

Our Ref: KK/JEV

4th March 2011

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we start the second half of the spring term, I thought it important to update you on some key developments.

Post-16 Collaboration

We have entered into an exciting new collaboration with Bassaleg Comprehensive School, Duffryn High School, St Joseph's High School, and Coleg Gwent - the Newport West Post-16 Partnership. We will be working together to deliver nearly 40 different courses for students. This means that Newport High students may complete some courses at other schools and likewise, students from other schools will study some subjects here. Information about the courses available to students and their entry requirements can be found on the partnership website www.newportwest.co.uk.

Rewards System

Over the past term we have been working with students to update our rewards system. Students told us that they wanted a wider range of rewards and for these to be earned in different ways. Our new rewards system will be put into place this half term, further details of the changes can be found on the school website.

Uniform

Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that students are not permitted to wear non-school uniform cardigans, hoodies or other accessories in school. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their son/daughter wears the correct uniform to school. This includes completely black footwear. Over the next half term we will be working with students to develop a cardigan with the school logo that will provide an alternative to the current school jacket.

School Catering

We are currently seeking a new company to provide school meals. Students told us they wanted a new menu and a service system that will allow us to serve food more speedily. Our new catering provider will be in place at the start of the Summer Term and will be working with students, parents and staff to provide improvements to our current provision. I look forward to keeping you updated on this development.



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Some key dates for you to be aware of over the next half term are:

Tuesday 15 th March	Year 9&10 Revision Conference
Wednesday 16 th March	Year 11 Pathways Evening - Choices for Year 12 - Christchurch Centre 4.30- 7.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening - Coleg Gwent 4-7pm
Thursday 31 st March	Academic Review Day 2
Friday 1 st April	INSET Day - school closed to students
Friday 15 th April	End of Spring Term
Tuesday 3 rd May	Start of Summer Term

You will be aware that the Government has granted us all an additional Bank Holiday this year, due to the Royal Wedding. The actual wedding day is on 29th April, which is when we are on our Easter break. This means that we are entitled to take an additional day during term time. We have decided to take this on the very last day of term in July so as to lessen the impact on learning and teaching. This means that we will be breaking up for the Summer Holidays on Thursday 21st July.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully

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