



Cardiff High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you and your family enjoyed a restful break. We have experienced a very positive start to the new term. It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils back this week and they have calmly settled back into school routines. The start of January always brings a renewed sense of purpose and this term is an important one, particularly for pupils in examination years. Over the coming weeks and months, teachers will be supporting and guiding all pupils in the school, ensuring they are prepared for the challenges ahead of them.

A few reminders as we settle back into normal routines:

- Attendance and punctuality remain key to success. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring students arrive on time and ready to learn each day.
- Uniform expectations continue to be upheld, and we ask for your help in maintaining the very high standards which we enjoy in the school.
- We will continue to promote and encourage kindness, positive attitudes to learning, and genuine effort and determination. We look forward to encouraging and celebrating the many students who consistently demonstrate these attitudes in school.

Key School Dates for this half term

A number of school events will take place this half term, culminating in our well established and highly anticipated school production.

Tuesday 13 Jan – Year 10 Parents evening

Monday 26 Jan – Parental Engagement evening: supporting learning and skills

Friday 30 Jan – Y9 interim report & Y11 full report issued to parents & carers

Monday 2 Feb – Thurs 6 Feb – School production

Tuesday 10 Feb – Year 7 Parents evening

Following the success of the end of year trips last July, and feedback from pupil councils, we are pleased to be able to again offer a range of end-of-year celebration trips in July 2026 for every year group. Further information will be available for pupils next week.

Finally, following the retirement of Mrs Yarrow in December, there have been a number of key staffing changes which I would like to share with you.

The new safeguarding leads in the school, should you have any concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, are:

Mrs Michelle Bennett (Assistant Headteacher Wellbeing & Achievement)

Designated Senior Person for Safeguarding (DSP)

BennettM15@hwbcymru.net

Mrs Samantha Eaton (Assistant Headteacher Learning & Teaching)

Deputy Designated Senior Person for Safeguarding (DDSP)

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And finally, I am pleased to share with you that the Governing Body have appointed two members of the senior leadership team, Mr Simon Taylor and Mrs Emily Greenwood, as Acting Deputy Headteachers to support our ongoing school development.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Thompson', written in a cursive style.

SIMON THOMPSON

Acting Headteacher