



Dear Parent/Guardian

Key Dates

Wednesday	26/5	Year 13 leaving activities
Thursday	27/5	Year 11 leaving activities
Friday	28/5	INSET day
Monday-Friday	31 / 5-4 / 6	HALF TERM
Monday-Friday	7 / 6-11 / 6	'Preparation for the future' week for year 12 (online provision)
Wednesday	9/6	INSET day
Tuesday	15/6	A / AS provisional results
Wednesday	16/6	Provisional GCSE results
Thursday and Friday	17 & 18/6	Appointments to discuss results
Wednesday	23/6	Sixth form registration and preparation day

Penweddig Expectations

We sent you a letter a week ago outlining our expectations as we return to a pattern of normality. We have been reminding pupils of the expectations and will be returning to our normal expectations from Tuesday .

Congratulations: Scholarships

Congratulations to Rhys James, Ifan Davies, Elin Williams and Ioan Morris who have received partnership scholarships from Aberystwyth University .

Congratulations to Rhys Bishop who has been awarded an army scholarship.

Congratulations: Eisteddfod T Welcome Poem

Four of our pupils will contribute to the writing of a welcome poem Eisteddfod T in collaboration with Gruffudd Owen, the Welsh Children's Poet. I am confident that Alice, Rebecca, Hazel and Fergus benefit from the experience.

Congratulations: Musical performances

It's great to see a large group of pupils performing in a special concert currently being broadcast on YouTube. Singers and instrumentalists from years 7 to 13 are part of a project jointly organized by Ceredigion Music Service and Wales in The West End. To view, bookmark this link in your browser - www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnjxn8gWdas

Peripatetic lesson arrangements

We have today received confirmation from the county that a number of restrictions are being relaxed or changed. We will review how these changes affect our pupils but it was pleasing to see a date for peripatetic music lessons resume 'in the flesh'. These lessons will resume on 28th June.

Travel to school

By bike: A new cycle path has been opened linking the school with Llanbadarn Fawr. As part of the scheme a covered cycle storage area will be added to the bike rack near the bus bay.

On foot: Social distancing remains an expectation when traveling to and from school. There is a need to ensure that members of the public and parents and pupils can pass each other with sufficient distance. A complaint has been received from a member of the public that this is a problem at the end of the school day near Llanbadarn Fawr Churchyard. We ask everyone to consider others and make sure they keep distance while also enabling others to keep social distance.

By bus: If a pupil comes to school on a school bus, the school is responsible for the pupil immediately as they leave the bus. We will not allow pupils to leave the site if they arrive by bus and we ask for your co-operation in this matter - if a pupil has a medical appointment and uses the school bus to get there they will need a parent's note to leave the site, in the same manner as any appointment during the school day.

By car: I kindly ask you to avoid parking and blocking Padarn Crescent so that residents of the street can access their houses.

Year 11

There is a lot of change for year 11 over the next few weeks. Their formal assessments will end on Thursday morning, 27th May. **Lessons will not continue for them after half term WITH THE EXCEPTION OF the engineering course** where they will have the opportunity to continue the practical work in June.

This is a significant change in the lives of the pupils and we understand that so many young people have missed opportunities to celebrate milestones in their lives over the last year and we are determined to give year 11 pupils this opportunity at the end of their formal time at school. We plan to hold activities for them on the school field on Thursday afternoon, 27th May, weather permitting. The school year is one contact bubble so they can come together, especially in an outdoor activity. Further details will follow.

Year 11 pupils will **receive their provisional results on Wednesday, 16th June**. In order for us to prepare pupils and parents for this, a **virtual meeting will explain the process on Monday 14th June**. Individual appointments will be arranged for each pupil to receive results and have the opportunity to discuss their grades. If a pupil or parent wishes to discuss grades further, they can book an appointment with a member of the leadership team for Thursday or Friday mornings.

An appeal process will be announced soon by Qualifications Wales / WJEC but we understand that pupils will have a 5-day period to file an appeal about the process to schools. An external appeal process will be available after the formal results are announced in August.

This year our **sixth form entry day will take place earlier and it will occur on the 23rd of June**. Details will follow.

Year 12

Year 12 are completing their AS assessments over the next few weeks. The grades they receive will indicate their attainment in their AS studies. We understand that the grades will not contribute to the final A level grades. Before they begin their A level studies they will have the opportunity to spend some time preparing for the next stage in their lives, whether this is a university application, job search or training / apprenticeship. There will also be PSE activities on other elements of preparing for adult life. This week of activities will take place online and pupils will **return to school to receive their provisional results on Tuesday, 15th June**. In order for us to prepare pupils and parents for this, a **virtual meeting will explain the process on Monday 14th June**. Individual appointments will be arranged for each pupil to receive results and have the opportunity to discuss their grades. Should a pupil or parent wish to discuss grades further, they will be able to book an appointment with a member of the leadership team for Wednesday afternoon or Thursday or Friday morning.

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Following the results there will be an opportunity for individuals to discuss the subjects they will be studying in year 13 and the work over the next month will reinforce the key skills for the A-level subjects. Pupils who are concerned about the next step can get support from Mr John.

Year 13

Year 13 are coming to the end of their school careers at a very different time. Pupils are completing their individual courses at different times over the next few weeks. The formal assessments will finish on Wednesday morning, 26th May. **Lessons will not continue after half term except for pupils who receive sessions to support them in preparation for university.**

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I wish you all a nice weekend,



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