



Dear Parent/Carer,

5th January 2021

I hope that you have all been able to enjoy some special family time over the Christmas season and a happy, healthier new year follows on swiftly for us all. No doubt a number of our families will have been affected by the recent rise in the virus transmission level over the holiday period and the school is here to help and support in any way we possibly can. In keeping with the most recent Welsh Government and Local Authority guidance, school was closed to all pupils yesterday, Monday 4th and today, Tuesday 5th January; with the in-school HUB provision for vulnerable learners and children of 'critical workers' open from Wednesday 6th-Friday 15th January.

Please be aware that in line with WG guidance, HUB provision is for pupils in Years 7,8, and 9 only with Head teachers having the final decision on any additional student placements within their own school settings. The HUB provision for children of 'critical workers' should be seen as a last resort, these parents/carers may be able to seek alternative childcare provision within their own family, if at all possible. In short, *'Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'* (W.G.)

The teaching term for all students commences tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January, through blended learning activities, that is, a mix of online set tasks and live lessons, [please see the timetables below](#). **We maintain the highest expectations of students' behaviour, discipline and engagement in all live lessons/online learning experiences and would advise your son/daughter to:**

Mute microphones. Turn off cameras. Ask questions using 'chat' (unless invited to discuss) or use the raise hand function. Access the live/online lessons in a communal space within the home, as far as possible.

The in class assessments for Year 11 were calendared to commence on Monday 11th January; however, following the latest directive from the Welsh Government on school closures, these will now be postponed until the week commencing January 18th at the very earliest (this will be week 2 of our timetable). We will inform you as soon as possible of any additional changes, should they arise, on all our social media platforms, the school website and the ClassCharts app. In any event, including any extension to the school closure period beyond the 18th January, it is vital that Year 11 students continue to prepare for assessment on all subject content covered thus far when they return to school. It is crucial that students aim to deliver an accurate account of their ability in all subjects.

This term will continue to be very challenging for us all, the new more transmissible variant of the virus will need to be robustly tackled through a redoubling of our personal and collective safety measures and use of strict hygiene methods on everyone's part. I am confident that as a strong, caring school community, we will endeavour to pull together at this most difficult of times.

Please continue to advise the school of any suspected and/or confirmed cases of Covid-19 affecting your son/daughter as well as the timescales of self-isolation your family will have to abide by.



Additionally, if your personal circumstances have altered and you believe your child could be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school at your earliest convenience.

Thank you once again for your continued support of your child and our school. We have a great deal of uncertainty and no doubt change lying ahead of us all; but working together, we will do our very best to combat each challenge that comes our way. With every good wish for 2021, please stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Francis - Headteacher

Key Stage 3 Blended Learning

Wednesday 6th January to Friday 15th January

The following Blended Learning timetable will need to be followed which will begin on Wednesday 6th January. Each session can take up to 60 minutes to complete. This is an approximate time scale and will vary from student to student.

Year 7: Commencing Wednesday 6th January:

Session	Wed. 6th January	Thursday 7th January	Friday 8th January
30 minutes	Reading	Wellbeing	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	Maths	Science	English
10.00am to 11.00am	RE (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	History (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Welsh (Synchronous/Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break		
11.15am to 12.15pm	Languages (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Art (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Drama/Music (Synchronous/Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch		
1.00pm to 2.00pm	English	Maths	Science
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Technology	Geography	IT



Year 7: Week beginning Monday 11th January:

Session	Monday 11 th January	Tuesday 12 th January	Wed. 13 th January	Thursday 14 th January	Friday 15 th January
30 minutes	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Maths	Science (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science	Technology (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
10.00am to 11.00am	English	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Music (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	History (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	IT (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break				
11.15am to 12.15pm	Geography (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	IT (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Languages (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Art (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	RE (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch				
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Art	Technology	Geography	Wellbeing
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Welsh	RE	History	Drama/Music	Catch up



Year 8: Commencing Wednesday 6th January:

Session	Wed. 6 th January	Thursday 7 th January	Friday 8 th January
30 minutes	Reading	Wellbeing	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	IT	English	Science
10.00am to 11.00am	Art (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	IT (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break		
11.15am to 12.15pm	Technology (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Music (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Geography (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch		
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Science	Maths	English
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Maths	RE	History



Year 8: Week beginning Monday 11th of January:

Session	Monday 11 th January	Tuesday 12 th January	Wed. 13 th January	Thursday 14 th January	Friday 15 th January
30 minutes	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	History (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	IT	English	Science
10.00am to 11.00am	Maths	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Art (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	R.E. (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	IT (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break				
11.15am to 12.15pm	Welsh	Languages (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Technology (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Music (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Geography (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch				
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Science (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Art	Wellbeing	Technology	Languages
2.00pm to 3.00pm	RE	History	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Geography	Catch up



Year 9: Commencing 6th January:

Session	Wed. 6th January	Thursday 7th January	Friday 8th January
30 minutes	Art	Wellbeing	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	Technology	English	Science
10.00am to 11.00am	History (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Languages (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Technology (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break		
11.15am to 12.15pm	IT (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Geography (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Drama/Music
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch		
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Welsh	Maths	R.E. (Synchronous/Live lesson)
2.00pm to 3.00pm	English	Science	Maths



Year 9: Week beginning the 11th of January:

Session	Monday 11 th January	Tuesday 12 th January	Wed. 13 th January	Thursday 14 th January	Friday 15 th January
30 minutes	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Technology	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Wellbeing
10.00am to 11.00am	Welsh	Science	History (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Languages (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Technology (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break				
11.15am to 12.15pm	Art (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Art (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	IT (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Geography (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Technology
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch				
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Maths	English	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	RE	R.E. (Synchronised /Live Lesson)
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Drama/Music	Geography	English	IT	Catch up



Key Stage 4

Wednesday 6th January to Friday 15th January

The following Blended Learning timetable will begin on Wednesday 6th January. Each session can take up to 60 minutes to complete. This is an approximate time scale and will vary from student to student.

Year 10: Commencing Wednesday 6th of January:

Session	Wed. 6 th January	Thursday 7 th January	Friday 8 th January
8.30 to 9.00am	Welsh Bacc	Welsh Bacc	Welsh Bacc
9.00am to 10.00am	Option A	Option B	Option C
10.00am to 11.00am	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break		
11.15am to 12.15pm	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch		
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Option B	Option C
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Option A	Welsh	RE



Year 10: Week beginning 11th of January:

Session	Monday 11 th January	Tuesday 12 th January	Wed. 13 th January	Thursday 14 th January	Friday 15 th January
8.30 to 9.00am	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	Option C (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Welsh Bacc	Option A	Option B	Option C
10.00am to 11.00am	Option B (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Option A (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Option B	Welsh Bacc	Science
11.00am to 11.15am	Break				
11.15am to 12.15pm	Option C	Option A	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	RE (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch				
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science 2 (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	English
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science 1 (Synchronous /Live lesson)	Welsh	Maths	RE



Year 11: Commencing Wednesday 6th of January:

Session	Wed. 6 th January	Thursday 7 th January	Friday 8 th January
8.30 to 9.00am	Welsh Bac	Welsh Bac	Welsh Bac
9.00am to 10.00am	Option A	Option B	Option C
10.00am to 11.00am	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
11.00am to 11.15am	Break		
11.15am to 12.15pm	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch		
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Option B	Option C
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Option A	Welsh	RE



Year 11: Week beginning 11th of January:

Session	Monday 11th January	Tuesday 12th January	Wed. 13th January	Thursday 14th January	Friday 15th January
8.30 to 9.00am	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.00am to 10.00am	Welsh Bacc	Welsh Bacc	Option A	Option B	Option C
10.00am to 11.00am	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science 1 (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Welsh (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Option C	Science
11.00am to 11.15am	Break				
11.15am to 12.15pm	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Science 2 (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Maths (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	English (Synchronous/ Live lesson)
12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lunch				
1.00pm to 2.00pm	Option C (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Option A	English	RE (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Option B
2.00pm to 3.00pm	Option B (Synchronous/ Live lesson Media work on Teams, no live lesson)	Option A (Synchronous/ Live lesson)	Welsh	Maths	RE



Year 11 Option Blocks:

Option A	Option B	Option C
Engineering	Engineering	Engineering
History	History	History
Art	Art	IT
PE	Media	Geography
Geography	History	Business Studies
Music	French	Drama
Food and Nutrition	Computer Science	Photography
IT	Construction	Food and Nutrition
construction	Food and Nutrition	Triple science
	Triple science	

Year 10 Option Blocks:

Option A	Option B	Option C
BTEC Construction	Engineering	ICT
Music	Geography	History
History	Art	Drama
French	Business Studies	Triple Award Science
GCSE PE	Media Studies	Food & Nutrition
Health & Social Care	Triple Award Science	BTEC Sports
ICT	ITQ ICT	