



# Cyfarthfa High School

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

As we are about to start the final examination series of the year I would like to take this opportunity to re-affirm some critical information about the forthcoming GCSE examinations.

The first examination is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, and the final examination is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. All examinations start promptly at 9.00 a.m. for morning sessions and at 1.00 p.m. for afternoon sessions. We respectfully ask all pupils to be present at the examination room 15 minutes before the start time to ensure that everyone is settled in time. We will attempt to contact home if your son / daughter has not turned up 10 minutes before the examination start time.

In the unfortunate event that your son / daughter becomes ill and is unable to attend, please contact the school before 8.00 a.m. and leave a contact number so that we can contact you. There are only a few things we can do to help but we will need to discuss these with you so it is vital that we have a number that we can contact you on.

The normal school timetable will run for Year 11 students until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June unless your son / daughter is in an examination, or taking an early lunch at 12.15 p.m. if they have an afternoon examination. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June will be the last day of examinations for the majority of Year 11 students.

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June until Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June your son / daughter only needs to attend school for an examination or lessons relating to these examinations.

- Retail Business,
- Chemistry / Science Double Award Chemistry,
- Physics / Science Double Award Physics,
- History and
- Additional Mathematics.

Pupils attending for these lessons and examinations should sign in and out of school at reception during this period so that we maintain an accurate fire register.



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Your son / daughter is responsible for bringing appropriate revision materials to school for use in lessons prior to an examination. Teaching staff will allow pupils to revise for an examination the following day or later that afternoon in their lessons. Alternatively your son / daughter can also work with their normal teacher for an examination later in the examination period.

We respectfully request that your son / daughter does not wander the corridors trying to track down different members of staff for whatever reason, nor disturb other lessons within the school. When on the school premises your son / daughter must comply with all of the school rules. This includes the wearing of correct school uniform for all lessons and examinations. Failure to comply could compromise their attendance at the school prom, and also entry to the examinations.

Year 11 pupils do not have to attend school once they have completed their final examination. The earliest this can occur is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June when the whole year group will be sitting English Language. A number of pupils have asked when they are allowed to sign their polo shirts / shirts with good luck messages. As this is the last examination for the whole year group it is suggested that on the conclusion of this examination this would be a good time for this tradition. Please note that if your son / daughter is re-sitting Biology or Science Double Award Biology in the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June they will require a clean shirt for this examination so please make sure they have a spare with them.

We are aware that many pupils skip breakfast in the morning, which has been shown to be detrimental to brain activity first thing in the morning. For pupils with a morning examination we will be offering the pupils the chance to have a drink, either a bottle of water or carton of fruit juice, together with some toast, teacake, crumpet or bagel in the Year 9 canteen between 8.15 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. There will be no charge for this. We hope that this will give pupils a chance to relax a little prior to taking their examination and take on some extra energy reserves.

It only remains for me to wish your son / daughter the very best for what will be a very busy period for them and I'm sure a stressful time for yourselves. Please continue to encourage your son / daughter to persevere and do their best at all times.

The GCSE results will be published on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019. They can be collected from the school foyer from 8.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. If you require the results to be posted then please give your son / daughter a self-addressed envelope to bring into school and hand it to Mrs Davies (Examinations Officer).

Yours faithfully,

*A. Beddoe*

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