

*"You are not weak for struggling; you are strong for facing
your battles head-on"*

Principal's Update



Sara Jacobs
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our annual 'Meet the Tutor' evening on Thursday. We were delighted to see such strong attendance, with many of you taking the opportunity to come into College and meet your child's Tutor. This level of engagement highlights the value our community places on partnership between home and College, and staff have commented on how beneficial it was to speak with you about your child's progress and wellbeing.

We are proud of the strength of our pastoral care at Clyst Vale. Building positive relationships and maintaining good communication between families, Tutors, and Heads of Year is central to our ethos. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year; for subject-specific queries, the Head of Department is the best point of contact. All relevant contact information can be found on our College website, making it easy for you to reach the right person quickly and efficiently.

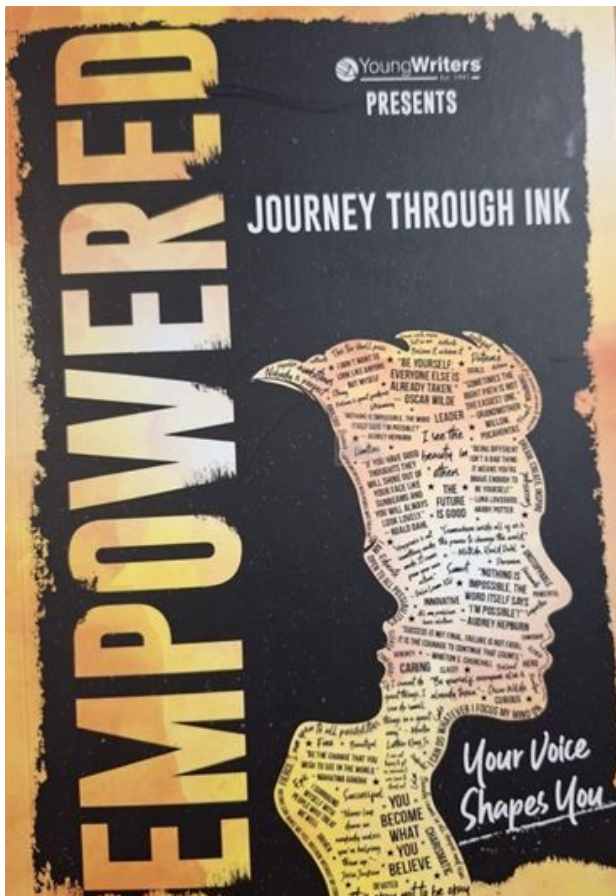
A focus for the Senior Leadership Team this half term has been to observe students in lessons and see the quality of teaching and learning across all subjects at the College. These visits have allowed us to witness first-hand the high standards in our classrooms. We have been consistently impressed by our students' positive attitudes to learning, their engagement in lessons, and their willingness to contribute and support one another. Staff have worked hard to create stimulating and supportive environments, and it is wonderful to see students thriving as a result. These lesson visits have reinforced what a special community we have at Clyst Vale.

In addition to this, on Tuesday I had the pleasure of awarding certificates to several of our very talented students whose poems have been published. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects both their creativity and the encouragement and opportunities provided by our staff. We are extremely proud of these students and hope their success inspires others to pursue their passions.

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform, including a suitable coat. Please remember that hoodies are not permitted as outerwear and will need to be removed in line with our uniform policy.

Finally, a polite reminder: when dropping off and picking up your child, please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking in private roads. Your cooperation in avoiding the main car park and coach park between 3:15 and 3:45 p.m., until students are safely off-site, is greatly appreciated. Together, we can ensure that our College remains a positive part of the wider community.

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



Several of our talented students from years 8, 9 and 10 recently took part in the **Young Writers' Poetry Competition**, exploring the theme of *empowerment*. Their thoughtful and powerful poems impressed the judges and have now been published in a special anthology, which we will make available in our school library. We are incredibly proud of our students for using poetry as a platform to share their voices, creativity, and personal expression.

Mrs Beer.



The Year 9 Clyst Vale netball team took part in their first fixture of the season on Tuesday evening, captained superbly by Connie Scott. The girls worked hard throughout the day and represented Clyst Vale brilliantly.

We began strongly with a 9–6 victory over Isca, with Connie named Player of the Match for her excellent performance. Our second fixture was a hard-fought 7–7 draw, where Daisy impressed in Wing Defence and earned Player of the Match.

In the third game, the team narrowly lost 5–4, but Daisy stood out again being named Player of the Match by St Peters. The girls bounced back in their fourth game, securing a 7–4 win against West Exe, with Connie once more recognised as Player of the Match.

The final match against Exmouth was closely contested but ended in a 5–3 defeat. Emily C-C was deservedly awarded Player of the Match for her accurate shooting as Goal Attack.

A special thanks goes to Lila and Emily G from Year 8, who stepped up to strengthen the team and played superbly. Connie controlled the play from Centre and ran the game effectively, showing excellent leadership throughout.

Overall, the team finished a fantastic 3rd place in the tournament – a brilliant result for their opening fixture of the year. Well done to everyone involved!



Work Experience Awards 2025

Our current year 11s did had an amazingly successful end of year 10 where they completed their work experience placements. As always the placements were varied and students were welcomed in to the world of work but an array of local businesses. We would like to thank all the parents and guardians involved in organising placements. It would not have been such a success without all the employers who provided placements which is really appreciated as this requires extra work and commitment from their staff.

The success stories from the week have been lovely to hear and a number of students have now made important careers decisions based on this opportunity. The students were awarded certificates in assembly this week. A small group of students received an 'Excellence Award' for going above and beyond. This may have been for putting themselves well outside of their comfort zone, commitment shown to the placement or completing extra work or review after the placement.

Sally Trump and Nicola Bennett - careers team.

Hembury House Excellence Award

- Luka Rice
- Josh Bennett
- Martha Searle
- Harley Ewings
- Oliver Eavis
- Emily Gill



Danes House Excellence Award

- Dulcie Hill
- Edward Lilley
- Finley Wright
- Evie-Rose Drew
- Esmae Matthews
- Maisy Beau Killian
- Oscar Trevelyan
- Seth Craig



Ashclyst House Excellence Award

- Blair Wills
- Luca Bachelor
- Toby Offord Bennett
- Kate Dearden Watts
- Millie Smith
- Ella Wright
- Ellis Williams
- Freya Bowden
- Owen Major



Awards for the eat2beat team!

It was all smiles in Post 16 this week as the eat2beat team (consisting of Eliz, Ella, Millie, Nina, Lucy and Heidi) were awarded 3rd place in the Imperial College 'Science in Medicine' national competition.

They were presented with their certificates in the Y13 Assembly, where we were delighted to welcome the teacher who made it all happen - Mrs Shillingford. She emphasised the group's huge achievement in a vastly competitive field, and reiterated how very proud we are of all of them. The certificates were signed off by Professor Dorian Haskard, who is the British Heart Foundation's Sir John McMichael Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at Imperial College.

Not only does the school come away with a £500 prize (to be invested within the science department) but each of the students will be able to take advantage of some academic mentoring with university staff involved in the competition, which is a brilliant opportunity!

Congratulations once again to the team.



Student of the Week

7GABR Frank Rorke 7GDH Luna Stanley 7RAT Emily Saunders 7RJK Eleanor Butler YMRO Reuben Palmer 7YADA Noah Bowen-Scott 7YRKE Myla- May Gibson	8GAWO Eddie chamberlain 8GLBA Hattie Arthur 8RKJO Zachary Boddington 8RCMO 8YDST Flo Moore 8YIM Jimbo Briggs	9GRTU 9GTBE Phoebe Harris 9RER 9RACU Kasey Saunder 9YCBO No permission given 9YCFL No permission given
10GMNA Joe Stevens 10GJIH No permission given 10RDFE 10RGWW Lily Kurtz 10YGGA Katie Dismore 10YBHA	11GCMC Abiodun Alakija 11GSSF George Guerin 11RBAT Toby Offord-Bennett 11RNS Aidan Lea 11YMBR 11YCHW Owen Major	Y13 Emelia Sleep



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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Important Online Safety Notice for Parents and Carers



We would like to make our school community aware of a concerning issue that has recently come to our attention.

