



Dear Parent / Guardian

January 2019

Please note the dates of various activities that will take place this term and also during the Summer term

24 Jan	GCSE Science Practical Exam Yr 11
30 Jan	Yr 9 Next Big Step (6.00p.m. School Hall)
5 Feb	GCSE Science Practical Exam Yr 11
7 Feb	Yrs 9 Parents' & Guardians' Evening (3.45-6.15pm)
12 Feb	GCSE Science Practical Exam Yr 11
13 Feb	Yr 11 Next Big Step Hall – 6.00p.m.
14 Feb	Yr 12 BAC day
22 Feb	School Eisteddfod
19 Feb	Careers Convention Yr 10
22 Feb	School Eisteddfod
25 Feb / 1 March	Half Term
8 March	Welsh Oral Exams Yr 9
11/20 March	Yr 10 Internal Exams
14 March	Yr 8 Parents' & Guardians' Evening – 3.45-6.15pm
21 March	Yr 10 BAC day
26 March	Yr 13 Physics Practical Exam
29 March	Yr 13 Physics Exam
1/5 April	Yr 9 Internal Exams
2 April	Yr 13 Biology Practical Exam
5 April	Yr 13 Biology Exam
8 April	Welsh GCSE Lit Oral exam Yr 11
9/11 April	GCSE Art Exam
9 April	Welsh GCSE Lit Oral exam Yr 11
10 April	Prize Evening
12/14 April	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice
15/26 April	Easter Holidays
29 April	INSET
30 April	Start of Term for pupils

1 May	Yr 11 French GCSE Orals
6 May	May Day
7/10 May	Art AS/A level Exam
7 May	A/AS/ GCSE External Exams
8 May	Yr 13 Chemistry Practical Exam
10 May	Yr 13 Chemistry Exam
27-31 May	Half Term
20 June	Yr 11 PROM
20/23 June	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice
24/28 June	Yr 7/8 Internal Exams
	Yr 12 BAC week
29/30 June	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice
1 July	Welsh Controlled Assessment Yr 10
2/4 July	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying
5 July	School Sports
6/10 July	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying
16/21 July	Trip to Holland & Belgium
15-19 July	Yr 10/12 Work Experience
17 July	Sponsored Walk

This year's **GCSE and A/AS Examinations** will be held from May 6th – 21st June 2019 but some practical / oral examinations will be held before May 6th. WJEC would like to remind pupils they must remain available until 26th June in the event of widespread sustained national or local disruption to examinations.

2. Attendance

Year	Attendance
7	95.7%
8	93.4%
9	94.5%
10	93.1%
11	93.6%
Total	94.1%

Thank you very much for your co-operation in ensuring high levels of attendance.

I would like to remind parents/guardians that under normal circumstances **the only reason children should miss school is if they are too ill to attend.** If this should happen we would appreciate a message by phone before 10.00a.m. on the **first day** of your child's absence. **Should we not hear anything then we will be contacting parents/guardians throughout the morning in order to confirm the reason for the absence.**

When your child returns to school s/he should bring a note to explain the absence in more detail. If no reason is received your child will be marked with an unauthorised absence. When pupils are absent on a regular basis, their ability to progress in school is adversely affected. If a pupil's attendance is low, without reasonable explanation, the Local Education Authority will take legal steps.

3. Free School Meals Information

We are very aware at school that some pupils may not be receiving what they are entitled to. In the UK 1.8 million children are entitled to free school meals but more than 330,000 are not receiving them. Are you one of these? The county would like to make this process as easy as possible, providing confidential support with your application and providing you and your family with their full entitlements. Please don't miss out on what is rightfully yours.

Why apply?

- You are entitled
- The county will deal with your applications confidentially and discreetly
- It will ensure that your child will eat a healthy meal which will lead to a real appetite for learning, allowing the best possible opportunity to reach their potential
- It will save you over £350 per year
- 7% of school children do not eat breakfast. We will guarantee a healthy meal

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals in maintained schools in Wales:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state Pension credit

Parents receiving Working Tax Credit during the four week period after their employment finishes or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week are entitled to Free School Meals during that four week period.

If you think your child would benefit from free school meals, you could assist their educational development and help the school by making an application. You can either contact the L.E.A. Data Unit by telephone or e-mail:- 01970 633664 / decdata@ceredigion.gov.uk . In order to make a claim your National Insurance Number is required. Claiming free school meals is a simple process and you will be told immediately if your child is eligible.

4. Closing School in an Emergency

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that it may sometimes be necessary to close the school at short notice. This, of course, would only be in an **emergency** as in the case of **severe weather conditions** or because of **heating problems** at the school. I am well aware that this procedure could cause problems for parents especially if there is no one at home during school hours. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could discuss the matter with your son/daughter so that he/she knows what steps to take should such situations arise.

5. School Eisteddfod

The School Eisteddfod, which will be held on **Friday, 22nd February**, is an important school event and all pupils are encouraged to participate in the various competitions. There are competitions for Welsh speakers and Welsh learners. This year it is intended to have a morning, afternoon and evening session. The taking of photographs will be prohibited; the school will be taking its own official photographs during the day. **Attendance, as on all other days, is compulsory and pupils must be dressed in full school uniform for the morning and afternoon.**

Note

This year again the school buses will leave at 3.15 p.m. There will be no school buses at the end of the evening session and parents are asked to make their own transport arrangements. If your son / daughter is taking part in the evening session and has difficulty getting home, please inform the school in writing as soon as possible.

Meals can be purchased at the Canteen between 3.15 and 4.15p.m. by pupils and visiting adults. All sessions are open to the public and tickets will be available at the door for £5 (£4 for the evening session only). This is one of the major events of the school calendar and I extend a very warm welcome to all parents to join us on this day.

6. Mobile Phones

I wish to remind you that whilst pupils may bring mobile phones to school in case they need to use them **after school hours**, their use **is not permitted in school at any time and we will not take any responsibility for phones that could be damaged or lost in school.** Please note that if pupils bring iPod's, MP3 players, headphones/earphones the school is not responsible for their safety. If a pupil chooses to break these rules, the equipment will be confiscated immediately.

7. Re-sit Examinations

Please note that no re-sit entries will be made unless accompanied by the appropriate fee.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Owain Jones
Headteacher

Yn dilyn mae dyddiadau achlysuron yr hanner tymor hwn a dechrau tymor yr haf yr hoffwn i chi eu nodi.

24 Ion Arholiad Ymarferol TGAU Gwyddoniaeth i Fl 11
30 Ion Y Cam Pwysig nesaf Bl 9 (6.00p.m. – Neuadd)
5 Chwe Arholiad Ymarferol TGAU Gwyddoniaeth i Fl 11
7 Chwe Noson Rieni/Gwarcheidwaid Bl 9 – (3.45-6.15yh)
12 Chwe Arholiad Ymarferol TGAU Gwyddoniaeth i Fl 11
13 Chwe Y Cam Pwysig nesaf Bl 11 – 6.00p.m. Neuadd
14 Chwe Diwrnod BAC Bl 12

22 Chwe Eisteddfod yr Ysgol
25 Chwe / 1 Mawrth Hanner Tymor
8 Mawrth Arholiad Llafar Cymraeg Bl 9
11/20 Mawrth Arholiadau Bl 10 (mewnol)
14 Mawrth Noson Rieni/Gwarcheidwaid Bl 8 – (3.45-6.15yh)
21 Mawrth Diwrnod BAC Bl 10
26 Mawrth Arholiad Ymarferol Ffiseg i Fl 13
29 Mawrth Arholiad Ffiseg i Fl 13
1/5 Ebrill Arholiadau Bl 9 (mewnol)
2 Ebrill Arholiad Ymarferol Bioleg i Fl 13
5 Ebrill Arholiad Bioleg i Fl 13
8 Ebrill Arholiad Llafar Llen TGAU Cymraeg Bl 11
9 /11 Ebrill Arholiad TGAU Arlunio
9 Ebrill Arholiad Llafar Llen TGAU Cymraeg Bl 11
10 Ebrill Noson Wobrwyo
12/14 Ebrill Ymarfer Gwobr Arian Dug Caeredin
15 / 26 Ebrill Gwyliau Pasg
29 Ebrill HMS
30 Ebrill Dechrau Tymor i ddisgyblion

1 Mai	Llafar Ffrangeg TGAU Bl 11
6 Mai	Gŵyl Fai
7/10 Mai	Arholiad Arlunio A/UG
7 Mai	Cyfnod Arholiadau TGAU / UG / U
8 Mai	Arholiad Ymarferol Cemeg i Fl 13
10 Mai	Arholiad Cemeg i Fl 13
27/31 Mai	Hanner Tymor
20 Mehefin	PROM i Fl 11
20/23 Mehefin	Ymarfer Gwobr Aur Dug Caeredin
24/28 Mehefin	Wythnos BAC i Fl 12
	Arholiadau mewnol Bl 7/8
29/30 Meh	Ymarfer Gwobr Efydd Dug Caeredin
1 Gorff	Asesiad dan reolaeth Cymraeg Bl 10
2/4 Gorff	Gwobr Arian Dug Caeredin
5 Gorff	Mabolgampau
6/10 Gorff	Gwobr Aur Dug Caeredin
16/21 Gorff	Taith Chwaraeon i'r Iseldiroedd a Belg
15/19 Gorff	Profiad Gwaith i Fl 10/12
17 Gorff	Taith Gerdded
19 Gorff	Diwedd Tymor

Cynhelir **arholiadau TGAU a Safon A/AS** eleni o'r 6^{ed} Fai - 21ain o Fehefin 2019 ond bydd rhai arholiadau ymarferol / llafar yn cael eu cynnal cyn Mai 6^{ed}. Hoffai CBAC atgoffa'r disgyblion y mae'n rhaid iddynt barhau i fod ar gael tan 26ain o Fehefin rhag ofn bydd amhariad cenedlaethol neu lleol i'r arholiadau.

2. Presenoldeb

Blwyddyn	Presenoldeb
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Diolch am eich cefnogaeth i gyrraedd lefelau uchel o bresenoldeb.

Hoffwn eich atgoffa mai fel rheol **yr unig reswm y dylai disgyblion gollu ysgol yw os ydynt yn rhy sâl i fynychu'r ysgol**. Os ydy eich plentyn yn absennol, ffoniwch yr ysgol cyn 10.00 o'r gloch ar **ddiwrnod cyntaf** absenoldeb eich plentyn, os gwelwch yn dda. **Os na fyddwn yn derbyn unrhyw wybodaeth byddwn yn cysylltu â rhieni/gwarcheidwaid yn ystod y bore er mwyn cadarnhau'r rheswm dros yr absenoldeb. Pan ddaw eich plentyn nôl i'r ysgol dylai ddod â nodyn i egluro'n fanylach y rheswm dros yr absenoldeb. Os na dderbynnir rheswm bydd eich plentyn yn cael marc heb ganiatâd.** Mae absenoldeb rheolaidd yn cael effaith negyddol amlwg ar gyrhaeddiad plentyn. Os yw'r presenoldeb yn isel a heb resymau digonol, gall yr Awdurdod Addysg Leol gymryd camau cyfreithiol.

3. Gwybodaeth ynglŷn a phrydau ysgol am ddim

Rydym yn ymwybodol yn yr ysgol nad yw rhai disgyblion yn derbyn yr hyn maent yn gymwys i'w gael. Yn y DU mae gan 1.8 miliwn o blant hawl i gael prydau ysgol am ddim, ond nad yw 330,000 yn eu derbyn. A ydych yn un o'r rhain? Dymuniad y Sir yw gwneud y broses mor hawdd â phosibl, gan ddarparu cefnogaeth gyfrinachol i wneud eich cais. Peidiwch â cholli'r hyn sy'n ddyledus i chi!

Pam ddylech wneud cais?

- Mae gennych hawl
- Bydd y Sir yn delio â'ch ceisiadau yn gyfrinachol ac yn ddiffwdan
- Bydd yn sicrhau y bydd eich plentyn yn bwyta pryd o fwyd iach a fydd yn arwain at wir awydd am ddysgu, gan roddi'r cyfle gorau posibl iddo/iddi gyrraedd ei botensial/photensial
- Bydd yn arbed dros £350 y flwyddyn.
- Nid yw 7% o blant Ysgol yn bwyta brecwast. Byddwn yn sicrhau pryd o fwyd iach.

Mae hawl gan blentyn y mae ei rieni yn derbyn y taliadau cymorth canlynol gael prydau ysgol am ddim mewn ysgolion a gynhelir yng Nghymru.

- Cymorthdal Incwm
- Lwfans Ceisio Gwaith yn Seiliedig ar Incwm
- Cymorth o dan Ran VI o Ddeddf Lloches a Mewnfudo 1999
- Lwfans Cyflogaeth a Chymorth yn Seiliedig ar Incwm
- Credyd Treth Plant, ar yr amod nad oes hawl ganddynt gael Credyd Treth Gwaith ac nid yw eu hincwm blynyddol yn fwy na £16,190
- Elfen warantedig Credyd Pensiwn y Wladwriaeth

Mae rhieni sy'n derbyn Credyd Treth Gwaith yn ystod y cyfnod o bedair wythnos ar ôl i'w swydd ddod i ben neu ar ôl iddynt ddechrau gweithio llai nag 16 awr yr wythnos yn gallu hawlio Prydau Ysgol am Ddim yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw o bedair wythnos.

