



# NEWSLETTER

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WEEK B

**“Respect your body when it’s asking for a break. Respect your mind when it’s seeking rest. Honour yourself when you need a moment for yourself”.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 11 Mock Exams

Good luck to Year 11 next week! The mocks are an important practice for students of the rules, organisation, environment and emotions of exams. However, their most important purpose is to assess where students are academically, identify strengths and weaknesses, and help shape teachers’ programmes of study and revision approaches in the spring and summer terms.

In terms of our expectations, students must attend the normal timetabled lessons when not in exams. Students are not expected to go to morning registration if they have an exam; they must go to registration if they do not have an exam; all students must go to afternoon registration.

Exam regulations are the same as for Year 10 exams last year: black pens, clear pencil case, no labels on water bottles, absolutely no phones or internet-enabled devices, no watches of any description, no calculator backs, no sweets unless medical and also in clear plastic. Unlike in the “real exams” next summer, in the Hall students will be allowed to bring bags and put them at their feet, to avoid the crowding in the changing rooms. Students are not allowed to wear coats in the Hall (there’s no need in other exam rooms), unless the Hall is clearly cold.

If you have any questions or worries, please contact us. If it is a subject concern, please contact your child’s teacher. If it is a welfare/well-being issue, please contact your child’s tutor. If it’s an exam-related enquiry, please e-mail [exams@clystvale.org](mailto:exams@clystvale.org)

The Year 11 exams affect the whole College to some extent. Students in other years are expected to be quiet near the exam areas of the Hall, Additional Support, and Meeting Room 1, especially during lesson changeovers. We are also using some staff offices in the Main Block, too.

## Attendance

Over the term to date, overall attendance is just 0.1% below the national average. This is reassuring, but of course it could be better: last week, for example, wasn’t good in that attendance was 1.4% below national. More positive news is that persistent absentees are 3% below national, and overall attendance is 1% above the Devon average. Tracking attendance is important, especially as it’s now a feature on Ofsted headlines, but from an individual family point of view it may seem all a bit theoretical. At an individual level, maximum attendance is the key, as it has a direct correlation to academic success; 90% attendance is a worry – equivalent to a day absent each fortnight. Thank you very much for all you do to ensure good attendance for your children; and please let us know if you are having difficulty so that we can work together to improve attendance.

## Big Ambition Reminder

We have received the following (I’ve abridged it somewhat) from Dame Rachel de Souza (Children’s Commissioner for England: “‘The Big Ambition’ survey will enable me to hear directly from children and young people about what they need from the government to make their lives better. Ahead of the General Election, it has never been more important for young people to have their voices heard. The survey is still open and there is [sic] still several weeks left for children to fill it in. You can access the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) .



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## **Ofsted Inspections**

Mentioning the “O” word, the start of my time in school senior leadership in Sept 1993 coincided with the first Ofsted inspections. Although disappointed that they have outlasted me, I have been cheered up by two interesting developments this week. One inquiry chaired by former schools minister Lord Jim Knight – suggests inspection is done by trusts and local authorities, based on self-evaluation by schools who also review each other. Meanwhile think tank the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) brought out a report which recommends an end to the simplistic reductionism of judging a school or college via a single grade. Schools must be accountable; it’s just how it is done that’s been the issue for thirty years.

## **Flood Action Week 21-27 November**

Devon County Council has issued a Flood Bulletin to coincide with Flood Action Week. I found it quite interesting and informative, even if it is a couple of weeks after the floods happened. Anyway, if you’re interested, the website version is on <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/37b1a42>

## **Traffic News**

If you drop your child off in the coach park in the morning, please pull down as far as you can. Above all, don’t stop on the yellow hatching as it causes near-misses and backing up on to the road.

