



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 11 will be sitting external examinations this summer. They have been issued with personal timetables and the examination period extends from 7 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 revision sessions being held in the Easter holiday, during lunchtimes and after school. A full timetable of these is attached along with this letter. A copy is also placed on the school website and your child will be given a hard copy. 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 KS4 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 until Wednesday 6 June. 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. In addition, when pupils have taken an examination in a subject they are still expected to attend but use the time productively to revise for other subjects. 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.
- After this date, pupils are expected to again attend lessons in subjects that they have yet to sit their examination in. Staff can then support your child with revision activities right up until the exam. In addition to this, focussed revision sessions (**Walking Talking Mocks**) are taking place in **English, mathematics and science subjects shortly before each examination. We would expect full attendance at these sessions.** In all other lessons, study facilities will be available in the sixth form resource area and in subject areas as required.
- Year 11 pupils will be having their Final Assembly on Friday 21 of June, which will include a celebration of the time in the school, together with a buffet brunch. Please will pupils return any textbooks they have used during on this day.

- We do understand towards the end of the examination series your child, in discussion with yourself, may wish to study at home. We would ask that if this is the case then the school is contacted on our direct attendance phone number 01873 735345 making us aware they are studying at home. We would then record this as an authorised absence. If we do not receive contact from yourselves, the absence will be unauthorised.

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 29th April 2019 (Week 1).

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Lewis
Headteacher