



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past week or so, the wonderful cast of our production 'As You Like It' showed us on stage what we have been missing through COVID with four superb nights taking place. At the same time, other students were on Dartmoor preparing for the forthcoming Ten Tors Event. At Cabot Circus on Saturday, a group of students were taking part in the Young Enterprise event with their stall being one of the winners. House competitions have taken place, sporting fixtures carried out and our Change and Create teams are very much functioning with the Environment Team planning some exciting ventures ahead. It seems that at long last, within reason we are able to return our school to some of the activities that happen away from the classroom and go some distance to define who we are. Congratulations to all of the students who have taken part and a heartfelt thanks to all of the staff who have supported them.

On Tuesday evening the governing body of the school met to look at our curriculum along with the careers work that goes on. In addition they had a presentation on the progress of Year 11 and 13 students and were able to ask insightful questions in order to hold the school to account. The governors of the school support and challenge the school in equal measure and commit much time freely to this role.

On Wednesday, Year 11 parents and carers had the opportunity to attend an online evening hosted by Mr Cocks where all aspects of their remaining period of time before the summer were covered. It was good to see this well attended; however if parents and carers were not able to attend, a recording of the meeting has been sent via Class Charts and is also available to view on our website.

It was good for staff to be able to meet with families from Year 12 online at their Parents' Evening yesterday and review how progress is going with regards to their KS5 courses. Before half term we ran a really useful evening for parental feedback where groups were hosted by members of the school senior leadership team and were able to discuss matters such as communication and teaching and learning amongst others. I know those who attended felt it was really useful and from a school's perspective it was good that we were able to sit down and discuss things with parents and carers face to face once more. We are looking at running some further events such as this and will continue to encourage people to attend.

Linking with parental feedback, we have a number of key events coming up where separate details have been sent out. On Thursday 24th March we have an online tutor evening for Years 7 to 10 and the Sixth Form. Year 11 are having a separate one-to-one with a senior member of staff over coming weeks which follows up an initial conversation with the same adult earlier in the year. On Tuesday 29th March, Year 8 have their online subject evening.

Can I finish by thanking you as ever for your support of the school.

With very best wishes

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher