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Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rieni a gofawyr,

It has been lovely to welcome the pupils back at the start of term and see their passion for learning and for all the opportunities the school offers. Our value of the month is curiosity, a strong desire to know and learn new things, and at the start of this term I have challenged the pupils to be continuously curious about the world around them. It is so pleasing that the pupils are embracing this, as well as all of our values.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening is taking place online on Thursday 18th January. Year 11 Parents and Carers have been provided all information needed to book appointments with their child's teachers.

Careers Fair

Our annual Careers Fair is taking place on Thursday 8th February from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the Main School Hall. This will include a large number of businesses and organisations, from many different areas of life. This is open to all pupils in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, and will be a valuable evening for pupils to discover and research different career opportunities with their families.

Year 9 Options

Our Year 9 pupils will shortly embark upon the process to choose the subjects and qualifications that they will study in Years 10 and 11. Our school has a robust process to guide and support pupils and families through this.

On Thursday 8th February Year 9 pupils will attend and take part in an Options session where they will learn about the various choices and be able to ask questions both about the subject offer and the process. Pupils will also receive the Learning Pathways brochure at this time.

Pupils and their families are invited to attend one of our Learning Pathways presentations. During this presentation we will inform parents and carers of the process and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you have so that you can fully support your child. These are taking place at 5.30pm and 7.00pm at our school on Thursday 8th February. This is the same evening as the Careers Fair and provides the opportunity for Year 9 families to visit the Fair and hear the Options presentation in one evening.

SLT 'Open Door' session

It is extremely important to us that we work in close partnership with our families. We understand that excellent communication between home and school is key to success. It underpins positive wellbeing for all. In addition to our communication procedures, we regularly run Senior Leadership Team 'Open Door' sessions. These are an opportunity for you to discuss any suggestions you may have, on aspects of school life, with a member of the Senior Team.



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The next 'Open Door' session will take place on Thursday 8th February. [Please book a slot by following this link](#). The deadline to book a slot is the close of Tuesday 6th February.

Please use our normal channels of communications if you would like to discuss your child's progress or any pastoral matters.

Term dates

There is a staff training day for the Primary Phase on Friday 9th February. This means that the last day of the half-term for Primary Phase pupils is Thursday 8th February. The last day of the half-term for Secondary Phase pupils is Friday 9th February. The school is closed for the half-term for all pupils from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February. All pupils return to school after half-term on Monday 19th February.

Clubs

[Please click here](#) for our Years 7-13 clubs timetable for this term. There are a wide range of excellent opportunities for pupils to take advantage of. Pupils are welcome to turn up at the clubs they wish to attend without prior booking.

Many thanks for your positivity and support.

Yn gywir,

Mr J. Watson
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