



Newsletter

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Hello again.

The second full week of public examinations is drawing to a close and I would like to thank and congratulate all students for their mature attitude and approach to this busy and pressured period of time. We have had individual days in the past fortnight which have seen over 500 students sitting exams; in the first full week alone 2,254 exam papers were sat by our students which has then led to our arranging 180kg worth of courier bookings to deliver the papers to be marked.

Hopefully, in between the revision, our students will find time to re-charge their batteries over half-term. I also hope that all the parents with children sitting public exams are coping with this fraught period. It will be over soon!

Please remember that all Key Stage 4 students must attend all public exams in plenty of time for the start of the exam and that they must be wearing full school uniform.

This year, results days are:

August 18th – AS/A Level

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

Year 13 Leavers

Year 13 Study leave starts on Monday 6th June which means that today is their last full day of their time in school. This is always a bittersweet day for staff and students alike; it is a genuine rite of passage which involves looking back (hopefully with fondness) over their time in Whitchurch whilst simultaneously looking forward to the bright futures ahead. They have been a fantastic year group who have borne much of the brunt of the fallout from covid and they have done the school, their families and, most importantly, themselves proud. The resilience, good humour and maturity which they have demonstrated throughout the past few years indicates clearly that they will be a credit and an asset to their communities as they move through life. On behalf of all of my colleagues here, I wish them all the very best for the exams in the coming weeks and for the years to come.

Sports Day

We took another big step back to normality today in holding our first school sports day since 2019. To mark the occasion, the sun even came out! I would like to thank and congratulate all the students who participated in events and finals; it really was wonderful to be able to stand alongside the track cheering on the efforts of everyone involved. Many thanks also to my colleagues in the PE department for the huge amount of work which went into the organisation of the day.

Important reminders

All students should arrive in school in full uniform every day, bringing their PE kit with them in their bags where necessary. Should there be an unavoidable problem with your child's uniform, please provide them with a note.

Mobile phones should not be used by students in any lesson unless specifically directed by a member of staff for an educational reason. Inappropriate use of mobile phones will result in confiscation and sanctions.

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

- There continues to be a small but significant number of parents who drop their pupils just inside the left-hand turning into Lower School off the A470 (Manor Way). This causes a substantial hazard for pedestrians, mainly - but not exclusively – pupils arriving at the school gates as well as for other motorists driving North on the A470. ***Please do not do this under any circumstance.***
- I would like to give advanced notice that Year 10 exam week commences on 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.

Kind regards and I hope that you all have an enjoyable half-term.



Mark Powell