

9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear parent/carer

As we approach the end of the school year, I wish to update you on some key dates and events. I also want to acknowledge and thank those of you who have contacted the school to show your appreciation for the efforts that were made to prepare pupils for the Centre Determined Grades. Both staff and students alike worked hard under difficult circumstances and showed a great deal of resilience which has paid dividends.

### End of term arrangements:

- **The final day for pupils is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.** On this day we will be recognising the achievement of pupils throughout the year through special assemblies. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July is a designated inset day where staff will be preparing for New Curriculum developments and planning for the September return.
- We intend to hold sports day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting. The day has been re-scheduled to give all pupils the opportunity to take part. As a school, we feel that an event of this nature will help to finish what has been an extraordinary year in a positive way, promoting as it will have a sense belonging to 'one' school where everyone is a valued member. We have been working hard to minimise the risk as much as possible by ensuring we apply Covid safe protocols to the whole event. We have produced a detailed Risk Assessment which is available for you to view on our website. Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns.

### GCSE results day:

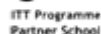
**A reminder that GCSE results day is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August.** Details regarding the arrangements for the day will be sent to learners in years 10 and 11 in due course.

### Advance notice- start of term in September.

Whilst we continue to wait for updated operational guidance from Welsh Government, I feel it is important that you are made aware of our current intentions for the return to school in September:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September is set aside for teacher planning and preparation.
- Pupils will return to school as follows:

Day/date	Year groups in school from this date onwards
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Years 7 and 11 only.  (A small group of pupils from years 9 and 10 will also be undergoing peer mentoring training. These pupils have been contacted directly).
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	All year groups: 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.





Please note that the above arrangements are subject to change and will depend on Welsh Government guidance. I will provide further updates in the end of term letter to parents next week.

## Uniform:

Pupils have been allowed to wear the summer uniform of a green polo shirt during this term, and many have chosen to do so.

In September, all pupils will be expected to wear shirt, tie, school jumper and PE kit. Again, we continue to await guidance as to whether pupils will continue to wear PE kit into school on days when they have PE, or will be allowed to change for PE/games lessons. I will provide further details regarding our uniform expectations in the end of term newsletter.

School uniform and PE/Games kit can be purchased from –

Naturals, Fishguard

Tees R Us, [www.teesrus.co.uk](http://www.teesrus.co.uk)

Matthews Menswear and Schoolwear, Haverfordwest.

## Covid-19:

Whilst it is unfortunate that we have had one positive Covid case within the school, I'm pleased to inform you that no other cases have been identified and the young person affected is making a good recovery. Consequently, the school has operated normally throughout the week, ensuring that pupils who have been self-isolating are able to access their learning through Google Classrooms. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

May I again urge you to be vigilant of the usual symptoms in addition to the wider range of symptoms (in bold below) associated with new variants, as outlined by Public Health Wales:

1. A new and persistent cough
2. Fever
3. Loss of taste and Smell
4. **Fatigue and/or muscle ache or pain**
5. **Sore throat and headache**
6. **Runny nose**
7. **Nausea and/or vomiting**
8. **Diarrhoea**

# Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Pennaeth / Headteacher: Mr Paul Edwards



Please do not send your child(ren) to school if they display any of the above symptoms, especially if they are new and/or unusual symptoms. Please consider booking a PCR test as soon as possible. Your child should self-isolate while awaiting the test result. Please inform the school as soon as possible if you have any concerns.

I'm pleased that many of our pupils take part in the Lateral Flow Testing Programme. You will have received letters explaining the rationale and methodology of carrying out home-based tests on a twice weekly basis. The more pupils who take part, the more confident we can be that the pandemic is not circulating in the school. If you haven't done so already I ask for your support in agreeing to allow your child(ren) to take part in the programme. Should we be unfortunate enough to have a positive Covid case, the outcomes from the Lateral Flow Tests will make it easier to identify pupils who would not need to self-isolate, but instead be able to continue working from school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul Edwards