Best wishes,



**Kevin Bawn**



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# **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



## **RED SCHOOL**

**7RER**

**7RGG** No Permission to Name

**8RDFE** Lottie Ash

**8RTMA** Jess Sandford

**9RBAT** Ellis Williams

**9RNS** Sam Studholme-Lyons

**10RZB** No Permission to Name

**10RSGA** Brayden Burns

**11RMA**  
**H** No Permission to Name

**11RCMO**

## **YELLOW SCHOOL**

**7YCBO** No Permission to Name

**7YCFE** Cian Doyle

**8YGGA** Noah Keatley

**8YBHA** Charley Pankiewicz

**9YMBR**

**9YSWA** Sophia Blum

**10YSS** No Permission to Name

**10YADA** Karly David

**11YDST**

**11YEHA** Will Crispin

## **GREEN SCHOOL**

**7GRTU** No Permission to Name

**7GHE** Isla-Mae Wright

**8GMNA** Maisie Berry

**8GLT** No Permission to Name

**9GCMC** Jesse Skinner

**9GDJ** George Guerin

**10GABR** Callum Voysey

**10GDH** No Permission to Name

**11GAWO** Sam Greenaway

**11GGT** Katie Ball

# CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Week Commencing Monday 27th November	Y11 Mock Exams
Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December	Ten Tors Weekend Camp 1
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Concert Broadclyst Church
Wednesday 6th December	Y12 Geography Trip—Plymouth Urban Regeneration
Thursday 7th December	Flu Immunisations & Y13 Parents Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 14th December	Shepton Mallett Trip



**COOL**  
FOOD NOT  
*School*  
**FOOD**



The Clever Chefs autumn menu is available on our website via the link below:

[https://www.clystvale.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/  
CleverChefs-Menu-Autumn-Term-2023.pdf](https://www.clystvale.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/CleverChefs-Menu-Autumn-Term-2023.pdf)



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## Year 7 Boys Rugby: Clyst Vale 25-15 Kings Ottery

Congratulations to the Year 7 lads who went four from four in their latest fixture versus Kings School, Ottery. The boys found the opposition to be the strongest this season as Kings' tackling and physicality took persistence to break down. Skipper, Sonny won the toss and decided to kick off down the slope, with the boys taking a four try lead into the break. The first score was the best on the eye, with several phases leading to three long passes being made over to the flying winger, Will to score in the corner. More pressure was applied with tall Joe racing over to dot down under the posts, with Harry P and Harry C finishing well in the same corner, respectively. Joe did all but dot the ball down over the line with another charging break, however the hosts were well on top come the half time whistle.

The second half brought some changes in personnel for the hosts, with four changes. This did stunt the flow of the CVCC team, however the rallied to finish the game strongly with scores through fly-half Charlie and second row, Max. Jack continued to carry and tackle well throughout the game, with Cian linking play between forwards and backs well, as well as giving CVCC some much needed forward direction. Leo continued to impress with some fantastic carries and defence up front, Oliver showing excellent handling and rucking skills in the close quarters, Henry committed himself well in attack and defence. Ruben made a big impact on the wing after half time, jinking up the touchline, Josh made a couple of powerful runs in the midfield and Sonny had a near certain try narrowly held up and another adjudged for a double movement. Jackson tackled very well in the back line and Ollie retained the ball very well on the wing. Well done to all of the squad!

Mr Pearce



## Cross Country Round 2

Another wonderful day of athletics took place on Thursday with the second round of the area cross country. Once again hosted by Blundells School but with round one's course run in reverse, it was the best of Exeter versus the best East Devon had to offer. In the junior girls the competition was very tough with the mud claiming shoes and some fallers! Willow ran home a respectable 12 and will have wait to see if she qualifies. Siblings Kate and Ruthie also navigated the bogs and slopes with comparative ease but finished outside qualifying. The boys followed and Noah skipped across the quagmires, his quick gait an advantage over some the bigger runners. Like Ruthie, Noah was a year young for the category and he also ran in outside the top 12 qualifiers. The event took an odd turn as inter boys were asked to step up a distance and race along side senior boys over 5km. However, both Jasper and Ollie were unphased and recorded the highest finishes for Clyst Vale in 5th and 7th. Both will move onto the county round and meet the top runners in Devon. Superb effort, camaraderie and behaviour from our Clyst Vale athletes.



## **Congratulations to Bryn Matthews of 10YSS**

On Tuesday 14 November, members of Devon Youth Chamber Brass represented the Hub at the Music For Youth Proms, performing as part of this year's Creative Project, a new brand new work by composer Jack Pepper. One of the highlights of the music education calendar, the Music for Youth Proms take place annually at London's iconic Royal Albert Hall, showcasing talented young musicians from all corners of the UK.

As you will be aware, the following pupil from your school were part of this group:

Bryn Matthews: 10YSS

All of the young musicians involved performed brilliantly and behaved with the utmost professionalism throughout what was undoubtedly a very long day. By participating in this event they have experienced the thrill of performing in one of the world's great concert venues; premiered a brand new composition by a leading composer; worked with professional musicians and technicians as part of a high profile production; heard and seen inspiring performances by other talented young people from across the UK; and supported each other through the day, demonstrating empathy, team work and resilience.

Lewis Gibbs | Head/Music Education Hub Lead





**Year 8 & 9 After School Club:**

“We made some snowball macarons yesterday in Cooking Club. They were delicious. Here are some pictures of what we made.”



## Lottery Funded Family Support Events

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

Family Day: Join us at our beautiful site at Blackberry Barn on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-3pm for our second 2023 family weekend event. The day will include bush crafts, exploring nature, outdoor cooking with lunch around the fire.

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/feasts, father & child days, with a range of specialist support offerings for children and families with SEND.

BOOKING DEADLINE – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December



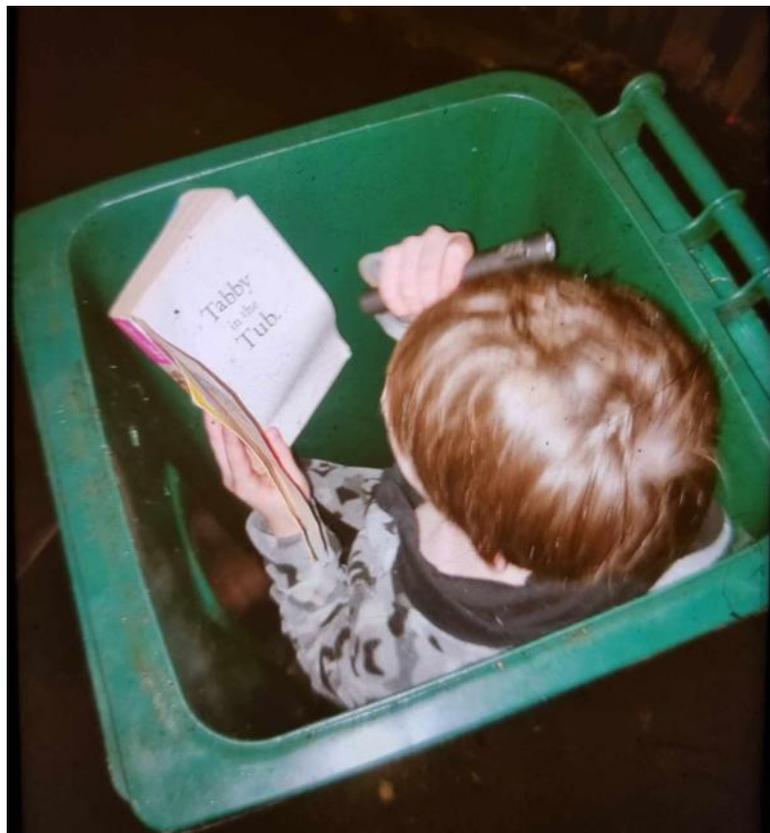
Cost: Donations will be gratefully received (*we ask for a minimum of a £1 donation*)

To book on the family weekend or express interest in a retreat: email [admin@wildembers.org](mailto:admin@wildembers.org)

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

The winner of the Library's  
'Reading in an unusual Place'  
photo competition is...

