



St. Cenydd Community School

Ysgol Gymunedol Sant Cenydd

Headteacher / Pennaeth : Miss Rebecca V Collins

15 December 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been a very busy autumn term, with a great deal of success across the school. Following on from the impressive results in the summer across KS3, KS4 and KS5, I have been pleased with the attitude, effort and commitment of so many of our pupils. Success in the classroom has been equalled by our sports teams and in other events such as Children in Need, coding competitions with our Business Partner IQE and as part of the prestigious Shakespeare School Festival when our pupils performed Anthony and Cleopatra at the Sherman Theatre, to name just a few!

End of term and New Year arrangements

- **Term ends at 2.55pm on Friday 22 December 2017.** Reward trips are being run on Thursday 21 December and we have our traditional staff pantomime and 'Christmas Jumper Day' on our last day, Friday 22 December. Students are invited to wear a Christmas themed jumper over their school uniform, or accessorise their school uniform, raising money for our nominated charity, Latch.
- **All students return to school at 8.30am on Monday 8th January 2018.**
- Please note the dates of our four remaining INSET days: 2 February 2018, 25 May 2018, 23 July 2018 and 24 July 2018
- Parent's evenings in the spring term include: Y10 on 18 January, Y7 on 30 January, KS5 on 28 February and Y11 on 14 March. We will also be holding Transition Information Evenings for Y9 to choose their GCSE options and for Y11 to choose their A level options.

Staff updates

- At the end of this term, Miss Webber (Head of Geography) will be leaving to take up a teaching post in Bishopston Comprehensive School in Swansea. I am grateful for all she has done here at St Cenydd, not only within the Geography department but also through her outstanding leadership of our Lead Creative Schools Project. Miss Webber will be much missed by staff and students alike and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her every success in her new post. Mrs Davids will join the school in January to take up the post of Head of Geography.

- Mrs G Evans (Teacher of Welsh) will be starting her maternity leave next week and Ms S Evans will join the Welsh department in January.
- Mrs Francies (Admin Support) has joined the school, working in reprographics and as one of our First Aiders replacing Miss Griffiths.

Adverse Weather

Please be assured that the school will always open providing we have sufficient teaching and support staff available for lessons to take place throughout the day, and that it is safe to do so. As we are now in the winter months, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather in a warm, waterproof coat that fits over their blazer, and in suitable footwear.

In extreme weather conditions, it may be necessary to close the school. My decision to do so, along with the Chair of Governors, will be based on three factors: the safety of the site; how many staff can safely attend school to ensure the education of pupils; and the weather forecast. Should it be necessary to close before the school has opened for the day, parents will be informed by text and this information will be lodged on the school website (www.stcenyddcommunityschool.co.uk) and the council website (www.caerphilly.gov.uk). Please ensure that the school has your up-to-date mobile telephone number so that you receive any texts. Should the school have to close during the school day, you will be informed by text. Please ensure that your child has an emergency telephone number for you should they need to be sent home and please discuss with them your plan of where they are to go in the event of such a school closure e.g. directly home, to a friends' home, or to a relative or neighbour.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate all staff and students for the many successes of this term, and thank you for your support.

I wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Miss Rebecca V. Collins
Headteacher