



**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 term.

As you are fully aware pupils in year 10 will be sitting some external examinations this summer. They have been issued with personal timetables and the examination period for Year 10 extends from 15 May to 18 June inclusive. During the holidays you will receive in the post a more detailed exam timetable with venues and seating arrangements. This pack will also contain pupil information; 'Warning to candidates' and 'Information for written exams'.

To assist your child in preparing for these examinations there are a number of science revision sessions being held during lunchtimes. Your child has been made aware of these sessions and a copy is also placed on the school website. We shall also be undertaking our usual run in activities including 'Walking Talking Mocks' and off-site revision activities for identified pupils.

Please be aware we offer the opportunity for Year 10 pupils to access the post 16 resource area for private study 3.10pm – 4.10pm Monday to Thursday. This is supervised and pupils can access ICT facilities. We strongly recommend pupils make use of this facility.

As we are enter the examination period for your son/daughter can I remind you of our and the Welsh Government expectations during this time. We are very keen we maximise the opportunities for your child to be well prepared as possible therefore:

- All pupils should attend all sessions in school. There is no study leave for examinations. There will be times when pupils have examinations during the school day and time is given after and before examinations for pupils to have a break and access our canteen facilities.
- If your child is absent from school during this period then our normal attendance procedures apply and we would expect a note from yourself explaining their absence.
- If your child is absent from an external examination then a medical note is required.

**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 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. We return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Week 1).

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Lewis  
Headteacher