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Dear Parents and Carers

Half Term Work Around Our Site
With students not being present last week, this enabled key work to be completed. This has included an updated CCTV system being put in place which is really important in our work in making sure that the students are safe. We do not have coverage of the whole site however the changes have improved our situation significantly. We have also moved our Exit Room further down our Student Services corridor which will enable some more integrated working to take place around this and the team that are based there.

Expectation and Remembrance Assemblies
All year groups have worked through their scheduled Expectation Assembly having returned this week. Here senior staff have focused on the positive areas where students have done well whilst at the same time reminded everyone of our work around positive relations and mutual respect.

I have taken the House Assemblies this week, all of which have been based around the theme of Remembrance. As a school, as long as the weather is reasonably clement, we will all be outside at the front of school together at 11am on Wednesday 11th November so that we can mark the occasion appropriately. If it is wet, this this will take place in classrooms.

Year 7 Meet The Tutor Evening – Tuesday 10th November
Our tutors are looking forward to meeting with all of the parents and carers of Year 7 students online to discuss how the settling in process has gone as well as talking about the future on Tuesday evening. If you have any questions about this then please do contact the tutor of your child or the relevant Head of House.

Sixth Form Open Evening for Current Year 11 Thinking About Their Next Steps
Details of this evening have gone out already but we are looking forward to seeing students, parents and carers on 19th November where you will be able to find out information around our Sixth Form offer for students looking to stay on with us.

Friday 20th November – INSET Day
School will be closed for students on this day as the staff will be training on a variety of areas including the use of AI in education.

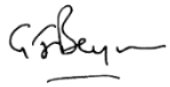
PE Lessons - Organisation and Kit
Regular attendance to PE lessons with the correct kit is essential to ensure that students can participate fully, safely and confidently in all learning activities. Last term, a significant amount of PE kit had to be loaned to students, which resulted in valuable learning time being lost at the start of lessons. Parents and carers can play a key role in supporting their child's learning by helping them develop good organisational habits, such as checking their timetable and ensuring their PE kit is packed and ready the night before. By working together, we can maximise learning time and help every student achieve their best in PE.

Attendance, Illness, Toilets and Early Collection
You may recently have received a communication from Miss Kenyon regarding attendance, illness, appointments, toilet use during lessons and other aspects of the school day. I would encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to read this information if you have not already done so. The guidance is designed to ensure that students, families and school staff are all working with the same expectations and understanding, helping us to maximise learning time whilst ensuring students receive the right support when they need it.

Year 10 Work Experience - Tuesdays for Support with Placements - The Careers Room
Students from Year 10 will be out on work experience in July next year and it is never too early to start getting this organised with regards to sorting out the placements. If students would like an appointment on a Tuesday around this, can they email Mrs Fenlon on kfenlon@chewvalleyschool.co.uk and this can be organised.

Wider Education – The University of Bristol Hartcliffe and Withywood Micro Campus
The University of Bristol and Hartcliffe & Withywood Venturers have co-designed a micro-qualification with and for local residents at the Hartcliffe & Withywood Micro-Campus. Following a successful first pilot of '*Skills for a Changing World: Entrepreneurship and Professional Studies*', they are now recruiting for a second pilot starting in January. It's a free course, taught on Tuesday evenings at The Gatehouse Centre. Find out more about the drop-in taster sessions in November and how to apply at Hartcliffe Micro-campus | About the University | University of Bristol.

With best wishes,



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher