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Annwyl Riant / Warcheidwad,

Tymor y Sulgwyn 2017

Croeso nôl i dymor yr haf yn yr ysgol. Pleser yw ysgrifennu atoch i'ch hysbysu am rai o ddigwyddiadau'r tymor. Er mai dim ond 5 wythnos sydd nes gwyliau'r Sulgwyn, mae llawer eto i ddigwydd yn hynny, ym mywyd yr ysgol .

Llwyddiannau Chwaraeon

Rhaid dechrau, drwy longyfarch gymaint o'n timau chwaraeon sydd wedi cystadlu a llwyddo mewn sawl blwyddyn ar draws yr ysgol. Llwyddodd timau Rygbi 7 bob ochr Bl 7 ac 8 eu coroni'n bencampwyr cenedlaethol a thîm Bl 10 ar gyrraedd y gêm derfynol. Yn ogystal cyrhaeddodd timau Bl 9 ac 11 y rowndiau terfynol yn eu cystadlaethau hwy. Llwyddodd tîm rygbi Bl11 i gyrraedd y rownd derfynol yng Nghwpan Cymru, ac er colli mewn gem gystadleuol yn erbyn Ysgol y Preseli, nid camp bychan yw fod y tîm hwn wedi cyrraedd y brig ym Ml9 yn Stadiwm y Mileniwm ac eto i'r rownd derfynol yn 2017. Ardderchog yn wir! Wrth wynebu tymor yr athletau a'r criced, mae sawl dydd cofiadwy o'n blaen unwaith eto drwy longyfarch ein disgyblion talentog ar y meysydd chwarae.

Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Pen y Bont ar Ogwr

Bydd nifer yn cystadlu yn yr Eisteddfod hon eleni gan gynnwys unigolion, grwpiau, côr gwerin a chast y Sioe Gerdd. Hoffwn ddymuno'n dda i'r holl gystadleuwyr wrth baratoi at eu cystadlaethau. **COFIWCH** fod tocynnau mynediad yr Eisteddfod yn rhatach os gwnewch brynu o flaen llaw a **cyn Mai 1af**. Ewch draw i wefan yr Urdd i archebu eich tocynnau ac i arbed costau eich ymweliad a'r ŵyl. Mwynhewch y cystadlu a'r cwmni!

Gwisg Haf

Bydd disgyblion yn cael gwisgo ein gwisg ysgol haf i'r ysgol y tymor hwn, sef y crysau polo arferol. Mae angen gwisgo trowsus du ysgol i'r ysgol (dim jîns neu drowsus tynn ogydd), a phâr o esgidiau du ysgol draddodiadol. Diolch am eich cefnogaeth.

Arholiadau Allanol

Yn ystod y tymor hwn wrth gwrs, bydd arholiadau allanol i ddisgyblion hŷn yr ysgol o Fl 10 - 13. Dymunwn yn dda iddynt oll yn eu paratoi. Bydd seremoni ffarwelio Bl 11 ar bnawn Gwener y 12fed o Fai a byddwn yn ffarwelio yn swyddogol â Bl 13 ar brynhawn y 26ain o Fai. Bydd gwersi arferol yn parhau i'r disgyblion hynny hyd at y dyddiad hwnnw, gofynnwn am eich cefnogaeth i sicrhau presenoldeb llawn yn y cyfnod pwysig hwn. Yn ogystal bydd profion cenedlaethol i CA3 yn digwydd ddechrau Mai. Mae manylion y profion yn y rhestr dyddiadau isod. Unwaith eto, gofynnwn am bresenoldeb llawn yn ystod y profion sy'n lleihau ein hanghenion arolygu yn dilyn y cyfod hwn. Diolch am eich cefnogaeth.

Newid dyddiad HMS

Nodwch os gwelwch yn dda, ein bod wedi gorfod newid ein dyddiad cau HMS yn yr Haf i'r **10fed o Orffennaf** oherwydd Mabolgampau'r Urdd ar y 6ed o Orffennaf.

Salwch ac absenoldeb disgyblion

Hoffwn ofyn yn garedig i chi ffonio'r Brif Swyddfa cyn 9.30 yn y bore ar adegau o absenoldeb eich mab / merch o'r ysgol.

Digwyddiadau'r Tymor

Ebrill 27	Noson wobrwyo Dafydd Rowlands, Gwesty'r Manor Park am 7pm
Mai 1	**Gŵyl Fai – ysgol ar gau**
Mai 2 - 4	Profion Cenedlaethol Darllen & Rhif Bl 7,8 & 9
Mai 2	Profion Rhesymeg a Rhifedd Bl 7 – 9
Mai 3	Profion Darllen Cymraeg Bl 7 – 9
Mai 4	Profion Darllen Saesneg B 7 – 9
	Noson Rieni Bl 7: 3.45 - 6.30pm
Mai 8 - 9	Pigiadau Bl 9
Mai 12	Seremoni Ffarwelio Bl 11 (pm)
Mai 25 - 26	Arholiadau Bl 7 & 8
Mai 26	Seremoni Ffarwelio Bl 13 (pm)
Mai 25 - Meh 3	Gwyliau hanner tymor y Sulgwyn
	Eisteddfod yr Urdd Pen y Bont ar Ogwr
Meh 6 - 8	Ymweliad ysgol o Wassigny, Ffrainc
Mehefin 9	Adroddiadau Llawn Blwyddyn 9
	Ymweliad Stadiwm Criced Swalec: Bangladesh v Seland Newydd
Mehefin 15	Bl 12 yn dychwelyd i wersi
Mehefin 16	Mabolgampau Ysgol
Mehefin 19 - 21	Gŵyl Haf Ystalyfera Bl 7, 8 & 9 – gweithgareddau amrywiol
/ 26-28 / Gorff 3 - 5	& Gwersyll Haf Cynradd Bl 5
Mehefin 19 - Gorff 5	Arholiadau Blwyddyn 10
Mehefin 30	Dawns Ffarwel Bl 13
Gorffennaf 6	Mabolgampau Urdd
	Dawns Ffarwel Bl 11
Gorffennaf 10	**HMS – Ysgol ar gau i ddisgyblion**
Gorffennaf 13	Noson Wobrwyo Bl 7 – 13, 7pm
Gorffennaf 21	**2.30pm – diwedd tymor**
Awst 17	Canlyniadau UG & Safon Uwch
Awst 24	Canlyniadau TGAU