Os yw eich plentyn yn debygol o elwa o dderbyn cinio ysgol am ddim, a gallwch gefnogi ei (d)datblygiad addysgol drwy wneud cais. Gallwch gysylltu â'r Awdurdod Addysg Leol (Uned Data) ar y ffon neu e-bost 01970 633644 neu decsdata@ceredigion.gov.uk. Bydd angen eich rhif Yswiriant Cenedlaethol arnoch i wneud cais. Mae'r broses o hawlio prydiau bwyd ysgol am ddim yn gymharol syml ac fe gewch wybod ar unwaith os yw eich plentyn yn gymwys.

4. Cau'r ysgol mewn Argyfwng

Hoffwn dynnu sylw at y ffaith y gall fod yn angenrheidiol weithiau i gau'r ysgol ar fyr rybudd. Bydd hyn, wrth gwrs, ond yn digwydd mewn **argyfwng**, er enghraifft mewn **achos o dywydd garw** neu o ganlyniad i **broblemau gwres** yn yr ysgol. Rwyf yn hollol ymwybodol y gall y drefn yma achosi problemau i rieni/warcheidwad yn enwedig os nad oes rhywun gartref yn ystod oriau ysgol. Byddwn yn ddiolchgar, felly, pe baech yn trafod y mater hwn gyda'ch plentyn fel y bydd yn gwybod pa gamau i'w cymryd mewn sefyllfa felly.

5. Eisteddfod yr Ysgol

Mae Eisteddfod yr ysgol a gynhelir ar ddydd **Gwener Chwefror 22ain** yn un o brif ddigwyddiadau'r ysgol ac anogir disgyblion i gymryd rhan yn holl gystadlaethau'r Eisteddfod. Mae cystadlaethau i'r Cymry Cymraeg ac i'r Dysgwyr. Bwriedir cael sesiynau bore, prynhawn a nos eleni. Ni chaniateir i neb gymryd lluniau yn yr Eisteddfod; bydd yr ysgol yn cymryd lluniau swyddogol yn ystod y dydd. Mae presenoldeb, fel ar bob diwrnod ysgol arall, yn hanfodol. **Disgwylir i bob disgybl sy'n mynychu'r Eisteddfod wisgo'r wisg ysgol briodol trowsus/sgert crys/tei ac esgidiau ysgol.**

Nodwch

Eleni eto bydd bysiau'r ysgol yn gadael am 3.15p.m. Ni fydd bysiau'n gadael yr ysgol ar ddiwedd sesiwn y nos a gofynnir i rieni wneud trefniadau teithio eu hunain. Os bydd eich mab / merch yn cymryd rhan yng ngweithgareddau'r nos a heb unrhyw drafnidiaeth i fynd adref, cysylltwch â'r ysgol drwy lythyr cyn gynted â phosibl os gwelwch yn dda.

Bydd prydau bwyd ar werth yn y Ffreutur rhwng 3.15p.m. a 4.15p.m. i ddisgyblion ac ymwelwyr. Mae'r sesiynau i gyd yn agored i'r cyhoedd a gwerthir tocynnau wrth y drws, £5 am y sesiynau i gyd neu £4 am yr hwyr yn unig. Mae'r Eisteddfod yn un o'r prif weithgareddau ar galendr yr ysgol ac estynnaf wahoddiad cynnes i'r holl rieni i ymuno â ni ar y diwrnod.

6. Ffôn Symudol

Hoffwn eich atgoffa y gall disgyblion ddod â ffôn symudol i'r ysgol os ydynt am ei **defnyddio ar ôl oriau ysgol.** Fodd bynnag ni chaniateir **ei defnydd yn yr ysgol ar unrhyw adeg ac ni fyddwn yn cymryd unrhyw gyfrifoldeb am ffonau sy'n cael eu difrodi neu eu colli yn yr ysgol.** Yn yr un modd os yw disgyblion yn dod ag IPods, MP3/4 ayb i'r ysgol, nid cyfrifoldeb yr ysgol yw eu diogelwch. Os yw disgybl yn dewis torri'r rheolau bydd angen iddo/i roi ei g/chyfarpar i'r athro heb gwestiynu.

7. Taliad Ail Sefyll Arholiadau

Ni chofrestrir disgyblion i ail sefyll arholiadau os na dderbynnir y tâl perthnasol.

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth.

Yn gywir

Owain Jones
Pennaeth