



Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Term has begun and it has been lovely to have everyone back on site after the summer including all of the new Year 7 students. During the holidays, our examination results came through with pleasing results all round. It was great to see so many students gaining what they required to enable them to take their next step, be that starting university courses, apprenticeships, the world of work or the College or Sixth Form of their choice. Our students worked really hard and we are proud of them all for their achievements; we wish them all the best for the future.

The summer has enabled us to make some significant changes to our school site. This has included new shelters, new signage, an increase in the number of computer rooms, our second car park and drive being resurfaced and some of our toilets being refurbished. All of this will enhance the experience that we are looking to offer.

We have set out this year to give parents and carers continued opportunities to communicate with ourselves and we have made sure that between now and October half term we have an Information Evening in school or a Parents' Evening with subject staff online for each year group. In addition, everybody will have the chance to come and meet with the relevant tutor face to face which will take place on the evening of Thursday 12th October. Below are the key dates going forward and separate letters will come out with further detail.

Our INSET Day last Friday was busy with staff focusing on safeguarding and teaching and learning. We have a second **INSET day on Friday 29th September** which will come around very quickly. Other dates for subsequent INSETs and other events are available on the school website.

We are really looking forward to the academic year ahead of us and all that it brings. Please do continue to use **ClassCharts** as an important way of working with the school around communication but at the same time please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at any stage if you feel you would like to.

With very best wishes,

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Selected key dates:

- Tue 12th Sep Yr 7 Co-Curricular Evening / Parent Information Evening
- Wed 13th Sep Year 12 Information Evening
- Tue 19th Sep Year 8 Information Evening
- Thu 21st Sep Year 9 Information Evening
- Weekend 23rd/24th Sep Bronze DofE Expedition
- Tue 26th Sep National Apprenticeship Show – Year 12
- Fri 29th Sep INSET Day - School closed for students
- Tue 3rd Oct Year 10 and 11 Information Evening
- Thu 5th Oct Year 13 Parents' Evening (online)
- Thu 12th Oct Tutor Evening (in school)
- Tue 17th Oct Careers Convention