



Dear Parent/Carer,

15th July 2021

As we approach the end of term, I write to thank you for your continued support of your children and the school. Working in partnership with students and parents/carers has played a huge part in our continued achievements, working together to maximise success. The reopening of schools in the Summer Term has been much welcomed at Cyfarthfa High School with formal classroom examinations across Years 10 and 11 proving to be extremely successful. I am confident that the 2021 G.C.S.E. results will reward our students with the excellent outcomes each member of the school community has worked so hard to achieve. Likewise, the Summer Term 'Enrichment' programme has been a huge benefit to student wellbeing across the school, with countless students availing of the many and varied experiences our staff have willingly organised for them.

The G.C.S.E. Results Day is on Thursday 12th August from 8:30am until midday.

All pupils will be directed into the main hall via a fire door (due to the construction work being completed on our new foyer) through a one way system to receive their results envelopes and then exit via a different fire door. Students/family members are requested to follow our social distancing measures, wear a face covering and make use of hand sanitiser stations.

This term has also seen two full Transition days for Year 6 and one for Year 5. All students from our Cluster Primary schools have experienced a range of first class learning experiences from across our curriculum. They are now well prepared for the next chapter in their learning journey as the newest members of our ever growing Cyfarthfa family.

As our pupils move into their next year group after the summer holiday, there will be some realignment of classes to take account of G.C.S.E. options and setting in certain subjects. Form classes remain mixed ability, the adjustments for certain students ensures the correct academic and social mix for September.

After receiving applications of the highest calibre and a rigorous selection process, I am delighted to inform you that the school has appointed a new Senior Team for the academic year 2021-22:

Head Girl – Emma Gough

Head Boy – Tomas Butler

Deputies - Natallia Nawara

Dylan Oakley

Senior Prefects – Cerys Carpenter, Tavia Cartwright, Hywell Davies, Lily Ellis, Joel Jones,

Harri Latewood, Andrew Miller, Beth Mytton, Kayla Norman, Sam Owen, Logan Sweeney

Ebony Williams

Congratulations to them all and we wish them every success in their future roles.



We break up for the Summer Holiday on Friday, 16th July at our current time of 2.30 pm.

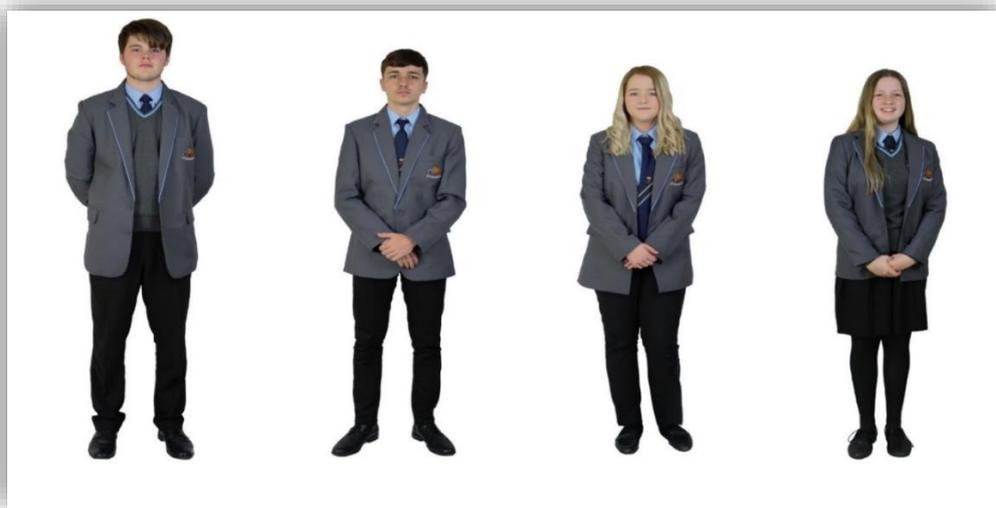
New term arrangements are as follows:-

Tuesday 7th September Years 7 and 10 only (formal school photographs for Year 7 on that day)

Wednesday 8th September whole school returns

N.B. In September we return to our normal school hours, that is, 8.30 a.m. – 2.55 p.m.

