

Chew Valley School

Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

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The last six or so weeks have flown by and half term is upon us. Year 11 and 13 had their last days in school yesterday, apart from their remaining examinations, and it was lovely to be able to say goodbye to them in our traditional manner. Both year groups have formal evenings planned after their examinations have finished and we are looking forward to these.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

A big thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us online on Wednesday evening. It was good to be able to talk about how much progress has been made in the period of time since this year group joined us in September.

Uniform – A Reminder

Students are able to remain in their PE kit on days when they are involved in PE lessons or clubs at lunchtime until we reach Enrichment Week which begins on Monday 17^{th} June. This week will have its own requirements with the majority of the time meaning that students will be out of uniform. We are planning therefore to have the whole school back in full school uniform for the remainder of the academic year starting on Monday 24^{th} June.

Ten Tors

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in this year's event on Dartmoor during the weekend of $11^{th}/12^{th}$ May. I know how much time and effort went into the preparation with a good number of visits to the area in advance. Thank you to those staff who enabled it to happen.

Marmion House Wellbeing Centre

I wanted to update everyone on where we are with our plans for Marmion House. Many people will have known or be aware of Ruth Marmion who used to work at Chew Valley School who died after a short battle with illness. Ruth looked after lots of students, and staff along with friends of the school have been busy fundraising for a new wellbeing centre based around the caretaker's house. The building itself has been refurbished and we are taking delivery of a new pod over the summer. We are aware of how important the wellbeing of young people is at the moment and the centre is designed to be able to provide for them in this area. We look forward to opening this in the new year.

Mind over Mile Event

As we approach Term 6, we look forward to welcoming Rhian Mannings MBE to school for our now annual 'Mind over Mile' event. Rhian will address groups about her pathway to establishing her charity along with her own struggles with mental health and the importance of physical activity when managing wellbeing. With her charity now expanding onto the counties bordering Wales including our catchment area, we will be looking to use the day as a fundraising event. Further information will come nearer the event on Tuesday 2nd July.

Open Visits to Chew Valley School

I would like to extend an invite to all parents and carers with the opportunity to come and tour around Chew Valley School with a senior member of staff. I know not many people get the chance to walk around during the school day and feel what it is really like for your children to experience. If you would like to take up this offer then could you please email my PA, Mrs Lane, on <u>nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk</u> and once we have an idea of numbers we will inform you of available slots. Can I wish you a good half term next week when the school is closed.

With very best wishes,

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Gareth Beynon Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June	Enrichment Week
Thursday 20 th June	Year 12 Information for Parents' Evening
Thursday 27 th June	Sixth Form Induction
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Induction
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of the Summer Term