

Inspiring Learning



Message from the Headteacher – October 27th

Our school INSET day on Friday 27th October is a cluster staff development day. All staff from Chepstow School, Shirenewton Primary School, Pembroke Primary School, The Dell Primary School and St Mary's RC School are meeting to discuss the work of the cluster. The Chepstow Cluster is used as an example of best practice in the EAS school improvement service. Recent joint working has included a review of each school, joint SENCO working, an English review and shared English strategy, a review of transition and a shared school business manager project. We are currently working together to develop the new curriculum in Wales to make sure that we support all students in Chepstow, wherever they go to school.

On behalf of the cluster, I am meeting the Chief Officer for Children and Young People and local councillors on Friday afternoon to discuss the 21st Century building programme and strategies to ensure equity for all learners in Monmouthshire. I will report back after half term.

Sports News

Monday hockey sessions have seen an influx of Year 7 and 8 girls and boys with numbers exceeding 30. The sessions are led by Clare Clarke from Chepstow Hockey club, Miss Rooks and our sports leaders. It is amazing to see so many new faces coming along and giving hockey a go. After the success of the GB ladies winning a gold medal at the Rio Olympics, who knows we may have the next Olympian in the making! Senior hockey club on Thursday continues to thrive with a core group of students across years 9 and 11 attending each week. U14 and U16 fixtures start after half term.

The year 8 mixed hockey team travelled to Caldicot on Wednesday 25 October. We took 16 girls and boys, producing two strong teams. The first two games were draws with both teams finding their feet. However the second set of games were a different story. Both teams came away with wins with some excellent hockey played. Both teams moved the ball well, using the channels to deliver balls into the D for the forwards to score. Caldicot battled well and both teams showed brilliant sportsmanship throughout. We look forward to what next term brings.

We are really proud of Noah Herriman achievements. Noah, a year 7 student, raised £300 for Dementia UK by running in the Chepstow Stampede.



A fantastic day in Cardiff on Tuesday 24th resulted in Chepstow A Badminton team winning the South Wales championships. They remained unbeaten all day and now progress to the national finals in Mid Wales later in the year. The team was; Daffyd Price and Iwan Price, Matteo Goddard and Joe Truckel. The B team came runners up in their group and progressed to the Quarter Finals, only to be drawn against our A team. They performed brilliantly all day; Team; Josh Goodwin, Keegan Evered Hall, Ewan Dick and Ryan Scrivens.

Thomas Weeks (Year 7) was County Champion in the Year 7 Cross Country. He won the race in Monmouth Showground and he will go on to compete in the Welsh Cross Country championships.

Field Trip

Also on Tuesday 24th, Geography students from Years 11-13 took part in fieldwork in Dawlish, Devon as part of their independent study for their GCSEs and A-Levels. They enjoyed throwing apples into the sea to measure longshore drift even though they lost a few to the pesky seagulls! After their beach related studies they went out and about around the small resort to ask members of the public their opinion on the coastal defences. They managed to get some fantastic results for their portfolios and even managed to get some time to sample the exceedingly brilliant donuts!

SEREN Trip

On Monday 23rd October the Year 12 SEREN learners for 2017 had the opportunity to attend the SEREN Launch event in the Christchurch centre in Newport. The event was a great experience for the 10 students involved; students had the opportunity to hear from 6 different Universities including Cardiff, Bristol and Bath. One of the particular highlights was Dr. Matt Williams from Oxford University. Tom Rooney stated he was 'inspirational and very informing'. Christiana Tyson feels that she was offered lots of good advice across the day, the most important being she should 'get visiting' universities. Charlotte felt that Oxford is now a university she would consider, whereas before today she felt it was too 'elitist' for her to consider. The students were a credit to Chepstow School and we are all looking forward to the next SEREN event.

FILM Club

On the 24th October we launched our first ever Film Club in the Learning Zone. Students cast their vote on their favourite Halloween movies, the winner being the original Ghostbusters. 13 students, from all years joined in the fun, enjoying popcorn and a classic Halloween film.

Students who attended are Filip Atkins, Sophie Atkins, Grace Keown, Lizzie Drew, Joel Hand, Matts Koubu, Molly Jenkins, Jonty Cantwell-Hutton, Felix Foster, Matthew Drew, Matthew Hill, Tate, Cantwell-Hutton and Cassie Catling. Come and join us for the next Christmas film club!



Important Dates

Monday October 30th – Friday November 3rd	Half Term
Friday November 10th	Remembrance Day Service 8.45am St Mary's Church (6th form students)
Thursday November 16th	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday November 23rd	Sixth Form Open Evening

On behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for your support this half term.

Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 6th November at 8:45am. Term ends on Tuesday 19th December at 3:15pm.