



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the Easter Holidays begin....

A big thank you to both staff and students for the way in which they have returned and focused on learning in the classrooms since the lockdown. We are really aware that coming back to school has not been easy for some; however the vast majority of students have worked with a 'can do' attitude.

We will return for the summer term on Monday 19th April and look forward hopefully to a summer where we are increasingly able to open up the school. We are currently following government guidelines in all areas and we will make sure that if there are any changes to this, we will alter our practice accordingly. Miss Kenyon, our Assistant Headteacher who looks after the pastoral side of school, yesterday wrote a separate letter around uniform and attendance which I ask you to please read carefully.

Testing

A big thanks go to our testing team who came in and worked with students from all year groups and staff. The team were with us from early January until last Friday and it was lovely to be able to thank them on behalf of the school community for their work. Students and staff who have consented to testing now have kits to use at home.

Year 11 and 13 Arrangements

Students in both Year 11 and Year 13 are working alongside staff to make sure we have the evidence we need in order to be able to award grades and levels in the summer. A reminder that results day for Year 13 is on the 10th August and for Year 11 on the 12th August. Mr Cocks has put together an important vimeo film for all parents, carers and students to watch around how the grades and levels for both year groups are being awarded and other important information linked with this. The film can be viewed via the following link <https://vimeo.com/530836014/6791e3ef09> and I have also attached the JCQ guidance for your information.

We are expecting students from Year 11 to be in school until half term (Friday 28th May). During the two week period following the break (Monday 7th to Friday 18th June), as per the recent government directive, we will be giving students the chance to prepare for their next steps with a series of transition activities in subjects they are likely to pick up next academic year as well as some general sessions, with the majority of these accessed from home via Microsoft Teams. For those returning to Chew Valley for their Sixth Form studies, we will expect them in school on Friday 18th June for the day where they will be working with Dr Holland, Miss John and Mrs Woodgate along with the Sixth Form tutors as part of their induction. We are keen still to give Year 11 an evening event at a local venue and if we are able to do this, it will be in late June/early July, dependent upon availability.

Year 13 will follow a similar pattern to Year 11 although we are asking them to come into school for specific sessions during the period between Monday 7th and Thursday 17th June. We are hoping to run some master classes in subjects they may be continuing to study at university or other sessions which will be pertinent to their apprenticeship or their place of work. Again we are looking to firm up a date for the Year 13 celebration event/ball. For both Year 11 and Year 13, further details will follow after Easter.

Can I finish by thanking you as parents and carers for all of the support that you have given the school during this complex time. It is very much appreciated by us all.

Can I wish you and your families a pleasant Easter holiday.

With best wishes

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher