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17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Families,

As we begin to move through the last week of term, I would like to thank you for your support since I took over as Headteacher in January 2023. It has been a busy two terms and I hope you have been keeping up to date via my letters and the Porthcawl Post which showcases the amazing things your children have been experiencing and achieving.

The Summer Term Edition of the Porthcawl Post can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.porthcawlschool.co.uk/school-information/newsletters/>

As I reflect on the last two terms I do so with immense pride. The strong relationships that exist at PCS amongst staff, families and students enable us to achieve all that we do. I am proud of our school community for the way we work together to ensure a focus on the highest standards, the best education possible and the strongest care, support and guidance. I look forward to continued work in 2023-2024.

As the term draws to a close, we reflect on the many and varied successes of our young people over the academic year. The school's successes are judged by many in a whole range of ways but first and foremost it is our young people's success in learning that is important and will serve them best for the future. There has been so much to celebrate and some incredible 'success' and 'achievement' this year – well done!

### **End of Term Arrangements**

The last day of the Summer Term will be **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**. Students will be dismissed at the usual time of 3:00pm.

### **New School Year**

We plan to start the Autumn Term 2023 as follows:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – INSET Day
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – **All Students**

Our INSET days for the forthcoming Academic Year are:

<b><u>Autumn Term 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Spring Term 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Summer Term 2024</u></b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Saying Goodbye, Thank You & Welcome

As always, the Summer Term is a time of change and I'd like to pass on my sincere thanks to all the staff who are leaving us and who have made such a positive contribution to Porthcawl Comprehensive School. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them all the very best for the future and I hope that they will always keep in touch with us at PCS. I have written about each member of staff in the summer term edition of the Porthcawl Post and I am sure you echo my sentiment. We are also fortunate to have been able to recruit several new colleagues who we cannot wait to join us in September.

The following staff will be leaving Porthcawl Comprehensive School at the end of this academic year:

- Mrs Anne O'Brien - Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Steve Blanche - Teacher of ICT/Electronics
- Mrs Catrin Stuart – Part Time Teacher of PE
- Mr Anthony Baker - Teacher of Humanities
- Mr Mark O'Brien - Senior Premises Officer
- Miss Josi Williams - Senior Science Technician
- Mr John Lowe - Teacher of Science

The following staff will be joining Porthcawl Comprehensive School at the start of the next academic year:

- Mr David Beard - Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Steven Howells - Teacher of English & Media Studies
- Dr Rhian Evans - Teacher of Physics
- Mr Peter Croucher - Safeguarding & Wellbeing Officer
- Mrs Emma Lewis - Senior Science Technician
- Mr Joel Peterson - Senior Premises Officer
- Mrs Sarah Owen - Teacher of Mathematics & ICT (maternity cover)
- Miss Lara Morris – Teacher of RE (maternity cover)

Lastly, I have and continue to be very impressed with the attitude, effort, and behaviour of the students at Porthcawl Comprehensive School and this combined with the support from you, their families, really does help to make our school the success that it is. I look forward to continued success at GCSE and A Level Results Day in August.

I shall write again at the start of the next academic year, have a fantastic summer break, many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher