



19th May 2021

Dear Chew Valley Students in Year 11 along with Parents and Carers

Arrangements for the Period Either Side of Half Term Along With the Collection of Examination Results in August

I am very aware, along with the rest of the staff at Chew Valley, of the hard work students have put in over the past few weeks in subject areas. I would like to take the opportunity to say how proud we are having watched everyone work through what has been a really challenging fourteen months with their time in Year 10 and Year 11 being disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic.

I am so sorry that many things that Chew Valley would normally offer students around school plays, concerts and dance festivals, trips and expeditions, as well as sporting opportunities have not been able to happen. The vertical tutoring that everyone was getting used to has needed to be momentarily halted and House competitions have needed to be reduced in number. This will be a regret for some time for all of us.

Linked with this, leaving school is a really important occasion and in the past we would traditionally hold an 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 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 21st June has an impact on this as well.

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 an event to happen. I am truly sorry about this situation but I know you will understand where we are.

Before Half Term

It is our intention for all of the work you are completing to be **finished by Thursday 27th May** having been in consultation with subject areas and therefore this will be **the last day in school**. We will reserve Friday 28th May for students to be invited in only if they are missing key components which will need to be caught up and staff will let you know if this is the case in good time. We are aiming for those who ordered hoodies to be able to collect them then.

All students will be having work assessed in classes up to Period 4 on the 27th but we have kept the afternoon free so that the year group can come together and mark the occasion appropriately. It is our intention to use Chew Valley Rugby Club grounds and students will assemble at this location having walked up with staff for the afternoon. We will make sure that students are back at Chew in order to be able to access the buses home. In the past, students have wanted to sign shirts so that they have a memento of this time at school and it would be appropriate for this to happen at this time.

Work in the Two Weeks After Half Term

In line with many other schools, we have put together a programme of work which can be accessed on Microsoft Teams whilst at home which will support students in the transition to their next steps. Dr Holland has co-ordinated this and has made it available to everyone regardless of their

intended destination. The link to the vimeo film introducing this is <https://vimeo.com/551899362/b171684af2>

Those students who are looking to **return to Chew Valley Sixth Form** are invited to our transition day which **is taking place on Friday 18th June**. Students can use the normal transport arrangements on this day. Here Dr Holland, Miss John, Mrs Woodgate, along with the Sixth Form tutors, will talk in some detail around arrangements for September. The Sixth Form canteen can we used that day if food is wished to be purchased.

Examination Results Day - Thursday 12th August.

Examination results will be available **from 8.30am** until 11am on Thursday 12th August in the school Library. Mrs Whitehead, our Examinations Officer, will be in her office until 3pm on that day if students have any questions. School staff will be available to discuss any next steps. Details for those joining our Sixth Form and how to contact the school with any questions will be in the same envelope as the results. The results and details will also be available in Insight electronically at the same time of 8.30am.

With the very best wishes.



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher