

Dear Parent/Carer

We have now nearly reached the end of an extremely busy school year. Staff and pupils have faced a number of challenges, including continued uncertainty regarding COVID-19 regulations. However, we are relieved and pleased that we continued to offer face to face teaching for nearly all year groups throughout the year.

We would like to congratulate our pupils for their enthusiasm, resilience and hard work since last September. Particular attention should be paid to examination year groups who embarked on formal external examinations for the first time since 2019. We wish them every success.

### **Staff leaving**

This summer we say goodbye to three teachers who have worked in permanent roles in school for a number of years. They have worked with dedication and have had a hugely positive impact on the education and wellbeing of all pupils they have taught. They leave with our best wishes as they leave for pastures new. Mr Edwards (D&T), Miss John (maths) and Mr Williams (D&T) will be missed by all their colleagues and pupils.

We also say goodbye and thank you to 5 teachers who have worked at the school on a temporary basis - Mr Hart (biology / science), Miss Wasch (English), Mr Hodgkins (History), Miss Cane (Art) and Miss Smith (Ethics and Philosophy). We wish them all the best for the future as they embark on a variety of different roles, both within and outside education.

### **Uniform - final reminder**

As you might be acquiring new items of school uniform over the summer break, we would ask that all items comply with our uniform requirements. The current uniform has not changed for some time and all pupils are aware of expectations.

We are anxious to avoid any conflict with pupils or parents regarding school uniform. Therefore, we would encourage you to contact us as soon as possible if your child is likely to have difficulty in complying with the School's uniform requirements. For example, we might be able to help in cases of financial hardship which has resulted in problems in obtaining items of school uniform.

Please see below for further details and a reminder of current uniform requirements:

It is noticeable that recently a number of our young people are wearing leggings which are similar to sporting attire. These are often overly tight and, in some cases, virtually see through. **Leggings of any sort are not part of the school uniform. Therefore, they must not be worn.**

- Trousers should be "tailored" in nature and not overly tight;
- Skirts if worn must be no more than 5cm above the knee;
- Jeans in any colour are not part of the school uniform;
- Hooded tops are not to be worn;
- All pupils need to have a school jumper and tie which are compulsory and integral elements of the uniform;
- Footwear must be black and plain with no coloured logos;
- Jewellery is restricted to a watch and one stud earring in each ear – these must not extend beyond the earlobe to ensure the health and safety of all.

Thank you in anticipation of your support on this matter.

We would like to wish all pupils and their families and friends our best wishes for a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing all our pupils back in school in September. Years 7 and 12 start on Tuesday 6 September 2022, who are then joined by all other year groups on Wednesday 7 September 2022.

Best wishes

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership team.