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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the summer term at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. There is a lot ahead of us – GCSE & A Level examinations, sports events, the school show and transition activities to name a few. It will be another excellent term at PCS!

School Production – ‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’

Final plans are underway for our school production which is taking place in July. This year, we are doing things slightly differently; we are holding our school production on site in the Sports Hall. In addition, we are running five performances. For almost a year, we have been planning and coordinating this event – from the performance through to the logistics; this will be a wonderful production in true PCS fashion! We will fully transform the venue as we create staging, sound, lighting and seating!

This will be the 46th production in our school history and it goes without saying – the talent, tradition and all the associated standards of excellence once again continue at PCS! Each year, our annual school production allows us to showcase our school in the local community. It is a true community event, and I look forward to you joining us. Rehearsals have been underway for many months, and I am in complete awe of the talent and excellence! To the cast and crew – good luck!

So finally, I am delighted to announce that tickets are on sale for our school production of ‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’. To book tickets, please follow this link: [Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat | Eventbrite](#)

GCSE and A Level Exams – KS4 & KS5

The summer examinations start this week, and on Thursday 8th May Year 11 students will sit their first written GCSE examination paper of the summer 2025 series – GCSE Numeracy Paper 1. We wish all Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 students the very best for their summer examinations.

I hope that all Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 families have received my previous letters which included details about study leave, so by means of a brief update:

- **Year 11:** Study Leave will be granted from the week commencing 2nd June 2025 and until this date, students will be expected to attend school as normal. All students will attend their timetabled lessons and revise and prepare. Students will sit examinations as per their individual timetables then return to lessons. During this half term, a bespoke revision programme and a timetable will be put in place to support all students. We

have the leavers assembly to look forward to soon. All students must remain in school until Friday 23rd May 2025.

- **Year 12:** Normal teaching finishes this week, Friday 9th May. Monday 12th May is the first AS examination paper and Monday 2nd June is the date of the last AS examination paper. Students will not be expected to attend normal lessons during this period unless their teacher requests it. On Monday 9th June, all students should attend school for the Year 13 Induction Programme in the Sixth Form Hall. All students must attend, there is a lot planned this year, and the induction programme has been designed to support the move from AS (Yr12) to A2 (Yr13).
- **Year 13:** Lessons continue until Friday 16th May. Monday 19th May is the first A Level paper and Friday 20th June is the date of the last A Level examination paper. I am sure all are looking forward to the Sixth Form Summer Ball on Friday 27th June and our Leavers' Ceremony on Friday 16th May.

As you will see from the dates above, it is a busy few weeks ahead. To all students, I wish you all the very best for your forthcoming examinations – Good Luck!

Advance Notice

- w/b 2nd June 2025 – Internal Examinations/Assessments Yr7 – Yr9
- 21st July 2025 – INSET day

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher