

Dear parent/carer.

I write to provide you with information regarding key initiatives and events and to provide you with important dates as we move towards Christmas.

## Attendance.

Please remember that if there are reasons why your child is missing school then keep the school informed. The school target is to return to our pre-pandemic attendance level of 95%. Our current attendance is just over 91% with many absences being attributed to in-term holidays and absences which we have not been informed about. There is a direct and proven correlation between school attendance and learning outcomes, with pupils whose attendance falls below 95% frequently performing less well than expected. Please bear in mind that an attendance of 90% may sound very impressive, but actually is the equivalent of one absence every 10 days.

## Parental Consultation Evenings (progress evenings).

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 parents and carers to your first parental consultation evening which will be held at the school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. You will have already received information regarding this evening but please contact the school if you have any questions or queries.

The Year 9 parental consultation evening will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a virtual event carried out over 'school-cloud'. Again, information has already been sent regarding this process.

## Year 9 Options process.

This is an exciting time for pupils in Year 9 as they start the process of choosing subject options for GCSEs. A significant amount of information and advice will be shared with year 9 and parents/carers over the next few weeks, culminating in a Year 9 options evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. This will be a face to face event in the school where you will be able to ask questions directly to subject teachers.

## Examinations.

Well done to Year 11 who have just completed their mock examinations, and best wishes to year 8 who are starting their exams this week. Both year groups will have been given advice on how to prepare for each of the exams. Please support your child with their preparations. Year 9 will begin their exams on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January with the outcomes from these helping to inform their decision making when choosing options for next year.

## School Production.

The school production of 'The Little Shop of Horrors' is progressing well with cast and crew practising hard. Performances are scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 7:00pm. Please use the QR code below to book your places. Alternatively, you can contact the school directly by sending an email to [wendy.davies@ysgolbrogwaun.com](mailto:wendy.davies@ysgolbrogwaun.com) to book your tickets.



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**Christmas Dinner.**

The canteen staff will be serving Christmas Dinner on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December with a vegetarian alternative being available. There is no additional charge and pupils who are eligible for free school meals will be able to receive their lunch as usual.

**The Spond app.**

If your child(ren) take part in extra-curricular sports activities and represent the school in such sports as netball, hockey, rugby and football, please ensure you download and register for this app. The app provides real time information about fixtures and training, including possible cancellations and re-arrangements. Please contact [Sioned.Page-Jones@ysgolbrogwaun.com](mailto:Sioned.Page-Jones@ysgolbrogwaun.com) for further information.

**Key Dates:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 7 parental consultation evening (face to face).

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9 parental consultation evening (virtual using school-cloud).

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – School production.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Last day of term.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – INSET day (no school for pupils).

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – All pupils return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul Edwards