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth barhaus i'r ysgol. Os hoffech wybodaeth am unrhyw ddigwyddiad, peidiwch â phetruso cysylltu â ni yn yr ysgol,

Yn gywir,

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Whitsun Term 2017

A warm welcome back to the Whitsun half term, it is a pleasure to write to inform you of some the term's events. Although this is a short half term, it seems that we have so many events and activities ahead of us in this busy period.

Sporting Success

I need to begin this letter by recognising the notable successes of our sporting teams in all year groups. Our Rugby 7 a side teams in Years 7 & 8 were crowned National Champions in the Urdd Competitions, and Year 10 reached the final. In addition, the team for Yrs 9 & 11 reached the final stages of their national competitions. Year 11 Rugby team reached the final of the Welsh Cup, and although they lost to Ysgol y Preseli in a competitive match, we need to underline their achievement in reaching the final in the Principality Stadium when in Year 9 and to reach the finals again in 2017. Quite a feat- llongyfarchiadau fechgyn! As we face the athletics and cricket season, we can eagerly look forward to more good news as our talented pupils compete and participate in a range of sporting activity – ewch amdani!

The Urdd National Eisteddfod, Bridgend

Similarly, a number of our students will be competing in the Urdd National Eisteddfod at Bridgend. I wish those individuals, groups, folk choir and cast of the Musical well in their preparations. **REMEMBER** Eisteddfod admission tickets are considerably cheaper if you buy in advance and online and certainly before **1st of May**. Visit the Urdd website to enjoy these reductions, so that you can enjoy a cost cutting visit to the Eisteddfod field – enjoy your visit!

Summer uniform

Pupils can wear the summer uniform to school during this term, the school light blue polo shirt. Please ensure your son/daughter continues to wear school black trousers to school (no tight fitting or jean type trousers please). As normal, black school shoes and no trainers to school please.

External examinations & tests

This term has a packed examination timetable for our senior students Yrs 10-13. They should all have received a personal examination timetable which is also available on the school website. We wish them well in their thorough preparation. The Year 11 Farewell Ceremony will be held on Friday afternoon the 12th of May and Year 13 have their Farewell Ceremony on Friday afternoon the 26th of May. Normal lessons will continue up until these dates, and we kindly ask for your support to ensure a 100% attendance to these vital revision and preparation classes. As you know, the national tests for Key Stage 3 are also held at the beginning of May and more details are included below. Once again, we kindly ask for full attendance during the national tests which means our arrangements are made far more efficiently. Thanks for your support.

New date for school INSET

Please note that we have had to change the date of our school summer INSET day to the **10th of July** as the Urdd athletics will be held on the 6th of July.

Pupil illness & absence from school

We kindly request parents to phone in any pupil absences to the main school office before 9.30am each morning.

Term events

April 27	Dafydd Rowlands Awards Evening, Manor Park Hotel at 7pm
May 1	**School closed – May day Bank Holiday**
May 2 - 4	Year 7, 8 & 9 National Reading and Numeracy tests
May 2	Yr 7-9 National Reasoning & Numeracy tests
May 3	Yr 7-9 National Reading tests (Welsh)
May 4	Yr 7-9 National Reading tests (English)
	Yr 7 Parents Evening: 3.45 – 6.30pm
May 8-9	Year 9 Inoculations
May 12	Yr 11 Farewell Ceremony (pm)
May 25 - 26	Year 7 & 8 Examinations
May 26	Yr 13 Farewell Ceremony (pm)
May 25 - June 3	Whitsun half term holiday
	Eisteddfod yr Urdd Bridgend
June 6 - 8	School visit from Wassigny, France
June 9	Year 9 Annual reports
	Visit to Swalec Stadium, Bangladesh v New Zealand
June 15	Year 12 return to normal timetable / lessons
June 16	School Sports Day
June 19 - 21	Ystalyfera Summer Festival for Yrs 7, 8 & 9 – various activities
/ 26 - 28 / July 3 - 5	& Years 5 Primary Transition Festival
June 19 July 5	Year 10 examinations
June 30	Year 13 Prom
July 6	Urdd Athletics
	Year 11 Prom
July 10	**School INSET – School closed for pupils**
July 13	Award Ceremony Yrs 7 – 13, 7pm
July 21	**2.30pm – end of summer term**
August 17	AS & A Level results
August 24	GCSE results

Finally, if you would like more details on the above, or wish to discuss any other matter; please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support,

Yours truly,

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Head