

Inspiring Learning



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been lovely to welcome back all of our students, and all of our new students who have joined us in year 7. We are also pleased to welcome around 20 new starters in year 12, and other year groups who have joined our school for the first time. It is good to have the school full of students eager and ready to learn.

We also welcome new staff to our school, and are delighted to introduce you to Mr Bringhurst, a very experienced head of MFL who joins us as Curriculum Leader of Languages. He is joined by Mr Walsh, teacher of Languages. Miss Thomas and Mr Jones join us as experienced and very well qualified teachers of English and Maths. Mr Parkin joins us as a teacher of PE and Ms McCormack, ex England rugby international, joins us as a teacher of PE and Science. We also welcome back Ms Arnold and Mr Horne as teacher of Humanities and Computer science respectively, both of whom were student teachers with us last year.

You may have seen news of our record breaking results at both A Level and GCSE this year. We spent a delightful 2 days over the summer celebrating the fantastic achievements of our students with parents/carers. In GCSE results, when the picture across Wales was one of falling results. Our GCSE students excelled. 83% achieved GCSE English, 79% GCSE maths and 24% of students achieved 5 or more A*A grades. At A Level our results were just as strong and were featured in our last newsletter. We are looking forward to similar successes in the new school year.

You will be aware that we have new contractors in the Canteen this year. Prices will be the same as last year's and we have retained the same excellent canteen staff. Students will be given a voucher for a free drink or cookie to be used at one break time in the canteen next week so that they are able to see what the canteen has to offer.

Please find attached some dates for your diary.



2017 – 2018 Key Dates



Further information about events will be communicated via Parentmail.

If you have not signed up for Parentmail please contact Mrs Nicola Dutton via email at NicolaDutton@chepstowschool.net

Autumn Term	Dates
Yr 11 Expectations Evening	Thursday 21 st September
Estyn Inspection	Monday 25 th - 29 th September
Yr 7 Meet the Tutor evening	Thursday 5 th October
Yr 9 & 10 Expectations Evening	Thursday 5 th October
Yr 6 Open Evening	Thursday 12 th October
Yr 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 25 th October
INSET Day	Friday 27 th October
Half Term	Monday 30 th – Friday 3 rd Nov
Yr 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 16 th November
Yr 11 Options Evening	Thursday 23 rd November
Yrs 11, 12 & 13 Mock exams	Monday 11 th – 15 th December
Christmas Concert	Monday 11 th December
Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day	Monday 18 th December
6 th form Alumni Evening	Monday 18 th December
Term Ends @ 3:15	Tuesday 19 th December
Spring Term	
Term Starts	Monday 8 th January
Yrs 12 & 13 Parents Evening	Thursday 11 th January
Yr 8 Options Evening	Thursday 18 th January
Half Term	Monday 19 th – 23 rd February
Student Progress Evening/Day	Thursday 28 th March Friday 29 th March
Term Ends	Friday 29 th March
Summer Term	
Term Starts	Monday 16 th April
Yr 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 19 th April
AS, A Level & GCSE exams start	Monday 30 th April
Yr 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 17 th May
Yr 7 Parents Evening	Thursday 7 th June
Term Ends @ 1pm	Tuesday 24 th July