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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the end of this term, I am delighted to say that our learners have embraced a wealth of positive curriculum and enrichment opportunities. Our term has concluded with a series of parental examination information events which were very well attended. Further information regarding the public examinations will be circulated nearer the time.

Advance Notice – Summer Uniform

Following the Easter break, students will be permitted to wear the summer school uniform should they wish. Items are now available from the stockist. I would like to politely remind you that if your child is cold, the expectation is that school items are worn with the polo shirt eg the school jumper and/or blazer. Hoodies and items of PE kit are not permitted. Please see below for the link to YC Sports.

<https://www.ycsports.comm>

School Essentials Grant

Children whose families are on lower incomes and qualify for certain benefits can apply for a grant of: £125 per learner.

£200 for learners entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school).

All compulsory school years from reception to year 11 are now eligible.

All looked after children qualify for the grant, whether they receive free school meals or not. Learners who receive free school meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify.

The grant can be spent on:

- School uniform including coats and shoes;
- School sports kit including footwear;
- IT equipment: laptop and tablets ONLY (School Essentials should only be used in limited situations where a school is unable to loan equipment to the family);
- Uniform for enrichment activities, including but not limited to: scouts; guides; cadets; martial arts; sports; performing arts, or dance;
- Equipment - for example, school bags and stationery;
- Specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin such as design and technology;
- Equipment for out-of-school hours trips such as outdoor learning - for example, waterproofs.

Families are only entitled to claim once per child, per school year.

As the applying parent or carer, you must be receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance (income based)
- Employment Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credit, with a household income of £16,190 or less
- Pension Credit (guarantee element)
- Universal Credit with net household earnings of less than £7,400

The 2023 to 2024 scheme is now open and will close on 31 May 2024

Please click on the link below to access the application form.

<https://www.cardiffcouncilforms.co.uk/article/1544>

Parent Pay – Pupil Food Accounts

It has come to our attention that a growing number of learners have come to the end of their money within their respective Parent Pay 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 JobsSeeker'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. Enjoy a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher