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30th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7, 8 & 9 Tutor Face-to-Face Evening and Information Sessions Thursday I 0th October 2024

Venues: Moreton House – Maths Block

Rodney House – Lower School Corridor

Bilbie House – English Block

Hauteville House - Lower School Corridor

This evening is designed to give you an opportunity to meet your child's Tutor and to discuss the start that your child has made to the school year.

These meetings are a good chance to celebrate successes and to help deal with any issues that you may have. The appointments will last for 5 minutes and your child should attend with you if possible. Please note that this is a tutor evening only; subject evenings for each year group will appear at other times in the year.

The appointments finish at 5.45pm.

Appointments can be booked via the SchoolCloud software. Please visit https://chewvalley.schoolcloud.co.uk/ to book your appointments. A short guide on how to add appointments can be found here https://vimeo.com/473882995. You only need to watch up to 4.15mins to be shown how to book your appointment with your child's tutor as the actual evening is a face-to-face evening. The booking slots will go live on SchoolCloud at 5pm on Tuesday Ist October. Please contact Mrs Elsom if you have difficulties booking an appointment delsom@chewvalleyschool.co.uk.

You will be asked to login with the following information:

- Parent/Carer First Name
- Parent/Carer Surname
- Parent/Carer Email address
- Student's First Name
- Student's Surname
- Student's Date of Birth

Throughout the evening there will be a rolling programme of information evening style presentations given by Mrs Rowlands for different year groups in the Main Hall.

Year 8 - 4.15 - 4.45pm

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Year 9 - 4.45 - 5.15pm

Year 9 - 5.45 - 6.15pm

We also have a special presentation to raise awareness on how to keep our children safe by building safer communities. This will run from 5.30-6.30pm in the Library. We are all affected by the increasing threats posed from violence, but can play a very crucial role in reducing this threat. As a school, we are committed to working with outside agencies, Avon and Somerset Police, our young people and their parents and carers to offer guidance and practical advice on how to build safer communities. We are very fortunate to be able to offer you a presentation workshop led by Tyrell Jarrett who works at BXcellence. This organisation is a social enterprise that provides support services to young people and vulnerable adults, consultancy and statutory services which aims to improve

their ability to engage hard-to-reach clients. BXcellence also focuses on enhancing their knowledge of contextual risks faced by young people and those from disadvantaged communities. They do this through lived experience. Lived experience means working with people who have first-hand knowledge of the criminal justice system, such as prison leavers and individuals who have been involved in gangs, street violence, drugs or antisocial behaviour. They use their "lived experience" to help young people avoid crime and grooming and manipulation by criminals or friends to carrying out criminal activities. By having workers who have been through these experiences, they can better understand the warning signs and tactics that people use to target young people. They can then pass their knowledge and expertise onto us as teachers and you as parents/carers.

You can book onto these presentations by clicking here

Finally, we have Heads of House and Senior Leadership Team members available throughout the evening on a dropin basis. These do not need to be booked. Heads of House will be in an office with their Houses and SLT in the Lower School Corridor.

We look forward to seeing you on 10th October and to working with you over the coming academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Rowlands Deputy Headteacher

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