



16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

## End of Year Message

As we draw to the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your support over a year that has provided challenges that could not have been comprehended in previous years. I now write to provide you with our final update before the summer holidays.

## September return

The academic school year begins on Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021. We will be using Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September as INSET days.

**We are concerned that current Year 6 pupils have not been able to fully visit the school so we are asking that Year 7 pupils in September return to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.** This will give us time and space to talk them through the processes in operation and should help to alleviate some of the anxiety that I am sure they will be feeling.

All pupils will then attend as normal on Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.

The timings of the school day will run from 8.30 am until 2.45 pm. Pupils are expected to be in their form rooms at 8.30. Can I ask that you support your child in ensuring they are punctual to school every day and arrive with the correct equipment to supplement their learning.

Covid restrictions have caused us to adjust how we operate the school and we have found that a number of the changes have proved beneficial. When pupils enter school in the morning, they will be directed to their year group area:

Year 7 will sit in their allocated seat in the canteen  
Year 8 will sit in their allocated seat in the canteen  
Year 9 will congregate in the Drama theatre  
Year 10 will congregate in the Sports Hall  
Year 11 will make their ways straight to the form rooms

The Operational Guidance has been updated for September and the key changes are as follows:

Pupils and staff will no longer be expected to wear face coverings within school. This will now become an option for the individual. We will support anybody who does wish to wear a face covering. Visitors and parents who enter the school building, will still be expected to wear face coverings.

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## School Transport

We will use the first few days to implement seating plans on all the free home - school transport buses. This is to ensure the safety of all of the children. Pupils will be allocated a seat number and that will be their allocated seat for the duration of the academic year. Any pupil choosing not to adhere to the seating plan will be refused travel.

There are two paid buses that transport pupils to and from school – these are the 440 and 442 buses. Pupils are expected to buy tickets to travel on these buses. All pupils will have to show their tickets when boarding the bus. If a pupil has lost their ticket, they will have to purchase another one prior to boarding the bus. If a ticket has been lost and a pupil cannot travel, they are to visit the main office in school and we will contact parents to arrange transport home. Pupils who are joining us in Year 7 in September will receive information from school transport over the Summer break.

## Staff Moving On

At the end of each academic year, there are always a number of staff changes.

Miss S. Barrow will be leaving us to relocate to England and will take on a new role in a school in her new area. We thank her for all her hard work and efforts during his time with us and wish Miss Barrow every success for the future.

Mrs M. Smart will be retiring after 5 years of service at Dyffryn / Ysgol Cwm Brombil. We thank her for many years of loyal and dedicated service to the school and wish her the very best in her retirement.

Mrs L. Gray is relocated to another area of Wales with her family and has accepted a new post in a school near to where she will be living. We thank her for all her hard work and efforts during his time with us and wish Mrs Gray every success for the future.

Last but certainly not least, Mr Burden will be leaving us to take up a post as Headteacher of Llantwit Major School. Mr Burden has dedicated himself to the communities of Dyffryn, Cymer Afan and Ysgol Cwm Brombil for 25 years and has had a positive impact on a vast number of children over the years. On behalf of everybody, I would like to thank Mr Burden for his dedicated service and wish him every success for the future in his new school.

I wish to personally express my sincere thanks to all our departing staff for their commitment and dedication to the school and, most importantly, our students. They will be greatly missed.

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## New Teaching Staff for September

We are delighted to welcome a number of new staff who will be joining us in September.

- Mrs S. Bottcher Co- Deputy Leader of English
- Miss J. Curran Teacher of PE
- Mr Lewis Davies Secondary phase Nurture Teacher

I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a very warm welcome to the Ysgol Cwm Brombil School Community.

A number of important internal appointments have been made to the Senior Leadership Team:  
Mrs K. Burton has been promoted to the post of Deputy Headteacher  
Mrs K. Williams has been promoted to the post of Assistant Headteacher  
Mrs A. Taylor has been appointed to the post of Senior Teacher

## Examination Results in 2021

Year 11 can collect their official results on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 between 9.00 am and 11.00 am. We will follow any social distancing requirements.

## Uniform Expectations for September

As we seek to 'restart' for all year groups in September, we will revert to our standard uniform. **I would ask that all families take time to review our uniform expectations information on our school website in advance of purchasing any items.** This will help avoid any unnecessary spend and awkwardness between the school and families at the start of term.

Funding is available to some Year groups and the link is below:

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/1316>

We will continue to allow pupils to wear their PE kit to school when they have PE on their timetable. Or Senior Prefect team have produced a video to explain the uniform requirements and this is available to view on our website.

Over the Winter months, pupils may wish to wear joggers over their shorts / leggings. If this is the case, we would ask that the pupils wear plain black joggers. We will not be allowing pupils to wear hoodies and external coats once they enter the building. On non-PE days, all pupils are expected to wear their blazer.

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The school Senedd have consulted pupils on our uniform and are due to feedback in September. We will look at any potential changes following that feedback. One thing that has been agreed as a result of the work the Senedd have done is that one pair of plain studs will be allowed in the ear lobes. No other facial jewellery will be allowed and pupils will be expected to remove this prior to attending school.

The situation with regards the current Pandemic is ever changing. I will update you with any changes prior to us starting back in September. Hopefully, we will continue to ease ourselves out of this situation and return to normality.

On behalf of everyone here at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, I would like to thank you for all you do as parents/carers and friends of the school. Your support and encouragement has been most welcomed particularly during these challenging last few months.

I wish you and your families a very enjoyable summer.

With best wishes,

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