



Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Half Term has Arrived!

The school has reached the half term break and with it we say goodbye to both Year 11 and Year 13 students. Both year groups have faced a very different early summer compared to others who have reached this time in their academic career and they have now completed the requirements in order for grades and levels to be awarded. The students in these year groups will be taking part in a variety of activities both online and in school after half term but their full-time attendance has now come to an end. A reminder that the **Sixth Form Transition Day** is taking place on **Friday 18th June** for those Year 11 students who are returning to us in September.

When we therefore **return to school on Monday 7th June**, the English Block and Library which will be vacated by the outgoing Year 11 students will be used by Year 10 who will be issued with new timetables. For the rest of the students, they will remain where they currently are for the two weeks until Enrichment Week.

Enrichment Week begins on Monday 21st June and families will have already received communication about the activities taking place during this time. As a school, we are looking forward to being able to do some different things with the students. In Year 10 for instance, some students are taking part in curriculum trips to Dorset which will support their studies as well as their whole year working through the important area of beginning to think about careers. There are a variety of trips and activities on site running together. If you have any questions about this week, please do not hesitate to contact the school. A big thanks to Mr Jones who has masterminded the planning behind the whole week.

Assessment Weeks are approaching (Years 7, 10 and 12 during the week beginning Monday 7th June and Years 8 and 9 during the week beginning Monday 5th July) with a chance for students to demonstrate their knowledge in our curriculum subjects. Again information has been sent home around these and staff will be passing details on so that preparation can take place appropriately.

It is hoped that after the return from Enrichment Week on the 28th June we can return to vertical tutoring which will be new for Year 7, along with changing for PE which will mean that students should be in full school uniform for all lessons. We are also hoping that staff can be based in their curriculum areas with students travelling fully around all parts of the school. This will only happen if our risk assessment allows and I will be in contact in good time to let you know arrangements.

As I have mentioned before, we are looking forward to hopefully finishing the year with traditional events such as House and Sixth Form Celebration Evenings and our Sports Day along with the announcement of the House Championship winners and the party event that follows on the field.

We have discussed how we are **communicating homework** at the moment as we have received feedback on this. The school is looking at different solutions so that parents and carers can view this easily and support this from home as our current arrangement using Microsoft Teams does not allow this to happen. We are investigating new software for September but in the meantime we have asked staff to go back to using Insight for the rest of this academic year.

Can I please remind everybody of the importance of home testing. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week, 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening beforehand**. Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home**,

throughout the school holidays. It is really important that test results are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. To report results to the NHS, please click [here](#). Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. The test results also need to be reported to school [here](#). If a student develops symptoms of COVID-19 or has a positive lateral flow test (LFT) result within two days of being on the school site, please notify school via nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk. Where symptoms or a positive home LFT test occur *more than* two days after the student was last at school, this does not need to be reported to school. Where this is the case, you should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

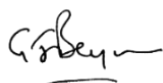
Can I also use this opportunity to remind everyone of the symptoms of COVID-19 below. Main symptoms:

- **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 COVID-19, 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) and what the result of this test is. The student, and anyone who they live with, should then stay at home and not have visitors until the test result is available – the only reason to leave the home is to go for the test. 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.

Can I finish by once again thanking you for all of your support for the school and to wish you a good bank holiday and half term.

With best wishes



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

A reminder of key dates:

Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Assessment Week (Years 7, 10 and 12)	Week beginning 7 th June
Sixth Form Induction Day	Friday 18 th June
Enrichment Week	Week beginning 21 st June
Assessment Week (Years 8 and 9)	Week beginning 5 th July
Sixth Form Celebration Evening	Tuesday 6 th July
House Celebration Evenings:	
Bilbie	Monday 12 th July
Hauteville	Tuesday 13 th July
Moreton	Wednesday 14 th July
Rodney	Thursday 15 th July
Sports Day	Friday 16 th July
Last Day of School Year	Wednesday 21 st July at Midday