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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to thank every member of the PCS community – pupils, staff & parents/carers – for your ongoing support and dedication. I am delighted to say that it has been a term of considerable successes.

You may have already received the spring term edition of the Porthcawl Post which includes a collation of just some of successes we have celebrated thus far this term. I am incredibly grateful to our staff who go above and beyond to make sure our pupils have lots of positive experiences and opportunities. This term alone, there have so many opportunities for extra-curricular opportunity and enrichment.

Some of the highlights this term include:

- A wide range of sporting fixtures – too many to list!
- Running several extra-curricular educational trips and visits which included a Yr8 and Yr9 trip to Paris. I look forward to hearing about our Yr7 trip to Paris and our trip to Berlin taking place this weekend. Pupils and staff – enjoy!
- Year 6 transition days - we are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 for further visits to PCS in the summer term.
- Pupils in Year 9 have chosen their option subjects for their journey into KS4 next year.
- Our Sixth Form Opening Evening - this was a success; it was a popular evening and we look forward to 170+ pupils joining PCS Sixth Form in September 2023.
- Year 11 pupils received excellent results in their GCSE mathematics exam in November, near 80% achieved an A*-C grade and around 42% of grades awarded were A*/A.
- Our Year 10 pupils also performance very well in their GCSE English Literature Unit 1 examination completed in January. These results provide a platform for summer success.
- Our school production of "Footloose". The 44th production in our school's history. Three evening performances and a matinee watched by over 2000 people in our local community. To the cast and crew - it was quite simply outstanding!
- The on-going development of the 'Curriculum for Porthcawl'. All staff have been working very hard to develop a wide range of learning approaches, skills opportunities and experiences for your children.

We are very pleased with our work to date as we prepare to adopt the new Curriculum for Wales in September 2023.

- Year 13 Leavers Photos - their final photos at our wonderful school.
- Year 9, Year 10, and Year 12 Progress Evenings, it was lovely to meet so many parents/carers.
- Saint David's Day celebrations - the Grand Pavilion was full of celebration for our Senior and Junior Eisteddfod.
- Our Awards Evening took place last week – a wonderful evening, celebrating the success and achievement of our school community.

All this in a short term! It really is true: time does fly when you're having fun!

Reminders:

- The school is open for identified venues and days over the Easter holiday for additional revision sessions in preparation for the summer GCSE and A level exams. Please see the Easter revision timetable which has been sent via the Sims App by Mrs James, Assistant Headteacher.
- Friday 31st March is an INSET Day at Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you - parents/carers and families - for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term in post, have a wonderful Easter break, I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to PCS on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher