Newsletter

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"We should respect all religions and just believe in peace, kindness and harmony" – Ananya Panday

Principal's Update





Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you to everyone who has shown interest in the Parent, Teacher Association (PTA). Your willingness to get involved is greatly appreciated. Our first meeting is planned for either the 3rd or 10th of February at 6pm, and we are still looking for more volunteers. If you would like to join us or simply learn more about the PTFA, please contact my PA, Chris Faulkner, at **faulknerc@clystvale.org**, who is coordinating its work. The PTFA will play an important role in strengthening community engagement, supporting school initiatives and enhancing our fundraising efforts. Your involvement could make a real difference, and we look forward to hearing from you.

I also want to thank the parents who attended last night's Year 11 Parents Evening. With exams only a few months away, your engagement is crucial in supporting your child's success. This partnership between school and home is especially important during such a key stage in their education.

The Year 9 options process is now underway, marking an important step for students as they begin to make decisions about their future studies. Students had an assembly detailing the options process this week and were provided with an options booklet. Later in the term there is an Options Evening and we strongly encourage parents to attend this event on the 30th of January to better understand the choices available and how to support your child during this process.

We kindly ask for your support in upholding our mobile phone policy, which aims to maintain learning environment. Mobile phones and similar devices are not permitted during the school day, including lessons, breaktimes, and lunchtimes. If a student brings their phone to College it must be switched off and in their bag. If a student is found using a phone, it will be confiscated. This policy reduces distractions and helps teachers deliver lessons effectively. Your cooperation in reinforcing this at home is appreciated.

Additionally, we remind all parents and carers to park considerately when collecting children. Please avoid blocking driveways or creating congestion in the surrounding streets. Using designated parking areas and refraining from parking on double yellow lines or in restricted zones is essential for ensuring safety and maintaining good relationships with our neighbours. If possible, we encourage car sharing or alternative forms of transport to reduce traffic around the school at peak times.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the students taking part in the Ten Tors Challenge. Despite weather disruptions leading to the cancellation of autumn walks, they have continued their preparations with two consecutive weekends of practice walks. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have supported this initiative. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chris Eales at ealesc@clystvale.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support, which plays a vital role in the success of our school community.



College and Post 16 News

Ten Tors Camping Weekend No1 - 11th & 12th January 2025











Following 2 cancelled walks – one due to significant heavy rain, and the 2nd due to the Amber weather warning that brought the storm last month – it was a pleasant change to make it out on to the moor last weekend for our next Ten Tors 2025 training walk, albeit with snow melting on the ground. It was the first walk where all the students would be carrying all their kit in a rucksack on their back - so tent, stove, sleeping bag, spare clothes and more – and also the first walk where they'd be walking by themselves and we'd see them at pre-arranged checkpoints. The students rose well to the challenge, working well together in small teams to navigate themselves from the start point to the day 1 finish point – there were a few navigational detours but these are all useful experiences and help learn the art of navigation. Students stayed overnight, with some camping outside and some staying inside in a hall, but cooking their food on stoves. Sunday saw the students packing away and setting off again to complete day 2 of the walk - and taking on board the learnings from the previous day's walk – so the students are getting better after every walk and should be well experienced in time for the main Ten Tors weekend in May 2025 hopefully.

We're off out again this coming weekend, covering another part of Dartmoor and visiting some of the other checkpoints on the Ten Tors routes so fingers crossed the weather is kind to us then!

Mr Eales and Miss Barrat



















College and Post 16 News





Find us on Social Media

Our new Instagram page is Clystvale24, so you can now find and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Post 16 News

On Friday this week, Y13 Applied Scientists will be sitting their final exam papers for this subject, after which there will be a brief lull in terms of external exams.

Stress-busting specialist Adam Williams led another session with Year 13s in preparation for their imminent mock exams and will return in May to deliver the final slot in this series of support. He will also meet for the first time with all Y12 students towards the end of April, as their attention turns to preparations for end of year exams.

Suzie Loader of Exeter University (stepping in for Pete Offord) led a Tutorial session with Year 12 on Wednesday regarding Degree Apprenticeships. Students will be able to find out even more on this topic when they attend the UCAS Convention at Westpoint in March.

Next month, 2 of our Y12 students will visit Auschwitz Birkenau in Poland, participating in the national 'Lessons from Auschwitz' programme, run by the Holocaust Education Trust. With this year being the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the camp, the visit will be even more poignant than usual as this special anniversary is commemorated. These students have started preparations for the visit, and will take part in a series of virtual events both before and after their trip.

Student Services Key Updates and Reminders

Vaccinations 31/01/2025

Kernow Healthcare will be attending Clyst Vale on Friday 31st January to immunise Year 9 students against Meningitis ACWY and Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio. There is also an opportunity for Years 10 & 11 to have the vaccines if missed in Year 9. Please click the following link to access the online consent form https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP.aspx Please quote the unique school code for Clyst Vale which is DV136638. This will also allow you to not give consent on the form.

Can you help?

Our Year 10 BTEC Enterprise students started their first NEA this week and are searching for businesses to contact as part of their research. If you run a business in at least one of the following categories:

IT & Communications

Goods

E-commerce

Business to Business

and employ between 11-250 people, we would really appreciate it if you could complete a questionnaire for us to use as a case study. They will need this information by 17th January.

If you are able to assist, please email Kate Jones at jonesk@clystvale.org

Parent's Evenings 2025

Year 8 Parents' Evening- 06/03/2025

Year 10 Parents' Evening- 20/03/2025

Year 7 Parents' Evening- 05/06/2025

Catering

The Clever Chefs Menu for this half term is shown on the next page. If your child receives Free School Meals, their best option is to get a meal deal which costs the £2.40 allowance. This includes a main meal, pudding and a cuplet of orange or apple juice.

Key Dates for next week

Spring Term Dates

17 to 21 February —Half Term
4 April—Last day of Spring term

Student Services Key Updates and Reminders





AVAILABLE Daily

Chefs' Salad Bar Bakes & Cakes Zero Sugar Drinks & Water Morning Break

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For allergen information on this menu



MONDAY

BUILD-A-BURGER

Stack it high and custom your beef burger... with crispy homemade wedges

orap me... WRAP IT UP... 90 00... Spicy beef, lettuce, Cleverchefs

secret 'mack' sauce. Wrapped up in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Veggie burger, Mac n cheese, crispy onions... with crispy homemade wedges.

STREET SHACK food...

Pulled pork and BBQ chipolte bean burrito, wholemeal rice,

DESSERT OF THE DAY

TUESDAY

MEATBALL MADNESS

Butchers meatballs cooked in a spicy tomato sauce served with pasta and mozzarella.

WRAP IT UP... ogo on... wrap me...

Crispy chicken, garlic mayo coleslaw. Wrapped up in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Falafel, morrocan cous cous. mint and cucumber yoghurt.

STREET SHACK food...

Nachos, salsa, stringy cheese, crispy onions and ialapeños.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

The best rocky road....

11111111 WEDNESDAY

THE CARVERY

Roast pulled pork.. 'Skin on roasties' & Yorkies. Veg and real gravy

WRAP IT UP.... Vinp Me... The carvery wrap' with roasties. Wrapped up in a warm tortilla.

Roast cauliflower cheese. 'Skin on' roasties & Yorkies. Fresh veg and real gravy.

STREET SHACK food...

Sweet chilli chicken bites, noodles, and prawn crackers.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Salted caramel cheesecake...

THURSDAY

IN CRUST WE TRUST

Homemade pepperoni pizza, homemade pizza sauce, mozzarella and baby jackets

WRAP IT UP... Wrap We...

BLT wrap, crispy bacon, iceberg, juicy tomato and mayo. Wrapped in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Homemade pizza, pizza sauce, mozzarella, garlic and herb flat mushrooms, baby jackets

STREET SHACK lood...

'Mexican chilli pot, sticky rice and crushed tortilla.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Lemon drizzle cupcakes

FRIDAY

FISH FRIDAY

Breaded haddock, paprika fries, garden peas and sweet chilli

WRAP IT UP... go on... Vrap Me...

Fish finger wrap, mushy pea. homemade tartare sauce Wrapped in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Skin on fries, chip shop curry sauce, green onions and

STREET SHACK food...

Return of the 'Mac' and cheese.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Selection of cookies.





AVAILABLE Daily

Chef's selection of fresh Veg Grab & Go Nourish Range Chefs' Salad Bar Bakes & Cakes Jacket Potato Bar

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SCAN ME

For allergen information



MONDAY

BUILD-A-BURGER

Stack it high and custom your chicken burger... with crispy homemade wedges.

WRAP IT UP... Spicy beef, lettuce, Cleverchefs

secret 'mack' sauce. Wrapped up in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Veggie burger, Mac n cheese, crispy onions... with crispy homemade wedges.

STREET SHACK food...

Pulled pork and BBQ chipolte bean burrito, wholemeal rice,

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Brownie bites...

TUESDAY

LASANGA AL FORNO

Ground beef cooked in a homemade tomato sauce layered with pasta and chees

WRAP IT UP... go on...

Crispy chicken, garlic mayo coleslaw. Wrapped up in a warm

MEAT FREE

Mushroom and tarragon cheese pasta bake with stringy mozzarella.

STREET SHACK FOOD...

'Nachos, salsa, stringy cheese, crispy onions and jalapeños.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

The best flapjack...

WEDNESDAY

THE CARVERY

Roast pulled brisket..

