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13th Year 10 Parents'  
Evening

Year 11 GCSE Chemistry 2  
Exam (triple)

15th Year 11 GCSE English  
Language Unit 2 Exam

Year 11 GCSE Physics 2  
Exam (triple)

# Cowbridge Comprehensive School

## Ysgol Gyfun Y Bont Faen

### Parentmail Bulletin

If you would like to contact us regarding this bulletin please email:  
[parentmail@cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk](mailto:parentmail@cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk)

Dear Parent/Visitor,

We wish to inform you that we have spent a significant amount of time, effort and school funds to improve the flow and management of on-site traffic in order to avoid a critical incident/accident. Despite this we are still experiencing unacceptable levels of incidents or near misses, associated with the mix of pedestrians and traffic on site. This is particularly prevalent first thing in the morning.

Please be aware that our staff are not contracted to direct or supervise traffic and therefore should not be doing so. Until recently staff have volunteered to partially fulfil this function, to assist with the safety of pupils and the traffic flow. However, this situation is no longer sustainable and our primary priority must be to safeguard, as far as possible, pupils/ pedestrians on school site.

We have therefore taken the decision to close the school site to all vehicles, with the exception of coaches, from 8:10am to 2:15pm. This closure will take place with effect from February 23rd, 2015 meaning that you have a notice period of 4 weeks to plan and explore an alternative route for dropping your child(ren) at school. The main car park will therefore be inaccessible during the times stipulated. The current end of day procedures will be unaffected and will continue as per current arrangements.

Visitors and deliveries will be able to park in signposted bays at the smaller car park (near the 3G pitch). However, this area is not to be used for dropping off purposes at any time. Any visitors/ deliveries parking in the designated area, will be required to use the footpath from this area to the main reception. Signs will be erected over the coming weeks to this effect to ensure clear and purposeful communication.

Whilst we understand that this may cause you inconvenience, please note that no other school in the local authority permits traffic on-site, unless the safe separation of pedestrians and traffic is possible. Unfortunately the design of the site and car park at Cowbridge, even though recent, is not fit for purpose and will require funds beyond the scope of the School delegated budget to remedy. After considerable experience of near misses on site and given that staff are not permitted within their contracts of employment to supervise or direct traffic, we are sure that you will understand the need to safeguard pedestrians and use the notice period of the ensuing 4 weeks to plan alternative and suitable arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your full co-operation in assisting the School to keep your child(ren) as safe as possible from traffic on site.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Thomas

Headteacher

# Online Payments

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As previously communicated we are no longer accepting cash or cheque payments at school for trips. All payments made for trips that are run and organised by the school will need to be made electronically via the school's ParentMail and +pay system. The aim of this is to minimise the current onerous administrative procedures and security issues. It will also eliminate bounced cheques.

In order to be able to make online electronic payments you will need to have a ParentMail account. If you do not currently have a ParentMail account or have trouble accessing your current account please contact Mrs G Thomas-Jenkins at [gthomas-jenkins@cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk](mailto:gthomas-jenkins@cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk) / 01446772311. Having access to ParentMail will also allow you to receive the School's weekly ParentMail bulletin and to receive emergency e-mails/texts which may relate to school emergencies, closures etc.

Therefore as outlined, all trips will require online payments only and cash/cheques will not be accepted (unless in exceptional circumstances). In exceptional circumstances your child will be expected to collect a paying-in slip from the main reception. You will then be required to use the paying-in slip at your local bank. Please note that from April 2015 all payments including Catering, Music lessons, Concerts, resources etc will require an electronic, online payment via the ParentMail system.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding in helping to make the school a more efficient environment.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other queries, require assistance or wish to register with the ParentMail system.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs D Thomas  
Headteacher

[Please note an online payment guide has been attached to this email to help you with the process.](#)







**COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**



**The Performing Arts Department are pleased to present.....**

**CHICAGO**

**Tuesday 3rd February to Friday 6th February 2015**

**Main School Theatre - Evening Performance at 7.00pm**

**Tickets £10 Adult - Students £5 - No concessions**

**Tickets available from Cowbridge Comprehensive School Reception**

**Telephone (01446) 772311**

*An amateur production by arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD.*

*Chicago - Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse. Music by John Kander - Lyrics by Fred Ebb. Based on the play Chicago by Maurine Dallas Watkins*

# Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 13th January, 2015

16:00 - 18:00

The following teachers will be unavailable, therefore if you would like to have feedback please leave your name and contact details with Mrs L Mawhinney on the evening.

- Dr Stacey - Science
- Miss R Davies, E & P
- Mme H Thomas (Head of Year) will also have a Year 10 French class. If you would like to see her as Head of Year, please contact Mrs Mawhinney in advance of the evening.
  
- Miss Trollope will not be available, therefore please refer pupils from 10X3 and 10XY to other Physics and Chemistry teachers.
  
- Mrs Williams, Business Studies, will be available after 4.15pm

## P.T.A.

The PTA would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for all your support in 2014.

The Christmas raffle raised £1494.82 - thank you to all those who donated prizes and bought tickets.

# Careers Department

## Adran Gyrfaoedd

School and College Leaver Programme – Tax, Cardiff  
<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28154>

Heating and Ventilation Apprenticeship+ Programme, Cardiff  
<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28141>

Electrical Apprenticeship+ Programme 2015, Cardiff  
<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28139>

Apprentice Service Advisor, Cardiff  
<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28158>

## Year 11 Mock Interviews

Dear Parents

As part of the Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification, the Work Related Education module 'Element 1 Working with an Employer', pupils have been completing the mock interview booklet in preparation for interviews being held between the 26th and 30th January 2015.

**The mock interview booklet and CV need to be returned to Miss White by Tuesday, 13th January 2015.**

Pupils should wear clothes suitable for an office environment for the interview. This involves smart trousers/shirts and ties for boys; smart trousers or knee length skirts and blouses for girls.

Full details of the interviews will be placed on the WBQ board by Mr Burgum's office. The interviews will be held in the Meeting Room (E Block) and the Library. Pupils should check the name of the interviewer, day, time and venue. If pupils are unable to attend the interview, please let Miss White know.

Where a pupil is absent on the day of the interview, can parents please inform the school that he/she was due to participate in a mock interview, so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Mr R Burgum  
Intermediate WBQ Coordinator