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21st April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back for the summer term at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. I hope you all managed to have some time with family and friends and feel refreshed to make the most out of the summer term ahead.

GCSE & A Level Examinations

It is an important term for our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 pupils with the summer examination series starting on Tuesday 9th May 2023. From this date onwards, the GCSE and A Level examinations will continue up to Friday 23rd June. Each pupil has their own personalised timetable, and it is important that they are aware of the dates and times of examinations that apply to them.

From this point onwards the start date for the examinations can now be counted in days and weeks and the need for continued focus and hard work is never more important. Speaking to our teachers, I have been incredibly pleased to hear about the high standards of preparation, effort and commitment demonstrated by so many of our pupils as they move towards the examination series - I pass on my sincere best wishes and good luck to all pupils.

Once the GCSE examinations are underway, the Yr11 timetable will be revised, and a timetable of lessons and revision sessions will be put in place up to the end of this half term. More information about this will be shared By Mrs. James via the Parent App in forthcoming weeks.

School Uniform

I am overall pleased at the high standard of our school uniform. However, I would like to ask that you ensure that your child continues to wear the full school uniform every day. When your child wears a jumper to school, this should be a school jumper not a hooded top or branded jumper. Your support with the uniform is very much appreciated.

Sporting Success

I would like to congratulate our Year 9 rugby team who have progressed into the final of the Welsh Cup. The U14 team won 36-7 against Bassaleg School on Wednesday 19th April and now travel to the Principality Stadium on Monday 24th April. Playing at our National Stadium what an experience and opportunity!

To make the final out of approximately 200 secondary schools in Wales is quite some achievement! The team qualified for the Welsh Cup following success at a regional competition that took place in the autumn term and since January they have played in the knockout stages against the best 32 schools in Wales. Several pupils have contributed to the success of this team, too many to list, however I shall congratulate them personally.

A talented group of rugby players, we wish them all the absolute best for the final and of course their coach and PE teacher Mr Davies. Given the prestigious nature of this event, to support and cheer on our U14 team we are providing the opportunity for Year 9 pupils and all pupils who have represented the school at sports clubs to attend the final if they wish. Details about this trip to the final have been shared by the PE department via the PE Google Classroom. I would like to pass on my thanks to our kit sponsors Jackson's Cabs and The Posh Door Company, who have recently provided the school with new kit for the semi-final and final – thank you!

There is more sport planned! Our senior football team have a cup match this afternoon and Year 8 play at the District Sevens competition at Bryntirion on Tuesday 25th April – Good Luck!

Advanced Notice:

- Year 8 Progress Evening – Wednesday 26th April
- Key Stage 3 Examinations – w/b Monday 5th June
- Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May
- Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May

I shall write again later in this term to provide further updates. Thank you as always for your continued support. I again wish our Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 pupils the very best of luck for their forthcoming exams and I hope all pupils achieve their very best this summer term.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher