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12th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Today, marks the end of week 2 of the autumn term. It's been a busy two weeks – *welcome assemblies, achievement celebrations, new timetables, sporting activities and new learning.*

Last week, pupils in Yr7, Yr8, Yr9, Yr10 and Yr12 started the year with their annual school photographs. An occasion that marks an important point in time - there were certainly lots of smiling faces! Please note, photographs for Yr11 and Yr13 will take place later in the academic year. This week, there were even more smiles, as we had our whole school photograph - approximately 1220 pupils and 140 staff; a true community activity. Thankfully the weather was on our side!

I have been very impressed with all Yr12 pupils, who are now up and running with their new AS Level courses. All pupils have shown such maturity as they move from GCSE to A level learning – well done! We are very proud of our Sixth Form, there is a real sense of 'belonging' and 'community' at PCS; evident this year as we once again welcome back a large cohort of pupils into Yr12, and already the enjoyment in learning is evident to see.

Our new Yr7 pupils have settled very well. Pupils have nearly followed a full cycle of their two-week timetable and it has been great to see them looking very happy and relaxed. Lessons are now in full flow and pupils are navigating around the school with confidence. They are a delightful group of young people and I cannot wait to share their future success!

This week, I have thoroughly enjoyed delivering my start of term assemblies and visiting lessons. My theme was: *"Success, Memories and Time"* – with a focus on strong values, learning & achievement and gaining memories. As I've walked our school site it has been very pleasing to see strong values being upheld by our pupils, so much 'learning' on show in lessons and so many memories being made. Well done to all pupils and of course our dedicated staff. As we start the academic year, overall school standards have been excellent!

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 during lunchtime and after school and there are multiple clubs and activities available 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 2025-2026" booklet will be released very soon, and this will provide a full programme of the clubs and activities at PCS.

Extra Curricular Plan (Autumn Term 2025)		
Day	Lunch Time	After School
Mon		KS3 Football - Mr Stratford KS3 Basketball - Mr Stradling Girls Football - TBC
Tue	KS4 Badminton - Mr Davies (once Sports Hall back)	Yr 7 Rugby - Mr Card Yr 8 Rugby - Mr Davies KS4 Basketball - Mr Stradling KS3 - Hockey Miss Owens Yr 7 Netball - Mrs McCarthy
Wed		Yr 10-Senior Netball - Mrs Nokes
Thurs	KS4 Basketball - Mr Stradling	Yr 9 Rugby - Mr Stradling Yr 10 Rugby - Mr Card Yr 8&9 Netball - Mrs McCarthy
Fri	KS3 Basketball - Mr Stradling	

We have continued to upgrade the school site, with hairdryers and new mirrors being installed in the swimming pool changing rooms. We have installed new soundbars in many classrooms and building work continues on the Sports Hall; we expect this to be completed during the Autumn Term.



The rugby season has already started with Year 10 playing Maesteg Comprehensive School on Tuesday 9th September – well done to all who played.

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 Wednesday 24th September 2025. Deputy Headteachers, Miss. Painter and Mr. Beard will share more information about these forthcoming evenings soon and I look forward to seeing you there.

The year ahead holds immense promise – an opportunity to build on our successes, embrace new challenges and continuing growing together as a community. I look forward to working with you all – I move forward with optimism, purpose and a shared belief in what we can achieve together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

M Stephens
Headteacher

Advance Notice

- Wednesday 24th September – Year 7 Information Event
- Wednesday 24th September – Year 12 Induction Event
- Wednesday 22nd October – Year 6 Open Evening

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Year 6 Open Evening



This is an excellent opportunity for Year 6 pupils and parents/carers to visit the fantastic facilities and learning experiences on offer at **Porthcawl Comprehensive School**. Once again, we have celebrated excellent GCSE and A Level results and we are very proud of all that we do and all that we achieve. There is a real sense of 'community' and 'belonging' at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. We provide the very best learning experiences supported by excellent care, support and guidance and our **Year 6 Open Evening** will provide important information about all that we do at PCS!

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

There will be a welcome introduction and presentation about the school from the Headteacher and senior staff. Pupils and parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet staff, tour the school and visit all departments / subject areas. There are lots of activities planned!

Due to the high numbers expected two venues will be used for the welcome introduction and presentation before the tour. Pupils and families from **Newton Primary** and **Nottage Primary** are asked to attend the Sixth Form Hall. Pupils and families from **West Park Primary** and **Porthcawl Primary** are asked to attend the Jubilee Theatre. Pupils and families from **non-feeder primary schools** can attend either of the venues provided.

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We look forward to seeing you there!



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