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Dear Parents & Carers

Well that's the end of what for us has been an amazing year. Coming out of Special Measures back in November and then the move into a new building at Christmas doesn't make for a normal year, but we have, without doubt come out of it in better shape. We have recently had two voluntary inspections by the Central South Consortium (the school advisory body for Central South Wales) and following both, they have confirmed that if we were to be inspected by Estyn, it is very likely we would be rated as "Good" with many "Excellent" features. What I feel most proud of is that I can now show anyone around the building at any time, without fear of what they will see.

I want to take this opportunity to praise the staff in the school, who have worked so hard over the last few years. This year in particular, many went without any Christmas break. I also want to thank you as parents who have supported us so much through thick and thin. The belief that the community has had in the school is fantastic. This year for the first time ever there is a waiting list for Year7.

Next year, we will finally put all the woes of the past behind us and begin our first full year as a normal comprehensive school with its usual ups and downs. One thing I can promise however is, that we will keep striving to become an all-round Estyn rated "Excellent" school, in the hope that we achieve this when we are next inspected.

Uniform

This is not the moan that normally appears here! I just want to thank everyone for the support you have given us regarding uniform. We have had a real push on uniform since moving into the building and it has really worked. Everyone is in uniform and as a result, (although they would never admit it) the pupils feel smart and are proud of the community they are representing.

Let's keep up the standards for next term. Our rule regarding footwear is plain black shoes. If we have to look hard at the footwear to decide if they are shoes or trainers, then we regard them as shoes.

Please note: As **Year 11** begin to grow out of their blazers our policy to accept a black V-neck jumper as a replacement. No hoodies or other types of top.

Exam results this summer current Year 10 & 11

Exam results for Year 10 & 11 will be available for collection on **Thursday 23rd August** between the following times:

- Year 11 - 9.30am to 10.15am
- Year 10 - 10.15am to 11.00am

If a student is not available to collect on the 23rd, they can send a SAE envelope and results will be posted. Alternatively, we can provide the results to another person (e.g. parent), providing there is prior arrangement or a confirmation letter from the student. The person collecting the results must bring a form of identification with them.

There will also be careers advice and other agencies available for Year 11 to talk to during the morning.

Year 9 will receive their unit results for literature and ICT (if they sat these exams) when they return to school in September, as is normal practice.

Start of term in September

There is one staff training day on Monday 3rd September and then **all pupils return on Tuesday 4th September** at 8.35 for an 8.40 start.

Teaching staff leaving and arriving

We will be sorry to see the following staff leave at the end of this term.

- Mr Morgan (Maths teacher)
- Mr Dalton (English teacher)
- Ms Lewis (Welsh teacher)
- Ms Corley (Science teacher)
- Mr Collett (Maths teacher)

We wish them all the very best in the next stage of their careers.

Ms Beynon (English teacher) will also be commencing her maternity leave over the summer break.

We will also be looking forward to welcoming the following new teachers from September:

- Ms Hobby (Maths teacher)
- Ms Owen (PE teacher)
- Mr Morse (2nd in English/teacher)
- Mr Evans (PE/Maths teacher)
- Ms Sansom (English teacher)
- Mr Burnside (Maths teacher)
- Ms Saunders (English teacher)
- Ms Rebane (English teacher)
- Mr Lockie (Science teacher)

The extra staff reflect our higher pupil numbers next year.

Thank you once again for your continued support; I hope you have a very good summer.

Yours faithfully

Armando Di-Finizio
Headteacher

