



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. The strong relationship between home and school plays a vital role in ensuring our pupils thrive, and we are grateful for the support you have given our staff and pupils in all aspects of school life.

This has been a year filled with achievement, opportunity and memorable experiences across all phases of the school. From outstanding efforts in the classroom and excellent examination preparation to educational visits, sporting successes, wellbeing activities, performances and community events, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and maturity. We have been particularly proud of the way they have represented the school both locally and further afield, consistently receiving praise for their behaviour, respect and positive attitudes.

The Summer Term has been especially busy, with examination season, celebration events and a wide range of enrichment activities providing many highlights for pupils, staff and families alike. It has been a pleasure to see our young people continue to grow in confidence, resilience and ambition, and we are extremely proud of all they have achieved this year.

The Summer Term is dominated by GCSE Exam season and both Year 10 and Year 11 conducted themselves extremely well during the recent exams. We await the results in August and hope that Year 11 have a relaxing summer and get the results that allow them to access whatever route they have planned from September. On that note, **GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 20th August**. Arrangements for collection have been issued by Mr Williams and can be found on the school website. It was also nice to see so many Year 11 pupils join us for the Leavers Assembly recently and Celebration Evening in The Loft. We have also held Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in recent weeks.

Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 1st September. This will be an INSET Day as usual.

All pupils will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September (except for Nursery pupils)

I would like to highlight a few things in readiness for September:

School Timings

Foundation Phase

7:50 -8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Club (No entry after 8:10 a.m.)
8:30-8:50 a.m.	Registration
8:50-10:20 a.m.	Session 1
10:20-10:40 a.m.	Break
10:40-12:00 p.m.	Session 2
12:00-12:50 p.m.	Lunch
12:50-3:00 p.m.	Session 3
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Enrichment

Key Stage 2

7:50 -8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Club (No entry after 8:10 a.m.)
8:30-8:50 a.m.	Registration
8:50-10:40 a.m.	Session 1
10:40-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00-12:30 p.m.	Session 2
12:30-1:20 p.m.	Lunch
1:20-3:00 p.m.	Session 3
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Enrichment

Secondary Phase (Year 7-11)

8:00 -8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Club
8:30-8:55 a.m.	Registration
8:55-9:55 a.m.	Lesson 1
9:55-10:55 a.m.	Lesson 2
10:55-11:10 a.m.	Break
11:10-12:10 p.m.	Lesson 3
12:10-1:10 p.m.	Lesson 4
1:10-1:45 p.m.	Lunchtime
1:45-2:45 p.m.	Lesson 5
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Enrichment

Attendance & Punctuality

It is really important that pupils attend school as much as possible. If for any reason, they are unable to attend school please contact school to report absence. As highlighted above, the school day in secondary phase starts at 8:30 with registration. This is an important part of the day, and I would urge pupils to be on time.

Uniform

I have communicated several times throughout the year the importance of school uniform. Pupils will be expected to wear uniform in line with the school's Uniform Policy in September. PE kit should not be worn unless instructed by the Headteacher.

Mobile Phones

I would like to say thank you to pupils and parents for their support since introducing our new policy after February half-term. The vast majority of pupils have adhered to the no phone policy and this has had a really positive impact on the school environment. Pupils can bring phones with them but they must be placed in their bags once they get on site and taken out again at the end of the school day. We understand that you may need to contact your child during the day, but please do this via the school Reception where messages will be communicated to pupils.

E-scooters and E-bikes

I would like to remind pupils and parents that electric scooters must not be brought onto the school site. Pupils may bring an electric bike only if it is a legal electrically assisted pedal cycle: the rider must be aged 14 or over, the motor must have a maximum continuous rated output of 250 watts, and electrical assistance must stop at 15.5 mph. E-bikes that do not meet these legal requirements must not be brought onto the school site.

Move from Satchel to Classcharts

After ten years of using Satchel One in Secondary Phase, the school will move to Class Charts from September. Class Charts will become our main system for sharing homework and other key information with pupils and parents in Years 7-11, including timetables, attendance and behaviour information. Each pupil and parent/carer will receive a personal access code on the first day of term, together with instructions for accessing Class Charts through the app or website. Please register promptly so that you continue to receive important information from the school.

Staff Leaving

It is that time of the year when we say farewell to some members of staff.

Teachers

Helen Dyer

Monika Jones

Stephanie Evans

Teaching Assistants

Mel Murphey Harries

Faith Watkins

Caretaker

Chris Sandbrook

Catering

Elizabeth Williams

There will also be some changes to roles and responsibilities within the Senior Leadership Team. Gareth Williams (Curriculum Deputy) is retiring after a long and distinguished career, although he is coming back in the Autumn Term to teach in the Maths Department on a part-time basis. Stewart Davies will be assuming the role of Curriculum Deputy and Richard Gauregai will be joining us as Deputy Headteacher (Wellbeing) from John Frost School in Newport. Richard knows our community well having taught in Sandfields Comprehensive for a number of years and will bring a wealth of pastoral experience at senior level over the last decade. We will no longer have Head of Middle and Upper School roles. Sarah Rogers will be Assistant Headteacher (Wellbeing) and Mark Morgan will be Assistant Headteacher (Learner Progress & Achievement).

I would like to thank parents and carers again for their continued support of the school and to wish you all a relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back in September.

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Mr Richard Rees

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