



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we come to the end of another busy term can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this spring term.

We return after Easter on Monday 29th April (Week 1). Pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting their National Reading, Procedural and Numeracy Tests following the Easter break. Full details regarding these tests have been sent out in a separate letter from AHT Mr C Davis. I am sure all pupils will do well and we would ask for parental support that pupils are in school during this time. The outcomes of these tests will be shared with yourself just before the end of the summer term.

Attendance

We are really pleased with attendance so far this year however can I remind parents and pupils of our attendance expectations.

Attendance continues to be a strong focus for the school. Please assist us in maintaining our excellent attendance by reading the information below.

- Registration closes for the AM and PM session 30 minutes after the start of school. If your child arrives after 9.10am during the morning session or 2.40pm during the afternoon session, they are deemed **absent** for that session even if they arrive in school after this point.

We understand that there are times when, for example your child needs to attend a dental or medical appointment. To maximise your child's attendance we strongly suggest the following.

- If your child needs to attend a dental or medical appointment in the AM 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 PM 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.

Nearly all of our pupils look smart in their uniform however I know as we come near to the end of term pupils can grow out of items or they wear out. Can I ask that where required replacement uniform is purchased during the holiday and that our school uniform expectations are adhered to, these are set out on the next page:

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- 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)

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

Our uniform provider, Reflex Embroidery also offers a “Click and Collect” service whereby you can place an order online and collect from school.

Start and finish of the school day

As Headteacher, I have received a number of complaints regarding the parking of cars at the start and end of the school day near or at the entrance of Llys Y Brenin. This road leads to a new small residential area just outside the front of the school and residents have found it challenging to leave or return to their homes at these times. They are also concerned about pupil safety. I have highlighted these concerns with Monmouthshire Housing Association and the community police.

With this in mind when dropping off or collecting pupils before and after school can I please remind parents/guardians to use the **designated “drop-off” area**, which is adjacent to the lower school car park. This area is clearly signposted.

Finally, I trust you will all have an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Lewis
Headteacher