



## KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we move towards the end of term I just wish to inform you about a number of activities that are taking place prior to the end of term.

As a Pioneer School we are working closely with the Welsh Government and other schools on developing the New Wales Curriculum that is to be implemented in secondary schools in 2022. A key aspect of this work is developing the four purposes for education, these are:

- ✓ Ambitious capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- ✓ Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
- ✓ Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- ✓ Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

This year staff have planned a series of extended learning opportunities aligned to the new curriculum underpinned by these four purposes. Next week, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July these activities are taking place in school and further afield. Activities have been carefully planned to allow pupils to develop one or more of the four purposes plus engage in project type learning away from the normal one hour lesson structure.

On these days pupils are not expected to wear school uniform and wear clothing appropriate for the activity. An overview of activities is listed below.

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year group	AoLE	Activity
Year 7	Humanities	Plas Gunther Mansion project
Year 8	Languages literacy and Communication (LLC)	Visit to St Fagan's Museum of Welsh life
Year 9	Wellbeing	Sporting and coaching activities
Year 10	Science and Technology	Designing a recyclable cup for the 21 <sup>st</sup> century
Year 12	Private study day	

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Year group	AoLE	Activity
Year 7	Humanities	Plan Gunther Mansion project
Year 8	Maths and Numeracy	Budgeting – using money
Year 9	Wellbeing	Sporting and coaching activities
Year 10	LLC	Visit to St Fagan's Museum of Welsh life
Year 12	WBQ	Enterprise

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Year group	AoLE	Activity
Year 7	Creative arts	A Mid-Summer Night's Dream
Year 8	Maths and Numeracy	Budgeting – using money
Year 9	WBQ	Enterprise
Year 10	Science and Technology	Designing a recyclable cup for the 21 <sup>st</sup> century
Year 12	WBQ	Enterprise

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Years 7 to 10 will return to normal lessons. Year 12 will undertake an additional extended learning day focussed on preparing university, apprenticeship and employment applications.

All off site activities require parental permission and we ask for your support ensuring your child returns their permission form by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### Parental engagement session Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July - reminder

We are holding two consultation events on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, one at 4pm and one at 6pm. We hope by offering two time slots we will be able to engage with as many parents and guardians as possible.

This format of both sessions will be the same with some information sharing on Welsh Education developments but also engagement activities looking at our school vision and priorities for next academic year. A key part of the session will be receiving your feedback and new ideas for how we can further improve your engagement and involvement in your child's learning.

The senior leadership team will be joined by members of the Governing Body. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to further improve the provision offered to our students at King Henry VIII School.

### School Production

I am delighted to inform you that this year's school production is Evita. The production will take place at the Borough Theatre on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets can be purchased at the Borough Theatre Box Office, via telephone 01873 850805 or alternatively online <https://boroughtheatrebergavenny.co.uk/events/evita-2/> Tickets are selling fast so if you would like to attend please purchase as soon as possible.

### Family assemblies – save the dates

The last week of term we shall be holding our annual end of year family assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9 in Upper School Hall on the following days and times.

Year 7 Monday 16 July 8.50am  
Year 8 Tuesday 17 July 8.50am  
Year 9 Wednesday 18 July 8.50am

We hope as many of you are able to join us as we celebrate not only achievement but pupils who have worked really hard and have gone the extra mile this year.

I shall be writing to you again later in the term to update you on final details for the end of this term and the start of next term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher