



September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Extra-Curricular Activities 2019-20

Firstly I hope you all had a good summer. Myself and the staff are excited to be back for the new academic year and to continue to work and support our students as they grow and achieve.

I am writing at this early part of term to highlight one of the key areas that Chew Valley School has a strong reputation which is the opportunity for students to be involved in activities away from the classroom.

We aim for our students to develop the skills, qualities and behaviour required to be successful in their lives where we would want them to be confident and assured in order to play a positive role in their futures.

By getting involved in activities beyond the classroom, students participate in the life and 'ownership' of their school. Many students benefited last year from playing an active role in the house system as part of the offer that the school puts on but also in sport, performing arts, change and create teams and other opportunities which are available.

All of the above supports their work in the classroom and time and time again we find that those students who are most involved in the extra-curricular programme are those who achieve most from their studies. Extra-curricular activities are a fantastic way to develop new friendships as well as giving time to find a new interest or skill which students then take into adult life. We look to provide a strong extra curricular programme which works alongside the curriculum and offers students the opportunity of learning and developing in different ways.

There are a whole variety of lunchtime clubs available where students are able to spend productive time developing skills away from their studies. A full list of enrichment activities available can be found on our website; www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/extracurricularactivities/. Many of our new Year 7 students have already taken the chance to try out a selection of the activities on the evening of Wednesday 4th September.

We would like every student to participate in at least two lunchtime activities each week from our extensive offer and therefore can we ask that you spend some time talking at home about where your child may wish to participate.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher