



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL

Ysgol Brenin Harri'r VIII

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted that our students have made a very successful start to the school term. They look very smart in their uniform and are enjoying moving around the school, making the most of our excellent specialist facilities.

When undertaking learning walks it is a pleasure to see our students fully engaged in their learning. In particular, we are delighted with how our Year 7 students have settled into the life of the school. They are a credit to their families and their primary schools.

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on key dates for the year and make you aware of a number of engagement events that are taking place this term.

School INSET days

INSET days planned for the 2021-22 academic year are as follows:

Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 18 February 2022
Friday 3 December 2021	Monday 28 February 2022
Tuesday 4 January 2022	Thursday 30 June 2022

The school has identified Friday 1 July as its 'Jubilee day'. The school will be closed to all students on the above dates.

"Virtual Open Door" Sessions

As a school, we are always looking for opportunities to engage with parents and enhance our communication with yourselves. You will be familiar with usual lines of communication via your child's Wellbeing Leader and/or WBLSO and the system is not to replace this but is simply an additional opportunity for you to discuss any suggestions you may have on aspects of school life. With this in mind, we shall be holding regular "virtual open door" sessions on a Thursday between 4pm and 6pm. This will be via a TEAMS meeting. Further details will be sent out before each session.

14 October 2020	18 March 2021
3 December 2020	13 May 2021
4 February 2021	1 July 2021

Key Stage 4 (Y10 and Y11) and Key Stage 5 (Y12 and Y13) information evenings

Parents/guardians will shortly receive information regarding our annual KS4 and KS5 information evenings. The dates for these virtual events are listed below:

KS4	Thursday 23 September at 6pm
KS5	Tuesday 28 September at 6pm

Both events will provide staff an opportunity to share key information to support your child as they progress through key stage 4 or 5. We will also update you on the current position concerning summer assessments 2022. We look forward to meeting with you albeit virtually.

Parents Evenings

With regards to parents evenings, your feedback, last year suggested there were many benefits to holding parents evenings virtually. In addition, there is uncertainty around what Covid-19 restrictions may be in place as we move into the winter months. To cover all bases and ensure you can meet your child's subject teachers we have invested in a programme called 'School Cloud'. This replicates as close as possible 'live' parents' evenings however your private conversations will occur with staff remotely. Further information regarding this will be shared with parents/guardians shortly.

Dates for parents' evenings

Year 7	9 June 2022	Year 11	7 October 2021
Year 8	12 May 2022	Year 12	2 December 2021
Year 9	3 March 2022	Year 13	21 October 2021
Year 10	17 March 2022		

To support Year 7 students settling into school there will be an additional 'check in' event where parents/guardians will be able to discuss how their child has settled into school life at KHS. However if there are any immediate concerns or queries contact the school immediately.

Extra-curricular activities

We are very pleased to inform you of the extra-curricular activities that our staff will be providing from week commencing Monday 13 September (list is attached [here](#)). This extensive range of activities are available to all our students without prior booking. Our aim is to provide you with regular updates on these activities throughout the year. We hope your child takes advantage of the excellent opportunities that are on offer to extend their learning at KHS.

Parent Governor Engagement event - Wednesday 6 October at 6pm

Both King Henry VIII School and our partner school Croesyceiliog have vacancies for parent governors. We are organising a joint 'What does it mean to be a parent governor?' virtual event 6pm Wednesday 6 October 2021. This will be an opportunity to find out about this important role and meet some members of the governing body and serving parent governors. Following this event, we shall then organise nominations and elections. We trust this event will be informative and useful for those parents/guardians considering becoming a parent governor. An invite to join this event will be sent out prior to the event however please save the date.

Local Covid-19 Infection Control Decision Making Framework

The school are currently working with the Local Authority and Public Health officials to implement this by Monday 20 September.

Finally, can we thank all parents and guardians for your continued support in ensuring we keep Covid-19 out of our school community. Your continued vigilance and caution is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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