

14th October 2022

October Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted at how well our new Year 7 students have settled into our school. They have come to us with excellent attitudes towards their studies and are upholding the values of our school well. Year 7 have taken part in an activity day this week and it was a great success, the students enjoyed activities and this week are exhausted but fulfilled. We hope they have a very restful break.

Earlier this term, year 10 students visited the Outward Bound Centre in Aberdovey and had a fantastic time, you will find photographs of this on our Facebook page. Sixth Form students visited the National College and Leaver Show and the University and Apprenticeship Show as they begin to consider their next steps. Our sixth form provision has grown rapidly, and it is wonderful so many students returning to us to continue their studies.

We held open events for Year 6 students and prospective sixth form students, as well as 'meet the tutor' evenings for year 7 and 12 parents. These events were all well attended, and the evenings were a great success. Our newly appointed sixth form student leadership team have taken an active role in presenting on these evenings, and supported with hosting visitors. It is always a joy to invite families and members of the local community into our school, and our staff and students relish the opportunity to welcome them in.

We are now using our new Facebook page to share news and celebrations with parents/carers. If you go to our official page and 'like' it, you will continue to see updates on events in school and celebrate our students' successes. CTS Snapshot will be relaunching next term with a new format which we hope you will all enjoy.

Further to our letter send to parents/carers on October 4th regarding lateness and attendance, we have seen an improvement in students arriving to school on time. This is due to you as parents/carers working with us to support your child in meeting these expectations, and we are grateful for your ongoing support in this area. As I mentioned in my previous letter, it is best for your child to be in school on time and to attend regularly in order for them to be able to engage positively in their learning and receive the full taught curriculum. Additionally, punctuality and high levels of attendance are life skills that will support them when moving into further education and employment in their future, so we will continue to work with alongside you to instil these values in our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the approaching holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 1st November 2022** when the school re-opens. On the reverse side of this letter, you will find other useful information for this academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION

Collection of students from school:

Please can all parents/carers ensure that they park safely in our front car park at the end of the school day and ensure that they prioritise the safety of students in the car park by waiting patiently for students to cross the car park. We are happy to allow parents to use our car park for collection, but if this use compromises student safety we may have no choice but to close our gates.

Uniform:

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, students must wear black school shoes, trainers are not permitted. Further information regarding our uniform expectations can be found [here](#).

Equipment:

Students will need to ensure that they start the new term with their own personal stationery:

- scientific calculator (we recommend the Casio fx-83GT). This should be named.
- 2 black pens
- pencil
- rubber
- green pen (biro)
- glue stick

The school will provide any other stationery, but it remains the responsibility of each student to be fully prepared for lessons with this basic set of equipment.

Wisepay:

Please ensure your child has sufficient credit on their account to purchase breakfast and lunch in school. We are unable to contact parents during the school day should your child have insufficient funds.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings:

Below are details of Parent/Carer Consultation evenings for this school year. Further details will be sent in due course.

- Year 7 - Thursday 27th March 2023
- Year 8 – Tuesday 17th January 2023
- Year 9 – Wednesday 8th February 2023
- Year 10 - Thursday 12th January 2023
- Year 11 - Tuesday 6th December 2022
- Year 12 – Thursday 2nd February 2023
- Year 13 – Wednesday 14th December 2022

Staff Training Days:

- Monday 31st October 2022
- Friday 23rd December 2022
- Monday 9th January 2023
- Friday 30th June 2023