



19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Chew Valley Students in Year 13 along with their Parents and Carers

## **Arrangements for the Period Either Side of Half Term Along With the Collection of Examination Results on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Can I start by saying that when our students set out in September 2019 on the courses that are now being completed, none of us had any idea of what was ahead. I would like to pass on my appreciation to all the students for how they have approached this period of time. We are really proud of each and every one of them and can I wish everyone all the best as preparation takes place for their next steps in life.

I am so sorry that many things Chew Valley School would normally offer Sixth Formers around trips and expeditions, school plays, concerts and dance festivals, sporting opportunities along with social gatherings, have not been able to happen.

Linked with this, leaving school is a really important time and before coronavirus we would traditionally hold a celebration event off site. Given the opportunity, we would very much have wished for something to take place this summer and we had a potential plan in place. In order to do this we would have needed to take a sizeable payment from students which we are not sure we would be able to refund due to costs which would need to be incurred. Certainly the recent comments by the Prime Minister around how much the country might or might not be able to further unlock on the 21<sup>st</sup> June has an impact on our decision making. It is with real regret that we have taken the decision therefore not to proceed with anything of this nature at the moment; however if the opportunity arose in the future then we would want to support this if the students wished this to happen. I am truly sorry about this situation but I know you will understand where we are.

### **Before Half Term**

The Sixth Form team are planning a farewell for students on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May in the Sixth Form Common Room. This will be a chance to celebrate what is for many of them seven years at Chew Valley and to look back on some of those times.

### **Work in the Two Weeks After Half Term**

In the two weeks after we return from half term, we are running a number of workshops and activities which will support the students in their next steps after Chew Valley School. Dr Holland has put a separate letter together highlighting these arrangements and we ask that students who come into school sign in at Main Reception so that we know who is on our site at any time. The vimeo film introducing this is the following: <https://vimeo.com/551902378/cdef8899c2>

### **Examination Results Day - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August.**

Examination results will be available from 8.30am until 11am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August in the Sixth Form Common Room. Mrs Whitehead, our Examinations Officer, will be in her office until 3pm on that day if students have any questions and school staff will be available to discuss any next steps and give careers advice. Students will also be able to download results from Insight from 8.30am that morning.

With the very best wishes.

Gareth Beynon  
Headteacher