

18 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an abrupt end to the half term with the arrival of Storm Eunice and the closure of the school site today. I hope you have all been able to remain safe and have not been affected too badly by the high winds. Students would have been able to access work on their Google Classroom today which will be followed up by the teachers on our return to school after half term.

### **COVID 19 Update**

We have been informed that the COVID 19 risk level for local schools will be lowered to "moderate" after half term. This means that we are able to revisit some of the mitigation measures currently in place. We will return to a single break for all students on our return to school, and face coverings will not be required in classrooms. However, please be aware the students still need to wear face coverings in communal areas. LFD testing will now be recommended twice a week (Sunday and Tuesday evenings) instead of three.

### **Sporting Success**

The easing of some COVID 19 restrictions in schools has allowed the PE Department to slowly re-establish some sporting activities both on the school site and offsite locally and nationally. Below are some of the headlines for this half term:

Southeast Wales Schools Gymnastics Competition - 7 girls represented the school in the Tumble and Vault competition: Nyah Henderson, Jasmine Preece, Mia Dorrian, Mia Shinton, Millie Forrest, Evie Forrest and Charlotte Lapsins. All performed extremely well with the Under 19 team (Mia, Millie, Evie, Mia and Charlotte) securing first place in the team competition. In addition, Charlotte, Nyah and Evie have now qualified for the Welsh schools final next month.

Welsh Schools Trampolining Finals - 7 students from St Julian's School competed in the Welsh Schools trampolining competition in January. Olivia Holloway, Evie Forrest, Millie Forrest, Evie McCoughlin, Eleri Davies, Ella Tutton and Molly Watkins bounced extremely well and qualified for

the Central Zone GB Schools final in Brentwood Essex. Against tough competition from schools all over the south of Britain, they achieved superb placings with the Under 16 team (Evie, Millie, Evie and Eleri) qualifying for the British schools finals in March.

Cross Country - In the first meet of the season, 12 of our GCSE PE students ran in the South East Wales Schools Cross Country competition as part of their practical assessment. In addition, Isaac Barry and Lucas Salvage in Year 8 also competed with Lucas finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place securing a place in the South East Wales team competing in the Welsh Schools finals.

### **LFDs during Half Term**

LFD kits will be issued on the first tutorial back after February half term. During the holidays you can order additional kits via this [link](#)

### **And finally...**

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing all students back in school on **Monday 28 February 2022.**

Yours faithfully



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