



Dear Parents and Carers

The Rest of the Academic Year

Students have now been in school for a few weeks since we returned from the Easter holidays. As a country we are hopefully moving into the summer period with a systematic opening up with more national key dates coming up during May and June. Everyone is very aware of the context of this linked to COVID data where changes could take place.

Certainly we as a school are therefore looking to review our arrangements and as soon as we are able to make any changes then we will of course communicate home. In the meantime I would like to take you through the rest of the academic year both in writing and also with the accompanying film.

A reminder that for **Year 11 and 13 lessons in school will continue until half term**. Following this, students will not be expected in school full time with 'bridging activities' being arranged to support students' next steps in their careers and education. For Year 11 these will be predominantly on Microsoft Teams with those who are looking to return to our Sixth Form attending our **Induction Day on Friday 18th June** in person. Year 13 will have support in their next steps around the same period with some opportunities to come into school and work with our staff whom they know well.

Chew Valley has really missed the opportunity to work with our students away from the classroom with activities that support their development both from subject perspective but also the important skills that contribute towards the rounded student. We have therefore decided to hopefully run a modified version of our **Enrichment Week between Monday 21st and Friday 25th June** assuming, as I say above, that we follow the current route of the easing of lockdown. We will not run our normal timetable for the week but students will be offered a host of activities. We are giving Year 7 the chance to camp overnight on site during this time as they would normally get an opportunity at this time and although we cannot run the usual overseas visits we are planning to give all students a chance to perhaps go on some visits a bit closer to home. This whole week has been designed around the work the school has done with our curriculum and co-curricular offer. Year 12 will have a week preparing for their next steps with the Sixth Form team and Year 10 will have some modified virtual style work experience along with other opportunities. Further details will follow soon.

We are going to hold our **assessment weeks** after half term. **Years 7, 10 and 12** will take place the **week beginning Monday 7th June** with **Years 8 and 9** during the **week beginning Monday 5th July**. It is important to say that these will be held in classrooms and work carried out will be around thirty minutes in duration. More information about this, including timetables, will be communicated in the next few weeks so that students can prepare and demonstrate their knowledge and skills through this process. All parents and carers will get a report at the end of the year based on all of the work the students have done rather than specifically just these pieces of work.

We are hoping to run as normal a **Sports Day** as we can and the current date for this to happen is **Friday 16th July** but watch this space!

The year has obviously been a very different one due to COVID and we are very aware that students have responded with resilience and determination to the challenge this has brought. It is really important to us that we celebrate their successes and we will be doing this in part through our **House Celebration Evenings** which will take place **during the week beginning Monday 12th July**. The **Sixth Form** are having their own evening which will be on **Tuesday 6th July**.

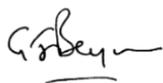
It is our intention certainly by the start of the new academic year to have returned to vertical tutoring with weekly House assemblies in the Hall and for departments to have all of their teaching back in their bespoke areas of the school. In addition we would also want all students to be able to access the catering provision around the School Hall rather than the 'temporary' arrangements we have in place at present. We will leave one or two of the other food-selling outlets which we have in addition to the Sixth Form café area so that we

can keep the amount of time needed to be queuing to a minimum. Importantly we will revert back to our standard uniform arrangements which gives the summer for families to make sure they have everything correct.

All of the staff are, as you might expect, looking forward to moving the school back to somewhere near normality as far as how we operate on a daily basis; however there are areas of our work where we will be looking to perhaps keep as current operations have enabled us to see how they benefit the students.

Can I finish by as ever thanking you all for your support which is very much appreciated by us all.

With best wishes



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Key Dates:

Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Assessment Week (Years 7, 10 and 12)	Week beginning 7 th June
Sixth Form Induction Day	Friday 18 th June
Enrichment Week	Week beginning 21 st June
Assessment Week (Years 8 and 9)	Week beginning 5 th July
Sixth Form Celebration Evening	Tuesday 6 th July
House Celebration Evenings:	
Bilbie	Monday 12 th July
Hauteville	Tuesday 13 th July
Moreton	Wednesday 14 th July
Rodney	Thursday 15 th July
Sports Day	Friday 16 th July
Last Day of School Year	Wednesday 21 st July at MIDDAY