

23rd October 2020

Dear Families,

Today we will end the first half term for this academic year. Below is some pertinent information and also an update about the next half-term.

Information on Positive Cases

We have had four positive cases within our learning community – two staff and two pupils. Thankfully all are well and are either recovering or have made a full recovery. Unfortunately this has had an impact on pupils and we have had to ask some pupils to isolate as a result.

I am sure with the rates increasing these will not be the last cases we see and I want to ensure you are aware of the processes the school uses should there be a positive case.

1. We will notify ALL parents in our learning community of a positive case
2. In some cases we may need time to work with the TTP team and therefore will send a letter entitled 'potential close contact.' This will request that a pupil stays at home for 24 hours to give us as a school time to work with TTP and identify close contacts.
3. We will work as quickly as we can to then identify the close contacts. Individuals identified as close contacts will have an email entitled 'Please Isolate.' This will give you the date at which your child can cease isolation.
4. All parents will then have an email to advise 'Close Contacts Identified.' If you haven't had email 3 then your child can return to school immediately – that day if at all practical.

Arrangements for after Half-term – all students will follow WEEK 1's timetable.

Year 7 and 8 pupils will return to school as usual after half-term, although their day will alter slightly for that week (please see below). School transport will be run as usual and the canteen will be open at lunchtime for food.

Year 9, 10, 11 and sixth form will continue their learning using remote live lessons. They will follow their normal timetable but again the day will be slightly different:

Time	Lesson	Notes: Year 7 and 8	Notes: Year 9-13
8.15		Students enter building and proceed directly to class.	
8.30 - 9.45	1	1 hour 15 min lesson. 15 min of which will be registration	8:30 pupils to log on and register. 8:45 - 55 min online lesson 5 mins break before next session.

Pennaeth/Headteacher:
Mrs Bev Cheetham

9.45 - 11.05	2	Year 7 break in Ty Bwyta: 9.45-10.05 Year 8 break in Ty Bwyta: 10.05-10.25	55 min online lesson: 9.45-10.40
11.05-12.05	3	1 hour lesson as normal.	55 min online lesson: 11.05-12.00
12.05-13.40	4	Year 7 lunch in Ty Bwyta: 12.05-12.40 Year 8 lunch in Ty Bwyta: 12.40-13.15	55 min online lesson: 12.05-13.00
13.40-14.40	5	1 hour lesson as normal.	55 min online lesson: 13.40-14.35
14.50-15.50	6		55 min online lesson: 14.50-15.45 (Sixth Form only)

Pupils learning from home will need access to a computer to be able to follow the live learning. It is an expectation that ALL pupils engage with the learning and registers will be kept for each lesson. Staff at the school will be calling those pupils who are not logged into the lesson and will assist with any technical difficulties pupils have.

The lessons will be 55 minutes in length where teachers will direct and support the learning. There will be a mixture of pre-prepared and live lessons and where appropriate the school will record lessons. Pupils will have the opportunity to ask questions through the chat facility but in the great majority of cases pupil cameras will be turned off.

Pupils are advised to use the 5 minute 'turn around' period to take a quick break from their work stations but to also log in to the next session.

Heads of Progress have a list of those pupils who have advised us they do not have access to IT and will coordinate work for collection from the school.

A small group of pupils from these cohorts will be invited into school – they will be contacted by Mr Young's team directly. They can catch the school bus should they wish but there will be NO catering facilities available. They will be kept within their social bubble.

November Re-sits and University Exams

Pupils sitting exams should enter through the main reception area, where they will sanitise and be shown to their examination tables. They should only bring the equipment they need with them.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

English Unit 2 - Monday 2 November 8:30am
 Maths - Numeracy Paper 1 - Tuesday 3 November 8:30 am
 English Unit 3 - Wednesday 4 November 8:30am
 Maths - Numeracy Paper 2 - Thursday 5 November 8:30 am

These exams take place the following week when pupils are back in school and will take place in the hall.

Maths - Paper 1 - Monday 9 November 8:30am

Maths - Paper 2 - Wednesday 11 November 8:30am

University Tests all start at 9:00 and pupils should report to reception at 8:45am. The schedule for these is as follows:

BMAT, ELAT AND MLAT - Wednesday 4 November

TSA, HAT, NSAA - Thursday 5 November

Pupils are able to wear a face covering during the exam should they wish but exam desks are placed at more the 2 metre intervals.

Uniform

Please could we draw your attention to our PE uniform requirements.

On the days where a pupil has PE they should wear black or blue joggers. Grey is not permitted.

They can wear a Y Pant hoodie or school jumper but NO other alternative jumper/hoodie is permissible. This has been particularly problematic with older year groups.

Once again can we thank you for your support as families over the past few months and wish you and your families a peaceful and safe half-term break.

Y Pant School