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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the half-way point of the school year with our spring half term holiday coming up next week. For our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 pupils the start date for the GCSE and A-Level examinations can now be counted in weeks and the need for continued focus and hard work is never more important.

Since taking up post I have been very impressed with the effort, resilience and focus in learning demonstrated by so many of our pupils. Over the last six weeks it has been a delight to visit lessons, speak to pupils, and find out about their learning. I have lost count of the number of pupils who have visited my office to show me their books, projects, or presentations – keep up the good work!

As this half term draws to a close, it is also important that I recognise the efforts of the staff at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. I extend my thanks to them for providing all that they do for the pupils in our school.

We have a busy half term ahead. To provide some advanced notice, below are some of the key events coming up next half term. Please check our newsletter, parent app and website for further updates.

- Year 12 Progress Evening - 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Year 13 Photographs - 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Awards Evening - 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Year 10 Progress Evening - 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Inset Day - 31<sup>st</sup> March

### **Industrial Action – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

This week, I have been informed that the National Executive of the NEU (National Education Union) have rejected an offer put forward by Welsh Government. As a result, the NEU have confirmed that the previously postponed strike action will now take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

At the time of writing, it is my understanding that negotiations continue, and therefore circumstances may change following the half term break. However, at this time, based on the information available to me it is likely that Porthcawl Comprehensive School will close to all pupils on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

I am sorry that you might have to make alternative arrangements for your child on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and that there will be further disruption to their learning. I write now to share information, and to provide advanced notice. I shall write again on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support. It has been great to meet so many of you at recent school events. I wish you all a lovely half term and I look forward to welcoming all pupils and staff back to Porthcawl Comprehensive School on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher