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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we near the May half term break, I write to provide a brief update.

### **Parent/Carer Survey 2026 - Feedback**

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the recent Parent/Carer Survey. Your feedback is very much appreciated; it forms part of our self-evaluation of 2025-2026 and it is used to finalise our improvement priorities for 2026-2027. Once we have concluded our self-evaluation processes, I will share details about the school's three-year School Improvement Plan (SIP) which will run from academic year 2026-2027 to academic year 2028-2029. I share a few of the headline figures from the parent/carers survey below:

- Most parents/carers believe their child likes attending Porthcawl Comprehensive School.
- Most parents/carers believe Porthcawl Comprehensive School is a safe school.
- Most parents/carers believe their child is appropriately challenged to support their academic progress.
- Many parents/carers believe they are kept informed of their child's progress at Porthcawl Comprehensive School.
- Most parents/carers believe their child is making good progress in Porthcawl Comprehensive School.
- Many parents/carers are happy with how behaviour is addressed at Porthcawl Comprehensive School.
- Most parents/carers believe Porthcawl Comprehensive School shares information in a timely and clear way.

To help you understand the above statements: Most = +90% and Many = +75%.

The above provides insight into a few of the question responses; please trust, all question responses and written feedback will be reviewed and actioned accordingly. As mentioned, we welcome your views and use your feedback to support the improvement of our school so that we can provide the very best for your children. During the summer term we also seek the views of our pupils and staff and this feedback alongside a range of other in-year activities enables us to evaluate our effectiveness and plan for improvement.

### **Key Stage 3 Examinations/Assessments**

The w/b Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June marks the second week of the Key Stage 3 examinations/assessments. These will take place in a variety of different formats and will be held at different venues. Some will take place in classrooms; others may take place in larger venues such as the Sports Hall. All examinations/assessments have been designed to support pupil progress, and for our Yr9 pupils they have been designed to support the move towards GCSEs in September 2026. I wish all Key Stage 3 pupils the very best - keep up the good work!

## **GCSE & A-Level Examinations**

Last week we held our Year 13 Leavers Ceremony and this week we will hold our Year 11 Leavers Assembly – there were lots of celebrations, farewells, shirt signing, smiles, and of course photographs! As we continue through the summer examination period, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Our pupils have approached their exams with maturity, determination and resilience, and we have been extremely proud of the way they have conducted themselves – keep it up!

**Reminder:** from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Year 11 Study Leave officially starts. This means that pupils are only required to attend school when they have a scheduled examination. Therefore, it is important that every pupil is fully aware of their remaining exams as per their personalised timetable. This pattern of attendance also applies to Year 13 who will attend school for their A Level exams only. Please note, teachers may arrange additional revision sessions over the forthcoming weeks and will communicate details as required.

Thank you once again for your on-going encouragement and support at home. The positive attitude shown by pupils in years 10 to 13 has been outstanding, and we are confident that their hard work and preparation will continue throughout the remainder of the examination period.

## **Yr12 into Yr13 Induction**

We welcome Yr12 pupils back to PCS on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June; all pupils must attend from this date. During this week, our Yr12 into Yr13 'Induction Programme' will start and A2 study will begin. This year, we are not running our induction programme for the full week. From September 2026, all Yr13 pupils will receive weekly activities, workshops and programmes to prepare and support them with University applications and/or their progression plans - thank you to Mrs Bennion, Mr Stratford and Mr Beard for planning this programme.

## **School Standards**

Many thanks for your continued support in ensuring that our 'School Standards' with respect to school uniform and mobile phones are followed by your children. We have been operating our revised systems for over a year and there has been notable improvement, especially with regards to mobile phone use.

Our policies are as follows - school uniform as per policy and no mobile phone use at all (including earpods) whilst on the school site. I thank you for your continued support with this.

## **School Production – 'West Side Story'**

As advertised, our school production is taking place between 30<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026. This will be the 47<sup>th</sup> production in our school history and it goes without saying – the talent, tradition and the associated standards of excellence once again continue at PCS! 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!

Tickets are on sale for our school production of 'West Side Story'. To book tickets, please follow this link:

<https://www.porthcawlschool.co.uk/show/> or use the QR code below.



## School Site

Scheduled works and building improvements continue across the school site. To support with Non-Examination Assessments (NEAs) and digital examinations we are creating an additional ICT Suite within G Block, we expect this work to be completed by September 2026. In addition, we are working towards significant roof replacement work on G Block (Science, Art, Design & Technology classrooms). This work is due to be completed by BCBC and will start during the next half term. It might involve the 're-rooming' of specific classes and if required we will share this information with your children. As with all projects, things can change, and with this in mind I will update as we move through the summer. I am really pleased that our facilities are being improved and upgraded for our pupils, the staff and the community.

Have a lovely Whitsun break – here's to a sunny one!

Best wishes,

*Mike Stephens*

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