



Weekly Newsletter April 29th 2022

Hello and welcome back after the Easter holiday. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. We head straight into the May Day Bank Holiday so I wish you all an equally enjoyable long weekend.

The evening of the 1st May until the evening of the 2nd May (depending upon the sighting of the moon) celebrates the 'breaking of the fast' whereby many of our pupils have observed Ramadan. We would therefore like to wish all our Muslim pupils and their families a Blessed Eid al-Fitr.

Sixth form conditional offer letters 2022-2023

All students who have applied to the sixth form at Whitchurch for the 2022-2023 academic year will receive conditional offer letters via their school email next week. The letter will also outline the process that students will need to follow to register for their chosen courses after receiving their results in August. A timeline is also included to support students from results day onwards. Please encourage your child to check their emails and share the contents of the letter with you. If you or your child have any questions, please contact sixthform-admissions@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk.

GCSE / AS / A2 Examination timetables

All KS4 / KS5 students have now been sent their individualised examination timetables for the summer exams. They have been sent to the students' school e-mail addresses. Please check to know when your child's / children's exams are and notify the examinations office if there are any possible issues as soon as possible.

Year 13 Leaver's Ball

Advanced notice. The Year 13 Leavers Ball has been booked for Friday 24th June in the Park Hotel. The cost of the tickets will be £30. Further details will be sent to all Year 13 students and in touch contacts.

Study Leave and Year 13 Induction

Year 11 study leave starts on Monday 16th May.

Year 12 study leave starts on Monday 16th May, ends on Friday 9th June.

Year 12 induction to Year 13 and Careers Planning week will run from Monday 13th June – Friday 17th June. Details to follow.

Year 13 Study leave starts on Monday 6th June.

Information regarding how parents can support year 10 students to prepare for the forthcoming exams has been sent to all parents this week.

Young Carers

At Whitchurch High School we are aware that some of our pupils are young carers.

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring, unpaid, for a family member, or friend, who is mentally or physically unwell, frail, disabled or who misuses substances.

They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Whitchurch High School, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified and supported effectively.

We have a responsibility for ensuring all young carers can enjoy school and make good progress. If you think your child might be a young carer or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please let us know by contacting Mr A. Horgan on the following email address

horgana@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk

Any information which is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

Other

- Year 8 Parents Evening is being held on Tuesday 3rd May. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.
- Year 7 and 8 Exams will run from Monday 9th May until Friday 20th May. These will take place during lessons; students will be informed of the content and format of exams by their class teachers. Should you require any further information, please contact the relevant Pastoral Team in the first instance.
- I would like to give advanced notice that Year 10 exam week is the week commencing the 27th June (there are no exams this week for English, Science or Drama.). These exams will take place in the classroom during lesson time and therefore pupils will not receive an individual timetable as per external examinations.

- Whitchurch High School Specialist Resource Base (SRB) is currently recruiting for Teaching Assistants to start in September 2022. The SRB has the capacity to teach up to 100 pupils whose statements include predominantly Severe Learning Needs (SLD) and also a range of other Additional Learning Needs (ALN). Our KS3 SRB is based in Lower School and our KS4/KS5 SRB is based in Upper School. Classes are generally a maximum of 10 pupils with 1 teacher and 2 Teaching Assistants.

We would like to invite applicants from all walks of life who are looking to make a career in the area of ALN or existing support staff who are looking for a change. Experience is not essential as training will be given as part of the induction process at the SRB. As part of our commitment to an inclusive working environment, we are open to working flexibly with staff who have family or caring responsibilities.

If you would like further information or an informal conversation about the role please contact Paul Morgan, Assistant Headteacher, at morganpa@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk

- Please note that the regulations regarding isolation in respect of a positive covid test remain unchanged. Your child, if testing positive, must:
 - isolate for 5 days;
 - take an LFD test on days 5&6;
 - if both are negative then return to school on day 6;
 - if not, then remain in isolation until there are 2 consecutive negative tests 24 hours apart;
 - until day 10 whereupon your child can return to school.
- Please be aware that from Tuesday 3rd May all telephone calls into and out of the school will be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

Kind regards



Mark Powell