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Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers

Year 11 Arrangements Towards the Summer

We have already been in contact to pass on information about the forthcoming examination period. I therefore wanted to write specifically so that parents and carers are clear on the expectations of when students should be in school. In addition I would like to highlight some of the occasions where we can celebrate all they have achieved at Chew Valley School.

Students will remain with the normal formal school day including registration until Wednesday 25th May. This is in line with the arrangement in other secondary schools. During this period, we will facilitate the time when examinations will take place and attendance in lessons when this is not the case. Our staff will be clear on their use of lesson time which will be beneficial and supportive to the students.

On Friday 20th May, all students have an examination in the morning. In the afternoon, we will, if the weather is suitable, spend some time outside celebrating their time at Chew Valley School following an assembly in the Hall. This will be an occasion when shirts can be signed and we are planning for an enjoyable event with staff.

On Wednesday 25th May, all students have an examination in the morning. From the end of this onwards, students will be free to manage their time in the best way moving forward and they can therefore work at home from that time if they so wish, only needing to be in school for examinations themselves. We will continue to offer facilities to prepare in a structured way to the end of the examination period but this will be optional. There will be clear procedures for students to sign in so that we are aware who is on our premises at any moment in time. We will have some canteen facilities open at times that fit in with their examinations as in the afternoon they start around the same time as our lunch break although the offer may be slightly more limited than usual. On Wednesday 25th they should arrange to be picked up in the window between midday and 12.30pm otherwise they are with us until the end of the school day.

Details of the Prom have been sent out which takes place on Monday 27th June at Cadbury House near Yatton and for those students who are returning to Chew Valley in September, our Sixth Form Induction Day takes place on Wednesday 29th June – further details of this will follow from Dr Holland.

Finally, the School Society sell second-hand uniform and PE kit to parents and carers and therefore if you have anything that you wish to donate, please do let us have this in school and we can pass it on.

Can I finish by continuing to wish all the students the best of luck over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Gareth Beynon Headteacher