

## **CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Chew Valley has a highly successful Sixth Form and was rated ***Outstanding*** in the Ofsted report of September 2011 and again in 2015. We offer programmes at Level 3 only. In considering applications, our aim is to accept students onto courses on which they can be successful. Evidence for making this judgement has to be an appropriate level of prior academic achievement and evidence of a positive, self-motivated approach to learning.

### **METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Prospectuses and application forms are published during the Autumn Term each year, and are available to all. They are specifically issued

- a) to all students in our Year 11
- b) visitors to the Sixth Form Open Evening in November
- c) on request

Information, advice and guidance meetings are set up for every prospective 6th former with their parents to provide expert professional support at a critical time of decision.

### **ENTRY CRITERIA FOR COURSES**

Academic entry requirements for Levels of programme are:

**For AS and other Level 3 courses** : evidence of a positive, self-motivated approach to learning and a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Maths. Individual AS courses may have subject-specific GCSE requirements for entry - these are outlined fully in the prospectus each year.

The minimum entry requirement to move onto an A2 course is that a student has obtained at least a pass in the relevant AS qualification. The minimum entry requirement to move into Year 13 from an AS Year is to have obtained 2 passes in AS subjects.

### **APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS NOT STUDYING IN YEAR 11 AT CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL**

Each year a number of students join our sixth form from other schools. Applications are welcomed from such students who wish to continue their studies at Chew Valley School. The academic entry requirements for courses are identical for external applications as they are for internal ones.

Our admission number for external applications is thirty. Where over-subscribed we will give priority to applicants as follows:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Siblings of pupils on the roll of the school on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.
3. Pupils living within the area of prime responsibility of Chew Valley School.
4. All other applicants.

In the event of the school being oversubscribed in any of the above criteria, places will be offered to those living nearest the school as measured in a direct line distance from the home to the school.

Applicants refused admission to our sixth form are entitled to appeal to an independent appeals panel.