

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do  
are in harmony." – Mahatma Gandhi

## Principal's Update



**Sara Jacobs**

Principal



Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the things that makes our College special is its strong connection with the local community. This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming back four former students who spoke with our Post-16 students about their career paths after A-levels. It was inspiring to hear their journeys and for our students to gain valuable insights into life beyond school.

We also welcomed members of the Broadclyst Environment Group, who worked alongside staff and students to help maintain our Harry Patch Garden. These connections are important to us, and we encourage parents and carers to get involved. If you're interested, we invite you to attend our upcoming PTFA meeting on March 24 at 6pm. Additionally, we are always looking for volunteers to support our Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and Ten Tors. If you'd like to help, please email Chris Faulkner at [faulknerc@clystvale.org](mailto:faulknerc@clystvale.org).

Celebrating and rewarding students who not only meet but exceed expectations remains a key priority. Recently, it has been a pleasure to write to many parents and carers about their child's achievements. This week, our KS4 students enjoyed a well-deserved rewards afternoon in recognition of their efforts. Later this month, we look forward to our annual Talent Show on March 28th, which has become a much-anticipated event in the College calendar. It's always fantastic to see students showcase their talents, and we encourage them to support one another in taking part. Please note that our non-uniform day has been brought forward a week to coincide with this event.

Student voice is a central part of College life, and as a Rights Respecting School, we believe in empowering students to express their opinions and contribute to decision-making. This half-term, our Student Board is organising a series of fundraising events to support a Colour Run, which will take place during Pride Week. A Colour Run is a fun and energetic event where participants are doused in coloured powder as they run through various stations. More than just a physical challenge, it promotes a strong sense of community, inclusivity, and self-expression. Holding it during Pride Week reinforces the values of diversity, unity, and celebration of individuality—principles that are at the heart of our College ethos.

Looking ahead, our Year 10 Parents' Evening takes place next week. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, address any concerns, and work together to support their learning. We encourage all parents and carers to attend and engage in these important conversations.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in College life. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Best wishes



## Art trip to St Ives

On Thursday 6th of March Post 16 Art and Photography students travelled to St Ives for a study day as part of their exam and coursework development. Time was spent sketching and photographing work at the Barbara Hepworth Museum before moving on to view art work at the Tate gallery, including a special exhibition of the work of Surrealist artist Ithell Colquhoun. A brilliant day was had by all who went, with some outstanding drawing and photography created by students in response to the town and surrounding landscapes. All work created on the day will inform and inspire future work that students will be undertaking in the classroom. Fortunately, the early spring sunshine held for the duration of our stay!

Mr Brooks



## Double Elephant Art printing workshop

Year 10 Art students had a somewhat messy but inspiring experience on Thursday when the Double Elephant print team came in to run a workshop. Students were able to learn about and create Collagraphs, monoprints and dry point prints on the day that were inspired by colour and natural forms. The standard of work produced was truly exceptional by all students who were there, and the sheer volume of prints created was outstanding. All work created will form part of their GCSE coursework and they have all put themselves in a great position with this after today's performance.

Mr Brooks and Mrs Walton



## Year 10 Boys Rugby @ Exeter & East Devon 7s:

Congratulations to all of the squad which represented the College on Thursday 6th March at Blundells School in the area 7s. The boys were once again outstanding ambassadors of the College on and off the field, with great commitment, energy and respect for others.

Placed in a pool with QECC, Cullompton and Kings Ottery, the boys worked hard in the small sided version of the game and were competitive throughout, finishing winning one from three of these respective games. The win over Cullompton was pleasing, with the boys rallying from being level to win the game 29-12. The final game of the day saw us play Uffculme School, with us finally running out of steam in the second period, losing 33-5.

Congratulations to all involved, Mr Pearce.



### **Under 16 Girls Rugby v Uffculme School & Kingsbridge Community College:**

Congratulations to all of the U16 girls which represented the College in a round robin set of games versus Uffculme School and Kingsbridge Community College, respectively. The set of games gave the chance for the girls to continue to prepare for their upcoming National Schools Rosslyn Park 7s event in two weeks time, in London and built on the success the girls had at being runners-up in the area 7s at Colyton Grammar School.

The girls played outstandingly well in both games, with us narrowly losing to Kingsbridge 27-19, despite being up at half time and for leading the majority of the game. In the second game we triumphed over Uffculme School 28-10, with the quality and pace which we had shining through.

I hope that the school community will follow the girls progress at the Rosslyn Park 7s with some interest as it will be interesting to see how they get on!

Congratulations to the squad.

Mr Pearce



## Year 8 Netball: Clyst Vale VS Axe Valley

Miss Hall would like to congratulate the Year 8 netball team with their exceptional win against Axe Valley on Tuesday 4th March. The final score was 39-0. Every player demonstrated consistent effort throughout the game and focused on embedding their skills from training into the match.

The girls left the pitch feeling very happy. The shooters were consistent, demonstrating the hard work and commitment from training practice. The defenders demonstrated fast interceptions and were able to pass the ball quickly up to the attacking third. Midcourt demonstrated accurate and controlled passes, ensuring the ball was fed down court to the goal circle. Each player demonstrated excellent defending and accurate passing.

We are looking forward to our next fixture against Uffculme.



## Monday 10th March Year 10 Netball against Uffculme.

We travelled to Uffculme on Monday 10th March this week knowing full well we needed to be on our game and play some good Netball against a striking Uffculme side.

The girls did not disappoint. They played really well and kept Uffculme within touching distance. Uffculme started strong and netted the first few goals claiming the lead, CVCC girls marked tight and with many mid court interceptions kept us in the game. Vanessa and Kate playing their best game of netball, Vanessa played immense and was rightly so man of the match keeping the Uffculme shooters from scoring many times. It was end to end fast game of Netball, the girls fought well and played some good Netball outsmarted Uffculme and forcing them to make errors. Mid court Lucia, Grace, Sophia B and Holly all were kept very busy mid court with interceptions and tight play. It was a fast game where our fitness was tested.

The girls Imogen and Esmae worked well and played well to allow us to fight back with a end result of Uffculme 24 and CVCC 17.

This was a game where training as a squad has payed off. The girls worked hard for each other and until the final whistle to keep score close. The girls played some a great standard of Netball.

From a proud Mrs Broomfield

Next weeks league game is Monday 17th March against Kings .

## Post 16 News

On Tuesday 11th March all Year 12 students participated in an off-timetable day linked to planning future pathways.

In the morning, accompanied by Miss Haynes and Mrs Padden, Y12 travelled by coach to attend the UCAS Convention at Exeter's Westpoint Exhibition Centre. Here, we were booked in for a 2-hour visit, circulating around all the various stalls and exhibitions.

UCAS says: "At UCAS Discovery, you can speak to our experts to help you decide on your next steps. We can connect you with the right people to help you find out about traditional degrees, apprenticeships, careers, and more. So, by the end of the day, you'll be walking away with all the info you need to make an informed decision."

All students were able to follow their own interests at the event, engaging with universities, colleges and employers. We noticed that some made a beeline for the merch and came back to school sporting colourful hats and tote bags!

In the afternoon, we were delighted to welcome four CVCC alumni to talk to our students about the choices they had made after Post 16, the different routes they had taken and the careers they were now pursuing. We had an excellent variety, ranging from engineering to mental health nursing and from government communications to Devon & Cornwall Police. Mrs Padden was particularly thrilled to see these former students back in school, as they had all been her tutees (although in different years!) We'd like to extend a warm thank you to Toby, Caitlin, Peter and Harry for giving up their time – although we think they enjoyed it as much as we did!



### Forthcoming events:

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> March** – 2 x Y12 students visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau

Mrs Roberts (RRS Coordinator and Teacher of English) will join this visit to Poland, to the site of one of the most notorious concentration camps of WW2, in a year that marks 80 years since its liberation.

The Holocaust Education Trust says: "This milestone year is likely to be the last where the Holocaust remains in living memory. As survivors grow older and fewer in number and with antisemitism continuing to surge, the responsibility to remember and educate has never been more urgent."

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Learn2Live (safety on the roads)

Both Y12 & Y13 will join together for this important session, delivered by members of the fire service and other emergency responders. "Learn2Live aims to support young people to behave in a way that maximises their safety when using the roads."

**Weds 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Adam Williams will join Y13 in Tutorial for his final input prior to exams, on managing stress and anxiety and getting the best from themselves in the exam room.

# Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

## Year 8 Parents' Questionnaire

Thank you for all of the parents who booked for appointments last week. I hope that your feedback was good from your child's teachers. Please can you all take the time to support the college by completing the following form. <https://forms.office.com/e/k5KMx6mHJ5>

## Transport CV001

Due to Redwoods deciding to stop the contract with Devon County Council Transport, Kingdoms have taken the contract back. I am sorry if you were not informed by Transport of the change.

Keep in Year 10 Parents' evening and key dates please.

## YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING—20th March 4pm-7pm

The parents' evening for Year 10 is now open for bookings. Please book via <https://cvcc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The virtual meetings will also be through this link.

