



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Myself and other members of the Senior Leadership Team regularly walk around and visit classrooms during the working day and it has been lovely to see the students settling into their studies in such a positive way. I had the chance to take yet another tour around the school of potential students and their parents and carers who were not able to attend our other published dates and hear their enthusiastic feedback when we came to the end of this. As ever, I am more than happy to take existing parents and carers around Chew Valley School and show you what it is like with 1200 students busily at work. Please contact Mrs Lane, my PA via nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk if you would like to take me up on the offer.

Fun Run and Getting Involved

Our annual school fun run around our site took place during the afternoon of Friday 2nd October and it was lovely to see all of the students and staff take part and gain points for their House. Participation is an important part of our House system and there are so many co-curricular events for our young people to get involved in at Chew Valley School including Performing Arts, a range of sporting opportunities and also our Change and Create teams which leads me nicely onto the next item...

The Climate Action Team Newsletter

Please find with this letter the latest edition of the newsletter from the Climate Action Team. This has been produced by the students themselves and it talks about the work with the charity MEER, the No Mow area here at school and our work with the Community Farm located by Chew Valley Lake linked with an excellent article written by Eden. I would absolutely recommend it to you.

Year 13 Parents' Evening – Thursday 8th October

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took part in the Parents' Evening for our Sixth Form students who are in their final year with us. Thank you also for bearing with us with some technical difficulties that were caused by a national outage from SchoolCloud who provide our facility with this. I know staff picked up the phone for calls in some instances. If you need any follow up from this then please do get in touch.

The School Society

The School Society (equivalent to 'PTA' or 'Friends') is a group of parents and carers, staff and friends of CVS who work together to raise funds to support the school and students.

The Society runs social evenings (an annual quiz and bingo nights); supports school events by running bars; sells pre-loved uniform and runs a '500 club' (where participants have a chance to win monthly cash prizes). More details can be found in the Society's section of the school website.

In the past year alone the Society has raised over £10,000 and funded tents, textbooks, calculators, library books, author visits, historical interpreters, Geography workshops, cameras, Science lab equipment, table tennis tables and more.

New members (and new ideas) are always welcome. The AGM will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 4th November in the School Library so please go along if you are interested in getting involved in any capacity no matter how big or small. You can also contact them at any time via CVSociety@chewvalleyschool.co.uk

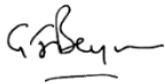
Recent Assembly and Benedicts Law Around Allergies

Mr Stirling-Turner has led recent assemblies where he has covered the fact that we are a nut free school and the recent introduction into all schools of Benedicts Law around food allergies and the requirements for this. Can I use this opportunity to remind everyone that nuts should not be brought into school.

Half term and a chance to restock if necessary

A reminder that half term takes place between Monday 26th and Friday 30th October and that we will welcome students back into school on Monday 2nd November. Half term might well be a time for students and families to check out their uniform and other equipment needed for school and make sure that they have what they need for coming back.

With best wishes,

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

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher