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13th July 2026

Dear parents / carers,

As another academic year ends, I am pleased to reflect on the journey we have shared since September 2025. While a school's success can be measured in many ways, it is, above all, the progress and achievement of our pupils in their learning that matters most and will serve them well into the future. This year has given us much to celebrate, with countless examples of success and accomplishment – congratulations and well done to all.

As I said last year, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all families for entrusting us with the education and development of your son / daughter. It has been lovely to witness their progress and to see them develop as the 'Porthcawl Pupil' ready to thrive in the adult world. My thanks to the incredible team of staff we have at Porthcawl Comprehensive School who provide the very best for our pupils.

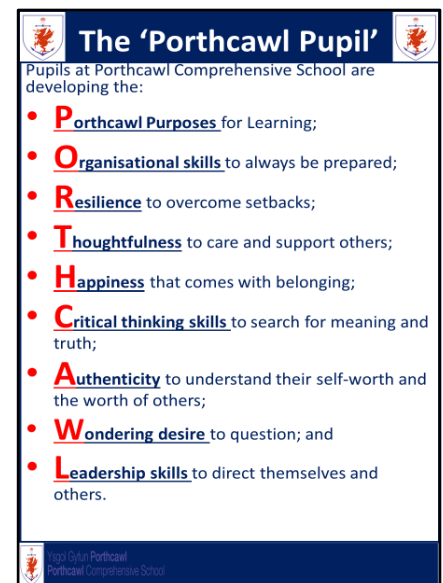
As highlighted in the Porthcawl Post and celebrated at events throughout the year, we have achieved so much together. Your children have excelled in competitions, expressed their creativity through art, shone on stage in drama productions, embraced new challenges through outdoor learning, and demonstrated outstanding sporting success, to name just a few areas.

We have also celebrated their continued progress, their contributions to the community, and the many ways in which they embody the values of 'The Porthcawl Pupil'. We are incredibly proud of them all.

As shared in the Porthcawl Post and at school events throughout the academic year, together we have achieved a lot! Your children have excelled in competitions, showcased their talents in art, participated in drama productions, engaged in new experiences via outdoor learning and demonstrated excellence in sport (to name a few). We have celebrated their continued progress, their community work and their efforts that embody the 'The Porthcawl Pupil'. We are very proud!

To read the **Summer Term 2026 Edition of the Porthcawl Post** please follow this link: [Summer 2026](#)

As we celebrate the end of this academic year, I would like to also acknowledge the collaborative effort of you, our families. Your involvement in school events, meetings and various initiatives has been invaluable. Your encouragement, feedback and support at home has undoubtedly played a significant role in your child's progress and achievements. We are looking forward to 2026-2027 and we will continue to ensure the very best!



As the summer holiday approaches, I encourage you all to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful moments with your families. Once again, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for the part you play in the Porthcawl Comprehensive School community. Reflecting on the academic year fills me with a deep sense of pride. The strength of the relationships between our staff, pupils, and families underpins all that we achieve together. I am immensely proud of the way our community works collaboratively to uphold the highest standards, deliver the very best education, and provide exceptional care, support, and guidance for our pupils. The culture and climate we have built at Porthcawl Comprehensive School - rooted in strong values, positive relationships, high expectations, and a genuine sense of togetherness - are at the heart of our success. I look forward to continuing this work and partnership with you all in 2026–2027.

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of the Summer Term will be **Friday 17th July 2026**. Pupils will be dismissed at the usual time of 3:00pm.

New School Year

We plan to start the Autumn Term 2026 as follows:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026 – INSET Day
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – **All Pupils**

The first day of term for all pupils in Years 7 to Year 13 will therefore be Wednesday 2nd September 2026. At the start of the school day staff will be on duty to guide pupils to the relevant venues. On this day all pupils will receive their timetables and spend time with their form tutor and some of their new teachers. Time will be allocated for ‘induction’ for each year group.

I will write again at the start of the next term to share arrangements for all other parents/carers’ meetings, progress evenings, and key calendar events in 2027-2027.

School Day

For the 2026-2027 academic year we will continue to operate a 50hr two-week timetable. Each pupil will receive 25 (x1 hour) lessons per week. The timing of the school day is as follows:

Registration/Wellbeing/Assembly	08:45 – 09:00
Lesson 1	09:00 – 10:00
Lesson 2	10:00 – 11:00
Break	11:00 – 11:20
Lesson 3	11:20 – 12:20
Lesson 4	12:20 – 13:20
Lunch	13:20 – 14:00
Lesson 5	14:00 – 15:00
Extra-Curricular Programme	15:00

Full details about our Extra-Curricular Programme for 2026-2027 (both lunchtime and after school) will be shared in our “What’s On” leaflet which will be shared at the start of next term.

INSET Days 2026-2027

Our **INSET days** for the forthcoming Academic Year are:

<u>Autumn Term 2026</u> Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Monday 23 rd November 2026	<u>Spring Term 2027</u> Friday 26 th February 2027 Friday 28 th May 2027	<u>Summer Term 2027</u> Monday 19 th July 2027 Tuesday 20 th July 2027
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Results days

Official results days are **Thursday 13th August** for Years 12 and 13, and **Thursday 20th August** for Years 10 and 11. AS and A Level results will be issued to pupils in the Sixth Form Hall. Year 13 can collect results between 8:00am-9:30am. Year 12 can collect from 9:00am-10:00am. GCSE results will be issued to pupils in the Sixth Form Hall. Year 11 can collect results between 8:00am-9:30am and Year 10 can collect results between 8:30am-10:00am. For Year 11 pupils returning to the Sixth Form at PCS, further information regarding tutor groups will be made available on the day.

The CARE BASE – Ty Golau

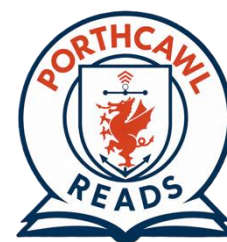
This academic year, we have been running a specialist C.A.R.E Base to support pupils with Autism. We are very proud of this provision and the environment we have designed. There is a sensory room, social areas and a classroom. The C.A.R.E Base is in Ty Enfys. Recently, pupils who attend the C.A.R.E Base have been working together to decide upon a name and identity for this provision. Following a Pupil Voice activity, our pupils have decided to re-name the C.A.R.E Base **Ty Golau**. This translates as 'House of Light'. I am very pleased that our pupils have played an important part in creating this identity.

The Curriculum Support Room – Ty Taith

In school, we have an additional support provision called the 'The Curriculum Support Room'. This provision is used in a variety of different ways; however, the overall aim is to provide a structured learning environment for pupils who follow a modified curriculum and/or a modified school timetable. We are very proud of this provision and the environment we have created, and in September 2026 a permanent member of staff will run this provision. The Curriculum Support Room is in G Block and following a Pupil Voice activity, our pupils have decided to re-name the Curriculum Support Room **Ty Taith**. This translates as 'House of Journey / Journey House'. Aptly named, as this provision is an additional support to enable pupils to thrive in their learning journey. I am very pleased that our pupils have played an important part in creating this identity.

Porthcawl Reads

This summer we are pleased to release our [Summer Reading Adventure](#). *"Read more - Think more - Create More - Be More"*. Please follow the link to access our E-Library and a range of different literacy adventures. Please share this link with your son/daughter and encourage them to join the 'Literacy Everywhere' Classroom this summer. (See QR codes contained within the link).



Saying Goodbye, Thank You & Welcome

As always, the Summer Term is a time of change and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all the staff who are leaving us and who have made such a positive contribution to Porthcawl Comprehensive School. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

As Miss Redmond begins her maternity leave, I know you will join me in wishing her every happiness and good health during this special time. We look forward to hearing her wonderful news and welcoming her back to the school community in the future. Our very best wishes go to Miss Redmond and her family as they prepare for this exciting new chapter,

The following staff will be leaving Porthcawl Comprehensive School at the end of this academic year:

- Mrs. A. Mackey - Head of Geography
- Mr. A. Shutt - Teacher of History
- Mr. D. Overall - Catering Manager
- Ms. S. Owen - Teacher of Mathematics & Science and Curriculum Support Officer

The following staff will be joining Porthcawl Comprehensive School in September 2026:

- Miss A. Gould - Teacher of English
- Miss M. Jones - Teacher of Drama

- Miss S. Hyde - Teacher of Business Studies & Physical Education (Part Time)
- Mr D. Evans - Teacher of Business Studies, WBQ & Physical Education (Part Time)
- Mr G. Chaloner - Teacher of Science (Maternity Cover)
- Mrs A. Thomas - Curriculum Support Officer
- Mrs H. Phillips - Kitchen Assistant

The following staff changes will take place at Porthcawl Comprehensive School from September 2026:

- Mr K. Day - Head of Geography
- Mrs N. Woodall - Catering Manager
- Mrs R. Smith - Assistant Year Tutor (*will deputise as a Sixth Form Year Tutor from September 2026*)
- Mr J Short - Teacher in Charge of Government & Politics
- Mr S. Howells - Teacher in Charge of Media Studies
- Mr J. Smith - Head of Drama
- Mr A. Stratford - Head of Year
- Mrs G. Jones - Assistant Cook
- Mr J. Smith - Head of Faculty: Performing Arts & Sport
- Mrs S. Carson - Head of Textiles & Food
- Mrs C. Degay - Assistant Year Tutor

In addition to the above, Mrs Kehoe the school's Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) will join the Senior Leadership Team from September 2026.

I will write again at the start of the next academic year. We are full of optimism for the prospects for our school in 2026-2027 and beyond. We have an ambitious programme for development and have the confidence and commitment to ensure the school prospers and excels.

On behalf of myself and the Governing Body, I wish you all a safe and memorable summer holiday, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher