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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, I hope that you enjoyed the sunny Whitsun break. I write to provide a brief update for the weeks ahead.

### **Key Stage 3 Examinations**

The w/b Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June marks the start of the Key Stage 3 examinations/assessments. This afternoon we will walk all students in Yr7 – Yr9 to their allocated examination venues and talk through the plans, procedures, and expectations for the week ahead. I wish all Key Stage 3 students the absolute best for their examinations/assessments - keep up the good work!

### **GCSE & A-Level Examinations**

GCSE and A Level Examinations continue – my sincere best wishes to all key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students as they complete their remaining examinations this term. From this week onwards, Year 11 Study Leave officially starts. This means that students are only required to attend school when they have a scheduled examination. It is important that each student is fully aware of their remaining exams as per their personalised timetable. This pattern of attendance also applies to Year 13 who will attend school for A Level exams only. Please note, teachers may arrange additional revision sessions over the forthcoming weeks and will communicate details as required.

### **Year 12 into Year 13 Induction**

We welcome our Year 12 students back to PCS on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June and all students must attend from this date. During this week, our Year 12 into Year 13 'Induction Programme' starts. A lot of planning has gone into this week - thank you to Miss Crook, Mrs Bennion and Mrs Williams. We have prepared a wide range of activities, workshops, and guest speakers to prepare and support our students with their forthcoming University applications and/or progression plans. As part of our induction week, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Year 12 parent/carer information evening from 5pm-6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Warmer Weather**

I have been reviewing the long-term BBC weather forecast and we look set to have dry, sunny weather for the weeks ahead – *now that I've said this it will probably change!* The forecast suggests that daily temperatures in Porthcawl will peak between 19-22 degrees with a gentle/moderate breeze and the higher daily temperatures will be experienced between 2pm – 7pm each day. As we know, forecasts can remain or change quickly, so with this in mind, as the weather turns warmer, I thought I would highlight what our approach will be to ensure students are as comfortable as possible. Please note, as per our policy any temporary changes to uniform will be communicated to parents/carers.

- There is no summer uniform at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. Students will continue to wear their normal school shirts and ties but will not need to wear their pullovers/jumpers. In the week prior to May half term many students were already following this approach. This is the only change to uniform during this period with all other items remaining the same.
- If temperatures continue to increase to an uncomfortable level, I will write to let you know that students may wear Porthcawl PE kit to school – you will be contacted via the Sims Parent App. If this temporary amendment is required, this will be a short-term measure which will last for the period of excessive temperatures. Please note, this adjustment is not in place at this time, and I will continue to monitor the weather forecast as we move through the term.
- Students should be encouraged to bring water bottles/water to school. We have a number of water dispensers located at various points around our school site making it easy for pupils to refill their bottles during the day at break and lunchtime.
- During break and lunchtime, students spend time outside and may wish to bring a hat/sun cream. Our school site is a large site, and many students enjoy the field space and the surrounding areas/facilities, therefore a hat/sun cream is advised.

As we move through the next few weeks, I shall keep you updated.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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