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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term 2024, I would like to thank every member of the PCS community for your on-going support and dedication. Once again, it has been a term of considerable successes.

You may have already received the spring term edition of the Porthcawl Post which includes a collation of just some of the successes we have celebrated thus far this term. I am incredibly grateful to our staff who go above and beyond to make sure our students have lots of positive experiences and opportunities. This term alone, there have been so many opportunities for extra-curricular enrichment.

For a digital version of the Spring Term 2024 Edition of the Porthcawl Post, please access: [Layout 1 \(porthcawlschool.co.uk\)](http://porthcawlschool.co.uk)

Some of the highlights this term include:

- A wide range of sporting fixtures – too many to list!
- Running several extra-curricular educational trips and visits which included a Year 8 trip to Paris and a Year 7 trip to Llangrannog.
- Computer Science / Techno Camp activities and a Year 9 STEM trip to ENCON Construction.
- A visit to London.
- Year 9 First Give Project during Health & Wellbeing lessons.
- Year 8 playing in the Ospreys Plate Rugby Final.
- KS3, KS4 and KS5 Debating Events.
- Year 6 transition days - we are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 for further visits to PCS in the summer term.
- Year 10 Engineering visit to Sony.
- Year 9 have chosen their option subjects for their journey into KS4 next year.
- Our Sixth Form Opening Evening - this was a success; it was a popular evening, and we look forward to 180+ students joining our Sixth Form in September 2024.
- Year 11 students received excellent results in their GCSE mathematics exam in November, near 80% achieved an A*-C grade and around 35% of grades awarded were A*/A.

- Our Year 10 pupils also performed very well in their GCSE English Literature Unit 1 examination completed in January. These results provide a platform for summer success.
- Our school production of “Jekyll & Hyde The Musical”. The 45th production in our school’s history. Three evening performances and a matinee watched by over 2000 people in our local community. To the cast and crew – once again, the Porthcawl associated standards of excellence continue, it was quite simply outstanding!
- The on-going development of the ‘Curriculum for Porthcawl’. All staff continue to work very hard to develop a wide range of learning approaches, skills opportunities and experiences for your children. [Curriculum for Porthcawl - Porthcawl School](#)
- Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers Photos - their final photos at our wonderful school.
- DofE practice walks.
- Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 Progress Evenings, it was lovely to meet so many parents/carers.
- Saint David’s Day celebrations / School Eisteddfod.
- Our Awards Evening - a wonderful evening, celebrating the rich success and achievement of our school community.

And, as I write, the PCS community are preparing to travel. A group of pupils and staff look forward to skiing in Marilleva, Italy and pupils and staff from our Geography Department travel to Iceland. I thank the staff for providing these opportunities for our pupils. I look forward to hearing about these trips after the Easter break.

Reminders:

- The school is open for identified venues and days over the Easter holiday for additional revision sessions in preparation for the summer GCSE and A level exams. Please see the Easter revision timetable which has been sent by Mrs James, Assistant Headteacher.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you - families - for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated. Have a wonderful Easter break, I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to PCS on Monday 8th April 2024.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher

Key dates:

- **8th April 2024 - 24th May 2024** - A Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics Practical Examinations & Analysis Papers.
- **17th April 2024** - Year 8 Progress Evening.
- **9th May 2024** - GCSE written examinations start.
- **13th May 2024** - AS Level written examinations start.
- **20th May 2024** - A Level written examinations start.