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9th of October 2024,

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Supporting your child's education

Attendance and Punctuality

May we once again ask for your support to ensure pupils maintain strong attendance figures and are punctual to school in the mornings. We fully support Cardiff's campaign to maximise attendance, punctuality and draw attention to the importance of high attendance and its relation to wellbeing and attainment. These are some interesting data to compare. Every child later than 8.35am will need to hand in their phone into reception for the day.

Daily routines to ensure positive behaviour



Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in the school year
5 minutes per day	3.4 days missed a year = 98.4% Attendance
10 minutes per day	6.9 days missed a year = 97.6% Attendance
15 minutes per day	10.3 days missed a year = 94.6% Attendance
20 minutes per day	13.8 days missed = 92.9% Attendance
30 minutes per day	20.7 days missed = 89.2% Attendance

Promoting positive behaviour is a whole-school focus, and we are proud to inform you of our daily routines and high expectations of our students. If you could discuss these with your child, it would be of great benefit. Also, please remind your child of the importance of starting every conversation in Welsh at school.

Textiles and Graphics visit

Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to attend Bristol Zoo to sketch and experiment using inspiration from nature.



Lunch in the canteen –

Every year group are now able to attend the canteen to have a hot lunch. Can we remind students to use the recycling system correctly and to clear up any litter.

Year 11 Geography field trip

Year 11 had a very successful visit to Margam Park this week to collect data for their GCSE coursework.



Art Dept visit - London



The Art and Photography GCSE and A-Level students, visited London to gather inspiration to support their creativity. They enjoyed visiting the city's museums and attractions.

Year 8 Chromebooks

It is a pleasure to note that we are ready to hand out the Year 8 laptops starting on the 6th of October. Many thanks to everyone for your continued support with the financial contributions. The hand out process will take a week to complete, so don't worry if the device doesn't come home on the first day.

If you haven't already done so, parents will need to agree, by clicking consent on ClassCharts, to the acceptable use agreement, which was sent on the 20th of September.

SHRN Survey

During the first three weeks of October, your child will have the opportunity to complete the SHRN survey (School Health Research Network). The survey collects information about the health and wellbeing of young people and helps schools and agencies improve services. The data is confidential and is used for research and statistical reporting only. If you do not want your child to participate, you have the right to opt out. More details are provided in the letter sent out on Classcharts.

School uniform

Thank you for every contribution of second-hand uniform, we are not collecting any more at the moment. When we ask for more contributions, could parents please ensure that they are of good quality.

Events for the rest of the Term

6 October	Yr 11 Welsh coursework
7 October	Yr 6 open evening
8 October	Cluster Orchestra Concert
13 October	Yr 10 open evening
15 a 17 October	South Wales Schools United Orchestra

We would also like to remind you, if you wish to contact us regarding any clarification, explanation, or inquiry, please see our website for the latest contact details for the Leadership and the Progress and Wellbeing Leaders Team.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Catrin Arnopp
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