

24 July 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

As we finish today for the summer holidays, there are a few more details about the school's operation in September that I wanted to share with you.

School uniform

Our school uniform suppliers have asked that we advise that their new stock has to be quarantined on arrival into their shops, which can affect stock levels; therefore please bear this in mind and try to buy uniform early in the holiday.

Some of you might well have uniforms at home that your son/daughter has now grown out of, but still has some wear left in it. Ty Hapus would gladly accept any uniform donations during the first couple of weeks of the summer break. They will then be running a 'pop up' shop by appointment toward the end of the summer holiday where the uniform will be available to buy in return for a small donation. Details will be available on Ty Hapus' Facebook page.

Physical Education

We would like students who have Physical Education to wear their PE kit on that day. This will enable us to participate in some form of practical activity without the need for changing. The PE kit will be checked by Directors of Learning when students enter the building . Please refer to the full PE kit including optional items such as ¼ Zip Training Top, Training Pants for girls and boys and a Rain Jacket. Essential items for girls are a Polo Shirt with logo, female Training Shorts **or** Female Leggings and Track Shoes. Essential items for boys include a Polo Shirt with logo, Training Shorts and Track Shoes. Please write your child's name on the label of **every** item.

School equipment

To help support our social distancing measures in school, and to minimise the risk of virus transmission, we strongly encourage all students to have their own equipment when they restart school in September.

All students from Y7-11 should therefore have the following equipment as standard:

- black pen
- purple pen
- highlighter pen
- HB Pencil
- 30cm ruler
- A maths set (which contains the following: Protractor, set square, a pair of compasses pencil sharpener, pencil eraser)
- colouring pencils
- glue stick

Ideally these should be stored in a clear pencil case, with their name clearly labelled on it, which students can easily transport and keep clean.

Furthermore, it is recommended that all students in Y7-11 should have their own scientific calculator, along with a dictionary for their Welsh lessons.

Finally, if a student takes GCSE French or Spanish they should also have a dictionary for these lessons. GCSE students in Music should have their own headphones.

Starting Dates

As I mentioned in my previous letter year groups will be starting the next term on the following dates:

- Year 11 and 13 -Thursday 3rd September
- Year 7 and 12 - Monday 7th September
- Year 10 - Wednesday 9th September
- Year 9 - Friday 11th September
- Year 8 - Monday 14th September

Start and finish times

We will have to stagger the starts and finish times for each year group so that we keep each year group separate. We will not be in a position to allow students to enter the school building before their dedicated arrival time. Before we return in September we will let you know which entrance each year group will be using to enter and exit the building.

Start and finish time will be as follows:

Year group	Start time	Finish time
7	8.40am	14.45pm
8	8.50am	14.50pm
9	8.40am	14.45pm
10	8.50am	14.50pm
11	9.00am	15.00pm
12	8.50am	15.00pm
13	9.00am	15.00pm

School lunches

Each year group will have a break of 15 minutes and a lunch of 30 minutes at staggered times during the school day. We are working with Sodexo to finalise the arrangements for these sessions and I will update you before we return. Payment for school lunches will only be possible via your Parentpay Account as the "cash paying in fingerprint machines" will be inoperable due to Health & Safety measures relating to Covid 19.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our extra curricular provision has always been a key element of our provision at Ysgol John Bright. In September we will not be able to provide any extra curricular provision for the first half term. Our priority is keeping our students safe and engaged fully in their learning in the first instance. Should the guidance allow us to return to extra curricular provision then we will do so in line with the guidance.

Visiting school/appointments

In the interest of Health & Safety, please do not visit the school to drop off any forgotten equipment i.e. lunches, equipment, etc. In such cases please contact the school and we will endeavour to make alternative arrangements. However, visitors will be expected to visit the school with a prior arranged appointment or in an emergency only.

School calendar

I have attached a copy of the school calendar for your convenience.

Staff leaving

We have a number of staff leaving at the end of this academic year; some of them have been part of the community for a significant number of years and are retiring whilst others are taking the opportunity to take on new challenges. On behalf of all of us at John Bright, I wish them all the best and thank them for their years of service at the school. They are Mrs Lewis-Jones, Mrs Huzarski, Mrs Mason, Mrs Green, Mrs R Jones, Mrs Parkes, Mrs D Roberts, Ms Jewell and Mr Smith.

Food Bank

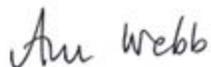
Ty Hapus is continuing to serve and support some of the most vulnerable in our community during this pandemic. They would continue to welcome certain food donations such as Fray Bentos Pies/Puddings / Tinned Mince/ Steak/Corned Beef/Ham /Tinned Curry/Chilli/Stew/Rice pudding/Tinned Fruit / Microwavable Plain Rice / Instant Mash at this time.

Finally

This has been the most exceptional of years for all of us and I want to thank you for working with us through such unusual circumstances. The young people who have been able to attend school over the last few weeks have, I'm sure, really benefited from being in school and we have certainly appreciated having them back in the building again. I am hopeful that, as a nation, we continue to make progress in managing Covid 19 and that the restrictions we are having to work with will be reviewed over the next term.

I hope that you all are able to enjoy the summer break and that some of you are able go on your planned holidays. We look forward to welcoming back our young people in September and we will be available in school from Tuesday 1st September to answer any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely



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