



17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the students and families who attended our **'Into the Sixth Form Evening' last Thursday**; it was good to see so many people there. **Year 7** have been working through their first drop-down day this week where they looked at the theme of **'anti-bullying'**; a big thank you for all of the staff who contributed to making the day such a success. Thank you also to the parents and carers who attended our **Religion and Sex Education Evening** last night where important conversations took place.

A reminder - INSET Day - Wednesday 22nd November

The school is closed next Wednesday when all of our teaching staff will be at Gordano School alongside their staff and others from Backwell and Churchill Schools.

A reminder - Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 23rd November

Staff are looking forward to seeing Year 10 students along with parents and carers online at the Parents' Evening which will give a really good opportunity to discuss the progress made with GCSE and other Level 2 courses so far.

The Rotary Club

Alongside this letter is a letter from the Rotary Club about the work they have carried out with the school over a good period of time. They are introducing a new initiative working alongside ourselves that we are excited about linked to climate change. Please do have a read.

Sixth Form RAG Week (27th Nov - 1st Dec)

This is an annual fundraising event organised by the Sixth Form Committee, but one in which all Year 12 and Year 13 take an active part. This year, the school's Sixth Form will be raising money for UNICEF. Some of the planned fun activities include a pyjama day, a staff versus student netball match, and bingo.

News from our Science team who are continuing our occasional contributions from departments....

Last term the KS3 students were studying a range of topics from forces and particles in Year 7 to genetics and magnetism in Year 9. Students enjoyed a whole host of practicals including measuring the speed of sound, deciding which environment woodlice enjoyed and watching real life chicks hatch. In KS3, Science home learning is focused on allowing students opportunities to show off their creativity and research skills with lots of different types of assignments across the different year groups.

Year 10 have started their GCSE preparation and will soon be discovering a new home learning online package which will allow them to practice past paper questions at home on their computers/smart phones whilst preparation is well underway for the Year 11s about to embark on their mock exams. There are also weekly Biology, Chemistry and Physics clubs running for KS4 students if they feel like they need any additional support preparing them for their next stages.

Finally, December will soon be upon us and I have attached with this letter information around **'Chew Valley at Christmas'** where you can see what we have planned as we move towards the end of term.

With very best wishes,

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Headteacher