



Cardiff High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we now enter the half term break, I would like to begin by thanking you for your support, cooperation and consideration whilst we have worked hard to safely and successfully operate in such unprecedented times. There have certainly been a number of challenges, yet we feel that it has still been a very positive half term and we are grateful for the part that you have played in this. We are delighted to report that, despite the ongoing pandemic, our attendance figure this half term is 93%.

Week Beginning 2nd November

As you are aware, this week has been designated a “Fire Break” by Welsh Government during which only years 7 and 8 will attend school. Throughout the week, pupils in years 9 – 13 have been asked to follow their home learning timetable which incorporates a blend of learning approaches including live teaching using Google Meet, Webinar lessons, and independent learning tasks and activities. This provision must be accessed through your child’s Google Classrooms.

School Reports

Please be advised that all pupils will have received a school report today. If your child is not in school, this will be posted at the end of the day.

Year 9 Options

As stated in a previous letter, Welsh Government guidance has advised against parental gatherings in school; as a consequence, the **Year 9 Options Presentation** will take the form of a virtual event. We are pleased to announce that this has gone live today and can be accessed via the school website.

You will already have received a letter advising you of the process and of the fact that the free choice survey will be live between Friday 6th and Friday 13th of November.

School Uniform

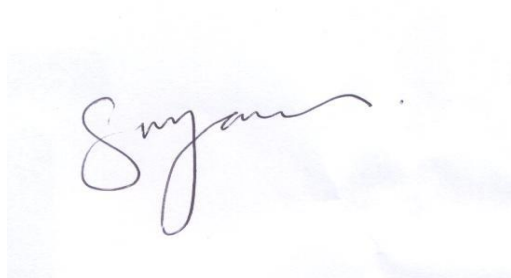
We have received several phone calls this week in which parents have asked if the summer uniform may still be worn after half term. As previously mentioned, we have made the decision to remain flexible for the remainder of the academic year. Pupils may, therefore, wear the summer uniform or the winter uniform. As the weather becomes colder, however, we would request that the school jumper and blazer are worn as the additional layers. Hoodies are not permitted. As the winter arrives in earnest, we will obviously reflect on any further amendments.

Positive Covid-19 Test Results

Should your child need to obtain a Covid-19 test during the half term or the fire break, please can we request that you notify the school. This will ensure that we continue to follow the Welsh Government's track and trace protocol. Should you need to contact the school regarding this, please e mail Mrs Yarrow. Yarrowa@hwbcymru.net

Please continue to use our website and follow our Twitter page for further updates and information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S M Jones', is written over a light blue rectangular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

S M JONES

Headteacher