



Tuesday, 24 July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over a very busy 12 months. I have been delighted to share with you the successes of our students during the year. A highlight for us all has been the reward assemblies for all year groups. It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers to join in our celebration of so many students being awarded bronze, silver and gold CHiP point badges and subject awards throughout the year.

We have been involved in reviewing a number of school systems and processes during the school year. Thank you for your contributions via questionnaires or focus groups. You have helped us to make our school much stronger. You have already been informed of the outcome of the science review, which has led to the appointment of 5 new members of highly qualified and experienced staff to lead the department to success. Similarly, the leadership review has led to changes to the structures of the SLT and the systems and processes around middle leadership. This is intended to strengthen leadership in our school. The outcomes of the pastoral review have just been communicated to parents and you will be aware of the new Year Leader team and student support centre.

Staffing

At the end of the school year, it is time to say goodbye to some of our colleagues.

- Mr Horne and Ms McCormack are leaving at the end of their fixed term contracts.
- Miss Snelgrove, Teacher of Science is leaving to be Teacher of Science at Bassaleg School.
- Mrs Mahoney, Teacher of Maths is leaving to be a Teacher of Maths at St Teilo's School.
- Mr Jones is leaving to become Second in Maths at Lliswerry School.
- Mrs Green is leaving to be Head of Welsh at West Mon school.
- Mr Elias is leaving after 21 years of teaching at Chepstow School, during which time he has consistently been the teacher with the best results at GCSE. He is an exceptional teacher and leaves a legacy of excellence behind him.

We wish all staff well in the next stages of their career.

In addition, the following support staff colleagues are taking on new opportunities.

- Charlotte Burridge, Teaching Assistant, is leaving to train as a Teacher.
- Mrs Crossland, School Business Manager is leaving for a promoted position in an academy in Bristol.
- Mrs Stevens, Head's PA, is retiring. We celebrated her career in style and we wish her and her husband a long, healthy and happy retirement.



School uniform

A reminder to parents who are buying school uniform for September that the uniform is as follows:

Do Wear	Don't Wear
A black blazer with the school badge on the top pocket - compulsory	
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 stretchy 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 - compulsory	
Plain black acrylic or wool V necked jumpers – optional	These jumpers should have no logos or markings, cannot be cotton or sweat shirt material.

I have agreed to allow **plain black acrylic or wool V necked jumpers** to be an **optional** item of our uniform during cold weather. Jumpers can be worn under blazers, but cannot be worn in place of blazers. Students who wear jumpers that do not conform to this will be asked to remove them. Students may, if they wish, wear light coloured vests or light coloured T Shirts under their shirts.

There is information about uniform on our website www.chepstowschool.net/uniform including photos of appropriate items of uniform and information on how to order.

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



Jewellery

A single stud in each ear is allowed for boys and girls. All other visible Jewellery is not allowed.

Make up

Appropriate make up may be worn; this should be suitable for a work environment. Excessive make up will be removed at the request of staff. False nails are not permitted.

Hair

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and should not be of an extreme style. Neutral hair colours only - brightly coloured hair is not permitted.

Term dates for the school year

School starts on Tuesday 4th September at 8.45am. All students will go straight to their forms.

Term	Start Date	Half Term Start	Half Term End	Term Ends
Autumn Term	Tuesday 04/09/18	Monday 29/10/18	Friday 02/11/18	Wednesday 19/12/18
Spring Term	Monday 07/01/19	Monday 25/02/19	Friday 01/03/19	Friday 12/04/19
Summer Term	Monday 29/04/19	Monday 27/05/19	Friday 31/05/19	Friday 19/07/19
May Bank Holiday is Monday 06/05/18				

Inset Days:

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Friday 26th October 2018
- Thursday 20th December 2018
- Friday 21st December 2018
- Monday 22nd July 2019



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of our school community over the past year, and I look forward to working with you during the next school year. I wish you all a safe and restful summer.

Best Wishes

Claire Price
Headteacher