A large group chat has been identified on social media platform **WhatsApp**, involving young people from multiple school settings in Devon. We have been advised that some of the content being shared within these groups includes **explicit imagery** and **harmful content**.

We are urging all parents and carers to please speak with their children about the importance of **online safety** and the **responsible use of social media**. Please encourage children to be open and share with you their Social Media usage in particular ensuring your awareness of group messaging. These conversations are vital in helping young people understand the risks and consequences of sharing or viewing inappropriate content online.

Please be assured that the **police are aware** of these groups and are currently conducting enquiries.

For guidance and support on how to talk to your child about online safety, please visit the following trusted resources:

-  ThinkUKnow – Online Safety Advice
-  NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online



Want to try Ten Tors?

In years 9 or 10...

Come along to IT4

Tuesday 14th October 2025

1:30pm

To find out more...





Clyst Vale Community College

Costa Rica Scuba Expedition

Come along to our Parent Presentation on:

Wednesday 22nd October, 6pm-7pm, Main Hall



with booking
code:

13414



Science and Food Technician

Salary Grade B £20,459 actual

Starting in November, we are looking to recruit a Science & Food Technician. This is a permanent role, working hours 35.5 hours per week Monday-Friday, 39 weeks of the year.

This role would be ideal for someone who may be looking at a career in teaching and wants to gain first-hand experience of working in a school.

We will also consider applications from candidates who just want to be considered for one of the roles.

For full details and to apply, please either visit our website: <http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/> or email recruitment@clystvale.org



Exam Invigilator

£14.72 per hour including holiday pay

Starting as soon as possible, we are looking to recruit exam invigilators. This is a casual role, and hours are flexible, varied and can fit around other commitments

For full details and to apply, please either visit our website: <http://www.clystvale.org/vacancies/> or email recruitment@clystvale.org

Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent due to illness or a medical appointment, please report their absence, along with the reason, via the My Child at School **desktop browser**. Alternatively, you can complete the Absence Notification Form using the link below or email :

studentabsence@clystvale.org.

[Absence Notification Form](#)

If your child is in Year 12 or 13, please report their absence to voyseys@clystvale.org.

Absences must be reported daily for the duration of your child's absence.

If you know in advance that your child will be away from school, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

Additionally, kindly notify us of any lateness or scheduled appointments.

The school actively follows up on unexplained absences. If your child is absent for an unauthorised event, the details may be referred to the Educational Welfare Service which could result in a fixed penalty notice. Please be aware that the College may request supporting documentation for any absence.

Typically, work is not provided for students during their absence, as our priority is to ensure they recover fully and return to school as soon as possible.

Lateness

Attendance is formally recorded twice daily: in the morning at 8:50am and in the afternoon at 2:10pm. It is essential that students are prepared to begin their tutor period promptly at 8:50am and are punctual for each subsequent lesson.

As required by law, registers must be taken in a timely manner, and there are consequences for lateness. Students who arrive after registration closes will be marked as late, and those arriving after 9:25am will receive an unauthorised mark.

If a student is absent without prior notification, we will inform parents/carers as soon as possible if your child has not arrived at school in the morning. To ensure prompt communication, parents/carers are strongly encouraged to keep their contact details up-to-date via the Bromcom App.

Attendance is recorded during every lesson to monitor internal truancy and comply with safeguarding regulations. Students are required to sign in upon late arrival or sign out if leaving during school hours. Parents/carers must notify the school and provide a valid reason for their child's departure.

No student may leave College without authorisation from staff under any circumstances.

Students feeling unwell must report to reception and are not permitted to contact parents directly through phone calls, texts, or messaging apps to request collection.

Medical Appointments

We encourage students to maximise their attendance, as research highlights a strong correlation between regular attendance and examination success.

Many medical appointments can often be scheduled in a way that allows students to attend school both before and after their appointments. By doing so, they can minimise missed learning opportunities while maintaining high attendance levels.

We kindly ask parents/carers to ensure that their child attends morning registration, even if a medical appointment is scheduled later in the morning. Similarly, where possible, afternoon appointments should be arranged after **Period 4**, during lunchtime. We also encourage students to return to school following lunchtime appointments, if feasible.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve maximum attendance and academic success.

Supporting Learning at Home

BROMCOM

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](#)



Please do not address emails, or any replies to Bromcom messages, to bromcom@clystvale.org.

It is an unmonitored mailbox and will not go to anyone. Parents/carers need to reply to Bromcom 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 other details below:

<https://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>

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.



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.



Autumn Term Dates

Thursday 4th September to Friday 19th December 2025 (half term w/c Monday 27th October)



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LUNCH CLUBS Autumn Term 2025

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Badminton – Years 7/8/9	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	GCSE Dance	Lunchtime	Dance Studio		Miss Hall
Monday	Homework Club	Lunchtime	IT2		Supervisor
Monday	GCSE Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Mrs McConachie
Monday Week A	GCSE French Club	13:40-14:00	MF2		Mrs Theeten & Ms McConnachie
Monday	Maths Set 2 Year 11	Lunchtime	MA8		Miss Barratt
Monday	Music Practice Club	Lunchtime	PA2		Mr Hawkins
Monday	GCSE Religious Studies revision	Lunchtime	HU1		Miss Brotherton
Monday	Dungeons & Dragons Club Week B	Lunchtime	IT3		Mr Bailey
Tuesday	Homework Club	Lunchtime	IT2		Supervisor
Tuesday	Choir	Lunchtime	PA2		Mr Hawkins
Tuesday	Speedcubing	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Harrison
Tuesday	BTEC Ent Course work	Lunchtime	IT5		Miss Jones
Tuesday	Dance 7/8/9	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Basketball Year 9/10/11	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Ingham-Hill
Tuesday	Netball Year 10/11	Lunchtime	Courts	Humanities	Mrs Elliot, Mrs Broomfield
Tuesday (after Oct half term)	Ten Tors – Years 9 to 11	Lunchtime	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Amnesty	Lunchtime	EN7		Miss Watt
Tuesday	Year 7 Book Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Southard
Tuesday	Games Club- Year 7-9	Lunchtime	HU5		Ms Jenkins
Tuesday	Ten Tors	Lunchtime	IT4		Miss Barratt
Tuesday	BTEC Enterprise Coursework Catchup	Lunchtime	IT5		Ms Jones & Ms Prance
Wednesday	Badminton – Year 10/11/13	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday	Weights-Year 10/11/13	Lunchtime	Studio	-	Mr Ingham-Hill
Wednesday	Girls Football Year 7-11	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities	Mr Stapleton
Wednesday	Rock Club- Music	Lunchtime	PA3		Mr Kidd
Wednesday	Film Club	Lunchtime	HU6		Miss Matthews
Wednesday	Homework Club	Lunchtime	IT2		Supervisor
Wednesday	GCSE Photography	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Wakefield
Thursday	Homework Club	Lunchtime	IT2		Supervisor
Thursday	GCSE Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Mrs McConachie
Thursday	Geographers Club	Lunchtime	HU8		Mr Thomas
Thursday Week A	Food GCSE- Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Miss Crook
Thursday	History Club- All Years	Lunchtime	HU7		Miss Nash
Thursday Week B	Science Club- Year 7&8 Week B	Lunchtime	SC9		Miss Tuthill and Miss Hadley
Thursday After XTerm	Games Club- All Years	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Indoor Football – Year 10	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Girls Fitness – Year 10 & 11	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Girls Football – Years 7 to 9	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	GCSE Dance Club – Year 10 & 11	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Mrs Elliott
Thursday	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Friday	Homework Club	Lunchtime	IT2		Supervisor
Friday	Year 10 Beginners German	Lunchtime	MR4		Mrs McConachie
Friday	Inter Tutor	Lunchtime	Various	Various	Mr Pearce Mr Powell Miss Hall Mrs Broomfield
Friday	Indoor Football – Post 16 & Year 11	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Stapleton
Friday	Yu-Gi-Oh Club All Years	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Friday	Jazz Band	Lunchtime	PA3		Mr Hawkins
Friday Week B	LGBTQ+	Lunchtime	MF1		Ms McConnachie

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2025

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	Homework Club	3:30-4:45PM	IT2		Supervisor
Monday	GCSE Dance Year 11	3:30-4:30PM	Studio	Humanities	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Homework Club	3:30-4:45PM	IT2		Supervisor
Tuesday	GCSE Music	3:30-4:30PM	PA3		Mr Hawkins & Mr Kidd
Tuesday	Netball Year 9	3:30-4:30PM	Courts	Humanities	Miss Hall
Wednesday	Homework Club	3:30-4:45PM	IT2		Supervisor
Wednesday	Drama- All Years	3:20-4:45PM	PA1		Miss Ruscoe
Wednesday	GCSE Revision Sport Studies/ PE Catch up	3:20-4:30PM	IT3		Mrs Broomfield
Wednesday	Rugby Year 7/8/9/10/11	3:20-4:30PM	Field	Humanities	Mr Pearce, Mr Powell, Mr Stapleton
Wednesday	Netball Year 7 & 8	3:20-4:30PM	Courts	Humanities	Mrs Elliott, Miss Curtis
Wednesday Week B	GCSE Food Catch up	3:30-4:30PM	DT2		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Homework Club	3:30-4:45PM	IT2		Supervisor
Thursday	GCSE D&T	3:20-5PM	DT1 & DT2		Mr Arthur & Mr Hewlett
Thursday	GCSE Spanish		MF4		Mrs McConachie
Thursday Week A	GCSE Food Catch up Session	3:30-4:30PM	DT2		Mrs Crook
Thursday	Netball Year 10/ 11	3:30-4:30PM	Courts	Humanities	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Table tennis Year 9 invite only	3:30-4:30PM	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Pearce

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PTFA NEWS

USED UNIFORM DONATIONS WANTED

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

An easy, budget friendly way to buy school uniform.

We're collecting uniform in good condition that your child no longer needs.

