



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

We were visited by the Department for Education last week who came to see some of the effective work that goes on everyday in our SEND Department housed in the Learning Support Base. It was lovely to meet the representatives and I know they had a really informative time hosted by Mrs Black and her team.

Students are able to 'sign up' for many of the activities we offer. Year 7 had their bespoke evening to try out some of the activities, our Change and Create teams used a lunchtime last week to advertise themselves which was really well attended and I know both our PE and Drama Departments have also given opportunities as well. I know that lunchtimes are a good time for students to catch up with friends so we have suggested that they perhaps sign up for a least two lunchtime activities on offer; we are really aware of some students who have something on every lunchtime.

Fire Drill

We took part in our annual planned fire drill on Friday 13th September. It is important that everyone is aware of the procedure around this including all of our new students who have not been through one before. I am pleased to report that as expected the students carried this out in an exemplary manner.

KS4 and KS5 Meet The Tutor Evening

Thank you to those parents and carers who joined us on Tuesday evening to meet both with the relevant tutor and to listen to presentations for Years 10, 11 and 12. It was good to see many of you in attendance.

Year 9 Launch of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme - Monday 23rd September

Mrs Foley who co-ordinates our Duke of Edinburgh Scheme will launch this to all of the students in Year 9 during a special assembly on Monday 23rd September. The scheme, with its various components, usually has many students signing up and we are looking forward to this happening once more.

Year 13 Parents' Evening - Thursday 3rd October

Details will follow for parents and carers to sign up for our Year 13 Parents' Evening which will be online.

KS3 Meet The Tutor Evening - Thursday 10th October

The chance for parents and carers of Years 7, 8 and 9 to meet with tutors will take place on Thursday 10th October. Further details will follow.

INSET Days - A reminder

Our **third INSET day is on Friday 27th September** following our Open Evening on Thursday 26th September. Other dates for subsequent INSETs and other events are available on the school website.

Use of the School Website

Can I encourage everyone to use the website as the first reference point for all things to do with the school. Key dates are published there and certainly if we needed to get information out to do with unexpected closure, we would place information here along with using ClassCharts. The website has within its curriculum area details of what students are learning at any one time at Chew Valley. In addition, we have been producing an information sheet with this on which will be sent out from time to time.

We are now well into term and it has been lovely to be able to visit lessons across all of the years and seeing how well the community has settled back. We are looking forward to a positive and productive year.

With very best wishes,

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher