



July/Gorffennaf 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

With the end of term drawing to a close we are writing to thank you all for your support over the summer term. This term has again been very busy and we continue to be impressed by the achievements of our students both inside and outside of the classroom. A snapshot of the events that have taken place can be found here [Whitchurch High School \(whitchurchhs.wales\)](http://Whitchurch High School (whitchurchhs.wales)). A particular highlight was the Art exhibition last week where we were able to celebrate the outstanding work that our year 11, 12 and 13 artists have created whilst completing their GCSE, As and A2 studies.

At the bottom of this letter is an outline of the start of term arrangements which has been shared previously. **In summary start dates for the new academic year are as follows:**

Years 7/10/12	Wednesday 4 th September – see plan at end for start times
Years 8/9/11/13	Thursday 5 th September – see plan at end for start times

All dates for the academic year ahead can be found on our school calendar which is available on our website at [School Calendar - Whitchurch High School \(whitchurchhs.wales\)](http://School Calendar - Whitchurch High School (whitchurchhs.wales)). The first lesson of the school day starts promptly at 8:40am and all pupils should be on site no later than 8:35am ready to start learning promptly.

Please could we again ask you to support us in reinforcing our standards of school uniform, guidance with regard to this is available on our school website [School Uniform - Whitchurch High School \(whitchurchhs.wales\)](http://School Uniform - Whitchurch High School (whitchurchhs.wales)). We would also like to reinforce the importance of arriving to school with the correct equipment, which should include a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator in some subjects as this helps ensure our students are ready to learn and they will therefore achieve greater success when in school. We recognise that uniform and school essentials can be costly and we would remind all parents and carers that the Welsh Government do provide funding to support with this, along with support with meals in school. The link to this is available on the parents section of our website [Financial support \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](http://Financial support (cardiff.gov.uk)).

Our school continues to engage in a uniform recycling initiative and we kindly invite you to contribute any unused uniform items that you may have at home, particularly PE items such as hoodies and T-shirts. If you are able to support this cause, please drop off your donations at reception on the lower or upper school site. If you would like to collect any spare uniform, the upper school office will be open for parents / carers to call in from 9am - 11.30am on a Tuesday morning. This will be every Tuesday throughout the holidays.

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You should have received this letter via email and through the SIMs app. Following feedback from parents during our recent parent/carer survey and issues identified when using the app, for consistency and to ensure messages get through to everyone, moving forward communications will only be sent via email. The email address any main communications relating to the school will come from is Whitchurch High School 6815403@sims-communications.co.uk. We would therefore ask all parents/carers to ensure that accurate contact details have been provided to the school (you can check and amend your information in the SIMS Parent App) and that you can access this letter from your email account. We would advise checking junk mail if there is an issue as we often hear from parents/carers that messages default to their junk mail folder.

When communicating with the school, whether it be leaving a message or sending an email to whs@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk, please can you advise of the full name and form of your child. Please could we also politely remind parents/carers that they should not arrive on the school site without an appointment as this is an important aspect of our safeguarding procedure.

We hope everyone in the Whitchurch High School community enjoys the holiday period ahead and wish all our students who are receiving exam results the very best of luck. Correspondence has been sent previously about this to all parents/carers and students. We look forward to seeing all our students again in September.

Kind regards/ Cofion cynnes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ceri Garlant'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ceri Garlant

Deputy Headteacher/ Dirprwy Bennaeth



The start of term arrangements were shared previously and are as follows:

	2/9/24	3/9/24	4/9/24	5/9/24	6/9/24
Year 7	INSET	INSET	Pupils meet on the main yard in Lower School from 8.30 a.m. to meet their Wellbeing Tutor and then go straight to their form rooms.	Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable
Year 8	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable
Year 9	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable
Year 10	INSET	INSET	Year 10 pupils arrive from 9.40 a.m. to meet with Wellbeing Tutors for periods 2 and 3. In timetabled lessons period 4 and 5.	Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable Year 10 – school photo: full uniform required.
Year 11	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable p2-5.	Full timetable
Year 12	INSET	INSET	Induction	Induction	Induction
Year 13	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable p2-5.	Full timetable