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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re.: Covid 19 Update

### **"Firebreak" Information - Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November**

Following the announcement from the Welsh Government on Monday with regards to the national firebreak, we can confirm that during the week commencing 2 November 2020, the school will be open to only **Year 7** and **Year 8** students. We will also be open for all students in our special educational needs centre, the **LDC**.

Our older students from **Year 9 to Year 13** will complete distance learning at home for this week on Google Classroom.

English and Numeracy **resit GCSE exams** for **Year 12** students will continue to take place, but students will only be allowed on school site for their exam.

### **Distance Learning for Year 9 to Year 13 Students**

All students from **Year 9 to Year 13** will be expected to continue learning at home from **Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November** on Google Classroom. They will follow their normal school timetable at home. Work will be available to complete for each subject on the morning that they would normally have a lesson in that subject. Staff will be available to answer email questions and queries during the time slot of their normal allocated lesson.

Please see the new tab on the school website for '[Distance Learning](#)'. Under this tab, there is a short video guide for both students and parents on how to use Google Classroom.

You will also find all the classroom codes for all subjects [here](#). Please ensure your child has logged into all their necessary classes. We have been working with them on this during tutorial time this week. All students will be able to access their Google Classrooms.

## School Day after Half Term

We are constantly reviewing our structures to ensure that we have the appropriate balance between ensuring the school is Covid 19 safe and that we continue to provide an environment of quality teaching and learning. Our current arrangements have been in place for half a term and following a recent review, we feel that we now have the capacity to make some minor adjustments.

To mitigate against the Covid 19 risks, we will continue to keep contact between year groups as limited as possible by :

- staggering the start and ends of the school day
- staggering break and lunches
- zoning social time in the school as well as registration and some lessons
- zoning the use of canteens
- insisting on the wearing of face coverings in communal areas
- wiping desks and chairs down
- ensuring students sanitise their hands on entry to school and their classrooms
- ensuring a one way system is in place across the school
- not allowing students to spend time in the corridors

After half term, we have made some minor changes to our plans by:

- shortening the gap between our staggered starts and ends of the day to maximise teaching and learning time
- basing teachers in subjects rooms
- change some timings of the school day .

An updated school day schedule for after half term can be found [here](#). Please note that all students will follow the new school day schedule from **Monday 2nd November**. This includes students working from home and contacting their teachers during their time slot of their normal lessons.

A normal school day will still operate from 0835-1500; however, please note the **new** staggered start and times for each year group:

	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Arrival Gate</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Departure Gate</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	0835	East	1450	Nearest Gate
<b>Year 8</b>	0840	East	1450	Nearest Gate
<b>Year 9</b>	0840	West	1450	Nearest Gate
<b>Year 10</b>	0845	West	1455	Nearest Gate
<b>Year 11</b>	0845	East	1455	Nearest Gate

<b>Year 12/ 13</b>	0845	West	1500	Nearest Gate
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Gates will be open **5 minutes** before the official start time for each year group.

Post 16 students still only need to attend school if they have a lesson. Their lessons will start at 0845; however, they may enter the grounds from 0830 onwards via the West Gate. The Post 16 common room and work rooms will reopen with strict social distancing expected to accommodate students earlier arrival, breaks and lunches.

Year 7 and Year 8 students will go straight to their form rooms for a registration session on **Monday 2nd November** to allow tutors to go through the new school day and routines.

Year 9 to Year 13 students will go straight to their form rooms for a registration session on **Monday 9th November** to allow tutors to go through the new school day and routines.

**And finally ...**

If you have any queries regarding the information in this letter, please contact the school on 01633 224490

A final half term letter will be distributed tomorrow.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher/Pennaeth