



Newsletter

May 13th 2022

Hello everyone.

The following is how I opened the first of these weekly newsletters on September 11th 2020:

I hope that everyone is well and enjoying the return to school and learning after so long away.

I am intending to issue weekly newsletters to parents and carers informing you of any developments in the way that the re-opened school will run and key reflections on the week gone by. Many of you have contacted the school with queries regarding the return to school life in Whitchurch and, hopefully, I will be able to cover as many of these as possible in these communications. I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience so far; these continue to be uncertain times and guidance is updated frequently but we do our very best to respond and plan in such ways as to create a safe environment where in-school teaching and learning can take place.

Whilst many of the sentiments of those paragraphs remain true, it is a great relief to be able to acknowledge that several of the practical elements have changed for the better. Although not free from covid, we are, nonetheless, back to a situation which is very close to normal and where the degree of rapid change and daily uncertainty is much reduced. Therefore, as of today, it is now my intention to issue these newsletters on a fortnightly basis. Please continue to access them and please encourage other parents of pupils in the school to do so.

Today is the last day in full lessons for Year 11 students ahead of the start of their study leave and their public examinations. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them all on the way in which they have navigated these challenging times, how they've reassimilated into school after the lockdowns and how they've grown into young adults along the way. We are all very proud of them. I wish them all the very best for the examinations and sincerely hope that each and every one of them gets the grades that their efforts deserve come results day in August.

This year results days are:

August 18th – AS/A Level

August 25th - GCSE, Level 1/2 and Entry Level

Sixth form applications

Conditional offer letters have now been sent via school email to all students who have applied to the sixth form at Whitchurch. If any student has not received a letter, 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.

Examinations 2022

Please can all parents / carers familiarise themselves with the protocols and procedures required for public exams via this link: [Exam Information - Whitchurch High School \(whitchurchhs.wales\)](https://www.whitchurchhs.wales).

Also, please continue to encourage your children to revise thoroughly in preparation for the exams, ensure they have the right equipment and know the time and location of each exam. Please reemphasise that as these are public exams, they cannot be rescheduled by the school if missed.

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, payment to be made via your ParentPay account.

Study Leave and Year 13 Induction

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.

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

- Full reports for all students in year 10 have been issued this week.
- Year 7 and 8 Exams will run 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.
- Please be aware that all telephone calls into and out of the school are now recorded for training and monitoring purposes.
- We are still seeking to employ more exam invigilators for this summer's examinations. If you are interested then please email our Examinations Officer - Ceri Lane - at lanec@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk

Kind regards



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