

# Inspiring Learning



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents

I have been asked by the Governing Body to act as Interim Headteacher and I am very happy to do so. As a former Headteacher of a nearby school, I noted the very good progress made by Chepstow School over the past five years. The good examination results this summer provide a strong platform from which the school can continue to develop.

I have been very impressed by what I have seen in my first week; the students wear their uniform with pride, the climate for learning is good and it is clear that all staff in the school are committed to do what we can to ensure that all our young people are supported to be the best they can be.

We want to create an environment where all Chepstow students feel safe, happy and really enjoy being at Chepstow School. With high expectations and by working in close partnership with parents, I am confident we can meet the hopes and aspirations of our young people.

As Interim Headteacher, I look forward to working with all in our school community as we continue the journey of developing Chepstow as one of the very best schools in the country.

Regards

Mike Coady

## Representing Wales

Grace Nicholas represented Wales in an international selection trip to Mexico with the Girl Guides. On the trip, Grace and her team spent an amazing two weeks working with Girl Guides from around the world supporting local community projects.



## Poets of the Future

Back in May, a grand total of 130 Key Stage 3 students were entered into the 'Mitcheldean Festival – Young Poets' Competition'. This is a terrific achievement in itself, to have so many entries of high-quality poetry. We are delighted to announce that in the 13-16 age group, David McIntosh won first prize for his poem, 'Death', whilst Eve Edwards won third prize for her poem, 'What do you want to be?'. This is a fantastic achievement. Both David and Eve have been invited to attend a recital of their poems and to receive their prizes. In addition to this fantastic achievement, we also received numerous 'Highly Commended' awards. In the 13-16 age group these were awarded to: Lucy Buckley, 'Atelophobia'; Harrison Matthews, 'Pro-Anorexia'; Chloe Rickwood, 'Painted Smile'; Rhiannon James, 'One World'; Cian Watkins, 'Global Warming'; Kelsie Grindle, 'Perfection'.

In the 12 year old age group these were awarded to: Jessica Elliott, 'The Seasons'; Ella Clayton, 'Social Standards'; Adeline Elliot, 'Anxiety'; Grace Keown, 'Dog Walkers'. Well done to all of these students for producing such fantastic poetry.

Miss Martinez submitted some of student's poems to the Young Writers UK national competition: The Poetry Games. As a result we have had an amazing 105 students selected to have their poems published in a book. Those who have been selected will have received letters and it is really important that parents/carers complete the permission form either online or in paper format and submit by 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

# Important Dates

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Beginning of Autumn Term 2018/19
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day (Year 7 students invited to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	New student photographs
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Religious Studies Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Tutor Evening: Year 7 & Year 10
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 6 Open Evening (half day inset for current students)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Shwmae Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Half Term
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church at 08.45am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Musical Practical's
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Parents Evening
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert at St Marys Church
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Forum (details to be confirmed)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Inter House Carol Concert
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December & Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Inset Days
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Holidays