Cooper Wills



# CAKE SALE

ON THE 14TH, 21ST  
& 28TH of  
November!



IN PA1 AT 13:35 ON  
LUNCHTIME

**CAMPS**<sup>®</sup>  
international  
ETHICAL JOURNEYS WITHOUT COMPROMISE



# LUNCH CLUBS

Day	Club	Time	Where	Changing Room	Teacher
Monday	GCSE Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Mrs McConachie
Monday	Tech Club – Years 7 to 9	1.30pm – 2.10pm	DT2		Mr Arthur
Monday	Badminton – Years 10 to 13	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Monday	Weights – Years 10 to 11	Lunchtime	Studio		Mr Pearce
Tuesday	Science Club – Year 7 – Week B	Lunchtime	SC9		Miss Tuthill/Ms Spencer
Tuesday (after Oct half term)	Ten Tors – Years 9 to 11	Lunchtime	IT4		Mr Eales/Miss Barratt
Tuesday	Amnesty	1.30pm	EN7		Miss Watt
Tuesday	Year 7 Book Club	Lunchtime	Library		Mrs Southard
Tuesday	Dance Club – Year 9	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Miss Hall
Tuesday	Girls Basketball – All Years	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities	Mrs Elliot
Tuesday	GCSE Food Practical	Lunchtime	DT3		Mrs Crook
Wednesday	Badminton – Year 7 & 8	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Powell
Wednesday – Week A	GCSE Food Theory Catch Up – Year 11	Lunchtime	DT2		Mrs Crook
Thursday – Week B	GCSE Photography	Lunchtime			Mrs Wakefield
Thursday	GCSE Spanish Revision	Lunchtime	MF4		Mrs McConachie
Thursday	Yu-Gi-Oh	Lunchtime	SC3		Mr Moxey
Thursday	Year 7-9 Games Club	Lunchtime	HU5		Miss Jenkins
Thursday	Indoor Football – Year 10	Lunchtime	Sports Hall	Sports Hall	Mr Pearce
Thursday	Girls Fitness – Year 10 & 11	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Mrs Broomfield
Thursday	Girls Football – Years 7 to 9	Lunchtime	Field	Humanities	Mr Stapleton
Thursday	Dance Club – Year 10 & 11	Lunchtime	Studio	Humanities	Mrs Elliott
Thursday – Week B	GCSE Food Theory Catch Up – Year 11	Lunchtime	DT2		Mrs Crook
Thursday – Week B	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
Friday	Year 10 Beginners German	Lunchtime	MR4		Mrs McConachie
Friday	Speedcubing	Lunchtime	HU2		Mrs Harrison
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	Drama Club	Lunchtime	PA1		Miss Ruscoe

Colour Coding – relates to DofE – Physical = Yellow, Volunteering = Red, Skill = Blue



## LIBRARY COMPETITION TIME!

Send me a picture of yourself reading in the most unusual place. [southardl@clystvale.org](mailto:southardl@clystvale.org)

**Winner will be announced on 23 November 2023**

ARE YOU IN YEAR 9? LOVE RUGBY?

EXETER SARACENS RFC  
(UNDER 14S) WANTS YOU!



WANT TO PLAY RUGBY ALONGSIDE OTHER **QUALITY PLAYERS**, PIT YOURSELF AGAINST **TOP OPPOSITION** AND BE **PART OF A GREAT TEAM**?

Come along **SARRIES** and get to play against the other leading U14s Club sides in Devon up until April / May. We have highly experienced Coaches who can develop your game, teach you new skills and help you become a better player. Our team is drawn from the schools and colleges right across our great City.

**WE TRAIN ON:**

- **WEDNESDAYS** AT EXETER SARRIES RFC  
(6:30PM - 8:00PM)
- **FRIDAYS** (CURRENTLY AT WEST EXE SCHOOL)  
(7:00PM - 8:30PM)

WE PLAY MATCHES ON **SUNDAYS** FROM 10:30AM.

REGULAR **GAME TIME** GUARANTEED



ALL YOU NEED ARE A PAIR OF FOOTBALL BOOTS AND A MOUTHGUARD.

MATCH KIT PROVIDED ON REGISTRATION.



Exeter Saracens RFC Exhibition Fields, Summer Lane, Exeter, EX4 8NT (Behind Exeter Arena)

Contact: Shane Padbury

Under 14s Coach (07788 164871)

[www.exetersaracensrfc.org.uk](http://www.exetersaracensrfc.org.uk)

# Broadclyst Lantern Parade & Tree light switch on

Hosted by the Broadclyst VIPs

## Saturday 2nd Dec

- Lantern making (green room - back of victory hall) 11am - 3pm
- \* (£2 per child. Snacks and drinks available to purchase)
- Lantern Parade (meet at Pavillions) 5pm
- Tree light switch on and Carol singing 5.30pm
- \* (on the green behind Victory Hall)
- Food vans (Ember Pizza & Flippy Chippy) available
- Social Club open



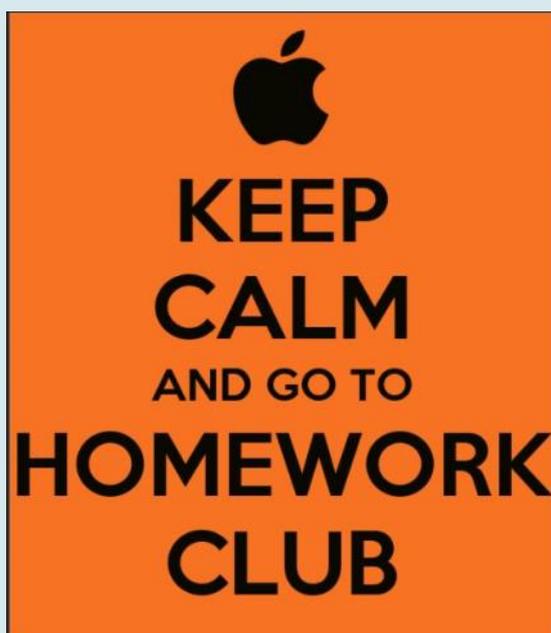
## Library



Mock/GCSE pencil cases. Available from September. £4.50 per pencil case. We also sell calculators for £10- although prices may vary. What's included? A clear pencil case, 1 pencil, a blue, black, and red pen. 1 highlighter. 1 ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber and a sharpener. **Cash only** unfortunately.

The library does sell stationery all year round. |

Homework Club in IT2  
Monday to Friday Lunchtime  
1.30-2pm  
Monday to Thursday After-  
school 3.30—4.45pm





Clyst Vale Library is a dual use library located within Clyst Vale Community College. The library is open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and is open to the students at Clyst Vale Community College throughout the week.

The entrance to access the library is through Clyst Vale's main entrance (reception,) then turning right, from there you will see the libraries entrance.

Public opening hours; Monday **3.30 – 5.30pm**, Wednesday 3.30- 5.30pm and Thursday **4 –6pm**

### **EduLink and contacting 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 here: <http://www.clystvale.org/contact-us/>



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## **Attendance, Absence and Requests for Absence**

Please let the College know of any absence on the first day it occurs. 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.

Please note, the College may ask you to provide medical proof if a student is absent from College due to illness.

### **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. Therefore, 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.

Thank you for your support in helping your child maximise their attendance and learning.

### **For Years 7 - 11 Absences**

Please ring: Sharon Leaman/Cath Prunty (Attendance Officers)

Direct line: 01392 463911

Email: [studentabsence@clystvaled.org](mailto:studentabsence@clystvaled.org)

### **For Year 12 - 13 Absences**

Please ring Sue Voysey—Assistant to Head of Post 16

Direct line: 01392 462697

Email: [voyseys@clystvaled.org](mailto:voyseys@clystvaled.org) and copy in Head of Sixth Form: [haynesc@clystvaled.org](mailto:haynesc@clystvaled.org)