



CHEW VALLEY
**SIXTH
FORM**
Learn Grow Achieve







Welcome to the Chew Valley Sixth Form Prospectus. The best way to find out about Chew Valley Sixth Form is to visit the school, meet the staff and talk to Chew Valley Sixth Formers about their experiences. Our Sixth Form Open Evening in November is the ideal time to do this, but appointments can be made at your convenience to visit the school at any time during the year.

What Chew Valley Can Offer You

We have a long history of success. Our students do extremely well in their examinations and go on to glittering careers at university, with higher level apprenticeships and in the world of work. Every year our students achieve entry to the most prestigious universities including Oxford and Cambridge or access really competitive apprenticeship courses. Our success boils down to a number of factors:

- Excellent teaching and preparation for examinations.
- First class tutoring and mentoring to provide support and encouragement.
- Outstanding extra-curricular opportunities and experiences.
- Careful and thorough tuition in the university applications processes, including interview preparation and practice.
- Small teaching group sizes enabling more one-to-one support.
- A superbly appointed Sixth Form Centre.

Why Chew Valley Sixth Form?

Many people play a significant role in the success of our students here at Chew but the main reason – in a nutshell – is attention to detail and concern for the individual.

You Matter!

You will be given all the support you need to be successful in your examinations. You will also have many, many opportunities outside the classroom to develop the wider skills that universities and employers demand.

Graded an 'outstanding' Sixth Form in our three most recent Ofsted inspections, the latest being in May 2015, few institutions offer as many activities as you will find at Chew; some of these are listed in this booklet. Take time to read about them – your participation will determine whether you will achieve your goal. Remember, you are the leaders of tomorrow, but you start that journey today!

**“Teaching in the Sixth Form
is outstanding.”**

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What Can You Expect?

The success of our students here at Chew Valley Sixth Form is due to a range of factors, a number of which are listed below:

- Quality teaching: your relationship with your teachers is much more adult and this will play an important part in your success.
- Independent study time to work on assignments but lots of help from your teachers.
- Enrichment opportunities – work experience, in-class support, sport, dancing, ready steady cook and many more.
- Social events organised by the Sixth Form, such as the end of year ball and barbecues.
- The Sixth Form Council are consulted about how to improve the running of the Sixth Form and are proactive in starting new initiatives that reflect the students' interests and passions.
- A superb Sixth Form Centre, with study facilities, a Common Room and café.
- Being treated as an individual but expected to perform to the best of your ability.

The Sixth Form is an opportunity for students to further their knowledge and understanding in subjects already taken, as well as to branch out and explore completely new areas.

We run courses at Advanced Level alongside Level 3 vocational courses and a large number of extra-curricular opportunities. As a result of the nature of the courses which we offer, there is a minimum entry requirement for admission to the Sixth Form. All students joining us must have achieved 5 Grade 4s at GCSE, including English Language and Maths.

All courses allow for progression to higher and further education and to enhanced career opportunities. The Open Evening in November is the ideal opportunity to find out more about the Sixth Form in general and the courses we offer in particular. If you have any specific questions relating to post-16 study, please do not hesitate to ask.

“Students benefit from a curriculum which is well matched to their needs and aspirations, and that teaching is of the highest standard. Consequently, students make very good progress in a broad range of subjects to secure the grades they need for life beyond school.”

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Tutor System

Sixth Form students at Chew Valley School receive excellent pastoral care from a team of experienced tutors. The team plays a crucial role in supporting students with the transition to A level studies, monitoring progress, along with encouraging independent learning and student self-review.

Our tutorial programme is centred on developing a wide range of transferrable skills and also provides careers information, alongside advice about higher education and higher level apprenticeship choices.

“The strong relationships between students and their teachers are underpinned by high levels of mutual respect.”

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6th Form Plus

We want to make sure that everyone does something active in one afternoon session a week in order to get a break from academic studies, demonstrate effective teamwork skills and have fun.

Every Tuesday afternoon students take part in a wide range of different activities including aerobics, archery and dodgeball as well as more traditional team sports such as netball, hockey, football and rugby. If there are other activities a group of students would like to get involved in, we encourage them to let us know, and we will do our best to put it on.





We are proud of the very wide range of enrichment opportunities offered to our Sixth Form students. Yes, academic effort and success are valued, but we are hugely committed to the development of those wider life skills that only experiences outside the classroom can provide.



All students are encouraged to get involved in the many other enrichment projects available in the Sixth Form. These experiences will provide students with a wealth of opportunities, enhance their CVs and increase their chances of obtaining places at university or in employment. More importantly however, they will be hugely fulfilling, provide lasting memories, and be great fun! If you can't find the right club, start up your own!

On one afternoon a week, Year 12 choose from weekly workshops which include Walking and Navigation, EPQ, Mindful Movement, Charity Fundraising, Upskills in ICT and Relaxation Games.

We also provide opportunities for you to become involved in :

- Duke of Edinburgh
- Ten Tors
- Community Sports Leadership Award
- Basic Expedition Leadership Award
- Young Enterprise
- Access to Bristol
- Pathway to Bath University
- Passport to UWE

There is also an expectation that you will become involved in volunteering within school to assist and nurture our younger students with the following schemes :

- Peer Mentoring
- Reading Support
- Maths Buddies
- Homework Club
- Lunchtime Support clubs
- Library Supervision
- Quiz with your House form

Subjects Offered

We offer A level courses or vocational equivalents in all of the following courses. Please see the enclosed booklet for further details.

Art	Maths
Biology	Further Maths
Business Studies	Media Studies
Chemistry	Music
Dance	Photography
Drama	Physical Education
Engineering	Physics
English Language & Literature	Product Design
English Literature	Psychology
French	Public Services
Geography	Religious Studies
German	Sociology
History	Spanish
Health & Social Care	Sport
ICT	Textiles

This is our offer of subjects for September but, as in every year, we depend on sufficient student uptake in individual courses to ensure that they will run.

Entry Criteria

All students joining us must have achieved 5 Grade 4s at GCSE, including English Language and Maths. Individual subjects will also have their own entry criteria.

“Young people are very well prepared to meet the challenges of the future and they have the skills, aptitudes and ambition to make a very marked contribution to society.”

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