



4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Life at Chew Valley School continues to be busy with lots of activities and events taking place. On Tuesday we hosted all of the students who are joining us in September in Year 7 for the **Year 6 Induction Day**. It was lovely to see all of them in their different coloured uniforms which they will trade for our green jumpers and House ties in September! Part of our culture with vertical tutor groups is the warm welcome that they receive when they arrive from our older students which is lovely to witness.

We had **students in France** two weeks ago and we have **our Spanish trip** about to return, having been in Valencia all week, and the reports that we have received is that their behaviour was fabulous and they were a real credit to everyone.

Since I last wrote, we have said goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students at their respective evening events where they all looked so smart. These are highlights in our calendar and give us the opportunity to enjoy their company in the spirit of the positive relationships we have and the mutual respect which is shown.

**Year 7**, in two halves of the year group, have been visiting **Chepstow Castle** with the History Department to support their studies in class. Thanks go in particular to Mrs Booker for organising it all.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition teams have returned from the Lake District where they were either training (Year 12) or being assessed (Year 13). A big thank you as ever to all of the staff who gave up their time to be away with them. Next week we also have significant numbers of students out on Monday and Tuesday on the Mendip Hills carrying out their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

We have also had our LAMDA showcase evening on Thursday along with a Sixth Form English trip to Bath Bookshops on Wednesday.

As we head towards the final two full weeks of term, we continue with Sixth Form students away in Devon for their Biology fieldtrip, the Sixth Form Celebration Evening, Sports Day and Celebration Evenings for each of our Houses.

School finishes for the summer break on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 12.05pm** with the usual extended break between 11.10am and 11.40am where food can be purchased. We have informed the buses of the adjusted timing and they will move accordingly.

We **return** for the **Autumn Term** with two INSET days on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Students in the **incoming Year 7 and 12 year groups only will return on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September** with the **rest of the school returning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

With best wishes,

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