



CHEW VALLEY
**SIXTH
FORM**
Learn Grow Achieve







Welcome to the Chew Valley Sixth Form Prospectus. The best way to find out about Chew Valley Sixth Form is to visit the school, meet the staff and talk to Chew Valley Sixth Formers about their experiences. The Sixth Form Open Evening in November is the ideal time to do this, but appointments can be made at your convenience to visit the school at any time during the year.

Why Chew Valley Sixth Form?

We have a long history of success. Our students do extremely well in their examinations and go on to glittering careers at university and in the world of work. Every year our students achieve entry to the most prestigious universities including Oxford and Cambridge or access really competitive apprenticeship courses. Our success boils down to a number of factors:

- Excellent teaching and preparation for examinations.
- First class tutoring and mentoring to provide support and encouragement.
- Outstanding extra-curricular opportunities and experiences.
- Careful and thorough tuition in the University Applications processes, including interview preparation and practice.
- Small teaching group sizes enabling more one-to-one support.
- A superbly appointed Sixth Form Centre.

What do Chew Valley Sixth Formers say?

Our Sixth Formers are convinced they made the right decision in joining the Sixth Form. Their voice is heard in the school at large through the Sixth Form Council. Most importantly, they are making their mark through engagement in the school and wider community, through constructive social events and, when they leave us, in the impact they make at university and in their future careers. In every walk of life, there are former Chew Valley Sixth Formers making an outstanding contribution to the success of our country.

We hope that, like them, you will choose to be a part of Chew Valley Sixth Form. Come and join us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Beynon".

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Why Chew Valley Sixth Form?

Blowing our own trumpet doesn't come easy to a school like Chew Valley.

But have you ever stopped to ask why the Sixth Form has been recognised in our three most recent Ofsted inspections as 'outstanding', the latest being in May 2015. Or why so many of our students go on to become huge successes in their chosen career? Many people play a significant role in our success but the main reason – in a nutshell – is attention to detail and concern for the individual. **YOU MATTER!**

You will be given all the support you need to be successful in your examinations. You will also have many, many opportunities outside the classroom to develop the wider skills that universities and employers demand.

Few institutions offer as many activities as you will find at Chew; some of these are listed in this booklet. Take time to read about them – your participation will determine whether you will achieve your goal. Remember, you are the leaders of tomorrow, but you start that journey today!



“Highly effective leadership of the Sixth Form ensures that all students make rapid and sustained progress. The numbers securing places at university, including Oxford and Cambridge, are high.” Ofsted 2015

What You Can Expect?



The success of our students here at Chew Valley Sixth Form is due to a range of factors, a number of which are listed below:

- Quality teaching: your relationship with your teachers is much more adult and this will play an important part in your success.
- Independent study time to work on assignments but lots of help from your teachers.
- Enrichment opportunities – work experience, in-class support, sailing, sport, dancing, ready steady cook and many more.
- Social events organised by the Sixth Form, such as the end of year ball and barbecues.
- The Sixth Form Council are consulted about how to improve the running of the Sixth Form.
- A superb Sixth Form Centre, with study facilities, a Common Room and café.
- Being treated as an individual but expected to perform to the best of your ability.

FUN BUT CHALLENGING!

Sixth Form Centre

All Sixth Formers at Chew Valley School enjoy full use of our superb Sixth Form Centre. The facilities include:

Common Room
Sixth Form Café
Study Facilities
Seminar Rooms
Wireless Network
Photographic Dark Room
Creative & Media Suite

Our aim is to provide high quality facilities and resources to enable our post-16 students to enjoy and achieve to the full.



Curriculum

The Sixth Form is an opportunity for students to further their knowledge and understanding in subjects already taken, as well as to branch out and explore completely new areas.

We offer courses at Advanced Level as well as a large number of extra-curricular opportunities. As a result of the nature of the courses which we offer there is a minimum entry requirement for admission to the Sixth Form. All students joining us must have achieved 3 A*-C grades at GCSE together with a minimum of Grade 4 in both GCSE English Language and Maths.

All courses allow for progression to higher and further education and to enhanced career opportunities. The Open Evening on 10th November 2016 is the ideal opportunity to find out more about the Sixth Form in general and the courses we offer in particular. If you have any specific questions relating to post-16 study, please do not hesitate to ask.



“Students benefit from a curriculum which is well matched to their needs and aspirations, and that teaching is of the highest standard. Consequently, students make very good progress in a broad range of subjects to secure the grades they need for life beyond school.” Ofsted 2015



Tutor System

Sixth Form students at Chew Valley School receive excellent pastoral care from a team of experienced tutors.

The team plays a crucial role in supporting students with the transition to A level studies, monitoring progress, along with encouraging independent learning and student self-review.

Our tutorial programme is centred on developing a wide range of transferable skills and also provides careers information, alongside advice about higher education and higher level apprenticeship choices.



“Students take advantage of the many opportunities to work as positive role models for younger students. The strong relationships between students and their teachers are underpinned by high levels of mutual respect.” Ofsted

2015

“Teaching in the Sixth Form is outstanding because teachers use their very strong subject knowledge to plan work that interests and engages students, and therefore motivates them to achieve their best.” Ofsted 2015



Wednesday Afternoon Activities

We want to make sure that everyone does something active on a Wednesday afternoon, and gets a break from their studies.

Every Wednesday afternoon students take part in a wide range of different activities including sailing, aerobics, archery, dodgeball as well as more traditional team sports such as netball, hockey, football and rugby. If there are other activities a group of students would like to get involved in we encourage them to let us know, and we do our best to put it on.

Enrichment



We are proud of the very wide range of Enrichment opportunities offered to our Sixth Form students.

Yes, academic effort and success are valued, but we are hugely committed to the development of those wider life skills that only experiences outside the classroom can provide.

All students are encouraged to get involved in the many other Enrichment projects available in the Sixth Form. These experiences will provide students with a wealth of opportunities, enhance their CVs and increase their chances of obtaining places at university or in employment. More importantly however they will be hugely fulfilling, provide lasting memories, and be great fun!

Duke of Edinburgh - an internationally-recognised award which allows students to push personal boundaries, gain a wide range of new skills and enhance their CVs and university applications. A fun adventure and major challenge, students at Chew will have the opportunity to gain Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Ten Tors - an annual challenge to the young people of the South West of England, held on Dartmoor. Every year for the last thirty years we have entered multiple teams from the school.

Community Sports Leadership Award - a nationally recognised qualification that allows successful candidates to lead groups of people in sport/activity, under indirect supervision. Candidates will complete a first aid qualification valid for three years, and once the guided learning hours are finished they must complete 10 hours of voluntary service within a local community club.

Basic Expedition Leadership Award - this is based around practical work, developing key skills such as communication, organisation and health and safety in the outdoor environment. It is the first level towards the mountain leaders' award and includes voluntary hours, which could also be used for the Duke of Edinburgh award.



Enrichment

The Arts Award - a nationally recognised qualification which supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. It aims to support young people in enjoying the arts and developing their creative and leadership skills. Doing an Arts Award helps you to develop creative skills, the ability to communicate well and to lead projects. An Arts Award is useful when looking for higher education and job opportunities - in the arts or other fields. Completing Silver Arts Award involves achieving an arts challenge, reviewing arts events, researching artists and arts organisations, and delivering an arts leadership project with other people.

National Citizen Service - in recent years we have worked closely with the NCS scheme to ensure that all students have the chance to get involved in this terrific scheme. Students will have the chance to take part in a wide range of activities, make their mark in their community through a group project and build skills for work and life.

Young Enterprise - a national scheme to encourage young people to develop their personal and business skills.

Mentoring - support and guidance of younger pupils.

Reading Support - assistance for younger pupils with reading difficulties.

Clubs / Societies - you will have the opportunity to share your enthusiasm with others. If you can't find the right club, start up your own!

“Students benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities which extend learning beyond the classroom and enable students to experience cultures very different from their own.” Ofsted 2015



“Young people are very well prepared to meet the challenges of the future and they have the skills, aptitudes and ambition to make a very marked contribution to society.” Ofsted 2015

Subjects Offered

We offer A level courses or equivalent in all of the following courses. Please see the enclosed booklet for further details.

Art	ICT
Biology	Maths
Business Studies	Further Maths
Chemistry	Media Studies
Dance	Music
Drama	Music Technology
Engineering	Photography
English Language & Literature	Physical Education
English Literature	Physics
Environmental Studies	Product Design
Food Technology	Psychology
French	Public Services
Geography	Religious Studies
German	Sociology
History	Spanish
Health & Social Care	Textiles

This is our offer of subjects for September 2017, but as in every year we depend on sufficient student uptake in individual courses to ensure that they will run.

Entry Criteria

All students joining us must have achieved 3 A*-C grades at GCSE together with a minimum of Grade 4 in both GCSE English Language and Maths.

Key Dates

10th November 2016	Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.30-9.00pm
February/March 2017	Individual interviews with senior staff
4th July 2017	Sixth Form Induction Day
24th August 2017	GCSE Results Day



Further Information

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