



7th April 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

After the end of yet another busy term I wanted to thank you all for your continued support. I have been delighted to meet so many of you during my parent forum sessions and at parent events. Those meetings have enabled me to use the views and experiences of parents to support the developments of the school. One of the common themes coming from the meetings was wanting to have more information about the curriculum and assessments/ homeworks for each year group so that children could be better supported at home. I am currently in the process of appointing five Directors of Learning (one for each year group) who will be responsible for tracking and monitoring the progress of students in their year group as well as providing valuable information on the curriculum for parents. They will take a proactive role in supporting students who may not be progressing and parental engagement will be a key part of our intervention. I will provide further updates when appointments are fully in place.

Year 8 and 9 students this term have attended options and parents' evenings and those events have been really well attended. If you have children in those year groups and you still have queries on options choices then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Students in Year 11 have already been applying for places in our Sixth Form which has recently been recognised as one of the top 25% in England and Wales; individual discussions have been taking place this term to support students with their choices. Again, do contact the school if you need any more information or support with this process.

We will soon be starting our external examination season for students in Year 10-13 so if you have children in any of these year groups we really welcome any support you can offer your child at home with their revision. Limiting access to distractions and mobile technology is always a good start! I know that the staff at school have been working really hard to support them during this final stage of preparation and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all well with their exams. Students in Year 7 to 9 will also be undertaking the LNF tests in May. These are used to monitor national standards in literacy and numeracy.

As part of a drive to enable money to be transferred to school electronically you should all have received information on Parent Pay. This will enable you to go online and pay for trips and school activities; I hope that this proves to be beneficial for you. At the moment this won't be available for school dinner payments but we are in consultation with Sodexo to see if this is something they would also want to adopt going forwards. If you haven't received any log in details from the school, which should have come home with your son or daughter, then please do get in contact so we can provide you with them.

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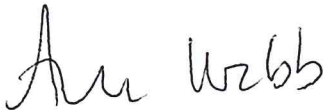
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On a final note can ask for your continued support with reinforcing our expectations of school uniform; in particular for girls there are have been increasing numbers wearing make-up and jewellery. We continue to work hard to reinforce expectations in school; the standard of appearance of our young people is something we are very proud of and this was certainly reflected in my parent forums.

It just leaves me to wish you all a very Happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming our students back in school on Monday 24th April.

Yours sincerely



Ann Webb
Headteacher

Ysgol John Bright uniform Years 7 to 11

- Price and Buckland navy blazer with thin gold trim/piping (with school logo)
- Price and Buckland navy jumper with gold trim (with school logo) (optional)
- Price and Buckland Tie – navy with double thin gold pinstripe
- Banner charcoal grey Plymouth senior boys trouser – no skinny trousers
- Banner charcoal grey GPR girls trouser – no skinny trousers
- Banner charcoal grey Charleston skirt – knee length
- Plain white shirt
- Plain dark socks

Ysgol John Bright uniform Years 12 and 13

- Price and Buckland black business suit (with the option of skirt or trousers for girls)
- Plain V neck black jumper
- Price and Buckland Tie - black with single thin gold stripe
- Plain white shirt

- Please note: The PE kit remains the same.

More specific details (style numbers, acceptable footwear images, etc. are available on the school website or from reception.)

- ❖ Hair should not be cropped, patterned, shaved (no less than grade 3), dyed an unnatural colour, braided and should always be tied back for practical lessons.
- ❖ no make up, false nails or nail varnish.
- ❖ Jewellery - for health and safety reasons the only acceptable items of jewellery are:
 - a wristwatch
 - one pair of small plain stud type earrings (to be worn one in each lobe)
 - one plain signet ring
 - no facial or tongue piercings are allowed.

The correct Price and Buckland uniform items are available exclusively from two local retailers; Boppers of Colwyn Bay (01492 534421) and School Talk of Llandudno (01492 876995).

Please do not be tempted to buy skirts or trousers other than those specified by the school or make alterations apart from trouser length. Students will be challenged if thought to be wearing inappropriate uniform and we strongly recommend retaining proof of purchase in the event items have to be returned.