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Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rieni a gofalwyr,

It has been fantastic to see our pupils settle really well at the start of this new term. We are very proud of all the merits that pupils continue to achieve for embracing our values and for their high levels of effort. It has been wonderful to see the joy on our pupils' faces as they receive their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. Some of our pupils have even been presented with their Platinum Awards which is a remarkable achievement at this stage of the year.

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Year 10 Parents and Carers will be provided with all the information needed to book appointments with their child's teachers.

### **SLT 'Open Door' session**

We regularly run Senior Leadership Team 'Open Door' sessions. These are an opportunity for you to discuss any suggestions you may have, on aspects of school life, with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The next 'Open Door' session will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. [Please book a slot by following this link](#). The deadline to book a slot is the close of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please use our normal channels of communications if you would like to discuss your child's progress or any pastoral matters.

### **School Production**

Our school production of 'West Side Story' will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Further information will follow.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars and Study Ladder (Primary Phase – Home-learning)**

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. All pupils in Years 3-6 should also complete the assigned weekly literacy tasks on [Study Ladder](#) each week at home. This is an online programme that allow pupils to consolidate their learning about new vocabulary, helps develop their skills to extract and construct meaning from text, and helps develops their spelling, reading, and grammar skills.

### **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 weekly assigned questions on [Sparx Maths](#).
- Complete questions on [Educake](#) (released at various points of the half-term).



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- 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 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupils attend all normal lessons
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSE (Year 11) Examination Period
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	GCE (Year 13) Examination Period
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupils attend lessons in subjects where examinations are not complete.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers' Assembly and buffet lunch. Textbooks and school materials to be returned on this day.

### Important Year 12 dates

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupils attend all normal lessons
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	GCE AS (Year 12) Examination Period. Pupils attend lessons in subjects where examinations are not complete.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Normal lessons re-commence

### Attendance

School attendance is vitally important and we encourage all pupils to aim for 96% attendance. This is because good attendance leads to better social development, improved wellbeing and better academic outcomes. Having an attendance percentage of 90% over a school year equates to 100 hours of missed lessons, which will have a significant impact on progress. Please ensure your child only misses school for reasons that are unavoidable, for example significant illness or an essential medical appointment. We want to work with you to ensure your child can attend school regularly, on time, and therefore engage in all of the opportunities available to them. The Wellbeing Team is here to listen, support and signpost additional help should you need to remove barriers to your child's attendance; please contact us if you would like any support in this area.

### Term dates

May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May



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Secondary Phase Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils). Primary Phase open as normal.	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

## 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  
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