From September, following our two year transition period, our **new school uniform will be compulsory across the whole school** (polo shirts, black jumpers/Cyfarthfa hoodies are no longer permissible). A one year discretion on the purchase of our blazer has been afforded to Year 11 only, all other Year Groups will be required to wear the blazer along with blue shirt/blouse and tie, black formal trousers/skirts, black socks/tights and leather/leather look formal shoes. Details of how to order from our supplier can be found on the school's website.



School attendance is vital and compulsory and our usual high expectations apply. However, as reminder for the new academic year, students should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have a positive test result
- Live with someone who has symptoms or has a positive test result or are a close contact of someone who has had a positive test result – in both cases students should get tested too.

We would like to encourage all parents/carers to use class charts to notify us of any absences wherever possible. This will allow us to identify and monitor absences more efficiently. If you are unable to notify us of an absence via class charts, then please call the school directly on 01685 725222.





The Welsh Government Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles, has this week listed three main changes which are being proposed to bring some normality back to education ahead of the new Autumn Term. They are:

- Face coverings will no longer be routinely recommended in classrooms
- Contact groups will no longer be required for school pupils or full-time learners in colleges
- Normal session times will resume (8.30 a.m.-2.55 p.m.)

Staff and older students will still be expected to routinely test for Covid 19 using the Lateral Flow Testing kits supplied by schools/colleges.

Sadly, several teaching, support and administrative staff have left Cyfarthfa this academic year and are moving onto pastures new. We thank them sincerely for their hard work, commitment and contributions to our school and its students over their time with us.

Arian Ball Welsh

Charlotte Blatchford Mathematics

Robert Bradley Assistant Head teacher

Caylee Davies Music

Rhian George Business Studies

Beverley Jones LSA

Sharon McKean Administration

Camella Monk LSA

Alan Muluka Science

Rochelle Parker Mathematics

Rebecca Parry Science

Tom Phillips English

Catherine Williams Administration

Joe Willis ICT support

We wish them well in all their future ventures, knowing that they will always remain part of our Cyfarthfa family.



We welcome the following staff who will be joining the school in September:

Lucy Brown Raising Standards

Cheryl Winkle Raising Standards

Matthew Davies Learning Coach / Librarian

Kathryn Evans Mathematics

Nathan Phillips English

Jack Smyth Rugby Hub Officer

Karyn Carstairs LSA

Diane Colcombe LSA

Margeurite Courtney-Solbach LSA

Taylor Meade LSA

Stacey O'Reagan LSA

Sarah Stebbing LSA

Bethany Irvine LSA

Simon Davies LSA

Balvinder Kaur LSA

From September 2021, the curriculum structure at Cyfarthfa High School moves from Departments to Faculties. This restructure will allow for more collaboration across subject disciplines and support work in preparation for the New Curriculum in Wales. There are six new Faculties:

Science and Technology
Expressive Arts

Maths Numeracy and ICT
Humanities

Language Literacy and Communication
Health and Wellbeing



For your information, there are six Professional Learning Days for staff in the calendar for next year. (These were formerly known as INSET Days). School will therefore be closed to all students on these days:

Friday 3rd September	Closed to all students
Monday 6th September	Closed to all students
Friday 3rd December	Closed to all students
Tuesday 4th January	Closed to all students
Friday 27th May	Closed to all students
Friday 24th June	Closed to all students

The academic year 2020/21 has once again brought with it another set of exceptional circumstances for each member of our school community. Together, with your support, we have successfully navigated our way through them and the students have flourished back in the school environment. There will be a new and exciting set of challenges in September, but until then, on behalf of myself and the whole staff, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer break and success for each student in the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Francis

HEAD TEACHER