



15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to all of our community who took part in the recent World Book Day celebrations; it was also wonderful to see so many of our staff dressed up as various characters on Friday. Again it has been a busy few weeks with so much going on at Chew Valley with many students taking the opportunities that we offer. Our students are on Dartmoor once more this coming weekend with a mixed group of both Ten Tors training and Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants and we wish them all the best.

Maximising the Time in Lessons

We have been talking recently about making sure that students maximise the amount of learning that takes place within school. We acknowledge that it is important that students get time during the day to see their friends which they do both at break and lunchtime and to use our facilities which they can in the same slots along with lesson changeover. We are also fully aware that there are some students who do need to leave lessons from time to time, however we are having a push to make sure that this is kept to a minimum. Mr Cocks and Mr Stirling-Turner will spend some time during our expectation assemblies straight after the Easter break emphasising this to all students.

Year 11 Over the Next Few Weeks

Year 11 are working really hard preparing for their forthcoming examinations. All of them are in the process of having a progress/careers interview with a senior member of staff and they are also taking part in House revision one morning a week in the Library along with other sessions. I know a good number are signed up for Easter Study Camp during the holidays where more progress can be made. They are preparing for some more mock examinations in some selected subjects and are getting some lovely feedback from staff about their attitudes in lessons so well done to them all.

Year 13

Year 13 are also preparing for their summer examinations and working incredibly hard. We wish them all the best over the coming weeks as they prepare for the summer. Many of them have some great destinations lined up made up of apprenticeships, jobs in the world of work or university places which will be wonderful next stages in their lives.

A reminder that we have an **INSET day on Thursday 28th March** so the last day of term will be **Wednesday 27th March** which is the day of the **Meet the Tutor Evening**. Appointments I know are being made both for the individual sessions along with a number of drop-in opportunities which are being laid on. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Parking At The End of The Day

Can I respectfully ask that parents and carers park safely when collecting students at the end of the school day. Parking on the zig zag and double yellow line areas at the front of the school is strictly prohibited. Parents and carers are encouraged to collect students from Chew Valley Rugby Club to ease congestion at school and keep everybody safe.

As ever do make contact with us at any stage.

With very best wishes,

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Key Dates

Wednesday 27th March

Thursday 28th March

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Thursday 2nd May

Wednesday 22nd May

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June

Thursday 20th June

Thursday 27th June

Tuesday 2nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Meet with Tutors in School

INSET Day

Easter Holidays

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Half Term

Enrichment Week

Year 12 Information for Parents' Evening

Sixth Form Induction

Year 6 Induction

End of the Summer Term