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Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we approach the end of a very busy and productive Spring term I would like to express how proud I am of the way the whole school community, you the parents, your children, and staff, are working in partnership to slowly, but surely, create a successful school for our deserving students.

Be the best you can be

Ready - Respectful - Responsible

Rewards - "catching students being good"

Many of our students have been rewarded for their hard work and effort this term. They have had the opportunity to attend the Cinema, enjoyed hot chocolate at break-time, received "Jump the Queue" passes to the canteen and many other rewards. Thank you to Mr K Jones and Mrs A Owen who ensure students make the most of their reward opportunities. Please log on to Epraise yourselves, you will be able to see how well your child is doing.

School Uniform, PE kit and a school bag

As communicated previously, the Ysgol Clywedog uniform continues to be a source of pride for me and the staff. It communicates a sense of team spirit, togetherness and prepares our students for the standards and expectations they will encounter when they leave school. As temperatures rise over the coming weeks, can I please use this opportunity to remind you to visit the school website (<https://clywedog.org/parents/school-uniform/>) to see a full and comprehensive list of expected uniform standards, including PE kit.

Form time assemblies have taken place this week to remind students of our expectations, including the wearing of hoodies, denim or leather jackets, converse pumps/trainers, short skirts, hooped earrings and piercings, which are all unacceptable items. Students should purchase a school jumper to wear under their compulsory blazer instead, if cold. Images of appropriate black leather/leather-look footwear have also been shared. Students not in correct uniform after Easter will be expected to borrow items from the Student Support team for the day or will be asked to go home and collect their uniform. Students should also have an appropriate bag for school, large enough for their PE kit, equipment and books ready for the school day.

Given the economic times being experienced by many families, the Welsh Government is offering financial support with regards to the cost of uniform. The link below provides the information you need. <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>

As ever, we appreciate your support to enable your child/children to be **Ready, Respectful and Responsible**.

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Student Support News

Our Student Support teams continue to do an excellent job of supporting our students, providing a safe space for their social, emotional, and mental well being. They continue to help and encourage all students in their care to **“Be the Best They Can Be”** and be **“Ready, Respectful and Responsible”** during the school day. The Team would like to thank Mrs H Hughes, who leaves us after Easter, for leading and guiding the Pastoral Team for many years. She will be sadly missed and has made a huge contribution to the lives of students and staff in her time with us. The Student Support and Pastoral Team will be led by Mrs A Francis after Easter.

We are delighted to inform you that we have recently appointed four new members to our team. Mrs A Turner and Mrs S LaRoche will undertake new roles and will play an essential role in the school’s plan to implement the Government’s Well Being strategy. In addition, Miss C Evans and Miss J Mayos (winner of the Leader Education Awards - Teaching Assistant of the Year) have been appointed as Assistant Pastoral Leads to complete the Student Support team.

Farewell

Ysgol Clywedog must say farewell to Mrs L Roberts, Teacher of Welsh, Mrs V Schmidt, Deputy Head of English and Mrs H Hughes, Assistant Headteacher, who leave at Easter. We wish them all the very best as they embark on new chapters in their careers and with our thanks and gratitude for their service and commitment to the school.

INSET Day

As a reminder, Monday 17th April is a training day for staff. Students return to school on Tuesday 18th April.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

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