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Dear Parents / Carers,

Today, marks the end of week 2 of the autumn term and already there is so much to talk about and share. It's been a busy two weeks – *assemblies, celebrations, sporting activities and learning.*

Last week, approximately 1000 students in Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 Year 10 and Year 12 started the year with their annual school photographs. An occasion that marks an important point in time - there was certainly lots of smiling faces! Please note, photographs for Year 11 and Year 13 will take place later in the academic year.

All Year 12 students are now up and running with their new AS Level courses. All students have shown such maturity as they transition from GCSE to A level learning – well done! I would like to praise all students for their early efforts and maturity, keep it up! We are very proud of our Sixth Form, there is a real sense of community at PCS. Over 170 students have joined our Year 12 and already the enjoyment in learning and that sense of belonging at PCS is evident to see. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Year 12 students from other Sixth Forms who join PCS for identified A Levels which are provided by us via partnership arrangements. I wish you the very best hope you enjoy all that PCS offers.

As I write, a small number of our Year 13 students are preparing their UCAS applications for degree courses at Oxford or Cambridge or for universities across the UK to study Medicine. An early application is required for these courses and institutions, and I pass on my sincere best wishes to those students who are applying. I look forward to finding out about Year 13's plans as they move through the academic year.

This week, I have thoroughly enjoyed delivering year group assemblies to Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. My message: *'Success & Time'* – centred around the theme of making best use time this academic year, ensuring strong values and upholding the standards we expect. As I've walked our school site this week it has been very pleasing to see so much hard work and effort on show in lessons. Well done to all students and of course our dedicated staff.

Already, there have been several events and sporting activities. This week, we have hosted a Seren Network event for Sixth Form students in BCBC and we have hosted the District Round for the Under 16s Glamorgan County Netball trials – well done to all students who participated and congratulations to those who have moved through to the next stage. Year 7 football training has started, and it was lovely to hear that attendance was high - I look forward to hearing about the successful results soon. Students in Year 10 and Year 11 have already represented Porthcawl Comprehensive School in the South Wales Schools Tennis Finals having previously won the area final and our Year 9 and Year 10 rugby teams played matches against Brynteg. A big congratulations to all!

The PE department have released our extra-curricular sports plan for the autumn term and there is a wide range of sports clubs and activities available each week. There are activities running every lunchtime and after school. To provide a range of opportunities for our year groups there are multiple clubs and activities running each day. If your

son/daughter is unsure of the timing for any of our after-school activities, they can ask their Form Tutor or teachers from the PE department. Our What's On 2023-2024 booklet will also be released very soon.

The Bridgend Schools U16 rugby starts on this evening with a match against Swansea Valley Schools. Congratulations to Alex Evans, Ben Harvey, Xavier Thomas, Dylan Kimpton, Matthew Clatworthy and Harrison Burke on your squad selection – well done!

Reminder: Nose piercings are not part of our school uniform policy. Please can I ask that parents/carers ensure that their child does not wear a nose stud whilst attending Porthcawl Comprehensive School. Many thanks to parents/carers for supporting this.

In a few weeks' time we will be holding a Year 7 Information Evening and a Year 12 Information Evening for parents/carers. These events will take place on Tuesday 26th September 2023. Deputy Headteachers, Miss Painter and Mr Beard will share more information about these forthcoming evenings soon and I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher