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Dear Parents / Carers,

Today, marks the end of my second week in post as the Headteacher of Porthcawl Comprehensive School and already there is so much to talk about and share. It's been a busy two weeks – *assemblies, celebrations, sporting activities, exams and rehearsals!*

Last week, over 200 Yr10 pupils completed their Unit 1 English Literature GCSE examination. I would like to praise all pupils for their effort and maturity as they prepared for and sat their very first GCSE exam. A thank you is also needed to our English Faculty who provided additional lessons in preparation for the examination. A team effort – well done everyone! This week, we have met with Headteachers and teachers from our cluster primary schools to plan for the Curriculum for Wales; something we are very excited about at PCS! Our curriculum plans are moving forward at pace and I shall provide more information in the Spring Term Edition of the Porthcawl Post.

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all pupils and delivering year group assemblies. My message: *'Perseverance Creates Success'* - high standards and expectations at all times, and as I've walked our school site this week it has been pleasing to see so much hard work and effort on show in lessons. Both pupils and staff!

As I write, important decisions are being made about future pathways. The Yr11 Options Fortnight has already started and on Wednesday 18th January, I had the pleasure of welcoming pupils and parents/carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was lovely to see so many families in attendance, we anticipate a large intake of around 170 pupils into our Yr12 next year, and I hope for those who attended you found the evening informative. The Yr9 Options Fortnight starts on Monday 30th January, more information will follow, and we are holding our Year 9 Progress Evening on the 8th February. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please don't think I have forgotten about our annual school production of Footloose at the Grand Pavilion starting on Wednesday 25th January. The set up and rehearsals are underway! A special thank you to the cast, Mr Smith, Mrs Giles, Mrs Smith, Mrs Poole and Mr Llewelyn - your hard work and effort has not gone unnoticed. I can't wait for the production to start, my first as Headteacher. Everyone get your dancing shoes ready!

I shall end with celebration! Last week our Yr11 pupils received their GCSE mathematics results and I am delighted to announce that pupils have performed so very well with the provisional A*-C grade pass rate near 80%, and with 42% of grades awarded at A*/A. An outstanding achievement! Well done to Yr11 and of course, our Mathematics Faculty – thank you! I would like to personally congratulate all pupils on their achievements, and I look forward to hearing about your future success as you now move forward with your Additional Mathematics, Numeracy and LiBF qualifications.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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