



**Newsletter**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**2022**

Dear parents/carers

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the weekend. I have a few updates for you which are outlined below.

### **Important Health & Safety Notice (Lower School)**

- Traffic will not be allowed on or off the Lower School site between 2.55 pm and 3.15 pm. The gates will be closed for this period of time.
- Please DO NOT under any circumstances drop off your children at the junction into Lower School off Manor Way. This continues to cause a significant possible hazard to all pedestrians in this area, the majority of which are our pupils.

### **Exams and Assessments**

- The GCSE Numeracy external exam for Year 11 will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November.
- On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October all students who have been entered for public examinations in the November session had their exam timetables with rooming and seat numbers e-mailed to them at their school e-mail addresses. Please can parents check these and get back to the examinations department as soon as possible if there are any issues.  
[exams@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:exams@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk)
- Key Stage 3 Personalised assessment results 2021-22: all students who were in Key Stage 3 last year have been sent their Hwb usernames and passwords. Parents / Carers have been sent a letter to explain how to access their child's results using the Hwb online portal.
- This week all Parents/ Carers, Students and Teachers were e-mailed a letter from Qualifications Wales outlining how they were publicly consulting on the new GCSEs and how they will work. Please take time to read the letter and complete the online survey.

**Support and Feedback**

- The Year 12 Progress Evening will take place online from 3.30pm – 6.30pm on Thursday 20th October. Schoolcloud appointments are open now and will shut at midnight on Wednesday 19th October. Please can all Parents / Carers of Yr 12 students make appointments with the tutors as soon as possible.
- The options and guidance process for year 9 and 11 students will be launched on the 14th November. Further details will be shared with parents, carers and students after half term.

**Other**

- We recently welcomed Rhemus Hullet from New Zealand to study and play rugby with the senior XV rugby team. We hope that we will be able to welcome many more students from international destinations soon and also offer our students the opportunity for exchange visits to broaden their horizons. Rhemus has fitted in well and is keen to soak up all Wales has to offer.
- Please be reminded that all phone calls into and out of the school via the main switchboard are recorded for monitoring and safeguarding purposes.

**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.

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

<b>Year 8</b>	
Progress Leader	Mr O’Rourke
Assistant Progress Leader	Miss Langmead
Progress Assistant	Miss Beynon
Wellbeing Officer	Mrs Price

<b>Year 9</b>	
Progress Leader	Mr Horgan
Assistant Progress Leader	Miss Stephens
Progress Assistant	Mrs Jones
Wellbeing Officer	Mrs Price

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

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

<b>Sixth Form</b>	
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.

Kind regards,



Mark Powell