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20th May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we near the May half term break, I write to provide a brief update for the weeks ahead.

Key Stage 3 Examinations

The w/b Monday 3rd June marks the start of the Key Stage 3 examinations/assessments. At the start of this week we will walk all students in Yr7 – Yr9 to their allocated examination venues and talk through the plans, procedures and expectations for the week. I wish all Key Stage 3 students the very best for their examinations/assessments - keep up the good work!

GCSE & A-Level Examinations

GCSE and A Level Examinations continue – my sincere best wishes to all students as they complete their remaining exams. I have been very impressed with the hard work, effort and commitment all students have demonstrated since the start of the examinations. Reminder: from Monday 3rd June, Year 11 Study Leave officially starts. This means that students are only required to attend school when they have a scheduled examination. Therefore, it is important that every student is fully aware of their remaining exams as per their personalised timetable. This pattern of attendance also applies to Year 13 who will attend school for their A Level exams only. Please note, teachers may arrange additional revision sessions over the forthcoming weeks and will communicate details as required.

Last week we held our Year 13 Leavers Assembly and this week we will hold our Year 11 Assembly, there has been lots of celebrations. Shirt signing, smiles, and of course photographs!

Year 12 into Year 13 Induction

We welcome Year 12 students back to PCS on Monday 10th June and all must attend from this date. During this week, our Year 12 into Year 13 'Induction Programme' starts. A lot of planning has gone into this week - thank you to Miss Crook, Mrs Bennion and Mr Beard. We have prepared a wide range of activities, workshops, and guest speakers to prepare and support our students with their forthcoming University applications and/or progression plans.

Cashless Catering

We will begin the registration of cashless catering this week. On Thursday we will start this registration for Year 7 to Year 10. On this day, each pupil will register for either a biometric method (if consent has been received) or a code. Each student will require one of these to purchase food from the school canteen from Monday 3rd June onwards. To support the roll out of this system, please can all parents/carers and pupils please ensure that:

- You have activated your account with Parent Pay; and
- You have completed and returned the signed consent letter which was sent home on Monday 22nd April.

If you have any questions, please contact: info@porthcawlschool.co.uk

To read the letter sent on Monday 22nd April, please see link: [Cashless-Catering-Initial-Letter-April-2024.pdf \(porthcawlschool.co.uk\)](#)

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

M Stephens
Headteacher

Advance Notice

- w/b 3rd June 2024 – Internal Examinations Yr7 – Yr9
- 28th June 2024 – INSET day
- July 2024 – Whole School Tennis Tournament
- July 2024 – Sports Day
- July 2024 – Key Stage 3 reports issued