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Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rieni a gofalwyr,

Please see below a reminder of the key information regarding the start of the Autumn Term. This letter also includes new information about Class Charts.

### Class Charts

We are delighted to launch Class Charts, our new e-communication system. This will replace the current SIMS Parent and Pupil Apps. This is a new, more convenient way for you to access information about how your child is getting on at school. You will be able to use the Class Charts website or app via a smartphone, tablet or PC, at any time, from any location. Information on Class Charts will include information about achievements, behaviour, and attendance. Pupil timetables will also be available.

Class Charts will be rolled out during September. Parents and Carers will receive an email during the day your child starts school. This email will include an activation code so that you can access Class Charts for the first time. We invite you to a drop-in session on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, you are welcome anytime between 3pm and 5pm. This is an opportunity for us to help you set up your Class Charts account, and to answer any questions you may have.

### Start of term dates

<b>Nursery</b>	
Nursery: New pupils with parents and carers (9.00am – 10.00am)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Nursery: New pupils without parents and carers (9.00am – 10.00am)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Nursery: All pupils	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

  

<b>Reception</b>	
Reception: Group A*	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Reception: Group B*	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Reception: Group C*	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

  

<b>Specialist Resource Base</b>	
Specialist Resource Base: Group A*	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Specialist Resource Base: Group B*	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

  

<b>Primary Phase</b>	
Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

  

<b>Secondary Phase</b>	
Year 7	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

  

<b>Senior Phase</b>	
Year 12 (10.00am)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Year 13 (8.50am)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

*\*Reception and Specialist Resource Base pupils have been informed of their group separately.*



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### Timings of the day

	Gate opens	Start of day	End of day
Nursery	8.55am	9.00am	11.30am
Reception	8.45am	8.55am	2.55pm
Specialist Resource Base	8.40am	8.45am	2.45pm
Years 1-6	8.45am	8.55am	2.55pm
Years 7-11	8.15am	8.35am	2.50pm

### Term dates

Autumn Term	
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024
Last day of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

Spring Term	
First day of school term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Half Term	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Last day of term	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Moving day – out of current buildings (school closed to pupils)	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Moving day – out of current buildings (school closed to pupils)	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

Summer Term	
Moving day – into new buildings (school closed to pupils)	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Moving day – into new buildings (school closed to pupils)	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
First day of school term for Years 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13, and Specialist Resource Base	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
First day of school term for Years 3, 4, 7, and 10	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025
First day of school term for Reception, and Years 1, 2, 8, and 9.	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
First day of school term for Nursery	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Half Term	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Last day of term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Staff Training Day – (school closed to pupils)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025



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## Uniform

The King Henry VIII 3-19 School uniform is as follows:

Lower Phase (Nursery)	Lower Phase (Years R-4)	Middle Phase (Years 5-8)	Upper Phase (Years 9-11)
		Black Blazer	Black Blazer
White polo shirt	White polo shirt	White long or short sleeved shirt or white blouse with collar	White long or short sleeved shirt or white blouse with collar
		King Henry VIII 3-19 School tie	King Henry VIII 3-19 School tie
Bottle Green School Sweatshirt or Cardigan	Bottle Green School Sweatshirt or Cardigan	Bottle Green V-Neck School Jumper or sweatshirt or cardigan (optional)	Bottle Green V-Neck School Jumper or sweatshirt or cardigan (optional)
Black jogging bottoms	Smart black school skirt / trousers / shorts	Smart black school skirt / trousers / shorts	Smart black school skirt / trousers / shorts
	Plain black socks or tights	Plain black socks or tights	Plain black socks or tights
	Plain black school shoes (leather or leather look)	Plain black school shoes (leather or leather look)	Plain black school shoes (leather or leather look)

Leggings, skinny trousers, jogging bottoms (except Nursery), football/Lycra shorts and Lycra/Jersey skirts and not part of our school's uniform. Please note that skirts are knee length. [Please click here for our uniform policy.](#)

Our school uniform is available from our [uniform supplier](#). However, blazers, jumpers, and PE T-shirts do not need to be purchased branded. Iron and sew on badges for the blazers and jumpers are available from the school.

Pupils in Years 2-4 can continue wearing the purple sweatshirt from the predecessor school. The school tie will be provided free of charge in September to pupils in Years 5 and 6. Pupils in Years 9-11 can continue wearing the black V-neck school jumper from the predecessor school as an optional item.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they may be entitled to a grant to assist with the costs of uniform and school essentials. Please [click here](#) to apply. Alternatively, you can phone Monmouthshire County Council Customer Care: 01633 644644.



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## PE Kit

The King Henry VIII 3-19 School PE Kit is as follows:

- Bottle Green T-shirt (plain or branded)
- Plain black sports shorts, leggings, or jogging bottoms.
- Black mid-layer – optional (plain or branded)
- Trainers suitable for sporting activity
- Plain white socks or plain black Rugby socks

For swimming, pupils should wear swimming shorts (any colour/design) or a one-piece swimming costume (any colour/design). Pupils may also wear a T-shirt whilst swimming (any colour/design).

## Equipment

Everyday pupils in Year 7 and above are required to bring the following equipment to school:

School bag	Pencil case	Writing pens
Pencils	Ruler	Scientific calculator
Home learning book (Years 7-9) or School planner (Years 10-11) - provided by the school		Reading book

A pencil case with all required stationary is available to purchase on ParentPay for £1.00. The school provides key equipment for pupils eligible for free school meals. Pupils in the primary phase are provided with the equipment they need in school.

## Breakfast club (primary phase)

Our Breakfast Club starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and runs from 8.00am until the start of the school day. There are two sessions: 8.00am-8.30am and 8.30am until the start of the day.

8.00am – 8.30am	This is £2.00 per day. Please pay in advance on ParentPay.
8.30am	This is free of charge.

There is no need to book a place in advance. Please ensure you have sufficient credit on ParentPay in advance. Breakfast is provided in both sessions. This means that all primary phase pupils can receive breakfast free of charge. They can choose between cereal or toast. There are systems in place for pupils to transfer from Breakfast Club to join their classes.

## Healthy snack

Please could all pupils in the primary phase bring a healthy snack each day to eat during the morning. We recommend a piece of fruit. Please note that the school will not be able to provide snacks to those pupils that do not bring this.



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### **School Lunch**

All pupils in the primary phase will be able to access a free school meal. This will be a hot lunch and no payment is required for this.

We encourage all pupils in the secondary phase to buy lunch in school and your child will be able to choose from a variety of options. This includes a main meal which comprises of a main meal, dessert, and drink. Please ensure there is enough credit on your ParentPay account for them to be able to do this. Alternatively, you may choose for your child to bring a packed lunch to school. Please ensure that this only contains healthy items.

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals will receive a daily allowance which allows them to purchase a hot school lunch. The best value option for pupils is to get a meal deal, which gives them the hot meal of the day, a drink, and a dessert. Pupils can also have a baguette, sandwich, jacket potato with a topping, pasta pot or pizza slice which all come with a drink and dessert. Please note that it is a Welsh Government rule that the Free School Meal allowance cannot be used at breaktime.

### **Healthy school**

We are proud to be a healthy school which ensures diet does not negatively affect wellbeing and behaviour. Fizzy, caffeinated, and energy drinks are not allowed in school. We kindly ask you ensure that your child does not bring these to school. Please ensure your child does not bring any products to school containing nuts as some members of our school community have nut allergies.

### **Mobile phones**

The long-term happiness and wellbeing of our pupils is our most important priority. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in school to avoid pupils becoming disturbed, addicted, and controlled by them. Mobile phones break down face to face communication and cause us to crave instant gratification. Furthermore, we want pupils to take full advantage of the opportunities school provides without having to use a smart phone. This policy includes the whole school day both inside and outside the school buildings.

We recognise that some parents and carers require pupils to have a phone so they can communicate with them during their journey to and from school. This applies to pupils in Year 5 and above, Year 4 pupils and below must not bring a phone to school. In these cases, Year 7 pupils and above are required to keep their phones turned off and out of sight in their school bags during the school day. Years 5 and 6 pupils are required to hand these phones to their class teacher at the start of the day.



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## Home Learning

Reception, and Years 1 and 2	Years 3, 4, 5, and 6	Years 7, 8, and 9	Years 10 and 11
Weekly reading book to practise sounds and words (5-10 minutes per day for a few days per week)	<a href="#">Times Tables Rock Stars</a> (20 minutes per week)	<a href="#">Vocabulous</a> (Activities for a new root word are released every fortnight)	Weekly tasks set by subject teachers
	<a href="#">Study Ladder</a> (one Literacy task per week)	<a href="#">Sparx Maths</a> (Weekly assigned questions)	
		<a href="#">Educake</a> (Science questions released at various points of the half-term)	
	Learn Welsh vocabulary (provided by teacher – once per fortnight)	Learn Welsh vocabulary (provided by teacher – once per fortnight)	
		<a href="#">Tasks from Home-Learning Grids</a> (Two tasks per week)	
	Read for Pleasure (15 minutes per day)	Read for Pleasure (15 minutes per day)	Read for Pleasure (15 minutes per day)

## Attendance

Regular school attendance is really important so that your child can make academic and social progress. Please, only let them miss school when absolutely necessary. If you are worried about your child's attendance or need to speak to someone regarding any concerns, please contact the school and we will work with you to remove any barriers.

If your child is absent due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, please let us know by phone on the first day of absence. Please call us and select option 1. Please also call on any subsequent days, to keep us informed of the situation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the start of term.

Thank you for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

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