**Drop off donations at
Reception/Student Services or
the donation point**

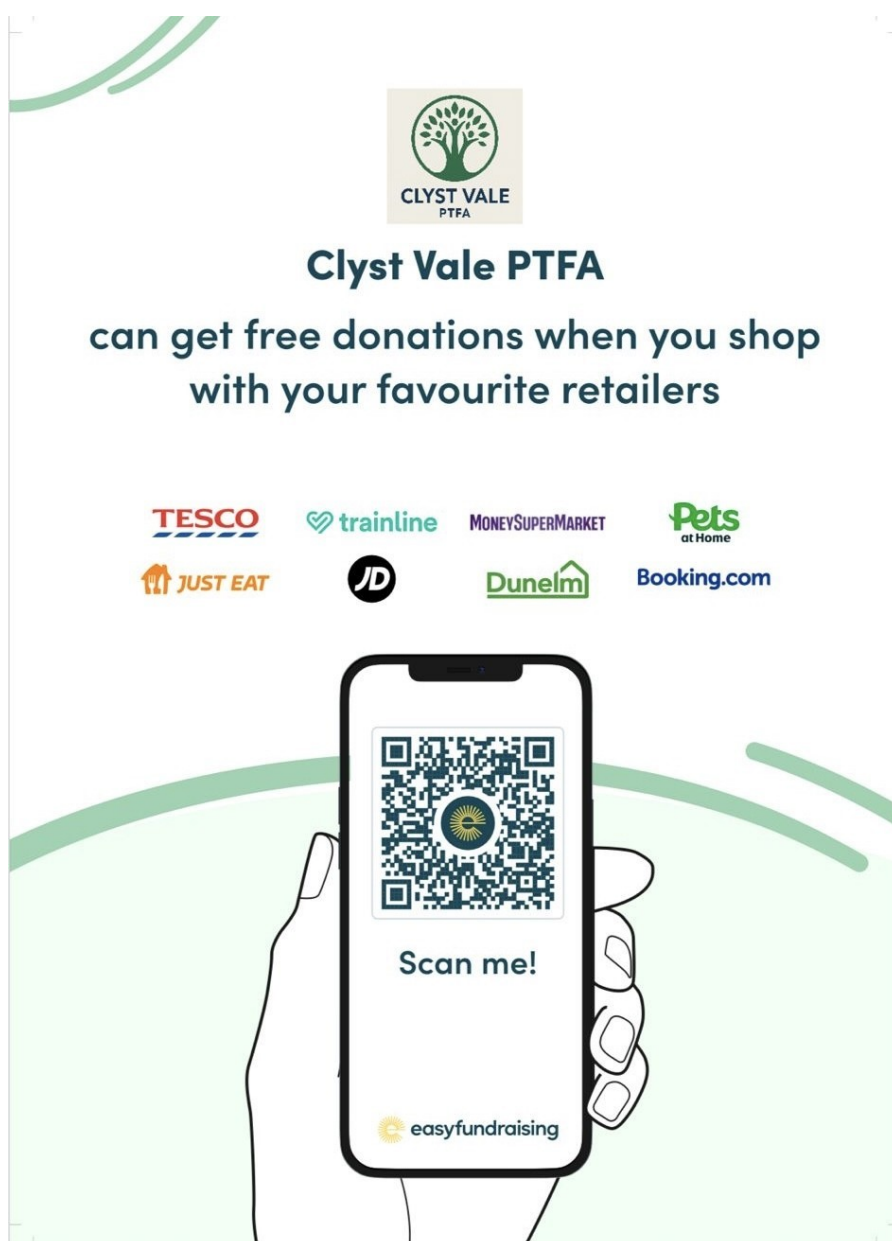


We've got an exciting and easy way for you to support Clyst Vale and it won't cost you a single penny extra!

Here's how it works: Every time you shop online whether it's for groceries, gifts, clothes, or even booking a holiday 8,000 retailers like Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, eBay, Argos, ASOS, Booking.com and many more will donate to us for FREE through easyfundraising!

Yep, you heard that right raise money just by shopping like usual!

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Thanks for your continued sup-
port!

Clyst Vale PTFA



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ALL WELCOME

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- No experience needed
- Female only
- Non contact

DETAILS

- Monday night
- 7pm - 8pm
- Cullompton RFC,
Knowle Lane, EX15 1PZ

Message our Facebook with any queries



[Facebook.com/CullomptonLadiesRFC](https://www.facebook.com/CullomptonLadiesRFC)



CATCH

**You are invited to our
parent carer social and
peer support sessions**



Who is it for?

Any parents and carers of
children who have
(or may have) SEND
including mental health
difficulties are welcome.

When?

**Wednesdays
(term time)
9.30 - 11.30 am**

Where?

Scott Drive Church,
39 Scott Drive,
Exmouth,
EX8 3LF
(Car parking at the back)



Do I need to book?

No need to book!

We'd love to see you!

EVENING CATCH

Our next evening CATCH
will be at our
Esteem Team Base
Elm Grove, Exmouth

7th OCT

6.30-8.30PM

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FREE Tickets - <https://tinyurl.com/youngpersonsday>

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Broadclyst Youth Club

YMCA EXETER

Thursdays @ Broadclyst Sports Pavilion

4.30pm- 6.00pm for school years 6-8

6:30pm - 8:00pm for School Years 9-13

Holly Close, Broadclyst, Exeter EX5 3JB

£1 entry

Say hi!



@ymcaexeteryouthworkers



youthservice@ymcaexeter.org.uk



Westclyst Youth Club

YMCA EXETER

Tuesdays @ Westclyst Primary school

6.00pm- 7.30pm- School years 6-11

Maddick Road, Westclyst, Exeter, EX1 3YG

£1 entry

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