



Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

29th November 2021

The school will be running a drop down/assessment week commencing Monday 6th December (the week following school closure for staff training **this Friday, 3rd December**).

During this week, Year 11 will sit mock examinations and Year 10 will sit their Mock English Literature exam (Monday 6th December). Key Stage 3 students will complete a mix of GL Assessments, National Literacy and Numeracy Tests, Study skills, Learning to Learn, PSE, extended reading, Literacy and Numeracy activities (closing the gaps in learning due to Covid closures) plus Wellbeing sessions.

Full attendance is essential as assessments will act as a diagnostic exercise, informing staff of the learning priorities needed for individual students.

Please note, in line with the most recent Welsh Government Covid advice, we are requesting that all students wear face coverings in both classrooms and communal areas.

Thursday 9th December is the traditional Christmas dinner, students will need to pre-order.

Friday 10th December is our annual Christmas Jumper Day, in addition to normal school uniform trousers/skirts being worn. Donations for 'Save the Children' via ParentPay please.

The Spring Term commences for students on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Thank you for your support of your child throughout this first term and to the students themselves for their hard work and resilience; as partners in progress we aim to maximise the achievement and wellbeing of all students in the months ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. E. Canney
Assistant Head teacher