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### Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this letter in the midst of our annual Enrichment Week and the weather has been warm and sunny throughout. We have had students and staff visiting the Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium whilst others have been on work experience in the local area. Students in both Year I2 and Year 9 have been interviewed by external visitors, all of whom have reported back how impressed they have been in the main by the young people in front of them. Trips have taken place to a variety of local destinations along with walks around Chew Valley and Year 7 students camping on site. The week epitomises what our school is about with regards to our values. Well done to all of the students involved and thank you to everyone who made this possible but particularly Mr Jones who co-ordinates the whole programme for us.

We return to normal school uniform arrangements next week with students getting changed for PE lessons or any co-curricula activity during the school day. If the weather continues to be warm, can we ask that students please have water to drink which they are able to refill whilst they are with us.

Years 7 to 10 students will all be having Expectation Assemblies on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June where we will be really clear around how we wish to finish our academic year. We have over a month left of school before we break for the summer and there is much to look forward to.

# Year 8 Diversity Day - Monday 23rd June

All of Year 8 will be off timetable on Monday as they work through their Diversity Day where we have a day which is delivered by a mix of our staff and external visitors.

## Gold DofE Expedition to The Lake District - Friday 27th to Monday 30th June

A good number of Year 12 and 13 students are heading to the Lake District to complete the training and the final assessment of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. Best of luck to them all and thank you to the staff who have been working with them.

### End of Examinations for Year 11 and 13

The final Year II examination took place on Wednesday and there are just a few Year I3 examinations left to finish off this season. The students have been brilliant throughout and we have received a good number of positive messages from our external invigilators who have been so impressed. I hope the students are now able to relax and enjoy some time in the summer before the results are published in August.

### Year II Prom and Sixth Form Formal Dinner

Next week we are lucky enough to be able to spend some time with students at Proms and formal dinners at external locations. I know they will look amazing and everyone will be incredibly proud of each and every one of them. These occasions are looked forward to and enable us to celebrate reaching important milestones.

### Mind Over Mile - 10th July

We will again be welcoming Rhian Mannings from the bereavement charity 2wish (https://2wish.org.uk/) who comes and works with our students around running a mile around our athletics track thinking about their wellbeing under the banner 'Mind Over Mile'. Rhian has worked with the school for many years and we are looking forward to having her back with us.

## Modern Foreign Language Visits to France and Spain

Students from Chew Valley will be in France next week and Spain the week after with our languages staff and we wish them all a wonderful time.

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

With best wishes,

Gareth Beynon Headteacher

## **Key Selected Dates**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Year 11 Prom

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June Year 10 French trip

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June Sixth Form Ball

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Sixth Form Induction Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June Gold Duke of Edinburgh in the Lake District

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 10 Spanish Trip

Tuesday I<sup>st</sup> July Year 6 Induction Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Bronze Duke of Edinburgh in the Mendips

Friday I I<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day