

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Special Update for Parents, Carers and Learners Friday 26th May 2022



Key Dates:

- **Friday 26th May:** End of Half Term
- **Monday 5th June:** Return to school
- **Friday 30th June:** INSET Day
- **Friday 21st July:** Last day of Summer term for learners and staff

Dear Parent and Carer,

We hope this update finds you and your families well as we find ourselves at the end of what has been a very busy and rewarding half term that has seen the start of GCSE exams and a range of exciting learning and extra-curricular activities. We have been impressed with the resilience and positivity of all our learners, especially those who have prepared so carefully for their exams and approached the process with such a mature attitude. We would like to say a special well done to everyone for all their efforts so far.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for your **outstanding support** both for our learners and for us as a school. I would like to share our sincere thanks and appreciation to those of you who have taken the time to contact us directly with messages of support and very positive feedback. It is truly appreciated by all of us: we can all be very proud of what we have once again achieved together as a whole community.

Thank you all.

After Whitsun

School will return as normal on **Monday 5th June** and we look forward to welcoming back our learners for a wide range of exciting activities over the second part of the Summer term. We will also start our **NEW TIMETABLES** for all pupils in Years 7-10 from Monday 5th June. All learners will be given their new timetable on their return.

Farewell Year 11

Today we bid a fond farewell to our Year 11 learners with a celebratory luncheon followed by our Leavers' Assembly. It was delightful to be able to reminisce together as a group and share happy memories, in a safe environment in line with the most recent health and safety guidance. The challenges these learners have overcome over recent years cannot be underestimated and we are extremely proud of each and every individual involved. We would like to send our heartfelt best wishes to everyone and wish them the best of luck as they undertake the rest of their GCSE exams and take the next steps on their future pathways. We are still here to offer any support needed in the next part of the journey.

Once Bryngwyn, forever Bryngwyn.

As well as preparing for final exams, we will also be in touch with more information regarding events such as Results Day and our Leavers' Celebration Evening. This information will be shared through our newsletters, social media and text messages.

Year 11 pupils have also been offered an information booklet on how to apply for their **Education Maintenance Allowance** for those who will be continuing their education next year. Funding is available for eligible learners over 16 who remain in education. Please click on this link for an electronic copy. Further information is available on the link below:

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/further-education-funding/education-maintenance-allowance/>

INSET Day 30th June 2023

We will be holding our final INSET day of this academic year on **Friday 30th June**. School will be closed for all learners on this day.

Free School Meals

We have been informed that eligible households should receive direct payments in respect of Free School Meals. Payments for the Whitsun half term holidays (5 days) and the two Bank Holidays (May 1st and 8th) will be made in one lump sum of £27.30 per pupil. The payment will appear in bank accounts on Friday, May 26th for most families, with any new applications or outstanding queries being cleared as soon as possible.

If your bank account details have changed since the last payment, please update them on the change of circumstances form below:

https://myaccount.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/en/service/Free_school_meals_application

For those who have not registered for payment or anyone new to claiming Free School Meals, please ensure you apply using the link below:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-meals/free-school-meals/#.X4gaJNBKiUI>

Finally

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school and wider community as well as your families and our learners. We look forward to continuing to work together in the Summer term to provide the very best experiences for all our learners.

Please stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on site on **Monday 5th June**. In the meantime, stay safe and have a happy, peaceful and restful Whitsun half term.



Best wishes,

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