



# Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is my last letter of this academic year as we approach the end of term tomorrow and the beginning of the school holidays. As ever, it has been a busy few weeks at Chew Valley School with lots going on.

## **Recent Events**

A large number of students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions in the Mendips during Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July; Sixth Formers studying A Level Biology were away on their fieldtrip in Devon from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July and we also held our Sixth Form Celebration Evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July which was a lovely event where we were able to acknowledge all of the great work that has gone on this year.

Our House Celebration Evenings have followed suit each evening this week following House Assemblies which have taken place as part of the school day. Again, it has been wonderful to see how much has been achieved.

## **School Uniform**

The summer brings an opportunity for parents and carers to purchase new school uniform for the academic year. The vast majority of our students wear their uniform correctly and with pride. In the last academic year, we introduced grey shorts following consultation with the school forum to great success and it has been great to see these worn all year round. This remains an option for all students to follow.

In September, we are going to be re-emphasising our expectations around uniform. Information around this will be shared with students, parents and carers, but there will be a standard approach of one uniform issue resulting in a detention consequence. Further and repeated issues will then be progressed through our behaviour system, with additional consequences to follow. We value parents and carers who support our uniform expectations on a daily basis and will be increasing our engagement if our standards are not met.

Please can I therefore remind parents and carers around expectations, specifically around types of shorts (not branded or sports shorts), nose piercings and jewellery. In addition, I would like to highlight that from September there will be a revisiting of the requirement for knee length skirts to be worn which would be around the same length of the shorts mentioned above.

Students also need to have a bag with them at all times to carry their books and equipment and we are making a strong recommendation around this that they should have two straps on these, such as rucksack style, which will support their posture much better. We would ask that this be taken into account if any new bags are being purchased.

Further detail around school uniform requirements can be found on our website [Chew Valley School - School Uniform](#).

## **LSP Newsletter – The Beacon – Parents’ Edition**

Our Trust, Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP), has published its latest newsletter ‘The Beacon’ for parents and carers. Please [click here](#) to read the latest version which includes lots of exciting news and updates from across the Trust. We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting things that have been happening in school across LSP.

### **End of Term**

At the end of term, we say goodbye to a small number of staff who are leaving us for pastures new; can I take this opportunity to thank them specifically for their hard work whilst they have been employed at Chew Valley School. May I also thank the staff body in general for their dedication and commitment over the past academic year in supporting the young people that we serve. We will be welcoming some new staff to our team in September in various roles and we are looking forward to them coming on board.

A reminder that 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.

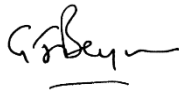
### **Support Over The Summer**

We are conscious that when we close our doors on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July students are on holiday for six weeks or so. We know for many the summer will pass without incident, however in case anyone needs any support during this period, I have attached a sheet signposting external support over the summer should anyone require it.

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**.

I do hope that you and your families have an enjoyable summer. In the meantime, can I say thank you for all of the support that you have given the school over the past academic year.

With best wishes,



Gareth Beynon  
Headteacher