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18th December 2023

Dear Families,

As the autumn term draws to a close and we near the Christmas break, I would like to offer a few words to reflect on 2023. This year has been another 'excellent' year, filled with new developments, the highest achievements, and moments that have enriched the lives of the students at Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all families for entrusting us with the education and development of your son/daughter. Your support, dedication and involvement has played a significant part in making 2023 a resounding success. In September, we celebrated some of the best results in the history of our school and we also started the new Curriculum for Wales referred to as the 'Curriculum for Porthcawl' at PCS. Throughout this term, we have enjoyed delivering our new curriculum and watching every pupil develop their knowledge and skills through a wide range of learning and experiences.

Across the curriculum, in every year group, the thirst for knowledge, creativity and enthusiasm has been infectious! Students have embraced new subjects, tackled difficult concepts, and taken on leadership roles with steadfast dedication. It has been wonderful to witness their progress and to see them develop and thrive. I pass on my sincere thanks to the incredible team of staff we have at Porthcawl Comprehensive School who, throughout every day continue to provide a wide range of experiences and opportunities for our students. Quite simply, the very best!

As shared in this term's edition of the Porthcawl Post, and through school events and activities, together, we have achieved some notable milestones. Your children have excelled in competitions, showcased their talents in art, science, and ICT. They have participated in drama productions and demonstrated excellence in sport – to name a few! We have won cups, shields, local and national competitions, and several students have secured national honours in identified sports. Across the curriculum, we have celebrated their continued progress, their community work and their overall efforts that embody the 'Curriculum for Porthcawl' and 'The Porthcawl Pupil'.

To read the Autumn Term 2023 Edition of the Porthcawl Post please follow:

<https://www.porthcawlschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/PCS-Porthcawl-Post-Winter-2023.pdf>

As we celebrate the end of this year, I would like to also acknowledge the collaborative effort of you, our families. Your involvement in school events, engagement in meetings and attendance at various initiatives has been invaluable. Your encouragement and support at home has undoubtedly played a significant role

in your child's progress and achievements. Home and school partnerships are vital for success, and we look forward to more successful partnerships in 2024. Everyone at PCS is looking forward to the year ahead and all that we will achieve. We will continue to innovate and refine our teaching, learning and curriculum approaches. We will strive for excellence in all that we do and through our carefully mapped learning we will continue to ensure that strong foundations are built for your children in the future.

As the Christmas holiday approaches, please take time to rest, relax and to enjoy quality moments with your friends and families. Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for being an integral part of the PCS school community. To end, I would like to extend a thank you to our school Governors who have had another busy year under the Chairmanship of Mrs A. Thomas and Vice Chair, Mrs A. Morgan. We thank you all for your continued work with the school.

I wish you all a safe and memorable Christmas break and I look forward to another successful year in 2024. We welcome all students back to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Please note, the autumn term ends on Friday 22nd December at 3:00pm.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher

Important Dates – January / February 2024

- 8th January - INSET Day
- 10th January - GCSE English Literature Unit 1 Examination (Year 10)
- 11th January - GCSE Mathematics results (November Entry) issued
- 15th January - Year 11 Options Fortnight Starts
- 17th January - Sixth Form Options & Open Evening
- 24th - 27th January - School Show
- 29th January - Year 9 Options Fortnight Starts
- 7th February - Year 9 Progress Evening