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8th May 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Sporting Success

It has been a time of sporting success at PCS! Our U14 and U15 rugby 7s teams have been crowned Bridgend Champions! They are a very talented group of rugby players and I am sure more rugby success awaits. Athletics events start today, and planning is also underway for our annual whole school Tennis Tournament and Sports Day – I cannot wait! Our girls cricket team performed exceptionally well in their first tournament, losing narrowly in the Welsh Schools Plate Final by 1 run. Our Yr10 boys football team are in the final of the Cwpan Pen y Bont next Thursday. Well done to all students and thank you to our PE department for your hard work and effort.

GCSE and A Level Exams – KS4 & KS5

The summer examinations start this week, and on Thursday 9th May over 200 Year 11 students will sit their first GCSE examination paper – GCSE Numeracy Paper 1. We wish all Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 students the very best for their summer examinations.

I am sure that all Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 families have received my previous letters which included details about study leave, so by means of a brief update:

- **Year 11:** Study Leave will be granted from the week commencing 3rd June 2024 and until this date, students will be expected to attend school as normal. All students will attend lessons and revise and prepare accordingly. Students will sit examinations as usual then return to lessons. For the next two and a half weeks a bespoke revision programme and a revised timetable will be put in place to support all students. We have the leavers assembly to look forward to soon. All students must remain in school until Friday 24th May 2024.
- **Year 12:** Normal teaching finishes this week, Friday 10th May. Monday 13th May is the first AS examination paper and Monday 3rd June is the date of the last AS examination paper. Students will not be expected to attend normal lessons during this period unless their teacher requests it. On Monday 10th June, all students should attend school for the Year 13 Induction Programme in the Sixth Form Hall. All students must attend, there is a lot planned this year and the induction programme has been designed to support the move from AS to A2.
- **Year 13:** Lessons continue until Friday 17th May. Monday 20th May is the first A Level paper and Thursday 20th June is the date of the last A Level examination paper. I am sure all are looking forward to the Sixth Form Summer Ball on Friday 5th July and our Leavers' Ceremony on Friday 17th May.

As you will see from the dates above, it is a busy few weeks ahead. To all students, I wish you all the very best for your forthcoming examinations – Good Luck!

Cashless Catering

We continue to plan for the introduction of a cashless payment systems within our school canteens. As noted in my letter sent in April, we have a planned launch date in June 2024. In order to meet this timeframe, there is IT and electrical work required in school and this work will be completed in the forthcoming weeks. In addition, for parents/carers and pupils please could you 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 \(porthcawlschool.co.uk\)](#)

Advance Notice

- w/b 3rd June 2024 – Internal Examinations Yr7 – Yr9
- 28th June 2024 – INSET day

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher