

Ysgol Bro Gwaun

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Dear parent/carer,

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

GCSE Exam Whitsun revision.

Well done to years 10 and 11 who have started their GCSE examinations and are working hard to prepare for each exam. This is a reminder that we will be running a revision programme over the Whitsun holiday. Pupils are aware of the programme 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 that are relevant to them. The programme can also be found on our facebook pages or by following the link below.

This is also a reminder that, after half-term, Year 11 will only attend school when they have timetabled examinations or for pre-exam revision sessions.

[Half term revision timetable year 10 and 11.docx](#)

Uniform donation.

Don't Bin It, donate it! You may have seen on our social media pages and website that we are once again asking those pupils who are leaving us in the summer to donate any old uniform or PE kit to the school, rather than throwing it away. Donated clothing will be used to support families who are struggling financially to maintain or replace their child(ren)'s uniform during the academic year. Thank you to all who have donated already, it is much appreciated. The following link gives further details.

<https://tinyurl.com/mt9apcm8>

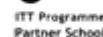
Attendance.

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 92%, and although it continues to be 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. **A reminder that authorisation for mid-term holiday requests cannot be given unless there are specific family circumstances, outside the control of the pupil, to do so (e.g family wedding or funeral).**

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Equipment.

We are finding that a minority of pupils 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.

Monday May 27th – Whitsun Half-term Week

Monday June 3rd – Pupils return to school

Friday July 5th – Additional INSET day- no school for pupils

Thursday 11th July – School sports day

Thursday 18th July- Last day of term and trips day (years 7-10)

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

School Website.

We have been working to update the school website which we will be launching after half-term. The new site will contain key information about the school, including all of our policies, an updated curriculum map and information to enable you as parents/carers to support your child(ren)'s learning in each subject area. The site will also contain a weekly calendar of events which we hope you will find useful.

Finally, good luck to all of our pupils who are competing in the Urdd national Eisteddfod next week in Meifod, Powys, and to those who have qualified to represent Pembrokeshire at the Dyfed Athletics Championships on the 5th June.

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

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