

Dear Parents and Carers

We are quickly approaching the start of a new school year and looking forward to welcoming back all of our students on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45 a.m. All students will go straight to their forms.

I am pleased to write to advise you of the school's exceptional results this year.

98% of our A level students achieved grades at A\* to E, with 35% achieving A\* to A. Our A\* to B grades were also very impressive at 56%. Our BTEC results were outstanding with students achieving grades over and above expectations.

The school achieved record GCSE results, with students making exceptional progress in a year of changes to GCSE exams in Wales. 83% of the cohort achieved grades A\* to C in the new GCSE English Language specification, 32% achieving A\* to A, and in the new Mathematics GCSE, 79% of the cohort achieved A\* to C grades. 73% of our students gained both English and Mathematics GCSE's and 70% of the students gained at least 5 A\* to C grades including both English and Mathematics.

Below are a number of timely reminders of the information shared with you in the end of term letter.

#### Form Time

Following requests from year 11 staff, we trialled a change to form time. After a full evaluation we have decided to revert to the original form time of 8.45am from September, followed by period 1 at 9.15am.

The term dates for the 2017 – 2018 school year are:

#### Term Dates

Term	Start Date	Half Term Start	Half Term End	Term Ends
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Tuesday 05/09/17	Monday 30/10/17	Friday 03/11/17	Tuesday 19/12/17
<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 08/01/18	Monday 19/02/18	Friday 23/02/18	Thursday 29/03/17
<b>Summer</b>	Monday	Monday	Friday	Tuesday

<b>Term</b>	16/04/18	28/05/18	01/06/18	24/07/18
<b>May Bank Holiday is Monday 07/05/18</b>				

A reminder to parents of the school uniform requirements are:

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 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 - 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.

Students are able to wear **plain black acrylic or wool V necked jumpers** as an **optional** item of 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.

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 and Hair**

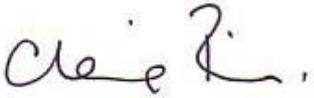
Appropriate make up may be worn; this should be suitable for a work environment.

Excessive make up will be removed at the request of staff. False nails are not permitted.  
Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and should not be of an extreme style.  
Neutral hair colours only, brightly coloured hair is not permitted.

I would like to thank you in advance for all your support of our school community over the forthcoming year, and I look forward to working with you.

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

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Price'.

Claire Price