ongoing minibus issues it was a convoy of staff and Post 16 vehicles that made it's way through the various road works to St James Park, home of the Grecians. The afternoon consisted of careers advice, club history and trivia plus a facinating tour of the stadium. The event organised by Mr Stapleton, himself a City Youth player allowed students to compare their current subjects and grades to future goals and requirements. It was great see the students mixing so well, learning from one another, especially with the Year 13 primed for university and the next step in their educations. A super, enriching afternoon which the students greatly enjoyed. Thanks also to Harry from Exeter City who was our liaison at the club.











Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

Battlefields YR9 Parents Information Evening



An information evening is being held by Mrs Jenkins parents and students that have secured a place on the Battlefields YR8 History Trip. It will be held in the main hall at 6pm Thursday 14th March.

Any questions please email Mrs Jenkins jenkinss@clystvale.org

PGL YR8 Residential Information Evening - 27th February



Firstly thank you to everyone that attended the Information Evening. The evening was attended by many more then we expected (additional chairs needed) and the feedback was positive.

Miss Watt gave a very informative presentation, this included a 'A day at PGL', and parents, carers and students were able to ask questions.

Below is the link for parents that were unable to attend Miss Watt's presentation and I will also email the forms that were handed on the evening.



Year 8 PGL Presentation

Miss Watt's Presentation

If you do have any questions please feel free to email Miss Watt (watts@clystvale.org) or Miss Cresswell (trips@clystvale.org).



Vaccinations

The HPV vaccination is mainly for Year 8 students, please complete the form via <u>http://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV.aspx</u> even if you do not consent to it being given to your child. On the day, there is also a chance of older year groups (Year 9/10/11) to receive the vaccination if they missed it when it was due in Year 8. If you require more information about this vaccination please call the nurses on 01392 342678.

The consent form closes at midday on 13th March 2024.

Lost Property



In Student Services we have a huge amount of lost property, especially coats and water bottles. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to come down during break or lunch to look for their lost items. Art the end of each term, we will dispose of any left over items, this maybe to charity shops if in good condition.

Who should I contact?



If you are struggling with the online messaging or catering please see below who to email.

EduLink queries- please direct these to studentservices@clystvale.org

School Gateway queries- please direct these to financepsf@clystvale.org

Student of the Week

NP2N 7GRTU	Reuben Salter 8GMN	Blessings Nkompilo 9GCMC	
Eoin Dart 7GHE	Hunter Viles 8GLT	Charlize Graham 9GDJ	
7RER	8RDF	Oliver Clark 9RBAT	
NP2N 7RGG	Halle Baker-Holmes 8RTMA	NP2N 9RNS	
Josh Farmer 7YCBO	Elle Hemment 8YGGA	9YMBR	
Finnley Abbott 7YCFL	Fidel Tarabay 8YBH	Daisy Andrew 9YSWA	
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	
Jess Massey 10GABR	Max Taylor 11GAW		
Tilly Wren 10GDH	Addison Bastin 11GGT		
Millie Jenner 10RZB	Addison Bastin 11GGT Chloe Hoerning 11RMAH	Fracer Brown 12AT	
		Fraser Brown 13AT	
Millie Jenner 10RZB	Chloe Hoerning 11RMAH	Fraser Brown 13AT	
Millie Jenner 10RZB Isaac Laramy 10RSGA	Chloe Hoerning 11RMAH 11RCMO	Fraser Brown 13AT	
Millie Jenner 10RZB Isaac Laramy 10RSGA NP2N 10YSS	Chloe Hoerning 11RMAH 11RCMO 11YDST	Fraser Brown 13AT	



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.

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Reading Recommendations Newsletter



Welcome to our new half-termly reading newsletter. In each edition, we will recommend books from a variety of styles and genres, to inspire readers across all year groups.



Diamond wasn't always a star. Born to penniless parents who longed for a strong, healthy son, she was a dainty, delicate daughter - and a bitter disappointment. Discovering an extraordinary gift for acrobatics, Diamond uses her talent to earn a few pennies, but brings shame on her family.

Yr. 7



On a case for the mysterious Secret Service Bureau, the daring Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lilian Rose must leave London for the boulevards and grand hotels of Paris. But danger lurks beneath the bright lights of the city - and intrigue and murder lie in store.

Yr. 8



Desperate for help, Belle reaches out to her estranged friends to prove her innocence. They answer the call, but no one is prepared for what comes next. Now, everyone has something to lose and something equally dangerous to hide.

Yr. 9



A blood feud between two gangs runs the streets red, leaving the city helpless in the grip of chaos. At the heart of it all is eighteen-year-old Juliette Cai, a former flapper who has returned to assume her role as the proud heir of the Scarlet Gang—a network of criminals far above the law. Their only rivals in power are the White Flowers, who have fought the Scarlets for generations. And behind every move is their heir, Roma Montagoy, Juliette's first love...and first betrayal.

Yr.10&11

This half-term, 9b/En2 have been enjoying:











Our summaries are taken from the Goodreads website: www.goodreads.com

Sports Updates & Fixtures

Girls Under 15 Cricket Match Report



Under 15 girls visited Exeter University for a daytime trip where they played a tournament against local schools in a handful of indoor cricket games.

The squad was a mix of experienced and rookie cricketers who made an excellent team excelling in their ability of the sport throughout the day and overall resulting in an excellent turnout. Led by team captain Holly W, the squad was Imogen W, Sophia L, Brooke B, Karly D, Bronnie C, Aurelia C, Molly H and Amy B.

Our first game was against Exe Valley where we began the game by batting, scoring a whopping 114! Sophia L and Imogen W scored the most runs for us. When it was our turn to field the girls were a lot more confident in their skills transferring them from their capability from rounders including Molly H as an excellent fielder marking the nets tightly. Brooke B and Holly W both bowled brilliantly bowling out 5 players together! We kept our fielding tight resulting in an amazing first result of 114 to 71!

Moving onto our next game we faced St James one of the more capable teams at the tournament. The girls played excellently but unfortunately St James scraped the win by fielding tightly resulting in a loss of 80 to 71. Nonetheless though did they all play excellently especially Holly W scoring us the most runs as well as Sophia L, Imogen W and Brooke B bowling people out and also fielder Amy B with a long throw to the stumps to get their batter out.

Our final game in the group stage was facing St Peters, which we knew we had to win in order to have a chance in advancing to the 1st/2nd playoff. The girls played their best, particularly Holly who batted so well she retired after facing 15 bowls! The girls batted very well but their fielding was the best we faced yet so it was more difficult to pick up the runs. That did not stop Aurelia C though as she was our top scorer for the game! When it was the girls turn to field, we had played our best yet with Karly D getting 2 people out as stumps as the wicket keeper, Imogen w assisting Aurelia C and similarly Amy B assisting Holly W eliminating 2 more players and finally Brooke B catching 2 people out! The girls were thrilled beating the unbeaten, 60 to 54! Unfortunately though as amongst the group we had all won and lost the same number of games meaning it would go down to runs... only 7 runs in it but St Peters just about scraped their way into the 1st/2nd playoff.

For the playoffs we faced Colyton school, where batting we had some strong partnerships scoring highly, Sophia L and Karly D as well as Aurelia C and Bronnie C. Overall though the highest scored in this game was Karly D. But where the girls played best was fielding against Colyton as they proved to be a very strong side scoring lots of 2s of the walls, and even a couple of 4s. That did not stop Holly W though from getting a double wicket maiden! Neither did it prevent Sophia L from getting a catch or Amy B assisting Holly W 3 times in that game alone! Unfortunately, though we did lose 81 to 52 but overall, everybody was impressed with their efforts. To conclude the tournament the girls placed 4th!

Amongst the girls, it was decided Brooke B was awarded player of the day for her amazing bowling and tight fielding!

The match report above is written by Karly. It was a fantastic day and the girls enjoyed their cricket. It would be great to get more girls involved this season.

After Easter we will be in Summer sports so look out for which days we will run cricket.

Mrs Broomfield

Sports Updates & Fixtures Continued...

Girls Under 14 Contact Rugby - Clyst Vale v Ivybridge Community College

Congratulations to the eleven Year 8 and 9 girls which represented the College in an Under 14 contact rugby fixture versus lybridge Community College on Wednesday afternoon.

The girls, playing their first competitive fixture this year, were all outstanding in their approach to the game and competed very well throughout against a very experience side which play regularly at club and school.

Skipper, Maisy-Beau chose to play down the slope in the first of three thirds, to give all of the girls relevant experience of the game. She followed this up with some big tackles on Ivybridge's big ball carriers, to stop them in their tracks. Scrum half, Lois caused big problems for the visitors, with some great runs and evasive carries, with her getting her reward for this in the second half with a score underneath the posts, which Hollie converted.

Isla and Alissia used their club experience to maintain possession for Clyst Vale by winning rucks and linking attacks with passes.

Winger Willow gained her confidence and made some strong carries with the balls and some attempted tackles, with Grace and Daisy using outstanding footwork to make several metres on the wing, with the former scoring the last try of the contest.

Layla gave the side some great strength and power, especially in the contact zones, with Miley doing a great job in helping Miss Woods on the sideline.

Congratulations to all involved.

Mr Pearce



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

Maintenance Caretaker x 2

Salary £26216 actual salary (pay award pending)

Job Type Permanent

Location Devon

Description

Starting as soon as possible, we are looking to recruit two good, maintenance allrounders. Ideally, you will have a range of maintenance skills including carpentry, plumbing, plastering etc. A trade background would be desirable but not essential. We have two different shift patterns on offer. For the right candidates, if they are in agreement, there may be the possibility to operate a two week shift rota. Early Shift Hours of Work: Term Time 36 hours 40 minutes per week x 39 weeks 07:00 to 15:00 Monday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday Time 36 hours 40 minutes per week x 13 weeks 08:00 to 16:00 Monday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday to Friday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday to Friday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday to Friday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday Time 36 hours 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday Time 36 hours 40 minutes per week x 13 weeks 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day; Holiday Time 36 hours 40 minutes per week x 13 weeks 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday with 40 minutes unpaid break per day.

We are looking for experience of general maintenance; the ability to undertake a range of maintenance tasks, including carpentry; good computer skills; GCSE Grade C in Maths or English or equivalent; and a trade qualification or equivalent is desirable but not essential.

We offer a unique opportunity to work within a Rights Respecting School with a strong community ethos, a supportive CPD programme and 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.

Both positions are offered at a salary of CVCC grade D £26216 actual salary (pay award pending).

For more details and to apply, please visit our website <u>https://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/</u> and click on the 'apply' button.

Closing date for all applications is Sunday 3 March 2024. Interviews will take place on Thursday 11 March 2024.

Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

GAMES TESTER

Games testers get paid to play computer games, to check they work and to suggest improvements.

Whilst this sounds like a fun job, this often requires the tester to play the same part of a game repeatedly for long periods of time to identify glitches or issues.

To become a games tester, you would need a great eye for detail and an ability to communicate your ideas.

Games testers tend to start on a salary of around £15,000 per year.

JOB OF THE WEEK 7

Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities

YST

It's time again... The Talent Show is back. Are you CVCC's next big winner? 1st auditions Thursday 7th March 2nd auditions Wednesday 13th March Lunchtime in EN7.

Talent show:

disday 28th March 2024

Do you have an interest in Technical Theatre?

Come along to Clyst Vales...



Our next meeting is on: TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 3:20pm till 4:30pm



We'd love to see you there!

-ALL YEARS WELCOME-

Community Noticeboard



Wild Embers SEND Holiday Clubs



Our holiday club involves a range of activities designed to promote and enhance SEMH (social emotional mental health) and support children with high support needs by fostering a community of learners through resilience building and creative projects, from fire lighting, to clay modelling, to outdoor cooking and nature identification.

> <u>HELD IN DARTINGTON</u> April 2nd; April 4th; May 28th & May 29th <u>Cost: Minium donation of £5</u> Bookings: email admin@wildembers.org





CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Big School, Blundell's School Friday 15th March 2024 5.30pm – 7.00pm

To book a free place please visit https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53561



Community Noticeboard Continued...



Lottery Funded Family Days 2024

Wild Embers are supporting families with SEND children 6-11 yrs with funded weekend activities

Family Day: Join us at our beautiful site at Blackberry Barn this 2024 for one of our winter family days. The day will include bush crafts, exploring nature and outdoor cooking, with lunch around the fire. Food provided.

Dates: March 2nd, March 3rd, April 27th, April 28th, June 8th, June 9tH

Wild Embers is a community orientated and highly impactful provider that has been running since 2017. We are members of the alternative providers network, the parent and carer forum Devon, and have established connections with a large number of Academies. We run a successful Ofsted registered forest school, community gatherings/teasts, father & child days, with a range of specialist support offerings for children and families with SEND.



<u>Cost:</u>We ask for a minimum donation of £5. Any donations you give go will enable us to work with more children and families with special educational and social and emotional health needs, so give generously if you are able.

ADDRESS, DIRECTIONS & BOOKING

To book a family day: email admin@wildembers.org

<u>Cost</u>: Donation only (minimum donation of £5 per family)

Address: Blackberry Barn, Ritson, Halwell, TQ9 7JG

Satnav Instructions:

Follow up until Totnes cross petrol station no further.

Then follow the road around to Kingsbridge (away from Totnes), you will see a sign that says Kingsbridge 6 miles, please take the left hand turn just behind the sign, follow the lane into the old farmyard, now beautiful barn conversions.

Take a slight right, drive in-between new barn conversion and an agricultural barn. The driveway leading to the parking area is directly in front of you between the house and fence. Head down the driveway where you can park on the ménage to your left.

What3words:

Wiggles.worthy.quicker

If you have trouble finding us please do contact either Mel or Richard.

Mel 07967 755357

Richard 07906 529371



Are you or your children struggling to get a decent night's sleep?



Supporting Healthy Sleep

5th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour online talk on what interferes with healthy sleep and how we can make small changes to reduce insomnia and sleep disturbances.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety? Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE THURSDAY MARCH 7th. 7-9PM £24 Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Understanding Anger: Yours & Theirs!



UNDERSTANDING ANGER

11th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Supporting Learning at Home

Your child will ultimately do better, achieve more, and have a happier time if you are connected and involved in their school life.

This can be either through involvement in school life. Our research tells us that even a small amount of involvement can have a positive impact on your child's success at school. You will also benefit. Parents who volunteer with their school have more advocacy, more understanding of how a school runs and more connection to staff and other parents. In turn this means new friends. increased confidence and the satisfaction personal from offering your time and expertise.

Or via effective two-way communication. Knowing the best way to communicate with your school, whether for general queries or to raise a concern is to building key good relationships. Similarly knowing and engaging with the communications methods that the school uses to keep you informed is vital. Find out more by following the link below.

Supporting learning at home | Parentkind.

(Above copied from Parentkind.)





Library Competition!

Redesign the front cover of your favourite book. Winner wins an Easter egg! All redesigns to be handed in to the library.

Competition ends on Friday 22nd March Winner announced on Monday 25th March.

Stationery for Sale

Mock/GCSE 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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