



17th July 2023

Dear Students, Parents, and Carers,

RE: End of Year Message and Important Updates

As we approach the end of another successful academic year at Ysgol Treffynnon we would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to witness your growth and achievements, and we are incredibly proud of what we have accomplished this year.

Looking ahead, we would like to inform you of a few important updates for the upcoming academic year.

Start of the New Academic Year:

The new academic year will commence on Monday, September 4th 2023. We encourage all students to return to school on this day, well-rested and ready to embark on another year of exciting learning experiences.

Uniform Expectations:

Maintaining a smart and professional appearance is an essential aspect of our school community. Therefore, we kindly remind all students and parents to review the uniform expectations outlined in our school's policy. Upon the return from the summer holiday all students are expected to have a black blazer, white shirt, red tie (green for year 11) and black trousers or skirt. It is optional for students to also wear a grey v-neck jumper. May I remind you that hoodies are not permitted to be worn to school. GCSE PE hoodies are to be worn for practical PE lessons only.

Transition from Student Planners to Diaries:

In an effort to enhance organisation skills, we have decided to switch from student planners to diaries for the upcoming academic year. Diaries will be provided to all students, and they will serve as a comprehensive tool to record homework, deadlines, and personal commitments. We believe this change will help students develop stronger planning skills, foster independence, and encourage a more proactive approach to managing their studies.

Introduction of the House system:

To further strengthen our sense of community and encourage healthy competition and sense of belonging, we will be transitioning from the PSOs (Pastoral Support Officers) monitoring year groups to a house system. Students will be assigned to one of our four houses: Siwan, Gwenllian, Idwal,



or Llywelyn. Each house will have 1 form from each year group within it. This new system will provide students with additional support, foster camaraderie through inter-house activities, and promote a sense of belonging within their respective houses. We believe that this change will enhance the overall experience of our students at Ysgol Treffynnon. Where possible we will place families in the same house to minimise the number of key contacts that you as a family have at school but this may not be possible in all cases.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our students, parents, and carers for all your continued support and trust in our school. We are committed to providing an inclusive, engaging, and challenging educational environment that nurtures the development of every student.

We wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, September 4th, as we embark on another year of growth, learning, and achievement.

Yours sincerely,

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