## KEY DATES

28th March- Deadline for Year 11 Hoodie purchase via the online shop

3rd April Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

5th June Year 7 Parents' Evening

6th June- Deadline for Prom tickets via School Gateway

6th June- Deadline for Leavers Yearbook purchase via School Gateway

26th June Vaccinations mop up session

27th June Year 11 Prom

## YEAR 11 LEAVERS EVENTS

School Gateway is now open for purchasing attendance for the Prom and also the Yearbook. An email was sent to Year 11 parents/ carers today with the full information. Prices are Prom £45 and Yearbook £20.

Hoodies are now available to buy with the online shop from Leavershoodies.com. The shop link is

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/clyst-vale-community-college-2025-leavers>. Please be aware that the shop closes on Friday 28th March. After this date you will not be able to purchase a hoodie.

**PTFA AGM**—Monday 24th March at 1800, all welcome.

**PLEASE REMIND STUDENTS THAT CHEWING GUM IS NOT PERMITTED IN COLLEGE**

## Spring Term Dates

**4 April—Last day of Spring term**

**(Weds 23rd April—First day of Summer term)**

## Student of the Week

Oliver Hyde—7GAW Amelia Mesmin -7GLBA Dexter Spiller—7RKJO 7RCMO Reuben Williams -7YDST No name permission—7YEHA	No name permission & Jess Randall 8GRTU 8GTBE 8RER No name permission -8RMCU Katie Down—8YCBO Jessica Moyes—8YCFL	Max Osborne -9GMNA No name permission- 9GLTH 9RDFE No name permission—9RGWW Lillie Bowden 9YGGA Connor Kendall—9YBH
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Oscar Hathaway—10GCMC 10GMTH Toby Offord-Bennett—10RBAT Ella Wright—10RNS Cody Andrews—10YMBR Luka Rice—10YCHW	No name permission—11GABR Oliver Hynd -11GDH Lucy Luffingham—11RZB Callum Smith—11RSGA 11YSS Kye Brenchley-Stokes—11YADA	Annabelle Davies 13JP
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

**Reception: 01392 461407 Email: [admin@clystvale.org](mailto:admin@clystvale.org)**

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# Modern Foreign Languages

¡Hola! Salut!

## COMPETITION CORNER

Design a card that shows the Easter traditions of another country. Any form of materials can be used.

*Submit it to your MFL teacher for a chance to win.*

Competition closes: Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March at 4pm

## MONTHLY QUIZ

1. What is the name of the Hindu Festival celebrating Spring?
2. In Japan which tree which has blossom in Spring?
3. What was the Anglo – Saxon name for Easter?
4. On the Island of Bermuda what type of flower takes its name from Easter?
5. Sweeping fields of yellow rapeseed attract visitors to what country in spring?

*Email your answers to your MFL teacher to win P1s.*



**Only 100 words per day!**

On average, the typical person uses only 100 words per day when speaking.

### Revision tip

Take your cue from the question about how to structure your answer to get the maximum number of marks.



### Reason to learn a language



By studying grammar — for instance, the different forms of "you" and how they are used in different languages — you'll become more sensitive to cultural differences and with business contacts who will appreciate the effort.

## SPANISH TONGUE TWISTER

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

**A Cuesta le cuesta subir la cuesta, y en medio de la cuesta, Cuesta va y se acuesta.**

*Cuesta finds it hard to climb the slope, and in the middle of the slope, Cuesta lies down.*

## FRENCH TONGUE TWISTER

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

**Poisson sans boisson, c'est poison.**

*Fish without drink is poison.*

## STUDENT WORK

As they begin to study French, Year 7 students have been asked to research the value of learning another language. Below is the excellent work produced by two of our talented year 7 students. Well done girls!

### Sophia Pagliero – 7B1



### Skye Selway – 7B1



# 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.

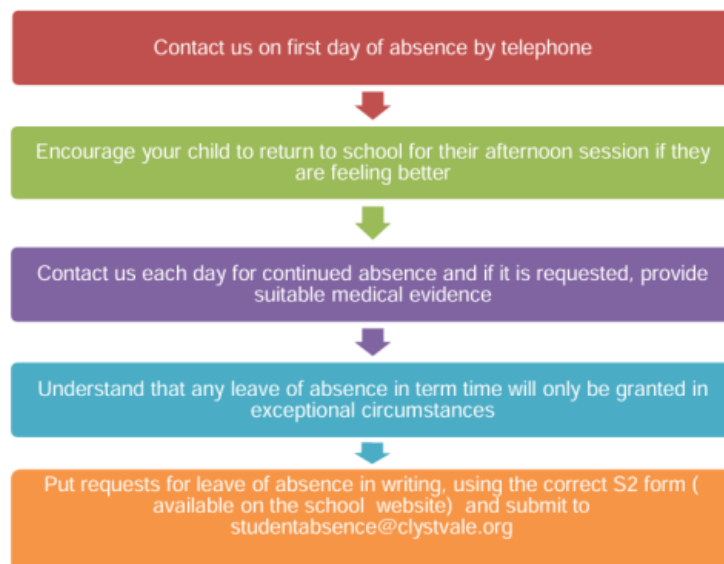
## Medical Appointments

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

Monday—closed

Tuesday to Friday—09.30 to 15.30

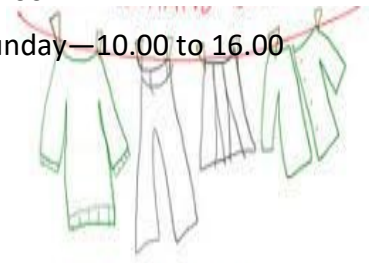
Saturday—09.30 to 12.00

Sunday—closed

Barnardo's, Cranbrook EX5 7DR (01404 514934)

Monday to Saturday—09.00 to 17.00

Sunday—10.00 to 16.00



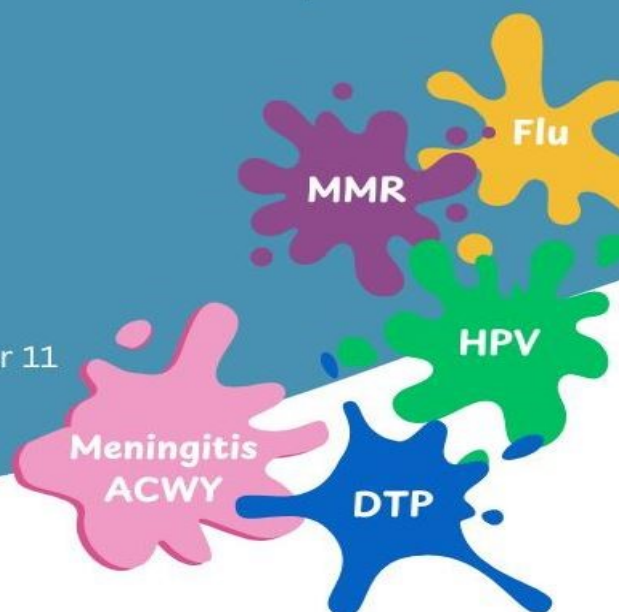
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# School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11



## Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:


- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school



[kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net](mailto:kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net)

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



 Call us on **01392 342678**

## Lifeworks—Easter Holiday programme.

Dates: 7th - 10th April

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Lifeworks College, Dartington, TQ9 6JD

### What's On:

7th April: Adventure to Plymouth Aquarium – Dive into the wonders of marine life!

8th April: Easter Egg Hunt at Coleton Fishacre – Fun, prizes, and chocolate galore!

9th April: Sound Therapy with Signature Sounds – Relax and rejuvenate with calming sound experiences.

10th April: LEGO Robot Wars – Build, battle, and conquer in our thrilling robot showdown!

Ages: 11+

Cost: £80 for 1:4 support | £135 for 1:1 support

Reserve your spot today!

Email: [admin@lifeworks-uk.org](mailto:admin@lifeworks-uk.org)

Call: 01803 865075



## Is your child considering an apprenticeship as their next step?

Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education! It is completely free of charge – find this month's edition here: [amapps.uk/parent-magazine](https://amapps.uk/parent-magazine) and sign up to receive it each month, direct to your inbox: [amapps.uk/choices](https://amapps.uk/choices)

Amazing Apprenticeships' Parent and Carer zone is also a great place to explore apprenticeships and technical education: [amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/](https://amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/)

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# Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



Schools can now buy a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**  
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
24th April  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**



**Responding to Angry Behaviour**  
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday  
18th March  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24



**Anxiety Explained**  
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.  
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Tuesday  
3rd April  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
3rd April  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Improving Family Communication**  
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.





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# Spring Concert

**TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2025**

7-9pm in the main hall  
TICKETS £ 5 Adults £3 Children

Join us for an evening of live music  
celebrating the arrival of spring and  
featuring performances from our  
talented students.

# Devon Children & Young People's Neurodiversity Navigators

A free, confidential support service for children, families and young people navigating neurodiversity.

## Contact Us

[livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net](mailto:livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net)

Monday – Friday  
9am–5pm

## What we do

- Offer support and guidance to families of children and young people (up to the age of 18) awaiting a neurodiversity assessment across Devon
- Provide objective, evidence-based advice, positive support strategies, and practical and emotional support throughout the assessment process
- Connect with other teams and external services where needed to help co-ordinate your journey
- Enable peer support and connections with others going through the same process



### Have your say

We are interested in hearing about the lived experiences of young people and their families.

Your views and experiences allow us to develop our team, and tailor the services we provide to improve the support for our families and young people.