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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 Summer 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.

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, conduct, and efforts this year, taking part in one of several end of term trips. They have had the opportunity to attend Alton Towers, PaintBalling, Welsh Mountain Zoo, cinema, bowling and an invigorating walk to name a few. We will be looking at making our rewards fairer next year as we are aware some deserving students missed out this year. Thank you to Mr Jones and Mrs Owen this year for ensuring our students made the most of their reward opportunities. Please log on to Epraise yourselves, where you will be able to see how well your child is doing.

School Uniform, PE Kit and Equipment

Firstly I would like to thank you for your continued support to help us to drive up standards this term. Our Ysgol Clywedog uniform continues to be a source of pride for students and the staff. It communicates a sense of team spirit, togetherness and prepares our students for the standards and expectations they are likely to encounter when they leave school. 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 our expectations, including PE kit.

A reminder please, around certain items; hoodies, denim or leather jackets, converse pumps/trainers, short skirts, hooped earrings and face piercings are all unacceptable items. A watch, a ring and a pair of stud earrings only are permitted. Shoes must be black leather/leather-look and NOT a canvas trainer and the school jumper is optional, the blazer is compulsory.

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

From September, students not in correct uniform will be expected to borrow items from the Student Support team for the day, including shoes, or will be sent home to collect appropriate uniform. Of particular concern this term have been the length of skirts with students rolling up their waistband or the style simply being too short. Skirts need to be knee length and not a tube skirt. Students should also have an appropriate bag for school, large enough for their PE kit, all their equipment and books ready for the school day. As ever, we appreciate your support

Mobile Phones

Following a recent increase in irresponsible use of mobile phones, including video footage of some of our students appearing on social media platforms, it has been decided that from September there will be a complete ban on the use of phones during school hours. Students must ensure that their phone is switched off and out of sight in their bags from 8.45-15.00. If a phone is observed by a member of staff then the student will be expected to hand it over and collect it from the main reception at the end of the school day (as per the current policy). If it occurs a second time, parents will be required to collect the phone.

New Consequence System

From September a new Lunchtime Detention system will replace the current After School Detention. The detention will continue to be a same day sanction, unless given for poor conduct during lesson 5, in which case the detention will take place the following day.

Transport

The bus company Arriva has a number of options available to support students travelling on our bus services. Please see the attached letter.

Straffords Coaches Ltd has also sent us a newsletter to inform parents that there will be a price increase in September and to remind parents where they collect from and at what times. Please see the attached letter.

Newsletter

Watch out for our Summer 2023 edition which promises once again to showcase the wonderful range of work, activities, trips and visits our students engage in. Out tomorrow!

Farewells

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Kane, Mrs Peers, Miss Forrester, Mr Gibbon, Mrs Davidson, Ms Lewis, Mrs Holden, Mr Zimunya and Mrs Morgan. They will be sorely missed but leave with heartfelt thanks for their service to the school and our best wishes for the future.

Start of Term Arrangements

Monday 4 September, Year 7 only, students to arrive for 8.45am

Tuesday 5 September, all year groups, arrival 8.45am

Wherever you go or stay this summer, here's hoping the weather is kind to you, that you have an enjoyable break with friends and family and I look forward to seeing our young people well rested, refreshed and ready to continue their journey of *being the best they can be* in September.

Yours sincerely



Alberto Otero

Headteacher

July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We have two registered bus services that run term time only to Ysgol Clywedog. Please see schedule below. The cost for this has been £1 single journey (i.e. one way only) and £2 return journey (i.e. to school and school to home). In September, our price is increasing to £1.50 single journey and £3.00 return journey.

Queensway Smithfield coach run

8.20 Queensway Sports Centre
8.20 Queensway Community Centre
8.25 Fibrax
8.30 Smithfield

Queensway Hightown coach run

8.20 Queensway Sports Centre
8.20 Queensway Community Centre
8.25 Fibrax
8.30 Farm Foods

Children must be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to departure time.

Thank you ever so much

Kind regards,

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Student & child Travel 2023-24

Arriva would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the options we have available to support students travelling on our bus services. Arriva Student Saver tickets will not only provide you with reduced priced bus travel on your journey to and from school, but you can also use your pass to travel in the evenings, at weekends, and throughout all school term holidays!

You can spread the cost of the saver ticket over affordable monthly payments with our easy-to-use direct debit scheme. It is simple to apply and there is no setup fee or minimum contract, which means you can cancel your direct debit and stop your ticket at any time should your circumstances change. This makes it the ideal way to get reduced price bus travel without paying upfront.

To arrange your Direct Debit and for further information please follow the link or scan the QR code below:



www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets

To ensure you get your ticket in time for the start of the new academic year, you can register now and set your payments to commence in the middle of August. Then, once we have received your first payment, a ticket will be sent to you, so you won't need to worry about paying on the bus every time.

You can choose to receive your pass by post or if you download the Arriva UK bus app onto the ticket holders phone, we can send an m-ticket there.

For travel Information including local maps and timetables please visit:

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