



NEWSLETTER

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WEEK A

“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”

- Nelson Mandela

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Information and Meet the Tutor Evenings

Thank you to Year 10 parents and carers for coming along on Tuesday to the “Welcome to Key Stage 4” evening. Ms Jacobs and Mrs Brotherton provided a valuable oversight of the Year 10 and 11 curriculum, what’s coming up, and although it may seem early input about revision and study support.

Next Thursday, 5th October, we will hold the Year 7 “Meet the Tutor” evening. This is also a useful evening, in that many parents/carers didn’t meet their child’s tutor in July. It is also a chance to raise any initial concerns. As well as the Year 7 tutors there will be several senior staff present. Separate information has been sent to Year 7 parents and carers.

A week on Monday, 9th October, we will be holding a parents’ information evening for Year 11. This is focused very much on study support and the revision approaches and programmes we will use with Year 11 in the coming months.

The following evening, Tuesday 10th October, we are hosting an information session for any students interested in the Camps International Expedition to Kenya in 2025. Clyst Vale doesn’t “run” these trips, but we work in very close and successful partnership with Camps International. The expeditions are amazing, but very hard work and not cheap, which is why they are offered on a two year cycle to allow fundraising. There will be assemblies for Years 8 to 10, and 12, next week.

Open Week

We have held tours every day this week, with two on Wednesday to meet demand. Nice to be popular ! However, as some families discovered last year, that popularity along with new building in key areas meant that students from places which always got into Clyst Vale no longer could assume this. This was one of the main questions which were asked after the tours. Another common question was whether Clyst Vale would be joining a MAT any time soon; the answer to this is no – there are no conversations let alone discussions let alone negotiations.

Rights Respecting Schools always prompts comments and questions, and some parents are surprised that it isn’t as soft and lovely as it sounds. Yes, of course we promote respect and understanding for everyone, and really believe that this is the right approach; but teenagers make mistakes, some lack respect, some get involved in bullying or anti-social behaviours, and as a result students will be suspended or even expelled for serious or persistent trampling over others’ rights to be safe or learn.



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Sixth Form News

The big story this week is of course the residential for Year 12 at Adventure International, Bude. This is a significant event in helping to “gel” the Year group early in Year 12: we attract several students from other schools for whom it is especially useful. Our students have a good time, but there is a serious side in developing skills of teamwork and leadership. There is a much more detailed write-up and photos coming later in this Newsletter.

Reading Recommendations

You’ll see later on a page of reading recommendations for students in different year groups. Thank you to Mrs Borgen-Davis, her colleagues in English and Mrs Southard for putting this together. There is a national push on literacy at the moment (frankly it should be a consistent, properly funded push every year), but it’s something we’ve been promoting for years – as far as I’m aware, Read to Learn is still unique. Anyway, as far as I’m concerned, anything which helps children to read “proper” books for pleasure into their teenage years is hugely valuable, and I hope that the Recommendations will be useful to you. There will be more throughout the year.

Lunch club

You will see in this Newsletter that there is a page of all the lunch clubs running. The page is amended and updated on a regular basis. Could I please draw your attention to the inter-tutor competitions on Fridays: these are in a variety of sports and continue throughout the whole school year. While we have moved to a horizontal Year system, the Schools are still alive and kicking – two tutor groups per Year group are deemed Yellow, Red or Green, so the verticality is encouraged through activities like the inter-tutor competitions. A huge thank you to the PE department for running them: it also helps to increase the number of students taking part in competitive sport.

Attendance: a Reasonable Start

Attendance for the first three weeks is at 93.6% which is a touch above national attendance of 93.3%. Better news is that our “persistent absence” figure is 17% compared to 22% nationally. However, boys’ attendance is just below national, and Year 8’s lower attendance last year has carried on into Year 9. So, the headlines are no better than reasonable, and we will continue to do what we can to encourage better attendance, and thank you for your support in this.

School attendance is a major government focus at present, following the fall-off since the pandemic. This week the Select Committee on Education issued a number of recommendations for the government to consider. These are actually quite sensible, and the question is whether they will be implemented. I liked the one about separate coding for students with genuine, significant mental health issues who cannot attend school regularly, because it would give a more accurate reading of the figures, but more importantly remove some of the pressure on families which just adds to the child’s mental health issue. By all means be tough on the truants, but there should be some differentiation of reasons for absence. Watch this space.

The Rhythms of the Seasons

This is from a Newsletter in 2017, but it is wholly true today: “Regular readers of this Newsletter over the years will know that in the third week or so of the Autumn term I start writing about rough play. It could be the equinox or the Harvest Moon; perhaps changes in air pressure; it could be that the novelty of the new term has worn off; it could be linked to pecking order behaviours. Whatever the cause, it needs to stop. It’s mostly but not entirely boys, and it’s mostly Years 7 and 8 with some 9s. The “play” starts quite acceptably, is generally among friendship groups rather than bullying, and often arises from a game of football, a chasing game, over-excitability conversation, or over-physicality. We have staff supervising and intervening, and this week I have reminded students that they need to self-regulate as well. We have the best school fields in the area for students to let off steam, but if individuals abuse this then we will reluctantly need to keep them indoors so that others can enjoy themselves safely.”

2017 was pre-pandemic, and one observation I would make is that the amount of over-physicality has increased since 2020, and in secondary schools we have seen more behaviours associated with the Primary playground. However, the vast majority of 11-16 year olds know right from wrong and can self-regulate. Thank you for your support in this.

Also around this time, as the weather cools, the hoodies creep in. Hoodies are not coats, are not part of school uniform, and should not be worn. They can be worn to and from school, but not in school. Students will be asked to remove them and put them in their bag. Persistent refuseniks will have the hoodie confiscated for the day. Very simple and clear. Again, thank you for your support in this.



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Reporting Poor Behaviour

I've never hidden the fact that we have a few students who display poor behaviour, sometimes behaviour which is a risk to others, and occasionally anti-social behaviour including vandalism. Such students need both sanctions and support. To do this, we need to know the details of who they are, what they did and when. There has been a culture in schools of "not snitching" or "not grassing" ever since schools were invented, but it's far from helpful. For example, every school anti-bullying statement in the land will say "tell an adult", but many victims of bullying won't because of fear of reprisals. Parents may be able to help: if your child tells you something worrying, you can e-mail us to report it. Your child themselves can e-mail if they are worried about being seen going to see someone. This has worked quite well in the past with poor behaviour on buses. "Not snitching" by definition is a wrong thing to do; it protects someone who has shown scant respect for other people or the school, and there's a world of difference between dropping a sweet wrapper and damaging a lock on a toilet door.

Staff Changes

You will be aware that we have temporary staffing in Languages until January when a new permanent appointment starts. As from Monday, Mr Benchouia joins us as a permanent member of staff teaching ICT, creating a domino effect in which Mx Gratton (qualified to teach languages) will teach languages, and Ms Alexandra leaves us with our thanks for helping us through a tricky start to term. Obviously, changing teachers is not something we like doing, as students like continuity, but equally we are doing our best to ensure students have the most effective teaching and learning possible. We also expect students to treat all of their teachers with sufficient respect to allow them to teach effectively, and other students to learn effectively.

Also next week we welcome Mr Lea who will be teaching music until Miss Williams is able to return. Mr Lea is a qualified and experienced teacher of music, who we have been fortunate to recruit. Again, this has necessitated a small number of timetable changes, mostly to drama lessons. (Clyst Vale isn't immune from the recruitment difficulties facing the whole education sector due to underfunding and the undervaluing of education by central government which I might have mentioned now and again.....).

Sad News: Maureen Leaver

Readers who had an association with Clyst Vale from the mid-1980s until 2010 will be sad to hear that Maureen Leaver died last week after a short and sudden illness. Maureen worked at Clyst Vale from 1988 to 2010 as a Special Needs teacher, although she taught a variety of things, in particular A-Level Psychology. Condolences to her husband Clive, children Jo, Chris and their families.

Flooring Update

If you actually like the new patchwork Reception and the flagstone-style corridor following the Great Flood now that it's stopped smelling, stop reading now. The loss adjuster visited yesterday and agreed the expenditure to date and the cost of replacing the new carpet, which will be laid during half-term. Flooring experts among you will have noted that the tiles were the original Marley tiles; some Marley tiles contain asbestos – ours do not, we've checked. 25 years as a Headteacher and still learning....

Best wishes,



Kevin Bawn



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



RED SCHOOL

7RER

7RGG No Permission to Name

8RDFE

8RTMA Daisy Hopper

9RBAT Kate Dearden-Watts

9RNS James Rainton

10RZB Lily Nash

10RSGA Amy Bourne

11RMA
H Esme Turner

11RCMO Ruby Meredith

YELLOW SCHOOL

7YCBO

7YCFL No Permission to Name

8YGGA Louis Mitchell

8YBHA No Permission to Name

9YMBR Josh Bennett

9YSWA Grace Alexander

10YSS No Permission to Name

10YADA Ella Bayley

11YDST

11YEHA Lucas Stumpf

GREEN SCHOOL

7GRTU No Permission to Name

7GHE No Permission to Name

8GMNA Jessica Woodger

8GLT

9GCMC Harley Ewings

9GDJ Amelia Briggs

10GABR Alex Symons

10GDH Ella Coward

11GAWO

11GGT Elyse Hinde

CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 3rd October	Y11 Exeter University Visit
Thursday 5th October	Y7 Tutor Parents Evening
Monday 9th October	Y11 Revision Information Evening (moved from 12th October)
Tuesday 10th October	Camps International Parents Presentation 6pm
Wednesday 18th October	Y13 Geography Trip to Slapton Ley
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	Half Term



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

<https://www.clystvaley.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/CleverChefs-Menu-Autumn-Term>



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Year 12 Residential to Adventure Bude – 24th – 27th September 2023

Year 12, accompanied by Miss Haynes, Mrs Klampfer-Hall and Mr Powell, spent a fabulous four days on an outdoor adventure residential in Bude. A huge thank you to the team who made this trip possible and to the students for their excellent attitude and behaviour. Below are some student quotes about their trip highlights...



“Going to Adventure Bude was an amazing experience. Whilst the activities were both physically draining and mentally demanding, the instructors ensured that we had a fun, safe time. We were pushed to our own limits and made to step outside of our comfort zone and whilst at first this didn’t seem comfortable, by the end of the week our skillset and abilities had vastly improved in the individual activities - as well as developing our character and various life skills, like time management and teamwork.” ~ Joel

“At first the idea of doing multiple activities that were unfamiliar to me was unbelievably uncomfortable. However, when we met as a group with our instructors, they made us feel supported and comfortable and promised there was nothing that we will not have a go at.

Overall, our few days at Adventure Bude pushed everyone out of their comfort zone and allowed some people to find new skills and confidence. It was a shame to say goodbye to our tutors, but we thanked them for helping us grow in confidence and their guidance to find new skills. It was a brilliant few days and allowed for everyone of any ability to get stuck in.” ~ Zach



“The instructors were the biggest part of the reason I enjoyed it as it gave comfort to know they were with us every part of the way and it felt like they really understood what I was feeling, they were able to act as not just a mentor but a friend. I grew in confidence and bonded with so many people and I think I became a lot closer to my friends.” ~ Georgie

“A true bonding experience – Bude. For us sixth formers, the trip to Adventure Bude is one of the highlights of our year. Without this getaway to the countryside of Cornwall, the year would be nothing but studying! The residential consisting of 4 days and 3 nights was one of the most excellent starts to the year we could have had. The trip improved independence and responsibility whilst also bringing the students of Year 12 closer together and helped to form close friendships.”



“The experience of Adventure Bude was unforgettable, and brings the students much closer than before and builds the foundation for friendships to last.” ~ Ray

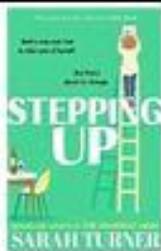
Reading Recommendations Newsletter

Welcome to our 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.



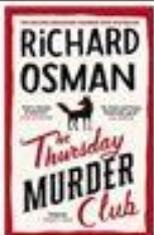
Year 7&8

Set in London in 1764, *The Elemental Detectives* tells the story of two children, Jonathan and Marisee, who must work together to discover why the poor people of the city are being struck down by a mysterious sleeping sickness that locks them into their happiest dreams and leaves them unable to wake up. But what, or who, is causing the sickness?



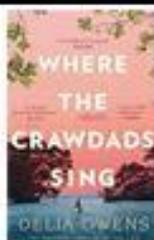
Year 9

This debut novel manages to combine warmth, humour, and beautifully drawn characters with a tragic tear-jerking story at its core. A family is left in turmoil when Doug and Emmy, loving parents to a teenage girl and a young toddler, are involved in a tragic accident, leaving one of them dead and the other in a coma.



Year 10

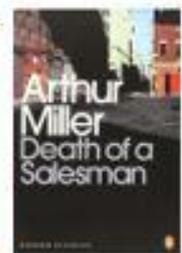
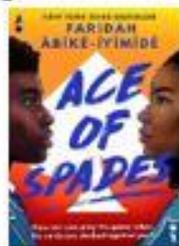
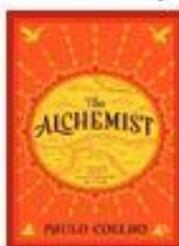
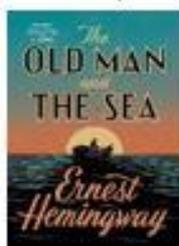
Thursday Murder Club is a novel about four retired friends who meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes. They live in a peaceful retirement village called Coopers Chase. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph next to him, the club finds themselves involved in their first live case. They work with the police and try to solve the murder before the detectives do.



Year 11

Where the Crawdads Sing is a novel that tells the story of Kya, a girl who grows up alone in the marshlands of North Carolina after her family leaves her. For years, rumours of the 'marsh girl' haunt the town of Barkley Cove. Kya raises herself into adulthood becoming a naturalist in the process. When the town's hotshot is found dead, she is the prime suspect, and is tried for his murder.

This half-term, 10En1 have been enjoying:



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

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 (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 Indoor Football – Years 7 to 9	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	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 Photography	Lunchtime	IT4		Mrs Wakefield
Thursday – Week B	GCSE Art Club	Lunchtime	AR2		Mrs Walton
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

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



Year 9 Boys Rugby Report:

CVCC 5-24 Kings Ottery

Congratulations to the Year 9 squad who played in their first game of the season on Thursday after-school. Despite many of the lads playing their first ever game of contact rugby, the boys were outstanding in their approach, being very committed from the off, making some outstanding runs and some hard tackles. Unfortunately, despite a very tight first half where Kings led 7-0 at the break and CVCC getting the score back to 7-5 shortly afterwards, through a well taken, Dylan Carstairs try, Kings deservedly pulled clear.

There were certainly some stand out performances, namely from Skipper, Jacob Kyffin at flanker, George Russell in the centre and Owen Clarkson at 13. Very well done to all of the squad, training returns next Wednesday after school with the next fixture against Tiverton HS on Wednesday October 11.

Congratulations to the squad: Jacob Kyffin (c), George Phillips, Ethan Rees, Aidan Lea, Rudy Startup, Oliver Eavis, Michael Bennett, Josh Bennett, Owen Clarkson, Finley Robson, Archie Moreton, Luca Batchelor, Lewis Sullivan, Mason Allway, Nat Kempton, Dylan Carstairs, Blair Wills, Oscar Trevelyan, Izaak Greenslade.

Mr Pearce



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Rucksacks
Trainers
Men's jeans & joggers
New boxer shorts
T-shirts & hoodies

Tinned items

Tinned vegetables (*not pulses*)
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned fruits
Rice pudding
Tinned/powdered custard
Tinned meats
Tinned fish
Tinned curries
Pasta sauce
Sweet & sour sauce
500ml bottled water

Packaged Goods

Sugar – granulated/caster
UHT/long-life milk
Powdered milk
Instant coffee
Hot chocolate
Fruit squash
Individually wrapped biscuits
Long-life bakery items (e.g. -
Croissants/pain au chocolat)
Cereal bars
Biscuits (sweet)
Jam & honey (*not homemade*)
Cooking oil
Golden syrup
Stock cubes
Mixed herbs
Ketchup & brown sauce
Branston pickle
Mustard

Cleaning items

Anti-bac soap (liquid)
Anti-bac spray
Biological washing powder
Fabric conditioner
Washing up liquid
Washing up sponge/cloth
Toilet cleaner
Large wet wipes

Toiletries

Men's spray deodorants
Disposable razors
Shaving foam
Mouthwash (small)

Miscellaneous

Tin foil
Greaseproof paper (large)
Cling film (large)

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Boys U12s



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ESFA Girls U14's Girls PlayStation Schools Cup

Tiverton vs Clystvale Thursday 28th September

Thursday evening saw the Clystvale face fierce rivals Tiverton in the first round of the National Cup. The girls lined up with a strong and developed side from last year and were looking to gain the advantage on Tiverton again. With this fixture 11 vs 11 some of the girls had not of played this format before, but that did not show in their performance.

The squad lined up with Kodie Humphreys in goal, Sophie Woods at left back a solid centre back pairing of Ameera Choudary and Miley Arthurs and Sophia Lilley made up the back line at right back. The midfield four of Willow Davies, Daisy Hopper, Grace Alexander and Annea Cecherlan-Richards and the front two of the Sophias, Sophia Tagg and Sopia Blum. As you can imagine hard to get your head around with three Sophias and a Sophie in the team.



Both teams started well with chance at both ends. Kodie making a great save from a long range shot from Tiverton's Exeter City player Chloe. The defence mopped up everything that came their way and dealt with it with ease. Clystvale opened the scoring when a pass from Willow to Grace in centre midfield she opened her body and played it to Annea on the edge of the box who let a piledriver of a shot over the top of the keeper and into the net. 1-0.

The girls continued to press and limit the amount of chances Tiverton had. Clystvale were at it again down the left-hand side with Daisy and Annea combining well again. This time a well-executed one two down the left wing resulted in Daisy near to the touchline, a superb left footed cross found Sophia Blum at the front post to make it 2-0 to the Vale. 2-0 the score at half time with the girls limiting Tiverton to 2/3 chances which Kodie dealt with easily.

The second half starter with a bit of a change in positioning with Daisy going up front alongside Sophia B and Sophia T dropping slightly to help in midfield. Tiverton started the half well and this led to a chance which Ameera intercepted and kicked out for a corner. A nervous moment as Miley went to clear the ball and nearly sliced it into her own net but luckily it went out for another corner. The resultant corner led to Tiverton scoring after a whipping ball into the back post was met by the Tiverton striker. 2-1. Clystvale never gave up and continued to try for another goal. Willow being the outlet on the right. The third goal soon arrived down the right-hand side as the throw in came in from Sophia Tagg and landed to Willow who had her shot blocked. This shot flew up in the air of the defender about 5 yards out and fell towards Daisy who calmly slotted a volley through the goalkeepers' legs. 3 -1 and the final score.

A massive well done to the girls with some fantastic performances from the goalkeeper right the way through to the strikers. All deserve man of the match today but a special mention to Annea and Willow who were very tenacious in their game and showed some fantastic composure and dribbling.

On to the next round.

Mr D Stapleton

A showcase of some of our best young musicians

A CHANCE TO SHINE

Tiverton Pannier Market

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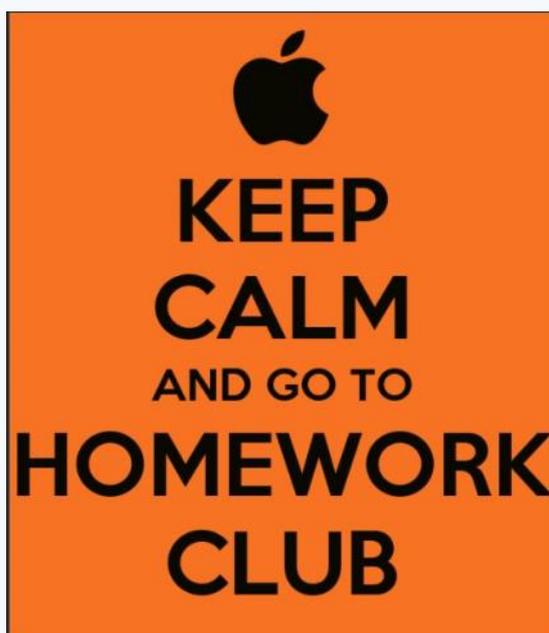
Library



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. 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 relevant school ATHOS or the teacher.

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 (Attendance Officer)

Direct line: 01392 463911