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Dear parents/carers

Well done to the vast majority of our students who have had a positive half term, working hard in lessons, and gaining knowledge and skills in their lessons.

After seven weeks back in school, our students are now ready for a break. I hope your child has a restful half term. We return to school on **Monday 1st November** at **0835**.

### **Covid 19 Update - Face Coverings**

We received notification from the Local Authority yesterday that all schools in Gwent will move to the **"very high" Covid alert level** after half term. As a school, we already have all the mitigation measures in place for the "high" alert level. Moving to the next category means that **all students** will need to return to wearing **face coverings** in lessons from **Monday 1st November**.

Please could you ensure your child has a face covering (unless exempt). Students need them for communal areas such as corridors and canteens, as well as the return to classroom use after half term. We have used nearly 6000 disposable face coverings since September due to students not bringing them to school.

### **Year 11 and Year 13 Mocks and Summer Exams**

Our students in Year 11 and Year 13 received their [mock exam timetables](#) this week. These exams are scheduled for the fortnight of 30th November to 10th December and will take place during lessons. Students now have six weeks to revise and prepare for these exams. For nearly all students this will be the first time they have sat a formal exam and will, therefore, be valuable practice ahead of the summer exams planned for next year.

Qualifications Wales, the Welsh Government body that oversees exams in Wales, has written to all schools advising them to have a contingency plan in place in case the exams do not run next summer due to the ongoing pandemic. If exams are cancelled, Centre Determined

Grades (CDGs) will again be awarded, based on a range of evidence gathered from work and assessments in class; this includes the mock exams. Therefore, if such work is to be used, students will be notified in advance: students have already been told that mock results will be used as evidence if CDGs replace exams next year. This also applies to our students in Year 10 and Year 12 who will also be completing qualifications this academic year.

### **SHRN Survey**

All students from Years 7 to 13 will be completing the National Student Health and Wellbeing Survey in the fortnight commencing 8th November. These will be taking place in their Personal Development and Skills (PDS) and Welsh Baccalaureate lessons. The survey contains questions on health behaviours, including diet, physical activity, smoking, alcohol, drugs, school life and relationships. Only students in Year 9 and above will be asked a small number of questions relating to sexual behaviour. Each student chooses whether or not they want to complete the survey and they can omit any question they do not want to answer. The data from this survey is shared with the school as a Student Health and Wellbeing report and supports our work to improve our students' health and wellbeing provision, including informing our PDS curriculum. A [letter from the School Health Research Network \(SHRN\)](#) and further information on [data linkage](#) are linked into this letter and can also be found on the Health and Wellbeing section of our website. If you do not wish your child to participate in the survey, please contact the school.

### **Keeping Children Safe Online**

There are many online social media platforms that are regularly used by students. These include examples such as instagram, facebook and snapchat. It is essential that parents and carers keep a close eye on the interactions and communication that is being shared on these platforms.

The NSPCC has a fantastic online resource to help parents and carers to understand each of the platforms used by our young people.



[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

Let's keep kids safe online

### **Covid-19 and LFD Testing**

Students should continue to test twice a week over half-term and preferably take a LFD test the night before they return to school after the break.

All students in Years 7 to 11 will be issued with further testing kits when they return to school after October Half Term.

For any positive cases, please report these via the normal email - [covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk](mailto:covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk)

## Welsh Youth Parliament

Fatma Aksoy has been selected as a candidate for the Welsh Youth Parliament. Voting has now opened; please click [here](#) to vote.

### And finally ...

Have a relaxing half term.

Yours faithfully



Mr. D. Curtis  
Headteacher/Pennaeth