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Dear Parents and Carers

Chew Valley School Update - End of January 2021

As the fourth week of lockdown and remote lessons comes to an end, I wanted to write to all parents and carers to keep you informed. Once again, in conjunction with this letter, I have put together a vimeo film covering the same information for those who prefer to watch this.

January has been a busy month with Information Evenings taking place for Years 7 and 8, Options and Parents' Evenings for Year 9 around making important choices for the next academic year, along with presentations to Years 11 and 13 around how the school will look to work around summer examination arrangements once we know the detail from Ofqual and the government. National consultation is still taking place around the detail for the production of levels and grades for this summer and as soon as things are formalised we will be in contact once more.

Students have continued to become accustomed with remote learning and it has been good to see how many of them have approached this. The Sixth Form have now finished their examination period where assessments were sat at home and staff are in the process of giving feedback. The next few weeks leading up to half term give the chance for more interaction to take place.

A reminder therefore that Monday 1st February is a different day for students with appointments for all students, apart from Year 11, taking place with year tutors. If you have not yet made an appointment for this, there is still time to do so. There are no formal lessons on Monday; however there is a range of activities to support wellbeing, as well as House events and opportunities to reflect on work which has already taken place already during this lockdown period.

Year 11 have a 'Futures Day' on Monday where they have a range of activities designed to help them take the next step in their education or working lives. Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 3rd February and appointments are in the process of being made.

With recent announcements around lockdown continuing after half term, we have been planning for how we respond to this. Some students and staff have been working today with our School Improvement Partner who reviews our practice with regards to our learning provision and reports back to the governing body and trustees. It was a positive visit with some good suggestions for moving forward and we will be using this information to further refine our offer. At the same time, members of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership Central Team have been reviewing our risk assessment and safety procedures around Covid, as they are with all the other schools in the multi-academy trust, again with reassuring messages coming through.

Can I finish by saying once more thank you for all of the support we are receiving at the moment and wish you a good weekend.

With best wishes,

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Headteacher