



# Cardiff High School Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdydd

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to bring a number of important operational updates and reminders to your attention as we prepare for September.

### **Arbor Parent App**

From September, we will be launching the **Arbor Parent App**, which will replace **ClassCharts** as our primary parent information platform for learning and wellbeing.

We ask all parents and carers to download the app using the link provided below.

### **[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)**

The Arbor Parent App will be used to:

- Monitor pupil attendance.
- View pupil effort and achievement records.
- Track reward points.
- Receive information regarding behaviour incidents and pastoral matters.
- Access key information relating to your child's education.

We will send further communication on how to register within the next 7 days, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

We strongly encourage all families to register before the start of the new academic year to ensure a smooth transition.  
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### **ParentPay Reminder**

We would also like to remind parents and carers to ensure they have signed up for **ParentPay**.

### **[ParentPay](#)**

ParentPay is used to:

- Receive school communications.
- Top up pupil lunch accounts.
- Manage educational visits and activity payments.

Please could we kindly ask you to ensure that accounts are active and lunch balances are topped up before the start of the new academic year.

### **Start of Term Arrangements – September 2026**

Please note the following arrangements for the start of the autumn term:

- **Tuesday 1 September 2026** – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
- **Wednesday 2 September 2026** – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

**Thursday 3 September 2026** will be an **Induction Day** for the following year groups only **Year 7, Year 10 & Year 12**. Pupils in these year groups will attend for a full day of induction activities designed to support their transition:

- Year 7 pupils will be supported as they begin their secondary school journey.
- Year 10 pupils will receive guidance as they move into the next stage of their education and commence their GCSE programmes of study.
- Year 12 students will take part in activities to prepare them for the demands and expectations of sixth form study.

All pupils will then return to school as normal on **Friday 4 September 2026**.

### **Mobile Phone-Free School**

As communicated previously, from September, Cardiff High School will become a **mobile phone-free school**. Mobile phones must not be seen or heard throughout the school day.

This means that once pupils arrive at the school gate, mobile phones must be placed in their bags until pupils are offsite at the end of the school day. Any pupil found using a mobile phone will have their device confiscated in line with our new school policy.

We believe this change will further support learning, wellbeing, positive social interaction and pupil engagement across the school.

A detailed information guide explaining how this policy will operate is already available on the school website, and we encourage all parents and carers to read this carefully over the summer break.

To facilitate the transition away from mobile phones, and after consultation with pupil representatives, pupils in all year groups will be issued with school planners in September. These can be used by pupils to help organise their work, record deadlines and will also include a copy of their school timetable.

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### **Uniform Reminder**

A reminder that from September the school will return to its **winter uniform expectations**.

All pupils should attend school wearing:

- School shirt
- School tie
- School blazer
- Appropriate school trousers or skirt which is knee length
- Correct school footwear
- Jewellery is limited to one pair of studs in each ear.

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that pupils arrive at school smartly dressed and ready to learn from the first day of term.

### **External Examinations Results**

School will be open for pupils to obtain their WJEC examination results as follows:

- A Level & AS Results – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August [8.00am – 10.00am]
- GCSE Results – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August [8.00am -10.00am]

Further details for Sixth Form registration, which will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, will be sent directly by the Sixth Form team.

**School Site Security**

I am pleased to confirm that final works to secure the school premises will be completed over the summer break with the installation of a new security gate on the main driveway. After 8.40am the gates will be automatically locked and access will be via intercom for school visitors. Further details will be made available at the start of the new term.

Finally, can I kindly remind all parents and carers that **school will finish early on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.**

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr S Thompson

Acting Headteacher