



Dear Parents and Carers

## Start of the New Term

We have been back at school for a week following our Easter holiday and with half term being only a few weeks away, there is much going on in this relatively short period of time and I wanted to share with you some recent achievements and events of the past week or so.

The school has been awarded the Gold Artsmark Award from the Arts Council for the work that goes on around our Performing Arts in school. We are so lucky to have a strong team of staff who deliver such amazing experiences and such brilliant students who show us how good they are in Drama, Music and Dance events, as well as through their curriculum, and this major award celebrates this fact. I was lucky enough to be in the audience to watch some of our current Year 11 perform their Drama practical examination last week and the quality was as usual clear to see. A big well done to all of them!

Congratulations also go to a group of our students who recently won the Young Enterprise West of England Final. Working with staff from our Business Studies Department, they saw off strong opposition to bring back their trophy which was great to hear.

We have also been lucky enough to have a number of alumni return to Chew Valley to support our current students both during our Aspire lessons at KS3 and with our Science Club. This has been a lovely aspect of school life as it is wonderful for our current young people to see where people who were sat in the same seats as them a number of years ago have ended up. A big thanks to those involved.

This coming weekend (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May) our teams will be on Dartmoor taking part in Ten Tors once more as it returns following a break during the COVID period. This event is organised by the army and involves teams carrying all of their equipment including their tents over the undulating terrain. Good luck to all of the students taking part and thanks to the staff who have supported them.

Year 11 and Year 13 only have a short period of time left and we continue to wish them all the best in their forthcoming examinations. For the rest of the school, we have our Enrichment Week to look forward to which runs between 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June. During this time we stop our normal timetable and there are a range of activities for different years to take part in. If any parents and carers are able to offer a work shadowing placement to a Year 12 student on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, please email Mrs Rowlands [krowlands@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:krowlands@chewvalleyschool.co.uk). More information will follow for all year groups so watch this space!

With best wishes

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### Selected Key Dates

Half term	30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Enrichment Week	20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 11 Induction into Sixth Form	29 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Induction Day and Evening	5 <sup>th</sup> July
House Celebration Evenings	Week of 11 <sup>th</sup> July
End of year	21 <sup>st</sup> July 12.05pm