



Weekly Newsletter September 10th 2021

It has been a great pleasure to welcome all of our students this week. This is always a big week for Year 7 pupils in particular given that it is their first day in a brand new school. Their High School adventure has begun, they have settled in well and we are looking forward to seeing how they develop in the weeks, months and years to come. Also, of course, students in Years 10 and 12 are setting out on new courses building towards important qualifications. The mature attitudes they have demonstrated throughout this week bodes extremely well for the future. We all know how this generation of young people have been challenged and we will do all we can to support them educationally and emotionally towards a return to a semblance of normality.

Key Covid Messages

- If your child presents any of the main covid symptoms (new and persistent cough; high temperature; loss/change of sense of taste and/or smell) then they **MUST NOT** attend school. Please inform the school, arrange a PCR test and await results and TTP guidance.
- Close contacts who have been fully vaccinated or **are under 18** will not need to self-isolate but should get PCR tested on Day 2 and Day 8.
- **Household contacts are strongly advised to self-isolate. This is particularly important for parents to consider and we are grateful to all who follow this strong advice.**
- Guidance and direction will now come from TTP rather than the school.
- Please use Lateral Flow Tests twice a week. It is recommended that pupils test themselves on the morning of their first day back.

We have test kits in school which we will make available for distribution on the return to school. Tests can also be ordered through the community collect, direct or pharmacy collect routes before the start of term. Further details provided below with relevant links:

Test Sites and Community Collection Points

Lateral Flow test kits can be collected from local test sites, and some community collection points. Locations, opening times can be found here:

[Get rapid lateral flow COVID-19 tests if you do not have symptoms | GOV.WALES](#)

Home Delivery

Kits can also be ordered online for home delivery. Details of how to order for home delivery can be found here:

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If you are uncertain of anything in respect of the above then please do not hesitate to contact the school for advice/guidance.

Please only attend the school site if you have a prior appointment.

Please, also, see the attached letter issued on behalf of the Local Authority confirming current protocols.

Around the school

- The wearing of face masks/coverings is now optional but recommended in communal areas.
- One-way systems and pre-lesson arrangements (queueing outside blocks) will remain in place.
- Staggered lunch breaks will remain.
- Seating plans will remain but for KS3&4 only.
- Hand sanitisation protocols at start and end of lessons will remain.
- No year group assemblies or mid-morning canteen openings for the time being.
- 6th form students should come in for lessons only.
- Wear PE kit to school on days when pupils have PE/Games on their timetables. Bring school uniform to change into at the end of the lesson.

These arrangements may change during the year/term if local covid circumstances change.

Site Development

Many of you will be aware that there is a major building project planned for the Upper School site. A new single-storey Science Block will be built on the site of the astroturf pitch behind the main block and this area will be a live building site from next week (some preparatory work has already begun). All necessary precautions regarding Health & Safety in the school grounds during the period of the works will be fully implemented but please impress upon your children the importance of caution when in the vicinity of the fenced-off areas.

General

- An optional uniform for Sixth Form students is now in stock in YC sports. The branded T-shirts are £7 and the branded sweatshirts are £11.
- information regarding November resits (Maths / Numeracy / English Language) has been sent to all Yr12/13 parents/carers and students. The deadline for forms to be returned to the exams office is Monday 13th September.
- It is very important that parents do not drive onto the Lower School site or the driveway off Manor Way (A470) in order to drop off or collect their children. This can cause a significant hazard. The only exceptions are those parents with specific permissions required for access arrangements for their children. These parents will be issued with a pass and **MUST** display it in their windscreens.

Glan Y Nant Terrace - Traffic Enforcement

Please note we have been advised that the 18 month pilot (started January 2020) to restrict traffic on Glan Y Nant Terrace is now a permanent order. Access is prohibited to all unauthorised vehicles between the times 8:30am - 9:15am & 14:45pm -15:45pm.

This is a Cardiff Council initiative in support of improving safety around schools and reducing traffic pollution.

All visitors to our Lower School site are encouraged to use the Manor Way entrance. Parents should only enter the school site if they have an appointment.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Powell', written in a cursive style.

Mark Powell