'Skin on roasties ... 'Veg and real gravy 'you'll you'll y

The carvery wrap' with roasties. Wrapped up in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Roast cauliflower cheese. 'Skin on' roasties & Yorkies. Fresh veg and real gravy.

STREET SHACK FOOD....

Sweet chilli chicken bites noodles, and prawn crackers

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Jaffa cake cheesecake...

THURSDAY

IN CRUST WE TRUST

Homemade shredded BBO chicken pizza, homemade pizza sauce, mozzarella and baby jackets 90 M... WRAP IT UP...

BLT wrap, crispy bacon, iceberg, juicy tomato and mayo.

MEAT FREE Homemade pizza, pizza sauce,

mozzarella, garlic and herb flat mushrooms, baby jackets

STREET SHACK Food... 'Mexican chilli pot, sticky rice and crushed tortilla.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Vanilla cupcakes...

FRIDAY

FISH FRIDAY

Breaded haddock, paprika fries, garden peas and sweet chilli

WRAP IT UP...`

Fish finger wrap, mushy pea, homemade tartare sauce Wrapped in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Skin on fries, chip shop curry sauce, green onions and



DESSERT OF THE DAY

Selection of cookies...



Student Services Key Updates and Reminders and Job of the Week



AVAILABLE Daily

Chef's selection of fresh Veg Grab & Go Nourish Range **Bakes & Cakes** Zero Sugar Drinks & Water Jacket Potato Bar

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SCAN ME

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MONDAY

BUILD-A-BURGER

Stack it high and custom your pork burger... with crispy homemade wedges.

go on... Wrap me... WRAP IT UP...

Spicy beef, lettuce, Cleverchefs secret 'mack' sauce. Wrapped up in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Veggie burger, Mac n cheese, crispy onions... with crispy homemade wedges.

STREET SHACK food...

Pulled pork and BBQ chipolte bean burrito, wholemeal rice,

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Toffee traybake...

TUESDAY

PASTA BOLOGNAISE

Ground beef cooked in a homemade tomato sauce served with pasta and cheese sprinkles.

WRAP IT UP... go on...

Crispy chicken, garlic mayo coleslaw. Wrapped up in a warm

MEAT FREE

Nut-less pesto pasta with brocoli and cheese sprinkles.

STREET SHACK food...

'Nachos, salsa, stringy cheese, crispy onions and jalapeños.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Apple crumble cake...

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WEDNESDAY

THE CARVERY

Roast pulled chicken.

Veg and real gravy.

The carvery wrap' with roasties. Wrapped up in a warm tortilla.

MEAT FREE

Roast cauliflower cheese. 'Skin on' roasties & Yorkies. Fresh veg and real gravy.

STREET SHACK Food...

Sweet chilli chicken hites noodles, and prawn crackers.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Oreo cheesecake...

THURSDAY

IN CRUST WE TRUST

Homemade American hot pizza. homemade pizza sauce

mozzarella and baby jackets. WRAP IT UP...

BLT wrap, crispy bacon, iceberg, iuicy tomato and mayo Wrapped in a warm tortilla

MEAT FREE

Homemade veggie supreme, pizza sauce, mozzarella, garlic and herb flat mushrooms and baby jackets.

STREET SHACK food... 'Mexican chilli pot, sticky rice and crushed tortilla.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Double chocolate cupcakes.

FRIDAY

FISH FRIDAY

Breaded haddock, paprika fries, garden peas and sweet chilli

WRAP IT UP...

Fish finger wrap, mushy pea, homemade tartare sauce Wrapped in a warm tortilla

MEAT FREE

Skin on fries, chip shop curry sauce, green onions and

STREET SHACK food...

Return of the 'Mac' and cheese.

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Selection of cookies....

Job of the Week

These are provided through the MYPATH careers webpage.

ASTRONOMER

An astronomer studies celestial objects and phenomena, such as stars, planets, galaxies, and black holes, to understand the universe's origins, structure, and evolution.. The role involves conducting research through observations using telescopes and other instruments, often located at observatories or through space-based platforms. They analyse data to test theories of physics and astronomy, develop new models, and contribute to the advancement of scientific knowledge.

Some astronomers collaborate with international space agencies, such as the ESA, and may be involved in space missions, satellite projects, or the development of new technologies. Their work can span both theoretical and observational astronomy, and they often use advances computer simulations and data analysis techniques.

Entry-level astronomers, often working as research assistants or in junior academic positions, typically earn between £25,000 and £35,000 per year. Those with more experience or holding postdoctoral positions can expect salaries in the range of £35,000 to £45,000.

Astronomers working in senior academic roles, such as lecturers or professors, can earn between £50,000 and £70,000 annually, depending on the university and their level of expertise.

JOB OF THE WEEK

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.

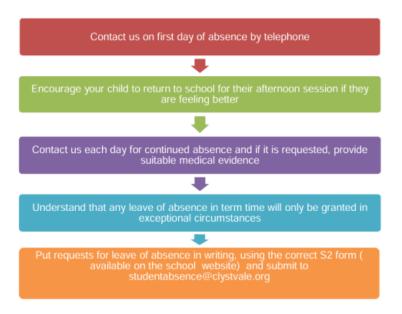
Medical Appointments

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:



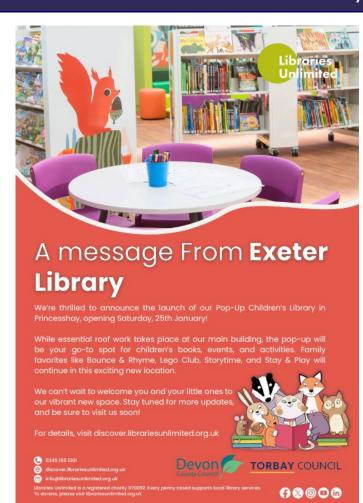
For Years 7 - 11 Absences
Sharon Leaman/Cath Prunty
(Attendance Officers)
Direct line: 01392 463911
Email: studentabsence@clystvale.org

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

Community Noticeboard





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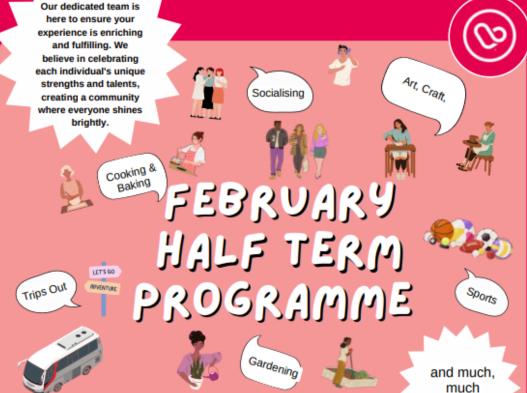
Welcome to Our **Exciting Half Term** programme!

7th-10th February 2025 10am to 4pm Ages 11-30

17th - Social Club & Cooking 18th - Mask Making in Exeter 19th - Music & Drumming 20th - Winter Spotters

Greenway Trail

Trips Out



For a registration package and booking sheert contact: Lifeworks Community, Dartington, TQ9 6JD Tel: 01803 865075 or email admin@lifeworks-uk.org

Community Noticeboard





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Whether you're a returning attendee or new to RAF World, this January event is crafted to give you deeper insights into an impactful career with the Royal Air Force. Here's what's in store:

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Tickets are still FREE! Begin 2025 with a journey toward purpose, growth, and adventure. Reserve your spot now and take the first step towards an exciting future!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW





Mae Byd yr RAF yn ôl ar gyfer 2025, yn barod i danio'ch uchelgais gyda chyfleoedd heb eu hail! Camwch i mewn i flwyddyn newydd o botensial a gadewch i'ch gyrfa esgyn i fyny yn Byd yr RAF: Barod i Fentro.

P'un a ydych chi'n newydd i Byd yr RAF neu'n dychwelyd, mae'r digwyddiad hwn, a gynhelir ym mis Ionawr, wedi'i lunio i roi dealltwriaeth ddyfnach i chi o sut beth yw gyrfa ddylanwadol gyda'r Llu Awyr Brenhinol. Dyma beth sydd ar y

- O Cewch gipolwg ar ein gweithrediadau byd-eang 360° rhyngweithiol lefel uwch, gan ddysgu am gefnogaeth y Llu Awyr Brenhinol ym mhedwar ban byd, drwy wylio fideos llawn gwybodaeth a chael cipolwg ar bethau i'ch helpu i ddod o hyd i'ch gyrfa ddelfrydol yn y Llu Awyr Brenhinol.
- Cewch fynd i 10 ystafell sgwrsio gyda themâu gwahanol i gael rhagor o wybodaeth am broffesiynau a phynciau penodol.
- Cewch gysylltu ag un o recriwtwyr cyfeillgar y Llu Awyr Brenhinol yn uniongyrchol ar-lein. Bydd ein harbenigwyr yn ateb eich holl ymholiadau am lwybrau gyrfa, ffordd o fyw'r RAF, cyfleoedd chwaraeon, manteision, a sut mae cychwyn ar eich taith gyda'r Llu Awyr Brenhinol.

Mae tocynnau'n dal i fod AM DDIM! Dechreuwch 2025 gyda thaith tuag at bwrpas, twf ac antur. Cadwch eich lle nawr a chymryd y cam cyntaf tuag at ddyfodol cyffrous!

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This event will be conducted in English





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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 <u>Supporting learning at</u> home I 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.



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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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