



Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As ever it has been a busy few weeks. Our **Sixth Form Open Evening** took place on Thursday 14th November and a big thank you to everyone who attended. Dr John and the Sixth Form team are available to answer any questions around this as we move forward. **Year 7** were involved in their **Anti-Bullying Day** on Monday 18th November and again thanks are offered to the staff who delivered this really important day based around building positive relationships through mutual respect. **School clubs and fixtures have continued** and it has been good for me to visit a wide range of these over the past weeks.

We also had our **School Improvement Partner Visit** on Thursday 7th November which happens four or five times a year. Here we have external visitors reviewing our work and the focus this time was around **how well Year 7 have settled into Chew Valley**. We already had data from the questionnaire that went out but tutor time and lessons were visited along with groups of students being interviewed. The feedback to the school was really positive which was lovely to hear and this area along with our plans for **Year 11 moving onwards** were both items on the **governing body agenda** on the evening of Monday 18th November.

Year 11 mock examinations start on Monday and we wish all of the students involved the very best of luck. We also have the Sixth Form RAG week approaching once those examinations for Year 11 have finished and we are looking forward to all that this entails. We are currently working through our arrangements for the Christmas period which will include the annual Year 7 visit to Chew Magna for their carol service along with **our festive Christmas Dinner** which this year will take place on **Thursday 19th December**.

Term will finish at 12.05pm on Friday 20th December (bus timings are adjusted accordingly) and that day will include the opportunity to wear a Christmas jumper and give a donation to UNICEF for children living in various parts of the world where conflict is currently happening.

It is some time away I know but a reminder that we return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Can I as ever say thank you for your continued support and do get in contact at any stage should you wish.

Best wishes,

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher