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Dear Parents and Carers

We are a couple of weeks into a new academic year now and it is good to see all students settling into their work. We have been visiting lessons and it is pleasing to see the working atmosphere in all of the classrooms. We have our annual House fun run/walk this afternoon around our site and I am looking forward to supporting the students on their way around.

Lighthouse Schools Partnership Early Entry Conference - Tuesday 9th September

Year 13 students from Chew Valley School joined others from Backwell and Gordano Schools along with Churchill Academy, preparing for entries in medicine, veterinary science and Oxford and Cambridge. It was good to have some experts in the field representing the disciplines themselves along with the institutions the students might apply to. Our thanks go to Gordano School for hosting.

Parent and Carer Information Evenings

It has been good to see many parents and carers attending our Information Evenings over the last few weeks. This week it has been the turn of Years 9, 10 and 12 and we have been able to take everyone through some of the key elements of the year ahead. Year 11 follows with their evening at the end of the month and again we are looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Year 13 Parents' Evening - Thursday 9th October

Year 13 parents and carers can meet teachers early in October. This is a really important evening where progress can be discussed as this year group move towards decisions about what will happen once they have left Chew Valley School next summer.

Fire Drill

The school carried out its start of the academic year fire drill for all students on Thursday 11th September. Our young people carried this out really well which was really pleasing to see.

Friday 26th September - INSET Day

In recent years we have always followed our Open Evening, which takes place on Thursday 25th September, with an INSET day. A reminder that school will be closed to students on this day.

Careers Convention Evening - Wednesday 22nd October

Advance notice of a date for the diary! This is an evening where students and families are welcome to come in and see a variety of different careers on offer. Everyone is really welcome and more details will follow in due course.

Can I wish you a good weekend whatever you are up to.

With best wishes,

Gareth Beynon Headteacher

Key Selected Dates

Friday 26th September – INSET day Tuesday 30th September – Year 11 Information Evening Thursday 9th October – Year 13 Parents' Evening Wednesday 22nd October – Careers Convention Evening