

28/05/21

Dear Pupils, Parents/Guardians,

At the end of a busy half term, I would like to thank our parents who continually ensure that your children promote the ethos of the school, where Respect, Welshness and Perseverance are key to the success of our pupils. It is a pleasure to be in the company of our pupils who every day do the important things that contribute so crucially to our community at Bryn Tawe.

Setting and maintaining basic standards are key to the success of any school. Thank you to the pupils who continually make the effort use the Welsh language on a daily basis and it is a pleasure to listen to our pupils using the language both inside and outside of the classroom. Undoubtedly, daily use is the key to improving and developing linguistic confidence, whatever the language, and we thank you for encouraging your child to persevere with their commitment to the Welsh language.

Pupils' commitment to their education is essential in ensuring that they reach their long-term potential. Effort and attitude to learning are central to this success. Pupils' commitment to their education is evident in their daily actions through their behaviour and the way they treat others. It is great to be able to praise so many of our pupils for their attitude, behaviour and for treating everyone else in the school with respect.

In relation to dress code, seeing our pupils in the new uniform has been a source of pride during this year. We thank you as parents for ensuring that they maintain the highest standards of presentation and that our learners take pride in their appearance. The vast majority of our pupils must be commended for their mature and responsible attitudes in terms of their very smart appearance, however some pupils do not always comply, and we have seen cases of learners wearing unsuitable clothing or jewellery (e.g. trainers, hoodies, or nose piercings). We expect all learners to comply with our expectations in relation to the dress code and uniform.

By the same token, we would also encourage a small minority of our pupils to start the new half-term with an improved attitude towards the Welsh language, towards their learning and in ensuring that they respect all members of our school community. The school and home partnership is a very important factor in ensuring that all learners succeed. I would like to take this opportunity to ask parents for your support in ensuring that your child promotes these crucial values and contributes positively to the ethos we have established at Bryn Tawe.

We look forward to a successful final half term where our expected standards are maintained and promoted by all pupils and the wider school community.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish the pupils of year 11, who will leave us during the first week after half term, all the very best for the future. Thank you for your excellent contribution to school life at Bryn Tawe, and we look forward to welcoming the majority of you to the Sixth Form in September. You will have the opportunity to visit us to discuss your options more fully in early July - you will be given further information upon the release of your Centre Determined Grades on the 18th of June. We extend our warmest wishes to all our pupils who are moving on to apprenticeships, to the world of work, or to college next year. Remember that we welcome visits to Bryn Tawe from former pupils and please do stay in touch.



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I would like to thank our year 13 pupils who will also be leaving the school during the first week of the new half-term. It has been a pleasure to see you develop into the mature, hard-working and responsible individuals you have become over the past 7 years and we have a number of fond memories from your time with us at Bryn Tawe. Thank you for enriching our lives and you will certainly be missed. We wish you every success on your next steps and look forward to hearing about your achievements!

Lastly, with a very busy term ahead, I would like to remind you of some key dates:

Date	Activity
PROVISIONAL CENTRE DETERMINED GRADES - YEARS 11-13	
09/06/21	Last day for pupils in year 11 – farewell ceremony in the afternoon.
10/06/21	Last day for pupils in year 13 – farewell ceremony in the afternoon.
18/06/21	Distribute provisional centre determined grades to pupils.
30/06/21	Final date for pupils to ask for a review of grades. We will share further information with pupils and parents in years 11-13 about the appeals process.
02/07/21	Provisional grades shared with WJEC.
HMS	
11/06/21	INSET – standardisation and moderation of Centre Determined Grades
30/06/21	INSET - Year 6 Transition Visits
16/07/21	INSET
PARENTS' EVENINGS (to be held virtually; details of how to join will follow)	
14/06/21	Year 10
28/06/21	Year 8
05/07/21	Year 7
OTHER	
14/06/21	Start of the interim timetable: Year 9 begin their GCSE courses Year 12 transition to A-level courses
15/07/21	Last day of the academic year for pupils in years 7-10 and year 12

I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing half term holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 7th of June.

Sincerely,




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