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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.

## Activities and Events.

It has been an exceptionally busy and exciting term on the extra-curricular front. Many of our pupils have represented the school across a range of sporting, musical and cultural activities and we're delighted to be able to share those details with you in our termly newsletter, the 'Bro Gwaun Bulletin', a copy of which will be given to each child before the end of term. We are very proud of all of our pupils' efforts and I ask that you take a little time to read about their exploits and successes. Well done all!

## GCSE Exam revision.

Our key focus 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 we have produced a comprehensive Easter and after-school revision programme. 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. We have provided your child(ren) with the details of the programme. They can also be found on our website or by following the link below.

<https://ysgolbrogwaun.com/en/resources-community/arholiadau-examinations/>

## Unlocking potential Evening for Year 10 parents- Tuesday 18th April

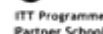
We intend to run an evening to support the parents of pupils in Year 10, who will be sitting GCSE exams for the first time this summer. The focus of the evening will be to provide guidance for you as parents regarding revision and support strategies to help get the very best from your child(ren) as they sit external exams for the first time. The evening builds upon similar previous events which we have successfully run with parents. Please look out for the invitation and we look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

## Attendance.

It is important that your child attends school regularly throughout the year in order to gain the maximum benefit from the education provided. Pupils, in general, attend well and our GCSE outcomes reflect closely our good attendance rates. Our current whole-school attendance rate is nearly 91%, and although it is an improving picture, and we do compare well with other schools, this is still below pre-pandemic levels. We do recognise there is more work to do to target the frequent absenteeism of some pupils and we will continue to remind all parents/carers and their child(ren) of the importance of good attendance. Please support us in ensuring your child(ren) make every effort to attend school.

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**Uniform.**

This is a reminder that, during the summer term, pupils have the option of wearing the summer uniform of green polo shirt instead of the white shirt and tie. All other uniform requirements such as black jumper, black footwear and appropriate jewellery will continue to apply for the summer term.

**Equipment.**

Unfortunately, we are finding that there is an increasing number of pupils who are not bringing equipment such as pens, pencils and rulers to school. Basic equipment such as this is absolutely necessary to ensure pupils can access and complete the set work and to ensure that they perform to the best of their abilities. We kindly ask that you check your child(ren) has the necessary equipment on a regular basis.

**Key dates for the next half term.** (Please note the additional Bank Holiday on the 8th of May)

Friday March 31st – Last day of Term

Monday April 17th - County Wide INSET Day - **no school for pupils.**

Tuesday April 18th – Pupils return to school and Year 10 revision strategies evening for year 10 parents.

Monday May 1st - May Day Bank Holiday.

**Monday May 8th – King’s Coronation Bank Holiday.**

Friday May 12th - GCSE exams begin

Wednesday May 24th - Year 8 Health Day

Monday May 29th – Whitsun Half-term Week

Monday June 5th – Pupils return to school

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

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

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