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Dear Parent / Guardian,

INSET: Please note that **Friday, May 3 is an INSET training day**, and is closed to pupils.

Mobile Phones: We would like to thank you for your support and cooperation with our Mobile Phone campaign since the Easter holidays. The situation in the school has improved with almost every pupil now keeping their phone in their bag during the day. We kindly ask you to continue to support us with this effort by discussing with your child the benefits of not having a phone during the school day. As a reminder, no pupil should take out a phone during a lesson or in the corridors. If a pupil is seen with a phone, a teacher will ask to confiscate the phone, which pupils may collect at the end of the day. A message will also be shared with you on *Classcharts*. If a pupil is not willing to give the phone to a teacher, then this will be noted on *Classcharts* and they will have to stay for detention after school.

Refuse and recycling: We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation in following the new guidelines on recycling. There are different bins for food waste, general waste, paper and cardboard, tins and plastics – pupil response to this campaign has been fantastic as we attempt to improve our recycling and environment.

Internal Examinations: KS3 internal examinations will be held lessons (Welsh, English, Maths, Science, Religious Education) during the weeks: Yr. 7 – May 7 – 13; Yr. 8-9 - May 13 – 21

Leaving Days and External Examinations Years 11 12, 13: A reminder of these important dates: Yr. 11 - Wednesday, May 8; Yr. 12 – Friday, May 10 and Yr. 13, Friday, May 17. A Farwell Assembly will be held for Year 13 on Friday May 17 at 10am and we welcome parents to join us on this special day.

A webinar for Year 10+11 parents and pupils: As your child has external examinations soon, here is an opportunity for you and your child to watch a video to support children during examinations. [Parent Workshop | Supporting your child during exams \(youtube.com\)](#)

One to one device: The school has decided to continue to offer a chromebook device to all current year 7 pupils (Year 8 September 2024) by December 2024. Due to budget difficulties, Cardiff Council are unable to continue to fund this scheme but we hope that with parents' support that it can be continued. We will send you a letter in the next few weeks, and an online meeting will be held for Yr 7 parents on Monday May 20 at 6pm to explain the scheme.

National Tests – Years 7,8,9: The national tests in Welsh, English, Procedural Numeracy, Reasoning Numeracy will be held during the 3 weeks after half term. The time table will be sent out mid May.

Visitors from France: On Tuesday morning, we were delighted to welcome back pupils and teachers from Collège Saint-Gilles in the Vendée. Our visitors spent the morning learning about life in a Welsh-medium school and getting to know some of our Year 9 and 10 pupils. They were treated to



a wonderful performance by the girls' choir and were fascinated to hear about the history of the Welsh language in education. Year 9 enjoyed getting to know their French compatriots through PE activities, whilst year 10 faced the challenge of communicating through French and English in order to create the Eiffel Tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti (with varying degrees of success!). Our pupils really enjoyed having the opportunity to use their French skills in real-life situations... à la prochaine!



Sport Successes: Warm congratulations to the u16 Girls, Yr11 Boys and the u18 Boys Rugby 7s teams on winning the Urdd 7s Rugby Cup competitions this week. Congratulations also to the school's girls football teams - Yr. 7, 8, 9, u16 and the boys' teams of Years 7, 10, 11 and u18 for reaching the Cardiff Cup football finals, Best of luck in the finals!

County + Welsh Cup Football Finals: A huge night for the school's Girls u16 and Boys u18's football teams – two matches following each other – **Monday, April 29th at 6pm and 7.30pm at Ocean Park, Splott v St Cyres (u16) and Plasmawr (u18).** Come to support the teams! Warm congratulations also to the Boys u18 football team on reaching the Welsh Cup Final which will be held at Cardiff Metropolitan University,



Cyncoed on May 3 at 1.45pm. As it is an INSET day at the school and children are not in school, we ask kindly for as many of you as possible to come and support the team. Congratulations also to the girls' u15 football team on reaching the Welsh cup final which will be held on May 11 at 12.30 pm in Oswestry. Any support would be appreciated!



Dates this term:

- April 22 UCAS course Yr. 12
- April 29 Football – Welsh Cup finals – Cardiff Metropolitan University at 6pm and 7.30pm
- May 3 INSET day: school closed for pupils**
- May 5 May Day Bank Holiday**
- May 8 Year 11 leaving day
- May 9 Year 7 Parents' Evening at Glantaf 3.15 – 6.30pm
- May 9 GCSE exams begin
- May 10 Year 12 leaving day
- May 12 Trip to Wembley – FA Cup Final
- May 13 AS and A level examinations begin
- May 14 – 17 Year 7 visit to Rhondda Heritage Park
- May 17 Year 13 leaving day and assembly at 10am
- May 20 Yr 7 Parents *One to One Device* Information evening on Teams at 6pm
- May 25 KS3 Football tour to Barcelona
- May 27-31 Half Term/ Urdd National Eisteddfod, Maldwyn

Yours sincerely,

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