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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope the term has got off to a positive and settled start for your child. We have been extremely happy with how calm and purposeful the school has been during the first two weeks and feel confident in maintaining this for the remainder of the year.

I thought I would take this opportunity to share with you some points of information relevant to your child this term.

Early Closure for Open Evening

Our Open Evening this year is on <u>Thursday September 27th</u>. In order to allow staff to prepare the school for this important evening, we intend to close early at 2.00pm on the 27th. If you have childcare issues, your child is welcome to stay in school until 3.00pm, where there will be supervised. Likewise, there is no school bus at 2.00pm to Llanrumney and therefore if your child uses this service, they are welcome to stay in school; however, we may try to organise a minibus service from the school at 2.00pm. (St Mellons buses are frequent throughout the day).

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on September 24th for Years 7 & 10 this year. If your child is in one of these year groups, please refer to the school website regarding the photographer's policy for taking photos in relation to the new Data Protection rules.

Yr 7 Pen y Fan Trip

Our annual trip for Year 7 will take place during the week commencing 24th September. We have managed to run this trip each year, but we can only do it with a £5 donation from you. This covers the cost of Mountain Leaders for each group and buses to and from Storey Arms in Brecon. Your £5 donation can be paid either by Parent Pay or via your child, who should hand in the money at reception, with the attached consent form by Friday 21st September.

Each house trip takes place on the following days, more information will follow:-

Gwydd (Green) – Tuesday 25th September Coch (Red) – Wednesday 26th September Glas (Blue) – Thursday 27th September Melyn (Yellow) – Friday 28th September

Training Days

Advance notice – We have two training days this term when the school will be closed to all students these are: **Friday 16**th **November** and **Monday 3**rd **December.**

Blazer Badges

We now have school logo badges for blazers for sale. If you were intending to buy a blazer now or in the future, an alternative would be to buy a black blazer from a supermarket and then purchase a blazer badge from us for £2 (£3 if you would like us to sew it on for you). Available to purchase from reception.

September 2019 Year 7 Applications

We are now oversubscribed in Year 7 (260 applicants for 240 places this year). This is likely to happen again next September and therefore if you have a child in Year 6 it is vital you apply to the council for a place between Monday 24th September and Monday 19th November. Details will be posted on our and the Council websites. Please do not rely on having siblings in the school to get a place, you will still need to complete an application form

Year 7 🛭	Meet	the	Tutor	Evening
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Just a reminder to Year 7 parents, there is a Meet the Tutor evening on October 25th. Tutors will be in contact nearer the time to arrange an appointment time.

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Regards	
Armando Di-finizio	
Headteacher	
	YEAR 7's ONLY
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Pupil Name	Learning Family
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•	ild/children can attend the above school trip to Pen y Fan at Storey Arms, Brecon and mount of £5 /or will pay by Parent pay (please delete as appropriate)
Please detail any	
Medical conditions	
Dietary requirements/ aller	rgies
that we need to be aware o	of
Emergency contact name 8	k number
I do/ do not give permission	n for my child's photo to taken during the trip for school use.
Signed	Relationship to pupil