



# Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is now fully underway with students engaged in lessons and other activities linked with school. External examinations start very soon for many of our students and we wish them all the best with this.

## **School Uniform / PE Kit during the examination period**

We use the Sports Hall for many of our large examinations which means that this space and the associated changing rooms are taken out of use. Working closely with our PE Department, we continue to run a curriculum in this area which is important to all of our students and we have taken the decision this year that between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, students can attend school **on the days that they have PE lessons** in their PE kit for the whole day. Students are expected to wear full correct PE kit on those days. For reference the correct PE kit can be found [here](#). It is really important to say that **students should be in full normal school uniform for any other day.**

## **Enrichment Week – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Our annual Enrichment Week takes place after half term and planning is well underway. Year 7 have the chance to camp at school as well as taking part in a range of activities. Year 8 and 9 have trips available to sign up for as well as some career-focused days. Year 10 take part in Work Experience during this time and I know that some of them will be spending their time at some great locations. Year 12 will spend the time looking at their futures with visits and talks around apprenticeships, the world of work and university life. If you do have any questions concerning this week then please make contact with us.

## **Bus Transport in the Chew Valley with links to and from Bristol**

We are regularly discussing transport linked to school, whether that be how students get here every day or how those who live in the Valley get around. The green Westlink minibuses that have been introduced have become a familiar sight but they have slightly changed their remit and operating area which will have implications for some users; further information can be found [here](#).

The local transport community group, in partnership with a bus operator and the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), have recently launched a new bus service connecting the Chew Valley with Bristol called the X91 Chew Valley Sprint bus. Further details can be found in the attached information.

The group is also looking to see if there is demand for another fixed route service, potentially coming the other way at similar times or on other routes, and have gone to consultation on this with views to be submitted by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. I know some of you have some views on this and if you would like to pass these on / canvas for more transport to and from the Chew Valley then please do complete this [survey](#).

## **The Art Department**

Over time in my letters home, I have tried to give you a flavour of different departments. This week it is the turn of Art who have focused their contribution on some of their offer away from lesson time.

*Chew Valley KS3 Students (Years 7, 8 and 9) enthusiastically attend an after school Art Club on a Tuesday evening 3.30 – 4.45. Students need little encouragement to produce some exciting and creative art using a range of materials and techniques. They might use their time to draw, and/or paint, or even explore sculptural ideas with ceramics/clay. The Art Library is also available for students to extend and expand on their digital photoshop Art. All that is required of the young artists is that they arrive equipped with their own ideas and spend an enjoyable time independently expanding and finessing their creative skills and making some super work. Art staff are on hand to offer advice and guidance.*

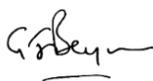
*Year 10 and 11 use the Art after school facilities on a Wednesday and Thursday, adding to their coursework and planning and extending their GCSE exam prep. GCSE students also have the opportunity to use Art facilities at lunchtime.*

**Parking close to school to pick up students at the end of the school day**

Can I again ask parents and carers to think really carefully about where they park at the end of the school day. The site is busy and the double yellow lines have been placed in locations for specific reasons. We have dealt with a number of communications from the local community who are important neighbours to us where they feel this has caused problems. Thank you in advance for working alongside us in this respect.

Can I finish by saying once again please do make contact with ourselves at any stage if you would like to.

With very best wishes,



Gareth Beynon  
Headteacher

**Key Dates**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Bank Holiday Monday

Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Half Term**

Enrichment Week

Year 12 Information for Parents' Evening

Sixth Form Induction

Year 11 Prom

Year 6 Induction

**End of the Summer Term**