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Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of the Sixth Form, in what has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging academic years for your child. Secondly I would like to share some key dates and information with you.

Exam Board Contingency Arrangements:

We have very recently received communication from the WJEC that they are instigating a contingency plan regarding the re-scheduling of exams, should there be a major incident. This is an all Wales protocol and therefore is outside of our school control. Please take note of their following stipulation:

“The AS/A level June 2018 series starts on the 14th May 2018 and ends on the 26th June 2018. If a major incident occurred during the examination series, an exam may be re-scheduled to another date within the published timetable. An examination would be re-scheduled only in extremely rare and exceptional circumstances.”

Welsh Baccalaureate:

Year 13: All Welsh Baccalaureate has now been assessed and entered. Therefore in order to aid the revision process, the subject has been removed from timetables. Final grades will be awarded alongside other A level examination results.

Year 12: Welsh Baccalaureate lessons have been suspended for the duration of the exam period (**from Friday 4th May- Monday 25th June**) in order to aid revision for external exams, however there remains the expectation that any work deadlines set by teachers must be met.

Attendance

All Sixth Form students are expected to be in attendance until 25th May. From there students should still attend lessons until they have sat their exam. Following this they may then use that allocated time to prepare for other exams. Year 12 do not need to be in attendance once they have completed their exams, until either Work experience week or the beginning of the Summer Programme (See below for further details).



Work Experience: W/C 18th June

Year 12 students should have organised and co-ordinated with Ms L Scale regarding their work experience placements. Any student who has not organised a placement will be expected to attend school and will be provided with a placement. In the interest of safeguarding this is absolutely essential.

Summer Programme: W/C 25th June 2018

All Year 12 students will be expected to return to school to participate in the Welsh Baccalaureate Summer Programme. Within this final part of the term students will be undertaking vital work on key elements of the WBQ qualification, which will take immense pressure off them as they move into Year 13. Additionally they will be provided with key workshops on the university application process and routes to higher education. Please again note that attendance in this final term is mandatory and is a stipulation of returning to Sixth Form in September 2018.

Examination Results: Thursday 16th August

Students will be able to collect their examination results **from 8am** on Thursday 16th August. Any student unable to collect their results personally, or would like them communicated via other means must see Mrs McGreevy (exams officers) as soon as possible. Staff support will be provided in the first instance to Year 13 students, but will also be on hand to assist Year 12 should they have any concerns or questions regarding their results. It is expected that Year 12 students require a MINIMUM of 2 D grades to return into Year 13.

Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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