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Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rieni a gofalwyr,

I am delighted to let you know that the pupils have settled really well into the new half term. Our value of the month is currently Participation and pupils are embracing participating in all aspects of lessons and school life.

St David's Day

On Friday 1st March we will be celebrating St David's Day in school. Secondary Phase pupils are invited to wear a red accessory or red item of clothing with their uniform. Please note it is not a non-uniform day on the Secondary site (hoodies are not allowed in school). Primary Phase pupils are invited to wear a red accessory or red item of clothing with their uniform. Alternatively, Primary Phase pupils may wear traditional Welsh costume. Our Primary Phase Eisteddfod celebrations will also be taking place on this day.

World Book Day

World Book day is taking place on Thursday 7th March. We will be fully utilising this event to put an even greater focus on the importance of reading and the joy it brings. During the week there will be a variety of activities in school including author visits, reading events, quizzes, and fun activities.

All pupils have received their World Book Day vouchers which they can exchange for a free book (from a list of books) or use to gain a £1 off any book in participating book shops. The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our Primary Site every day afterschool during w/c 4th March, where you will be able to purchase books with your child. This will take place in the Main Hall.

On Thursday 7th March Primary Phase pupils are invited to wear an accessory that represents their favourite book. Primary Phase parents and carers are also invited to read with their children on Thursday 7th March in Breakfast Club.

Comic Relief

There will be a variety of activities taking place during lunchtimes on Friday 15th March to raise money for Comic Relief. Pupils are also invited to wear non-uniform on this day. If you wish to donate to Comic Relief, you can do so on ParentPay by [clicking here](#).

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 7 Parents' Evening is taking place online on Thursday 14th March. Year 7 Parents and Carers will be provided with all the information needed to book appointments with their child's teachers.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 16th May. Further information will follow.



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Primary Phase Parents' Evenings

Primary Phase Parents' Evenings are taking place on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, and Wednesday 20th March. Parents and carers will shortly be provided with an appointment time, you will be able to contact the school should this initial time not be convenient.

School Production

We are delighted to announce that this year's school production will be 'West Side Story'. Auditions have been completed and rehearsals are well under way. Performances will take place on Tuesday 9th July, Wednesday 10th July, and Thursday 11th July. Further information will follow.

Times Tables Rock Stars (Years 1-6)

All pupils in Years 1-6 should complete 20 minutes per week at home on [Times Tables Rock Stars](#). This is an online programme that allows pupils to learn and consolidate their times tables, as well as boosting fluency in multiplication and division.

Home-learning (Years 7, 8, and 9)

Please see below a summary of the weekly home-learning requirements for Years 7, 8, and 9.

- Complete activities on [Vocabulous](#) (a new root word is released every fortnight for Year 7 and every week for Years 8 and 9).
- Complete assigned questions on [Sparx Maths](#).
- Complete questions on [Educake](#) (released at various points of the half-term).
- Learn Welsh vocabulary (provided by the class teacher - once a fortnight).
- Complete two tasks per week from the table of home-learning tasks. [Please click here for the Year 7 and Year 8 grids for this half term](#). (Please scroll down to the bottom of this website page). Year 9 home-learning tasks are set in lessons by class teachers.
- Read for pleasure (15 minutes every day).

Important Year 11 and Year 13 dates

Friday 23 rd February	Initial Examination timetables have been issued to pupils for checking.
Thursday 21 st March	Final Examination timetables issued to pupils.
Tuesday 7 th May – Wednesday 26 th June	GCSE (Year 11) Examination Period
Monday 13 th May – Wednesday 26 th June	GCE (Year 13) Examination Period
Thursday 27 th June	Leavers' Assembly and buffet lunch. Textbooks and school materials to be returned on this day.

Year 11 and Year 13 pupils will attend all normal lessons until Friday 24th May. There will be times when pupils have examinations during the school day and breaks will be provided before and after. If pupils have a lesson where examinations have finished, pupils will revise in those



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lessons for other subjects. Normal attendance procedures apply if your child is absent in this period.

From Monday 3rd June, Year 11 and Year 13 pupils will only attend lessons in subjects where the examinations are not complete. Full attendance is required in these lessons. Pupils completing BTEC courses should attend all lessons until the teachers informs them that all requirements of the coursework have been completed. Any requests to study at home, which might be applicable towards the end of the examination period, must be authorised by the school before commencement.

It is important that pupils remain available throughout the examination period, all the way to Wednesday 26th June. This is because contingency dates are used should examinations not be able to go ahead on publicised dates.

There is the opportunity for Year 11 pupils to complete private study in the Senior Phase Resource Area from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Mondays-Thursdays. This is supervised provision with access to IT facilities.

Important Year 12 dates

Friday 23 rd February	Initial Examination timetables have been issued to pupils for checking.
Thursday 21 st March	Final Examination timetables issued to pupils.
Monday 13 th May – Friday 24 th May	GCE AS (Year 12) Examination Period

Year 12 pupils will attend all normal lessons until Friday 10th May. From Monday 13th May, pupils will only attend lessons in subjects where the examinations are not complete. Full attendance is required in these lessons. From Monday 3rd June your child will be expected to return to school and attend lessons as usual.

Attendance

Excellent attendance to school is linked to good educational outcomes, social development, and high levels of wellbeing. All schools have been experiencing significant challenges with attendance since the pandemic. We kindly ask you to complete our survey to help us evaluate our practices to support improving attendance. [Please click here to complete the survey.](#)

Term dates

Last day of Spring Term	Friday 22 nd March
Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)	Monday 8 th April
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 9 th April
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 28 th June
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 19 th July



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Clubs


[Please click here](#) for our current Years 7-13 clubs timetable. There are a wide range of excellent opportunities for pupils to take advantage of. Pupils are welcome to turn up at the clubs they wish to attend without prior booking.

Many thanks for your positivity and support.

Yn gywir,

Mr J. Watson
Headteacher
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**Welsh Government
classes good
attendance as 90%
OR ABOVE**

**Missing just 10% of
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means BETTER EXAM
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AND CAN IMPROVE
WELLBEING**

How can parents and carers support attendance?

We believe that education is a partnership. We will we do everything we can to support families to ensure their children attend school, on time. Parents and carers also have a legal duty to do this. To help, you can:

- Promote positive attendance at home.
- Always contact us if your child cannot attend school with the reasons why. Primary Site: 01873 735010. Secondary Site: 01873 735373 – option 1.
- Ensure your child only misses school for reasons that are unavoidable, or agreed and understood by the school. For example, significant illness or an essential medical appointment.
- Promptly discuss any concerns that may affect future wellbeing or attendance, with the school.