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Dear parents/carers

Hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend, Well done to our Year 13 BTEC Sport students who led a number of successful sporting sessions with year 7 and year 8 students this week. We also recently welcomed Thomas Haffield, a British Olympic and Welsh Commonwealth swimmer, to school. Tom is working with some of our year 10 students on the Set for Success programme.

Year 9 and Year 10 Exams

As I shared last week, students in Year 9 and Year 10 have internal exams next month. Their progress leaders have now written to all students and parents explaining what is required for each subject and also how we will prepare students in the coming weeks. Their letters can be read here: [Year 9](#) and [Year 10](#).

Online Progress Evenings

Since the start of the pandemic, we have been unable to hold progress evenings in school. To date, we have instead held tutor evenings via telephone where form tutors have called parents at a set time to discuss their child's progress in school, their academic achievements, and their attitude to learning and wellbeing. Our next **tutor evening for students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 is Thursday 10th June**. This time, we will be using an online platform called SchoolCloud where parents can arrange appointments and meet form tutors via a video call (similar to Meets, Zoom and Teams). Miss Hook will be sharing a letter with parents of students in these year groups next week. We plan to use this approach for all our parental engagement events next academic year as we are unsure when restrictions will allow mass gatherings and also to evaluate whether this is a more effective and preferred approach.

Face Coverings

Face coverings continue to be an important mitigating measure against Covid-19 in schools in Wales. Students are expected to wear face coverings inside the building which includes corridors and classrooms. The students have adjusted to this routine amazingly well and we have had very few issues. However, not all our students remember to bring in a face covering every day and we have to provide them with disposal coverings. Over the last few weeks, we have distributed nearly 4000 face masks. The students have been given two reusable face coverings. Please can you support by reminding them to bring them to school.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher/Pennaeth