



7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

There has been a good start to the new school year here at St Cenydd Community School, and I am pleased with the attitude and endeavour so many students have already demonstrated this week.

Please find below updates and information for the new school year.

### Results 2016

We have enjoyed a good deal of success over the summer, with the second highest ever results achieved across the school. GCSE and A level results days were celebratory as so many students received excellent results. Their hard work, endeavour and self-belief were justly rewarded. Congratulations to all involved in this success including parents, teachers and staff and, of course, the students whose hard work, endeavour and self-belief were justly rewarded.

### School Development Priorities 2016-2017

This year we will be working towards six key development areas and I will update you during the school year on our progress. The priorities are:

1. Further improve standards at KS3, KS4 and KS5, with particular reference to KS3 L6+, KS4 L2+ and Y12 outcomes
2. Further improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment to ensure positive impact on pupil progress and outcomes
3. Further improve pupil engagement, attendance, opportunity and wellbeing
4. Further improve learning environment, both physically and digitally, to reflect pupil, staff, parent, governors and community expectations and aspirations
5. Leadership development at senior and middle level, with particular focus on rigour of monitoring of the quality and impact of teaching, learning and assessment
6. Development of whole school and leadership partnership work

### Reward and Behaviour Policy

We have introduced a new Reward and Behaviour Policy this academic year based on a simple school rule – **Ready, Respect, Safe**. This means that students should be: **ready** to learn by arriving on time, with the right equipment and ready to be actively involved in their learning; show **respect** for themselves, others and their environment by being polite, following instructions, wearing the correct uniform and putting litter in a bin; and be **safe** by arriving at school by 8.25am and by behaving in a sensible manner.

The emphasis will be on reward rather than consequence. New rewards alongside attendance prizes and the Headteacher termly awards will include 'Tocyn Clod' (Praise Tickets) which are short term awards, praise postcards and letters sent home, and a Points System which will lead to reward trips and experiences. Pupils will be able to collect extra points through these rewards, and there is a stepped reward process known as Reward 1-4, or R1-4 for short.

Occasionally a pupil will break our 'Ready, Respect, Safe' rule. On such an occasion, they will now be issued with a 'Behaviour 1' or B1 for short. This is simply a verbal reminder of expectations, with no further sanction and the opportunity for the pupil to immediately comply with our 'Ready, Respect, Safe' rule. This should be enough in all circumstances. However, there is a stepped consequence process beyond this.

- B2 - verbal caution and the last chance to repair the behaviour before a sanction is given.
- B3 - 10 minute break or lunch detention, and pupils will lose points. An automatic B3 will be given if a pupil forgets their book or homework
- B4 – 30 minute detention after school
- B5 – Declassed and 1 hour detention after school
- B6 – referral to a member of the Senior Leadership Team

I have explained this new, simpler system to all students this week in my assemblies. The emphasis is very much on reward. However, all students should be clear about the consequences of their actions if they break our 'Ready, Respect, Safe' expectations.

### School Environment Improvements

We have made a number of improvements to school facilities over the summer holidays including upgrading two more Science Labs, improvements to school corridors and general decoration in many areas of the school. This term one of the Home Economics rooms will be fully refitted, the Music block will have a new roof and cladding, and decoration will be completed in the PE area.

### Uniform

All pupils now wear the new style uniform. Please note that the blazer and tie are compulsory every day. The cardigan, jumper or tank top are optional items in cold weather, should be worn underneath the blazer and do not replace the blazer. If you wish to have another copy of these expectations, please contact school reception. Your support in ensuring the very highest uniform standards is appreciated.

### Lunchtime arrangements

Y7, Y8 and Y9 remain on school site at lunchtime. Y10 and Y11 students are allowed to leave the site at lunchtime but there is no supervision off site. All students are informed that they must use road crossings, behave responsibly, and remain on the main road going no further than Tesco Express at the Bowls roundabout in one direction and up to the Spar on St Cenydd Road in the other direction. Please inform the school if you wish for your child to remain on site.

### Key dates

Please find attached key dates for your diary - Parents Evenings, INSET Days and School Term dates. Further information regarding these events will be sent to you in advance. For parents of KS4 and KS5 students, there will be Parent Information Evenings later this half term. These presentations give parents information, advice and support and focus on the expectations and challenges of GCSEs and A levels.

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**

# Key dates for Parents 2016-2017

## (INSET Days, Parents Evenings and School Holidays)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**INSET DAY 1 - School closed to all students**

**INSET DAY 2 - School closed to all students**

Sixth Form Information Evening for Parents

KS4 Information Evening for Parents

Y6 Open Evening for Pupils and Parents

Y7 Form Tutor Meetings with Parents

### Half term holiday

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Y8 Parents Evening

Y9 Parents Evening

Y9 Transition Evening

### Christmas holiday

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Y10 Parents Evening

Y11 Transition Evening

KS5 Parents Evening

### Half term holiday

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Y7 Parents Evening

Y11 Parents Evening

### Easter holiday

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

May Day Bank Holiday

### Half term holiday

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

New Y6 Parents Evening

Presentation Evening

Last day for pupils

**INSET DAY 5 - School closed to all students**

Please note that INSET Day 3 and 4 dates will be confirmed as soon as possible