



Dear Parent/Carer,

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

As we break for the Half Term holiday, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all staff and students for their hard work and diligence in ensuring maximum performance was attained in all Centre Determined Grades (CGDs) in this summer's examinations. As Year 11 leave us today, we wish them well and every success in their future plans, knowing that they will always be proud members of our Cyfarthfa family and worthy ambassadors for our town.

We return for the final six weeks of the Summer Term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. During this last half term we will revert to the original pattern of the school day, that is, all students will be having Tutorial, lessons, break and lunch at the same time, with Year Groups assigned to designated outdoor areas so as to minimise any crossing of 'bubbles' as far as possible. However, school will continue to finish at 2.30 p.m. with a variety of extra-curricular 'enrichment' activities on offer from 2.30 p.m. – 3p.m. Details of these opportunities will follow in early June.

School begins **PROMPTLY at 8.30 a.m.** with our Tutorial session, this is an important part of the school day and compulsory for all students. Please be aware that the school will be issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for both attendance and punctuality related issues should they arise.

**Please note – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day for staff and therefore school will be closed to all students.**

After Half Term, the whole school body will be adhering fully to our School Uniform Code. Students must not wear excessive jewellery or make-up and must **not display visible facial piercings** or any tattoos. **Extreme hairstyles/colours are not permitted.**

- Blazer – Grey with blue trim and logo – **presently compulsory in Years 7 and 8**
- School tie
- Long/short sleeved blue blouse/shirt
- Black skirt (pleated/straight) **worn at an appropriate length**
- Black formal trousers – worn below the ankle
- Tailored black shorts – **Summer Term only, timing at the Head's discretion.**

**NO STRETCH FABRIC, DENIM, DRAINPIPE, LEGGINGS OR COMBATS STYLE TROUSERS**

- Black knee high socks/black tights
- Black leather/leather look shoes only (flat/low-heeled; no trainers, Vans, Converse, sandals, boots/Dr. Martens etc.)
- **Optional** – V neck jumper, grey with blue trim and logo

**COLOURED/BRANDED HOODIES AND DENIM JACKETS (OF ANY SHADE) ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**



**Specialist items – Blazer/tie/optional jumper/P.E. kit should be purchased online via the school website from our supplier, this is to guarantee quality and consistency.**

**TSS Print and Embroidery - TSS Sport of Caerphilly.**

**Please note:** Students in Years 9 and 10 are permitted to still wear our outgoing uniform:

Blue polo shirt (with logo) and black jumper/school hoodie for **the last six weeks**. Following our two year transition period (September 2019 – August 2021) these items will shortly cease to form part of our school uniform and will not be accepted in September.

Therefore, from September 2021, all students will be wearing the new uniform (with the Blazer being an **optional item for Year 11 in 2021/22 only** – otherwise compulsory for Years 7-10 next academic year)

During the Covid 19 Pandemic, in line with Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and L.A. guidance, **ALL STUDENTS are still required to wear facial masks/coverings in all classrooms and communal areas of the school.**

Exceptions to the uniform policy, made on specific grounds, are permitted at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team. Please inform Heads of Year if there are any specific difficulties or issues regarding our uniform.

We are currently in the process of organising a visit from our uniform supplier on **Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>**, where parents/carers and students can attend a 'uniform shop' (adhering to Covid guidelines) to view and purchase the new items of compulsory uniform for this September – details to follow.

Our whole school expectations for all students are simple and effective:

**'Ready, Respectful and Safe'** - and with this very much the focus as we get back to basics, I would like to thank you for your full cooperation and support in reinforcing all important school matters with your child. All students must remain on site at all times and the use of mobile 'phones in class is strictly forbidden without the permission of the teacher. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you need further clarification on any of the above.

Finally, school will break up for the Summer Holiday on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Francis - Headteacher