



2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

INSET Day for Staff

Staff returned to school from the Easter break on Tuesday 22nd April for an INSET day where they spent some time looking at our key values of mutual respect and positive relationships through the eyes of some of the protected characteristics; we had a representative from the charity SARI (Stand Up for Racism and Inequality) work with the staff which was really useful. We were also lucky to have a selection of our own students who are members of our Culture Club, Women's Rights and LGBTQ+ groups come in and directly work with staff about how, from their perspective, the school manages situations where students perhaps say something inappropriate and how this might be handled. Staff also spent time that day working around the area of dyslexia along with time spent in their own departmental areas.

Expectation Assemblies

Students returned to school on Wednesday 23rd April and all year groups had an expectations assembly. Mr Cocks spoke with Year 11 students about the coming weeks as their GCSE and other Level 2 course examinations begin. Myself and Mr Stirling-Turner spoke with each of the main school year groups where we talked about all of the positive things that have happened in the period up to the Easter break and set the scene for the forthcoming term. We also spent some time talking once more about our core values and linking this to the staff training which had happened the previous day. Dr John spoke with both of the Sixth Form year groups to welcome them back and get them ready for the term ahead and forthcoming examinations.

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 24th April

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took part in the Year 7 Parents' Evening. I stood in for a Mathematics class as we have had some teacher movement and it was lovely to be able to speak to so many parents and carers and hear how this year group have settled in.

Arrangements for PE between 12th May and half term

We are using the main Sports Hall for our GCSE examinations from Monday 12th May. This area needs to be very quiet and therefore we lose our changing facilities at the same time. Therefore, from Monday 12th May, we are asking that any student who has PE on a particular day comes to school wearing their PE kit and remains in this for the day. We will confirm arrangements for the weeks after half term before our Enrichment Week (16th to 20th June) in due course.

Closure of Road over Dundry

As of this week, we are aware that there is a road closure over Dundry hill which is going to cause potential issues for those who come that way to school. I know that parents and carers will be making plans so that this causes minimal disruption at this important stage as external examinations begin.

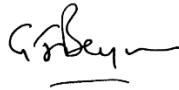
May Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday and students should return to school on Tuesday 6th May.

I have also added below some future key dates for your information.

Please do contact us with any questions you might have or visit our website at <https://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/> for further information.

With best wishes,



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Key Selected Dates

<i>Monday 26th to Friday 30th May</i>	<i>Half Term</i>
<i>Friday 6th to Sunday 8th June</i>	<i>Silver Duke of Edinburgh on Exmoor</i>
<i>Monday 9th June</i>	<i>Year 8 Diversity Day</i>
<i>Monday 16th to Friday 20th June</i>	<i>Enrichment Week</i>
<i>Monday 23rd June</i>	<i>Year 11 Prom</i>
<i>Monday 23rd June to Saturday 28th June</i>	<i>Year 10 French trip</i>
<i>Wednesday 25th June</i>	<i>Sixth Form Ball</i>
<i>Thursday 26th June</i>	<i>Sixth Form Induction Day</i>
<i>Friday 27th June to Monday 30th June</i>	<i>Gold Duke of Edinburgh in the Lake District</i>
<i>Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July</i>	<i>Year 10 Spanish Trip</i>
<i>Tuesday 1st July</i>	<i>Year 6 Induction Day</i>
<i>Monday 7th to Tuesday 8th July</i>	<i>Bronze Duke of Edinburgh in the Mendips</i>
<i>Friday 11th July</i>	<i>Sports Day</i>