



17 September 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

As we come to the end of our first fortnight back in school I want to thank you for all your continued support. The start of the new academic year has gone extremely well and we are pleased that the removal of the need for year group bubbles has meant that teachers have been able to return to their normal classrooms and specialist facilities in science, PE, art, design and technology and music are now fully back in operation!

Our young people have settled into school extremely well and we really did value the opportunity to have all of our year 7 and 12 students in school for those first two days. It certainly helped them get used to their new teachers and for the Year 7 students, find their way around the building!

### **Health and Safety**

We continue to be vigilant with our approach to health and safety and thank you for your support in ensuring young people take the LFT tests on Wednesdays and Fridays. The TTP team are now responsible for tracking and tracing contacts of known covid cases and we no longer are being asked to isolate any contacts, however we are mindful that this is an ever changing situation and local circumstances may influence our current approach. Masks still need to be worn in communal areas so can I ask for your support in ensuring that the face mask is part of the school uniform for the moment.

I am sure over the next few weeks there will be national announcements around the vaccination programme for young people. This is an approach that will be managed and supported by Public Health Wales and not schools, so at this stage we have no details as to how this will be implemented. I will of course keep you informed if we have any further information.

### **Lunchtimes**

We continue to have staggered breaks and lunchtimes which enables each year group to have their own dedicated eating and socialising area at these times, however from Monday we are allowing students from year 7 to 9 to purchase their hot food in the dining room where they will have their own dedicated servery and eating area. Cold food can still be purchased at Bright Bite, the servery on the Mall and packed lunches can still be eaten in the hall or outside if the weather is suitable. We will be explaining these changes to our students in tutor time. We have, unfortunately, been experiencing technical difficulties with the payment system and I can only apologise for any inconvenience this has caused. I am assured this has now been sorted but if your child is still experiencing any difficulties then please contact the school.

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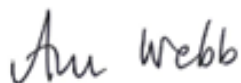
### **Open Evening**

We are, at last, able to allow our Year 5 and 6 parents into school for an Open Evening but, due to Covid, we have had to organise it with a strict booking system and organised time slots. In order to enable as many parents as possible to visit the school on **Wednesday 6th October we will be finishing school for all year groups at 2.00pm** on that day. All students will have been able to have their lunch in school and if there are any young people who are not able to come home at that time then please let us know and we will make arrangements to accommodate them in school for that final hour. It is so important for new parents to be able to get into school and see our facilities; transition from primary to secondary school can be extremely stressful and we thank you for your support in allowing prospective parents the opportunity to visit our school.

### **Finally, a few dates for your diary for this term:**

Tuesday 21st September - Year 7 Tutor Parents Evening (on line)  
Tuesday 28th September - Year 7 and Year 9 photos  
Tuesday 28th September - Year 9 Parents English GCSE Evening  
Wednesday 6th October - School closes at 2pm for Open Evening  
Tuesday 12th October - Year 8 Parents Evening (on line)  
Friday 22nd October - 3pm school closes for half term  
w/c 26 October - closed for half term  
Monday 1st November - Inset day - staff only  
Tuesday 2nd November - school re-opens for students  
Tuesday 16th November - Year 9 Parents Evening (on line)  
Tuesday 7th December - Year 11 Parents Evening (on line)  
Tuesday 21st December - Carol service (to be confirmed)  
Wednesday 22nd December - 1:30pm school closes for Christmas holidays  
Monday 10th January 2022 - school re-opens for all

Yours sincerely



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