



Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents

Year 12 Exams; Wednesday 3rd – Monday 8th January

I am writing to confirm arrangements for the Year 12 exams which are taking place during the first four days back in school after the Christmas holidays.

Exams will be set in all subjects in order to allow students and staff to gain the most realistic understanding of their progress through their courses so far. We have stressed to students since the start of term how far expectations have been raised in the step up from GCSE to A level, and this exam week is an essential element of successful transition to A level studies. Subjects which are more focused on coursework (ICT, Art, Photography and Product Design) will set practical tasks once normal teaching resumes on Tuesday 9th January.

In order to succeed in these exams detailed revision is absolutely essential, and with Christmas being such a busy holiday it is particularly important that students finish term with a clear plan for revision already in place. Last minute revision will not be enough to allow students to succeed at this level. Following an assembly focusing on these exams, tutors have been working with students to help them compile weekly revision plans to make sure that they are using their time as productively as possible. A key reason for planning ahead is to ensure that students build in both revision time and time to relax during the festive season.

Students will be on study leave throughout the four-day exam period (Wednesday 3rd – Monday 8th January inclusive) and will only need to attend school for their scheduled exams, although they can of course revise at school if they prefer. The exam timetable for January is printed on the reverse of this letter. While three exams are scheduled for each day, we do not expect any student to sit more than two exams in one single day. If a student's individual subject combination means that they are scheduled to sit three exams in one day, they need to contact the exams office as soon as possible and they will arrange for one of these exams to be sat at a different time.

If students are absent for an exam or do not pass it, they will need to re-sit the exam after school in the week beginning Monday 22nd January. We ask for your support in making individual transport arrangements should this be the case for your son or daughter. Parents' evening for Year 12 is on Thursday 1st March.

If there is anything you would like to discuss further at this point, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

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Year 12 Mock Timetable January 2018

DATE		Subject	Start	Finish	Venue
WEDNESDAY 3 January	AM	English Lang/Lit – 2 hrs	8.45	10.45	6C1
		English Lit – 2 hrs	8.45	10.45	6C1
	MM	PE Paper 1 – 1h 15	11.15	12.30	6C1
		Environmental Studies 1h 30	11.15	12.45	
	PM	Spanish Listening & Reading 1h 45	1.45	3.30	6C1
		Dance 1h 30	1.45	3.15	6C1
BTEC Sport Single 1h 30		1.45	3.15	6C1	
THURSDAY 4 January	AM	History – 2 hrs	8.45	10.45	6C1
		Geography – 2 hrs	8.45	10.45	6C1
	MM	Drama – 1 hr	11.15	12.15	6C1
		Chemistry – 1h 30	11.15	12.45	6C1
	PM	Further Maths – 1h 30	1.45	3.15	6C1
		Psychology – 1h 30	1.45	3.15	6C1
FRIDAY 5 January	AM	Mathematics – 1h 30	9.00	10.30	6C1
		PE Paper 2 – 1h 15	9.00	10.15	6C1
	MM	Media Studies 1 hr	11.15	12.15	6C1
	PM	Biology – 1h 30	1.45	3.15	6C1
MONDAY 8 January	AM	Sociology – 1h 30	9.00	10.30	6C1
	MM	Religious Studies 1h 30	11.15	12.45	6C1
	PM	Physics - 1h 30	1.45	3.15	6C1