



Cardiff High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the final two weeks of this academic year, I wanted to reflect a little on the last few weeks, to provide information regarding the end of this term and the start of next and also to share an update on new guidance surrounding isolation in relation to Covid-19.

Attendance across the school has continued to improve throughout the year and now stands at just under 94%.

It was hugely encouraging to see how well our learners in Key Stages 4 and 5 embarked upon the first public examination series since the pandemic began. Their positivity, maturity and resilience made us proud of each learner and we look forward to sharing their results' days with them in August.

Last week marked the return of our annual Sports Day for the first time since 2019. Over 700 students took advantage of the wonderful facilities at NIAC across a range of sporting activities. Participation levels were at their highest ever and the huge level of enjoyment amongst both staff and students was clearly palpable.

After school, each evening, our school hall is currently reverberating with the tunes of the much-loved show Oliver as over 100 of our year 7 and 8 learners can be seen (and heard!) embracing the opportunity to prepare for our summer production. If you haven't already done so, please add the dates to your diary – Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 July, 6.00pm to 7.30pm, to join us for our lower school production of Oliver. Tickets can be purchased from our Reprographics Department at a cost of £8.00 adult, £6.00 Concession.

Finally, it was an absolute pleasure to attend both the Year 11 Prom and the Year 13 Leavers' Dinner recently - key milestone events which have been sorely missed throughout the pandemic. We are very grateful to the staff who arranged and attended the evenings and also to the students who clearly enjoyed the events and the opportunity to celebrate with friends and staff.

Last Day of Term Arrangement

Friday 22 July is, as you are aware, the last day of this academic year.

The day has been designated non-uniform. Should you wish to donate to one of our adopted charities, please can you provide your child with £1.

Pupils will be provided with an opportunity to purchase a hot dish during the course of the morning and will be dismissed at 12.30pm

Return to School

- Monday 5 September INSET DAY
- Tuesday 6 September INSET DAY
- Wednesday 7 September Year 7 & Year 12 return to school
- Thursday 8 September All students return to school

Covid-19 Update

Since July 2 2022, there has been a slight change in the Self Isolation Guidance. There is no longer a requirement for two negative lateral flow tests to be obtained in order to be able to end self-isolation before day ten. Previous guidance required a negative lateral flow test on both day 5 and day 6.

Latest guidance summary:

1. Day 1 of Covid is the **day after** your symptoms began or the **day after** you tested positive, whichever was soonest eg if you began to experience symptoms on Sunday 3rd July, Day 1 would be Monday 4th July
2. On Day 5 take a lateral flow test
3. If the test is negative, isolation will end on Day 6
4. If the test is positive, continue to test on a daily basis. Isolation ends the day after a negative test or day 10, whichever is soonest.

Welsh Government Guidance (updated 2 July 2022) states that if you have a positive Covid-19 test, it is important that you stay at home and avoid contact with other people. We would, therefore, politely request that if your child develops any of the “cardinal” symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell) they take a lateral flow test. If they test positive, we would request that they remain at home and isolate in line with the guidance above.

May I take this opportunity to encourage you to look out for our summer newsletter which will be issued shortly. This will provide a positive reflection on a host of wonderful curriculum and enrichment activities which have take place throughout the year.

Yours sincerely



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