



15 September 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that your child has enjoyed the beginning of the new school year.

Once again **GCSE and A level Results days** were full of celebration as so many students received excellent results. 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.

We are using a new system called Classcharts to monitor reward and behaviour across the school and I have been very pleased with the attitude and effort of so many students as they have settled into the new term. As you are aware we have one simple school rule – **Ready, Respect, Safe**. Students should: be **ready** to learn by arriving on time and with the right equipment; show **respect** for themselves, others and their environment; and be **safe** by arriving at school by 8.25am and by behaving in a sensible manner.

We have made a number of **improvements to school facilities** over the summer holidays including improvements to school corridors and to the second Music Block. Our new school gates are now fully operational ensuring that traffic onto school site during the school day is limited for pupil safety.

Nearly all pupils are dressed correctly in full **school uniform**. Please note that the blazer and tie are compulsory. The cardigan, jumper or tank top, optional items in cold weather, should be worn underneath the blazer and do not replace the blazer. Your support in ensuring the very highest uniform standards is appreciated.

If you think your child may qualify for **free school meals**, please complete an application. We use a card and fingerprint system in the school canteen and pupils who qualify for free school meals have their accounts updated automatically. If you would like any assistance with the application, please contact your child's Head of Year who will be happy to help.

Our **School Development Plan 2017-2018** will be available on the school website. We are updating our **school prospectus** this term to a digital version and this too will be available on the school website later in the year.

Please find attached **key dates** for your diary - Parents Evenings, INSET Days and School Term dates. The school calendar is also on the website. Please note that there are Parent Information Evenings this half term. These presentations will give parents information and advice about providing additional support at home.

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 2017-2018

(INSET Days, Parents Evenings and School Holidays)

Monday 4th September

Thursday 21st September

Tuesday 26th September

Wednesday 4th October

Thursday 12th October

Tuesday 17th October

Tuesday 24th October

Thursday 26th October

INSET DAY 1 - School closed to all students

Y10 Information Evening for Parents @6pm

Sixth Form Information Evening for Parents @6pm

Y11 Information Evening for Parents @6pm

Y6 Open Evening for Pupils and Parents

Y8 Information Evening for Parents @6pm

Y9 Information Evening for Parents @6pm

Y7 Form Tutor Meetings with Parents @4pm

Half term holiday

Thursday 16th November

Thursday 7th December

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2017

Y8 Parents Evening

Y9 Parents Evening

Christmas holiday

Thursday 18th January

Wednesday 24th January

Tuesday 30th January

Friday 2nd February

Thursday 8th February

Monday 25th December 2017 – Friday 5th January 2018

Y10 Parents Evening

Y11 Transition Evening

Y7 Parents Evening

INSET DAY 2 - School closed to all students

Y9 Transition Evening

Half term holiday

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 14th March

Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2018

KS5 Parents Evening

Y11 Parents Evening

Easter holiday

Monday 7th May

Friday 25th May

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April 2018

May Day Bank Holiday

INSET DAY 3 - School closed to all students

Half term holiday

Wednesday 4th July

Wednesday 11th July

Friday 20th July

Monday 23rd July

Tuesday 24th July

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

New Y6 Parents Evening

Presentation Evening

End of term

INSET DAY 4 - School closed to all students

INSET DAY 5 - School closed to all students