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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the end of another very busy but highly successful half term, I am delighted to say that our learners are demonstrating a positive, mature and motivated approach to the examination season. In addition to the high quality lessons which have been delivered across all departments, the learners have also benefitted from a host of enrichment activities. These will remain ongoing throughout the term and our next school newsletter will highlight the range and breadth of opportunities which have been offered by our dedicated staff and embraced by so many learners.

ClassCharts – Launching the Parental App

This year we have invested in a new online programme called ClassCharts. Amongst other things, this programme is able to record your child's attitude to learning, their behaviour and their attendance. Following a successful trial of ClassCharts *within* school, we are delighted to launch this system to all parents/carers following the half term break.

The software www.classcharts.com is available online and has an application for phones/tablets. This will provide you with an opportunity to track your child's behaviour throughout the day as well as being able to view attendance and punctuality for the week. You will automatically receive a notification when your child receives positive and negative behaviour points.

As a result, you will be able to celebrate the positives and, where necessary, have informed conversations with them about their attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning.

On the first Monday after half term, your child will be given a letter which will contain their unique access code. A link and instructions on how to set up your account will be attached.

Please search your app store to download ClassCharts free of charge. Once on the ClassCharts website we advise that you listen to the short tutorial to assist you in logging in. If you have more than one child at Cardiff High School you can use the plus sign in the top right hand corner with the additional access codes you will receive.

Advance Notice – Dates for Your Diary

We are currently in the process of planning a **Parental Engagement Evening**. This will take place on Thursday 29 June. The focus will be wellbeing and positive mental health for young people. Further information will be circulated nearer the event.

The week commencing Monday 8th July will be a designated **Culture Week** at Cardiff High School. Events currently being planned will provide us with an enjoyable opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the diversity within our school. Once again, further information will be circulated nearer the event.

On Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 July, our Key Stage 3 learners will be entertaining us with a Musical Showcase, which will include performances from **The Lion King**. Timings and details regarding admission to the show will be shared next half term.

Health and Safety

May we politely remind you that unless there is a prior arrangement, we request that you do not drive on to the school site. Similarly, if you are dropping your child to school, or picking them up at the end of the day, please stop safely, away from the entrance to the school and without disrupting the flow of traffic.

Bike Safety

As the weather is becoming more pleasant, we are delighted to see that a greater number of learners are taking the opportunity to cycle to school and to use the storage facilities on site. We are, however, concerned about the way in which some pupils are cycling without due care and attention, sometimes in the middle of the road amongst oncoming traffic. We would like you to remind your child that, if they are cycling to and from school, they are to do so safely and sensibly. We also strongly advise that they wear a helmet.

Parent Pay – Pupil Food Accounts

Please can we ask that, over the holiday period, you ensure that your child's account has sufficient funds for them to purchase food from the canteen. Whilst we would always serve your child with food, we would prefer not to have to ask them to top up their account. Please see below for current information regarding the application for free school meals.

Free School meals

Primary and secondary school pupils will get free school meals if their family receives:

- Income Support
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, or
- Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,190
- Universal Credit if the net household earnings is less than £7400.

The application form can be found via the following link:

<https://forms.cardiffcouncilwebteam.co.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

I would like to thank every member of our school community – learners, staff, parents, carers and Governors for your ongoing support and commitment.

Yours sincerely



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