



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been good to be present at a number of the Parent Information Evenings over the last week or so. It was pleasing to see some strong attendance and to be able to welcome new parents and carers to the school in Year 7 and with some new entrants in Year 12. It was important that we got the opportunity to pass important information over.

Chew Valley School has, for a long time, had a reputation for the range of **co-curricular activities** that are on offer to our young people. These include Duke of Edinburgh, sport and outdoor education including training teams for annual Ten Tors events, a range of performing arts activities and many House competitions. In addition, our Change and Create Teams cater for a variety of interests from chess to the environment for example. It is key to us that students take up the opportunities here and particularly our tutors will be encouraging this from our end to get involved at lunchtime. Could I ask if you could perhaps check with your child about what they have decided to get involved in and what they are getting out of this.

We have introduced '**consolidation weeks**' around home learning into our timetables for year groups in KS3 and the students have already run through how these are to be used in their Aspire lessons. Year 8 have just completed their first one with Year 7 and Year 9 having theirs next week. Do speak to your child and ask how they are using this valuable time.

Year 8 for instance have some strong statistics already with regards to their SPARX work away from the classroom in Maths with 73% of students getting all of their compulsory questions correct and 78% achieving over 80%. We are looking forward to this year along with others pushing on with even higher statistics!

May I give another reminder that we have an **INSET day on Friday 29th September** following Open Evening the previous day.

Good luck to those students carrying out their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions this weekend which I'm sure will go well.

With very best wishes,

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Selected key dates:

- Weekend 23/24 September Bronze DofE Expedition
- Tue 26th September National Apprenticeship Show (Year 12 and selected Year 11/13)
- Fri 29th September INSET Day - School closed for students
- Tue 3rd October Year 10 and 11 Information Evening (in school)
- Thu 5th October Year 13 Parents' Evening (online)
- Thu 12th October Tutor Evening (in school)
- Tue 17th October Careers Convention