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Dear Parents / Carers,

Last week, I had the pleasure of welcoming Year 7 and Year 12 Parents/Carers to our Year 7 Information Evening and our Year 12 Information Evening. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and students in attendance, I hope you found this information useful, and I look forward to working with you throughout the years ahead.

Since the start of the academic year, Year 11 have been preparing for their GCSE Mathematics examination papers which will be completed in early November. This examination is an external one and I encourage all students to prepare thoroughly in order to achieve their potential. I would like to praise all students for their effort and preparation to date and I pass on my thanks to our Mathematics Faculty – keep it going everyone!

On Friday 29th September, Year 7 enjoyed their first Expressive Arts trip to the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff to watch Welsh National Opera perform 'La Traviata'. This was a compact version of the famous opera, where students experienced a narrated performance explaining the key moments within the plot. This was a brilliant cultural opportunity for the pupils, and they all responded well to the etiquette required when 'going to the opera'!

There is lots going on in the Physical Education Department. This week, our netball teams have competed across all age groups with games against Cynffig and Bae Baglan. Our Yr10 football team started their season against a competitive CCYD team and our GCSE football teams have played in an important moderation fixture. Next week, we continue to provide a range of opportunities, on Monday we are running a rugby referees' course for our students and on Tuesday there are netball and rugby fixtures in Llangynwyd. We have our first Senior XV rugby fixture at home on Wednesday 18th October against Llangynwyd and our Yr10 netball team host Pencoed. Next Thursday we will also host our final football moderation game with Yr11 GCSE playing Yr12 AS Level PE.

As I write, I have just enjoyed one of the highlights of my week – my Friday lunchtime meeting with our Year 13 Head Team, Head of Sixth Form Ms Crook and Deputy Headteacher Mr Beard. The Head Team's contribution and discussion about all things school is always appreciated. It is true to say that they really are role models to the whole school community. It was lovely to learn about the university applications already prepared and to hear about the plans for school activities for the term ahead. I thoroughly enjoyed finding out about our plans for 'Charities Week' and, of course, all the potential fancy dress opportunities for Children in Need.

Reminder: Year 11 Progress Evening Wednesday 18th October

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
M. Stephens
Headteacher