



26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## The End of Term and Arrangements for January 2021

School will **finish at 12.05pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**; buses will be informed so they can make the necessary arrangements to transport the students at an earlier time. On that day students will have a virtual assembly in the morning followed by lessons 1 and 2. Breaktime will be extended to 35 minutes from 11.05am to 11.40am so that students can purchase food with an extended range at that time and will then return to tutor bases for the final twenty five minutes.

Term 3 begins on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** and is an **Inset Day**. Many staff will be working remotely on teaching and learning and other key areas which is important with regards to the school continuing to adapt to the current situation. We have taken time to again review our bubbles so that students are able to access different specialist curriculum areas of the school which they perhaps have not been able to use over the past few months. We are therefore going to have a **shortened day** in addition on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** with school **closing at 1.30pm**. Again, the buses will be informed so that they can transport students. Breaktime will be extended so that all students will have enough time to access food in the middle of the day. Once students have departed, staff will be working hard to sort out the physical requirements of teaching in the new bubbles as highlighted below.

**Year 11** students will be in **trial examinations** for the last couple of weeks of term in December and these will be sat this year in classrooms due to Covid restrictions. We will make sure Year 11 gain the experience of practising examinations in the Hall later in the academic year. All students will be given a personalised examination timetable in the next few days. **On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Year 11 students will not be in school** as their last examination is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December when they will have a virtual assembly at 10am on Microsoft Teams.

**Year 12 and 13 examinations** are taking place straight after Christmas and students will be receiving their timetables shortly. They will be in school for their examinations only with formal lessons starting once more on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

When we return in January therefore, year groups will be based in the following areas:

Year 7	Design Technology block and one end of the Lower School block
Year 8	Humanities block
Year 9	Science block
Year 10	Lower School (Hall end)
Year 11	English block

Indoor space will be made available in each area at breaktime and lunchtime for students and catering locations will be available to all year groups.

The Sixth Form will remain where they are.

Can I use this opportunity to remind everyone of the symptoms of Coronavirus.

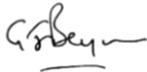
- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means that you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If students have any of the main symptoms of Coronavirus they are to get a test as soon as possible and stay at home until the result comes back. It is really important that you tell us if you are going for a test via email ([nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk)) and what the result is once this is confirmed. If the test is positive students and anyone who they live with should then stay at home and not have visitors. Anyone in the support bubble should also stay at home if they have been in close contact since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they began. If students are self-isolating as a result of an external track and trace or because someone in their bubble has tested positive then can I ask that you continue to inform Mrs Williams, our Attendance Officer, via our absence line.

Can I finish by thanking parents and carers once more for their continuing support which is really appreciated by everyone at Chew Valley School.

With best wishes



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