



Newsletter

September 23rd

2022

Dear parents/carers

Please accept my belated welcome to the academic year 2022-23. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and were able to relax.

It has been another unique period in the life of the school as the start of the school year has coincided with the death of Queen Elizabeth, the period of national mourning which attended it and the Bank Holiday to mark her funeral.

Now that we have emerged from the formal period of national mourning, I am pleased to restart my regular newsletter to parents and carers. My intention is to issue this every fortnight giving you updates on school news as well as important reminders of upcoming events. The email will be sent out on In Touch and will also be posted on our social media platforms. I would particularly like to welcome those parents reading this newsletter for the first time and I hope that you find it useful.

We have been pleased to welcome our new Year 7 pupils into the school; they have already made a great impression on my colleagues and me and we look forward to seeing them develop as young people in the months and years to come. We have also welcomed our Year 12 students to their first taste of post-compulsory education after a fantastic set of Key Stage 4 results in the summer. And, of course, we have been delighted to welcome back all other year groups as they settle into their new status of being one school year older.

Progress (previously Pastoral) Teams – a reminder

Please be aware of the following staffing updates regarding our Progress Teams:

- Learning Leaders will now be called Progress Leaders.
- We have appointed a team of Assistant Progress Leaders to support wellbeing in our year groups.
- Pastoral Assistants will now be called Progress Assistants.
- Mrs Robson will be covering Ms Sharpe's maternity leave as Assistant Headteacher (Lower School) from late September.
- Form tutors will now be called Wellbeing Tutors.

Year 7	
Progress Leader	Miss Taylor
Assistant Progress Leader	Mr Richi
Progress Assistant	Mrs Lloyd
Wellbeing Officer	Mrs Price
Transition Officer	Mrs Dando

Year 8	
Progress Leader	Mr O'Rourke
Assistant Progress Leader	Miss Langmead
Progress Assistant	Miss Beynon
Wellbeing Officer	Mrs Price

Year 9	
Progress Leader	Mr Horgan
Assistant Progress Leader	Miss Stephens
Progress Assistant	Mrs Jones
Wellbeing Officer	Mrs Price

Year 10	
Progress Leader	Miss Polly
Assistant Progress Leader	Mr Potter
Progress Assistant	Miss Acton
Progress Assistant (Vulnerable Learners)	Mrs Armitage
Wellbeing Officer	Miss Armstrong

Year 11	
Progress Leader	Mr Webb
Assistant Progress Leader	Mr Miller
Progress Assistant	Mrs Griffiths
Progress Assistant (Vulnerable Learners)	Mrs Armitage
Wellbeing Officer	Miss Armstrong

Sixth Form	
Progress Leader (Achievement & Standards)	Mr Havard
Progress Leader (Transitions & Destinations)	Mrs Davies
Progress Assistant	Miss Williams/Mrs Loudon
Wellbeing Officer	Miss Armstrong

These are the colleagues who will be your main port of call if you need to discuss matters relating to your child or to the relevant year group as a whole.

GCSE November exam series notification

On Monday 26/09/2022 all year 11 students will receive a 'statement of entry' for the November series of exams to their school email. Students **must** check their tier of entry is accurate for their Maths Numeracy exam. If the tier is incorrect, the students must inform their maths teacher or contact the exams office

[Exam Information - Whitchurch High School \(whitchurchhs.wales\)](http://whitchurchhs.wales)

by the deadline of 29/09/2022, **no alterations will be accepted after this date.**

General

- Please do not drop your children off at the turn-in to Lower School off the A470 (Manor Way). This causes a significant hazard for other road users including – crucially - our pupils who are arriving by foot or bicycle at that time of day.
- If you need to contact the school regarding your child, whether by email or leaving a voice message, can you please make sure you advise of your child's full name, their year group and Wellbeing Group (if known). Thank you in advance.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.



Mark Powell