



16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Expectation Assemblies**

All year groups returned to Chew Valley last week from our time away over Christmas and the new year and were spoken to in assemblies. Dr John led the Year 12 assembly which talked about how quickly the year has progressed and how well they had settled into their studies in the Sixth Form. Mr Cocks spoke with Year 11 around the final months as they move towards their examinations in the summer and Years 7 to 10 were spoken to by myself and Mr Stirling-Turner. We always use the opportunity to celebrate what has been achieved in the previous term as well as setting the students up for the coming weeks. I spoke with the students around the plans for mobile phones and pouches which we are looking to implement towards the summer. Mr Stirling-Turner talked about the importance of attendance and being in school along with reminding the students to focus hard in their studies.

## **Year 11 'Mock' Results Afternoon**

Can I thank those parents and carers that were able to attend to support this important event where the students receive their mock results and we look to replicate as much as we can the experience of opening the envelope in the summer and seeing what they have achieved. As a whole year group, we are really pleased with where Year 11 currently are and they are looking like they are going to get some really strong results in the summer.

## **Year 9 Options for the Next Academic Year**

Students in Year 9 attended an assembly on Monday with Mrs Rowlands who spoke about their option choices for next year and parents and carers joined us last night to listen to this as well. A reminder please that the deadline for the choices to be in is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Year 10 Work Experience in June during Enrichment Week**

A reminder that Year 10 students are in the process of securing places for their work experience week in the summer. The deadline for this is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Year 11 and Year 9 Online Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January respectively**

We are looking forward to meeting as many parents and carers as possible on these two evenings – please look out for the separate communications around this and do log on to SchoolCloud to make appointments.

## **Year 13 Mock Examinations and Other External Examinations**

Year 13 have been working through their mock examinations along with other students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who have been sitting some key modules in some of their BTECs and other vocational courses. We know they will have prepared thoroughly and we are looking forward to seeing their success when the results are published.

## **Year 9 Presentation in Aspire from Bath College**

It was lovely to sit in on the presentation from Bath College to our Year 9 students as part of their careers and next steps programme. Towards the end, the two presenters opened it up to the floor for questions and they were really impressed with the quality of the questions that our students posed.

## **Inclement Weather Plans**

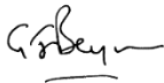
I sent a message home via ClassCharts last week to all families around the fact that we would use ClassCharts as a platform if we do need to close the school at any stage either for poor weather or

any other reason. I have needed to close Chew Valley on a number of occasions over the years and clearly we worked through the Covid scenario with our parental body at the time. It is never an easy decision but the health and safety of the students and staff in our care is a key player in this. The location of the school means that routes to school through the Mendip Hills and other areas can quickly become dangerous. As I have mentioned in my previous communication we would look to set work for the students to carry on with at home, particularly if any closure went further than a single day.

**Reminder – INSET day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February so school will be closed to students. Students will return to school following the half term break on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Beynon', with a horizontal line underneath.

Gareth Beynon  
Headteacher