



July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another very successful school year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continuing support of our school and your children. Students have continued to excel in all that they do and we have been delighted with the achievements of our sports teams, musicians, young authors and performers. Students have participated in leading all aspects of school life. The year started with a small group of sports leaders running a 'This Girl Can' campaign that involved every girl in the school with sporting activity over the course of a week. Student leaders led the consultation on school uniform; they have been involved in evaluating our school environment and in monitoring homework and marking. A group of students led our 'Stand By Me' PSHE programme that started this term and will continue into next. I am sure that you will echo the pride I feel for our inspirational student community.

As always at this time of year, we say goodbye to staff who are leaving us. Mr Burton, Welsh teacher and Miss Jones, Maths teacher are leaving to take up teaching posts in St Joseph's School in Newport. Miss Morgan, MFL is joining Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg following her ambition to work in Welsh medium education. Mr Mitchell is leaving to join St John's on the Hill, as Director of music and Mr Hendry is leaving to establish a music department at St Joseph's School. We wish them all the best as they pursue their careers.

**2016 – 2017 Term Dates**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Half Term</b>		<b>Ends</b>
Autumn Term	Monday 5th Sept 2016	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016	Friday 28th Oct 2016	Friday 16th Dec 2016
Spring Term	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2017	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2017
Summer Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2017	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Friday 2nd June 2017	Tuesday 18th July 2017
<p>May Bank Holiday is Monday May 1st 2017            Inset Days = Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016            Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016            Wednesday, Thursday &amp; Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017</p>				



## School uniform

A reminder to parents that from September our school uniform is changing. A school blazer complete with logo, is a compulsory item. Our uniform supplier is Initially Yours and details on how to order can be found on the school website. Please note your son/daughter has been fitted for a blazer and you should have information on recommended sizing, if you need help please contact [virginiastone@chepstowschool.net](mailto:virginiastone@chepstowschool.net). Please can you order by **July 31<sup>st</sup>** to ensure delivery for the start of the autumn term. If you opt to have the uniform delivered direct to the school it will be available for collection from midday on Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Do Wear	Don't Wear
A black blazer with the school badge on the top pocket	
Black tailored trousers worn to the waist	Hipsters, jean-style, frayed, clingy, lycra, decorated or casual trousers or leggings.
A black skirt, not shorter than 8cms above knee	Skirts made of stretch material that are too short or too tight.
Plain black shoes, leather or leather look, low sensible heels	Trainers or sports style shoes Slipper-style shoes that may slip on and off High heels Boots No logos
Light blue shirts worn smartly, i.e. tucked in and buttoned to the neck	
School tie in house colours	

There is information about uniform on our website [www.chepstowschool.net/uniform](http://www.chepstowschool.net/uniform) including photos of appropriate items of uniform.

PE kit comprises

- PE T-Shirt (available from Initially Yours)
- Black shorts/skort, skirt or shorts
- School rugby shirt
- Optional hoody
- Black hockey socks, white ankle socks red football/rugby socks
- Training shoes
- Appropriate swimwear



If you need to purchase new school house PE shirt, rugby shirt or optional hoody for the new school year these are available from Initially Yours.

Jewellery should be restricted to a small metal stud earring in each ear and no facial piercings. All piercings must be removed for PE and games.

Hair should not be coloured with bright, 'unnatural' shades, hair should not be cut into extreme styles, e.g. shaved any shape such as a 'V', Mohican style or tramlines. The final decision is at the discretion of the school.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer, and look forward to seeing you in September.

If you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me via [patstevens@chepstowschool.net](mailto:patstevens@chepstowschool.net).

Best Wishes

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Headteacher