



# St. Cenydd Community School Ysgol Gymunedol Sant Cenydd

Headteacher / Pennaeth : Miss Rebecca V Collins

18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

The summer term has, as ever, been a very busy time here at St Cenydd Community School. It has been a lovely end to the term with a great school production of 'We Will Rock You', an exciting Gym and Dance Evening, wonderful exhibitions from the Geography 'Sourcing Senghenydd' Lead Creative School project and the annual Art Department show, and Headteachers Awards and Presentation Evening where so many pupils' success was recognised.

In readiness for the new autumn term, please note

- **Start of term arrangements** – There will be two INSET days for staff on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016. Years 7, 10 and 12 will return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September with all year groups in school from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. A full calendar of the school year 2016/17 will be sent home at the beginning of the new term.
- **School Website** – Our new school website will be launched in September. Further details will follow.
- **Attendance and punctuality** - Please note that all students are expected to be in school in good time for the start of the school day. The first bell rings at 8.30am and all students should be on site in readiness for assemblies and form time. All children should aim for 100% attendance, as every day that they are absent from school means five lessons of their learning have been missed.
- **Uniform** – All pupils will be in the new school uniform from this September. TSS (Total Sporting Solutions) in Caerphilly is our school uniform supplier for the compulsory school blazer and compulsory tie, as well as the optional school jumper, cardigan and tank top. Shirts, skirts, trousers and shoes can be purchased from any shop. However, please note our uniform expectations. Unfortunately some shops label items such as leggings as school uniform. Please ensure that all school uniform purchases comply with our policy (which is attached).
- **Equipment** - All pupils need black ink pens for their written work, as well as the usual school equipment (pencils, ruler, protractor, compass, scientific calculator, colouring pencils, etc). These are available to purchase from the school if required.
- **Site Security** – During the summer holidays and autumn term we will be completing works at the main entrance to the school to improve site security and reduce traffic congestion on school site. This is likely to include a pedestrian and car barrier onto school site which will be operational throughout the school day. This will significantly limit and control traffic coming onto school site during the school day for the health and safety of all pupils. Please note that parents will not be able to drive onto school site at the beginning and end of the day to drop off or collect students.

- **School Development Plan 2016-19** - A copy of our three year development plan summary will be available on our new website in early September. If you would like a paper copy, please contact my PA, Mrs. Kay Richards, at the beginning of the new term.

## **Staff News**

At the end of this term, we will say goodbye to three members of staff who are retiring – Mrs Cook (Assistant Headteacher) who has been at the school for 33 years, Mrs Church (English) and Mrs Tucker (English). We wish them a long and happy retirement, and thank them for their dedicated service here at St Cenydd. They will be much missed by students and staff.

Four teachers are leaving to take up new opportunities – Mr Baylis (Head of Physics), Mrs Spear (SRB), Mr Short (Science), and Miss Clark (Maths). Earlier in the term, Mrs Howells (History) was elected as Assembly Member for the Cynon Valley. From our support staff, Mrs Purnell (Numeracy) and Mr Canham (Behaviour Support) are taking up teaching opportunities. We wish them all well in their future careers, and thank them all for the opportunities they have given to our pupils.

In September, Mrs. Glynys Davies will be Assistant Headteacher overseeing KS3, Behaviour and Attendance, Mr Harrison (PE) will be Head of Year 7, Miss Steer (PE) will be Head of Year 8, and Mrs Essex will be Head of Physics.

In September we will welcome seven new teachers – Mrs Hannah Evans (ALNCO – Additional Learning Needs Coordinator), Mr Williams (Head of Chemistry), Miss Tegan Thomas (Maths), Miss Angharad Thomas (Science), Mr Slade (Science), Mrs Smith (English) and Miss Clark (English). We will also welcome four new support staff – Miss Haswell (Cover Supervisor), Mr Stone (Behaviour Support), Mr Hopkins (Behaviour Support) and Miss Phillips (Numeracy).

I wish everyone an enjoyable, happy and safe summer holiday break.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to further build high standards and expectations here at St Cenydd Community School.

Yours sincerely



**Miss Rebecca V. Collins**  
**Headteacher**