



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII

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Dear parent/guardian

As the end of term rapidly approaches, I would like to thank you for your support this year. It has been a very busy year and our newsletter to be published by the end of term celebrates the many achievements of our pupils.

I wish to inform you of the final details for this term and the start of next term, these are listed below.

- ✓ Friday 20 July - Summer term ends (**School closes at 1.30pm**)
- ✓ Thursday 16 August - AS/A2 Results day
- ✓ Thursday 23 August – GCSE Results day
- ✓ Friday 24 August – Year 12 Enrolment from 9.00am (Sixth Form Resource Area)

This year we intend to have a phased return to school in September allowing us to undertake valuable induction work with each year group that is starting a new phase of their learning.

For **Years 7, 10 and 12** Autumn term starts on **TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2018**. It is vital all pupils attend as learning undertaken on this day will ensure a smooth and swift start to the term.

On **WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018** we will then be joined by **Years 8, 9, 11 and 13**.

In September we will have a number of key staffing changes including leaders within the Wellbeing Team. The key staff within the team are as follows:

Deputy Headteacher Wellbeing	Mr M Stockham
Wellbeing Leader Years 9, 10 and 11	Mrs J Davies
Wellbeing Leader Year 6, 7 and 8	Mrs A Price
Wellbeing and Support Officers (WBSOs)	Miss L Warren, Mr S Hollingworth and Mr K Hudson

We are currently appointing an additional Wellbeing and Support Officer bringing in an additional member of staff to strengthen this team. In September we shall send you final details of all our WBSOs as they will be your first point of contact for any concerns as they have no teaching responsibility allowing for a prompt response to any queries.

Also included in this letter are School guidelines on uniform, jewellery, the use of mobile phones and attendance to ensure your child returns in September correctly dressed and ready to learn.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Trutex Black blazer with embroidered gold logo
- **Optional** Trutex black jumper with embroidered gold logo;
- Black School tie with two thin gold stripes
- White shirts (short or long sleeves)

- Black trousers (tailored / formal) or **black Box-Pleated skirts**
- Black socks or tights;
- Plain Black traditional **shoes** (no trainers/plimsolls/daps)
- A dark plain outer coat (black or navy without logos – hoodies are not acceptable)
- Plain coloured Technology apron

Leggings, jeans or tight fitting trousers below the knee will not be accepted.

Further details on the “Click and Collect” service provided by Reflex Embroidery can be found on our school website.

JEWELLERY

In the interests of health and safety, jewellery wearing is limited to one watch and a pair of stud earrings. Facial piercings are not acceptable and is now against the law for pupils under the age of 16. We do expect pupils to adopt hairstyles suitable for a place of study and work, and as a consequence **‘non-natural’ hair colourings and patterns cut into the hair are not permitted**. We thank you for your support in this matter.

MOBILE PHONES

As a school, we would prefer mobile phones are left at home. However, we can understand that in exceptional circumstances they are a useful aid in terms of the safety and welfare of your child during the journey to and from school.

Only pupils with permission slips on file will be permitted to have a mobile phone in school. All mobile phones will be turned off and placed out of sight in the pupil’s bag. **They are not to be used in lessons or in the school building at any time during the school day.** Mobile phones and other electronic devices seen or heard in the school building will be confiscated, stored in a safe place and returned to the pupil at the end of the day. Repeat confiscations will require parents/guardians to collect the phone from the school or your child being asked not to bring their phone to school.

ATTENDANCE

To ensure your child achieves the highest possible attendance we strongly suggest the following.

- If your child needs to attend a dental or medical appointment in the morning session please ensure your child arrives in school at 8.40am to receive their mark. They can then go to their appointment signing out at reception by the normal procedure.
- For appointments during the afternoon session please ensure your child returns to school to be registered at 2.10pm and then signs out at reception to attend their appointment again using the normal procedure.

It would be expected that those pupils that are attending a dental or medical appointment bring in a letter confirming their appointment. This letter will need to be shown to their Form Tutor and Reception so the relevant pass can be issued.

SAFEGUARDING

To assist us in supporting your child can we ask that whenever there are changes to family circumstances or contact details these are communicated to the school immediately. We would also ask that if your son or daughter has to be picked up from school during the school day then they must be collected from reception. In line with safeguarding best practice we require the person collecting your child to present photo ID.

TERM TIME LEAVE OF ABSENCES

In order for all pupils to achieve success and to reach their potential, it is vital for all pupils to have excellent school attendance and arrive at school each day on time. Research shows there is a very strong link between school attendance rates and success at GCSE and other tests and examination results.

To ensure consistency throughout the Authority, and to follow what is an increasingly common practice across Wales, Monmouthshire County Council's policy will be not to authorise any absence relating to a holiday, this policy has been in operation since 4 November 2013.

We appreciate that there may be circumstances whereby a pupil might require a leave of absence during term time and this decision will remain at the Headteacher's discretion.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018–19

Autumn Term 2018 (75 days)

3 September 2018 – 21 December 2018

(Half Term: 29 October 2018 – 2 November 2018)

Spring Term 2019 (65 days)

7 January 2019 – 12 April 2019

(Half Term: 25 February 2019 – 1 March 2019)

Summer Term 2019 (55 days)

29 April 2019 - 22 July 2019

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2019

(Half Term: 27 May 2019 – 31 May 2019)

INSET DAYS

3 September 2018

5 November 2018

3 December 2018

24 June 2019

22 July 2019

I hope you are able to enjoy a relaxing holiday and I would like to thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher