

Dear parent/carer,

As we head towards the end of term I would like to update you on developments at the school and share with you some key dates.

## Covid-19 procedures.

You may have heard on the news that Welsh Government are looking to review their guidance regarding covid procedures for after Easter. We continue to await this guidance and will share with you our intentions as soon as we receive this information. In the meantime, we will continue with our current procedures. These include:

- continuing with hand sanitizing and wiping down procedures before and at the end of lessons;
- promoting ventilation through open windows and doors;
- daytime cleaners on site;
- maintaining our one way system;
- continuing with staggered breaks and lunches and pupil zones.
- Pupils will continue to wear face-masks in public places such as corridors unless Welsh Government guidance tells us otherwise. Pupils will be encouraged to continue wearing masks in lessons.

## School Uniform requirements.

As stated in our previous newsletter our intention after Easter is to return to a situation where pupils will be required to change into their PE kits when they have timetabled PE lessons or after-school fixtures or training. This will bring the school into line with all other secondary schools in Pembrokeshire. The rationale for this decision is based on pupil health and hygiene, ensuring, as it will, that pupils do not remain in used PE kit throughout the remainder of the day following PE lessons. Changing rooms will be wiped down at the end of every lesson in the same way that classrooms are now.

Please note that one exception to this is that pupils will be allowed to wear PE kits on enrichment days (Wednesday week B), but only if they are taking part in enrichment based activities requiring them to wear PE kits. All enrichment activities are carried out in the afternoon so hygiene is not a concern, and the changing facilities we have in the school will not be able to cater for the large volume of pupils who will require the use of their PE kits on enrichment days.

For all other days, pupils will wear their normal school uniform during the school day and will be required to carry their PE kit with them. School lockers will be made available to pupils to store their kits and/or any other items of equipment should they wish to obtain one. We will share with pupils details about how to obtain access to a locker after Easter. **Pupils will have the option of wearing the summer uniform of green polo shirt instead of the white shirt and tie in the summer term.**

## School Production and other events.

In February we ran a Covid amended version of the school Eisteddfod, the first for two years. Thanks must go to Miss Donna George (Head of Welsh) for her hard work in organising the event. We were also delighted in March to be able to go ahead with our school production of 'We Will Rock You' over three evening to sell out audiences. A huge thank-you must go to all of the cast and crew who worked so hard over many months to see this project through. Thanks in particular must go to Miss Mandy Morris (Head of Music and Drama) and Mrs Sioned Page-Jones (Head of Performing Arts) for their drive and determination throughout the whole process. Furthermore, we were proud to welcome former students and their families back into school recently for the prize giving evening, the first for three years. All of these events, along with the many other activities have truly given us

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the sense that we are 'on the way back' as a school. I'm delighted that we can offer our pupils these opportunities once again.

**GCSE Exam revision.**

One key focus for us as a school over the next few weeks will be to ensure our GCSE exam pupils are supported fully as they prepare for their exams. To this end, and if you are a parent or carer of a pupil in years 10 or 11, please make every effort to ensure your child(ren) attend all of the revision classes we are running between now and the exams. Details can be found on our website or by following the link below.

[Timetable](#)

**Key dates for the next half term.**

Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term

Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> - County Wide INSET Day- no school for pupils

Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May Day Bank Holiday.

Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> - GCSE exams begin

Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> - Year 8 Health Day

Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> – Whitsun Half-term Week

Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school

Following the Whitsun half-term, Year 9 will commence on their GCSE option timetable.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter.

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