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20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Next week, I look forward to welcoming parents/carers to our Year 7 Information Evening and our Year 12 Information Evening on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Deputy Headteachers, Miss Painter and Mr Beard have already sent letters to outline the format of the information evenings, so I only provide a brief outline below:

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	
Year Group	Time
<b>Year 7</b> <b>Session A</b> - If your child is in class 7P, 7R, 7T or 7H	Please arrive for a <b>5:00pm</b> start.
<b>Year 7</b> <b>Session B</b> - If your child is in class 7C, 7W or 7L	Please arrive for a <b>6:00pm</b> start.
<b>Year 12</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

I hope you can join us. At each event, Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team will provide a series of updates about the academic year ahead. I am sure you will find the evening useful.

Since the start of the academic year, Year 11 have been preparing for their GCSE Mathematics examination which will be completed in early November. This examination is an external GCSE examination, and I encourage all students to prepare thoroughly in order to achieve their potential. I would like to praise all students for their effort and preparation to date and I pass on my thanks to our Mathematics Faculty – keep it going everyone! This year group performed very well in their GCSEs last summer, and I am confident future success awaits!

There has been a lot taking place at PCS. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, a group of students from Year 9 attended a Bridgend Seren Trip to Swansea University taking part in a rotating carousel of activities themed around engineering a net zero future. We have several other Seren Events to look forward to this term, including an Oxford University talk/workshop being held at PCS. Further information about forthcoming Seren Workshops/Events will be released soon.

Extra-Curricular activities and fixtures are already up and running. Over the last two weeks, our Yr10/Yr11 netball teams have completed their first fixture against Llangynwyd, and our Year 7 rugby team have played their first school match, winning 21-19 against Llangynwyd. In addition, our Senior Rugby Team have also played their first match of the season against Murryston Comprehensive School. Lunchtime and after school practices are fully up and running with more opportunities and activities to be added shortly.

We look forward to further upcoming fixtures, these include:

- Senior Rugby v CCYD (H) 25<sup>th</sup> September
- Yr8 & Yr9 Netball and Yr9 Rugby v Pencoed (A) 26<sup>th</sup> September
- Yr 10 Rugby v Archbishop (A) 26<sup>th</sup> September
- Yr10, Yr11 & Senior Netball v Brynteg (H) 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Yr9 & Yr10 Rugby v Brynteg (A) 1<sup>st</sup> October
- Y7 Netball v CCYD (H) 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Yr10, Yr11 & Senior Netball v Pencoed (H) 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- **Our weekly extra-curricular sport / training plan can be seen here.**

Extra Curricular Plan (Autumn Term 2024)		
Day	Lunch Time	After School
Mon		KS3 Football - Mr Stratford KS3 Basketball - Mr Stradling Yr 10-Senior Netball - Miss Barber Girls Football
Tue	KS4 Badminton - Mr Davies Multi Gym - Mr Card	Yr 7 Rugby - Mr Davies Yr 8 Rugby - Mr Card KS4 Basketball - Mr Stradling Hockey (All years) - Mrs Nokes
Wed	Multi Gym - Mr Card	Yr 7 Netball - Mrs Nokes Girls Rugby- (starts on 2nd Oct)
Thurs	KS4 Basketball - Mr Stradling Multi Gym - Mr Card	Yr 9 Rugby - Mr Stradling Yr 10 Rugby - Mr Card Yr 8&9 Netball - Miss Barber Yr 7 - Hockey Miss Owens
Fri	KS3 Basketball - Mr Stradling	

As I write, I have just enjoyed my second 'Pupil of the Week' meeting of this academic year - it is one of the highlights of my week! Each week, students from Year 7 to Year 13 are nominated by staff within the school, and it is wonderful to hear about their achievements, efforts, and success and to celebrate their recognition with them. Each week, there are lots of nominations for Pupil of the Week and because there is so much to celebrate it is always a very difficult decision! Our Pupils of the Week are nominated for a range of different reasons. This could be for improvement in a particular subject, an achievement in a subject or qualification, an act of kindness, a community contribution or an extra-curricular activity. I am very proud of all our students, and I am grateful that I can celebrate their recognition and success with them each week. I would like to thank Mrs Thelwell-Davies who coordinates our Pupil of the Week nomination and celebration events. I look forward to next week!

At lunchtime, I look forward to a meeting with our Year 13 Student & Subject Leaders, Head of Sixth Form Mrs Crook and Deputy Headteacher Mr Beard. The Student Leaders' contribution and discussion about all things school is always appreciated. It is true to say that they really are role models to the whole school community!

#### Reminders:

- **Year 11 Progress Evening:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- **Year 6 Open Evening:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Have a lovely weekend.

Cofion/regards,

M. Stephens

Headteacher/Pennaeth



## Porthcawl Comprehensive School

### Year 6 Open Evening

# 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024



This is an excellent opportunity for Year 6 pupils and parents and carers to visit the fantastic facilities and learning experiences on offer at **Porthcawl Comprehensive School**. Once again, we have celebrated excellent GCSE and A Level results and we are very proud of all that we do and all that we achieve. There is a real sense of 'belonging' at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. We provide the very best learning experiences supported by excellent care, support and guidance. Our **Year 6 Open Evening** will provide important information about all that we do at PCS!

There will be a welcome introduction and presentation about the school from the Headteacher and senior staff. Pupils and parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet staff, tour the school and visit all departments and subject areas. There are lots of activities planned!

Due to the high numbers expected, two venues will be used for the welcome introduction and presentation before the tour. Pupils and families from **Newton Primary** and **Nottage Primary** are asked to attend the Sixth Form Hall. Pupils and families from **West Park Primary** and **Porthcawl Primary** are asked to attend the Jubilee Theatre. Pupils and families from **non-feeder primary schools** can attend either venue.

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**We look forward to seeing you there - 5.30 - 7.30pm**

